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THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 2, 2017

SATURDAY, JULY 1

Mass of Anticipation for the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Emmett Miller—Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, JULY 2

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Robert Gerasole—Memorial
 9:00 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 10:30AM Raoul L. Roberts—2nd Anniversary

MONDAY, JULY 3

St. Thomas, Apostle
 7:30AM David Gardner—Memorial

TUESDAY, JULY 4—INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY

Weekday; Independence Day
 8:30AM Michael Devlin—79th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

Weekday; St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal
 7:30AM Fr. James P. Hynes—Memorial

THURSDAY, JULY 6

Weekday; St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr
 7:30AM Thomas J. Brescia—5th Anniversary

FRIDAY, JULY 7

Weekday
 7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, JULY 8

Weekday; BVM
 8:30AM Robert Anderson—Memorial
Mass of Anticipation for The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM William J. & Margaret Ahearn—Memorial

SUNDAY, JULY 9

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM Thomas J. Brescia—5th Anniversary
 10:30AM Armando & Katherine De Angelis—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

In your name, I welcome Salesian Father Sean McEwen who is with us at all Masses this weekend. Father is here to preach about the good works of the Salesian Fathers, Brothers, and Sisters in the Missions. The Second Collection this weekend is dedicated to supporting the Salesian Missions.

Father McEwen is a native of Canada who was called to the religious life during college. He spent several years working as a Salesian Lay Missioner in the inner-city of Birmingham, Alabama, in Sierra Leone, and in rural Bolivia. After this experience he decided to pursue studies and formation to become a Salesian Priest.

Currently Fr. McEwen serves in Johannesburg, South Africa where he oversees the Don Bosco Educational Project. This project serves children living in destitute, informal settlements around the city. Younger children are educated by the Salesian Sisters while older youths receive vocational training in this project.

The long history of the Salesians began in 1815 with the birth of their founder, St. John "Don" Bosco, who influenced his peers even as a child. In 1841 he was ordained a priest and in 1859 he established the Society of St. Francis of Sales now known as the Salesians.

Since their founding, the Salesians have always focused on the education of the poor and most vulnerable young people. Today they are located in more than 130 countries and touch the lives of millions of children and families. They continue the legacy of Don Bosco today as

they proclaim the Good News and serve the poor across the globe. I thank you for your warm welcome of Fr. McEwen and your prayerful and generous financial support of the Salesian Missions this weekend.

We mark Independence Day this Tuesday on the Fourth of July as we celebrate our freedom from the shackles of British tyranny and oppression. On the Fourth of July across the nation, we celebrate freedom and we recall the basic principles that prompted the Declaration of Independence and our Constitution, namely, our unchanging and unchangeable conviction that we enjoy certain unalienable rights and that the laws of the land – if they be good laws – recognize and protect those rights for all.

Each successive generation of Americans has recognized that our Founding Fathers never thought that they had produced a perfect government but each generation of citizens has honored the vision and worked eagerly and tirelessly to make this American experiment a beacon of light, a true success and a helping hand among the family of nations.

As we celebrate our nation's independence on this Tuesday with pride, joy and gratitude we cannot afford to ignore that we should take the time to pray for our nation, pray for those who lead us in government and pray for those who serve and protect our freedom in the military.

So join us Tuesday morning for Independence Day Mass at 8:30am. There is no better way to begin the

celebration of the Fourth of July than with the prayerful celebration of the Eucharist.

If you cannot make it to the Mass, spend some time in silent prayer on July 4th. Take the time to give thanks to God for the many freedoms and blessings we enjoy as citizens of this nation. Ask the Lord to help those who are burdened with poverty, sickness, or ignorance.

Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia writes: *"How much of God do you find in American public life? How many times in a day are the words 'Jesus Christ' abused at work, on the street, in our public entertainment? How many malls close, how many people take a break from work, and how many families disconnect from media, sports, and shopping in order to spend time together, without distractions, on an average Sunday? And how much time do any of us make for silence—the kind of silence that allows God to speak, and us to listen?"*

Before the cookouts and celebrations, prior to the fireworks and parties on July 4th, take some time to be silent and alone with the Lord. Give thanks for your blessings and then share them. Pray for the nation and then celebrate her independence.

Welcome to OLM Father McEwen! I thank you all in advance for your generous support of the Missions! Happy Fourth of July! Be well. Do good. God Bless. Go Sox!!



Why does the priest break the host during the Mass?

In a Catholic Mass, the Fraction Rite, or breaking of the bread, is begun after the Sign of Peace and just before the distribution of Holy Communion to the people. The priest breaks the Host into pieces, with proper reverence, and the Choir or cantor, along with the congregation, simultaneously acclaim *Agnus Dei* (Lamb of God): "*Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, Have mercy on us... grant us peace*".

The meaning in the fraction of the bread is that Christ is 'distributing himself' to the Faithful. As the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom states: "*the Lamb of God is broken and distributed; broken but not divided. He is forever eaten yet is never consumed; He sanctifies those who partake of Him.*" The General Instruction of the Roman Missal further states that, "*The gesture of breaking bread done by Christ at the Last Supper, which in apostolic times gave the entire Eucharistic Action its name, signifies that the many faithful are made one body (1 Cor 10: 17) by receiving Communion from the one Bread of Life, which is Christ, who for the salvation of the world died and rose again.*" (GIRM, 83)

The priest typically breaks the host approximately in half and he then breaks a small particle off of one of the halves. There is no specific meaning to the shape the bread is broken into. The priest drops the particle of the Host into the Chalice as a sign of the Resurrection – of the reunion of Blood and Body, of Body and Soul. As the General Instruction of the Roman Missal tells us, "*The Priest breaks the Bread and puts a piece of the host into the chalice to signify the unity of the Body and Blood of the Lord in the work of salvation, namely, of the Body of Jesus Christ, living and glorious.*" (GIRM, 83)

This Fraction Rite, as does every action in the Mass, contains significant meaning, which both instructs and is performed by the entire Catholic Church. Let us participate in the Mass as fully active, faithful, and vivid Catholics, from the beginning to the end of the Mass, without neglecting any sacred actions.

If you have a question about the Catholic Faith, email your questions directly to our Summer Seminarian, Hiep Nguyen at Hiep.Nguyen@sjs.edu



Weekly Collection

June 25, 2017

Weekly.....	\$10,082.00
EFT.....	\$1,994.50
	Total=\$12,076.50
Outreach.....	\$290.50

If you have been away on vacation or visiting another parish, we kindly ask you to please make up your missed budget envelopes. We depend solely upon your weekly support to meet our weekly parish expenses.

Thank you for your generous support!

Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will or estate.



Second Collection
This Week: Missionary Co-op Collection
NB: The Building & Grounds Envelopes should be put in the first collection basket this weekend.

2017 Parish Goal = \$193,864
Pledged to date = \$248,398.00



2017 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

Number of Donors=569
% of Parish Goal=128%

Average Gift=\$436
Total Raised in 2016=\$268,928

Over Parish Goal! Thank You for Your Generous Support!

OLM Parish Office Summer Hours
Monday—Thursday: 8:00am—4:00pm
Fridays: 8:00am—12:00pm



I-Francisco Bellocci & Mary Elizabeth Kineke
St. Joseph Church (Vacaville, CA) Our Lady of Mercy Church
I-Kathryn Irene Conway & Anthony Samuel Gauthier
Our Lady of Mercy Church St. Joseph Church (Washington, DC)



OLM Honor Roll

High Honors with Distinction

6th Grade

Faith Basler

7th Grade

Jacob Rademacher

High Honors

6th Grade

Samantha Baker	Reid Beland
Alison Champion	Jack Ciunci
Kiley Hayes	Jayci Izzi
Nicholas Komari	Gabriella Lamendola
Madeleine Laviolette	Olivia Mattos
Thomas Simonetti	Morgan Verdi
	Aidan Weiss

7th Grade

Madison Abood	Sophia Bianchi
Carlene Buckley	Ryan Buckley
Nicole Cretella	Mae Legare
David Lynch	Aidan Skidds
Patrick Torres	Hannah Wind

8th Grade

Dylan Brunner	Giabella Childs
Alise Knudson	Casey McQuesten
Paxton Miga	Kathleen O'Connell

Honors

6th Grade

Benjamin Buckley	Connor Caldwell
Zachary Grant	Aidan Hayes
Austin Kairnes	Meghan Pagliaro
Finnigan Schwoebel	Luke Simms
Deirdre Stockdill	Blake Sykes

7th Grade

Jackson Breiding	Gabriel Chatowsky
Robert Costantino	Jacob Couto
Emilie Ferris	Bryan Hong
Yaduvir Mangray	Nicholas Narcessian
	Molly Wren

8th Grade

Madelyn Grant	Allison Lombardi
Kylie Mulhearn	Malcolm Verdi

Congratulations



●**OLM Food Pantry** is in need of donated non-perishable food items especially during the Summer months. Please leave items in Food Box in vestibule. Thank you for your support. ●For more information, contact OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 884-4410 or at outreach@olmparish.org



Register Today for RE Classes Next Year

●Registrations are now being accepted for the 2017-2018 year. **Registrations are now only done on-line** at: <https://forms.parishgiving.org/form-2592082/> You may also access the link on the Parish Website: www.olmparish.org and go to Faith Formation and then Religious Education for Children. We accept children in Grades 1-8.



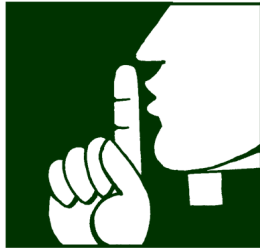
Independence Day Holiday

Tuesday, July 4, 2017

Mass at 8:30am

The Parish Office is closed for the holiday.

Silence



Periods of silence are employed throughout the liturgy to enhance our sense of reverence and to help us focus our attention.

Brief silence follows the presider's, "Let us pray," in order that each member of the assembly might focus on personal or communal needs before the prayer is spoken in the name of all.

Periods of silence are observed during the Liturgy of the Word to show reverence for the Scriptures, to invite all to be attentive, and to give people time to digest what they have heard.

Silence is observed after communion in order that all might reflect on the profound significance of becoming one body by participating in the one bread which is Christ.



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***Prayerful Congratulations to
Isabella Rose Sparadeo
who was Baptized
and Received First Communion
on Sunday, June 25, 2017!***

**With Gratitude We Congratulate
Graduating Senior Altar Servers**



**Peter Faherty & Daniel Legare
10 Years of Faithful Service**