

**“JESUS,
MASTER!
HAVE PITY
ON US!”**

LUKE 17:13





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Mass Intentions



for the Week

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THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 13, 2019

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

Mass of Anticipation for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Richard A. Bernard—Memorial

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Rebecca Bailey—Memorial

9:00 AM Jean-Luc Dayde—Memorial

10:30AM Dina Coelho—Memorial

5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14 COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY

Weekday; St Callistus, Pope & Martyr

8:30AM Father Donald J. Bouessa—1st Anniversary

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

7:30AM Maria DiChiaro—17th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

Weekday; St. Hedwig, Religious: St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

7:30AM Michael Zwolinski—Memorial

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

7:30AM Justin Carey—Memorial

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

St. Luke, Evangelist

7:30AM John Gardner—Memorial

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

Saints John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests & Companion Martyrs

8:30AM Special Intention

Mass of Anticipation for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM Jeanne Scott—1st Anniversary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

9:00 AM Frank & Jennie Longo—Memorial

10:30AM Andrew Rockett—1st Anniversary

5:00PM Sylvia Maddalena—10th Anniversary





Dear Parishioners:

We had a glorious celebration of Confirmation last Sunday night. Ninety-nine of our OLM young adults received the gifts of the Holy Spirit and confirmed their Catholic Faith. Their names are listed in this week's bulletin, please be sure to pray for them.

In the coming weeks we will be reaching out to them and inviting them to put their faith and their talent to work for our parish and for their Church. At a Confirmation Mass a number of years ago, Pope *Emeritus* Benedict XV reminded the candidates of their call to serve.

He stated: *"Each and every Christian has received a gift meant for building up the Body of Christ. The Church especially needs the gifts of young people, all young people. She needs to grow in the power of the Spirit who even now gives joy to your youth and inspires you to serve the Lord with gladness. Open your hearts to that power! Do not be afraid to say 'yes' to Jesus, to find your joy in doing his will, giving yourself completely to the pursuit of holiness, and using all your talents in the service of others!"*

I thank Bishop John Noonan of Orlando who traveled up from Florida to celebrate the Confirmation Mass. He is an old friend I first met when he was serving as Rector of the Seminary in Miami. It was good to have him here and he truly enjoyed his time with us at OLM.

We must also thank the parents and families of these newly confirmed young adults. They first made the promise to

raise them in the faith many years ago at their child's baptism. We are grateful they continue to bring their children to Christ and live their Catholic Faith. The fruits of their commitment to the faith were on display at the Confirmation Mass last week.

We are very grateful to the Confirmation teachers and all those who helped make the Mass and reception such a joyful event. In particular, we thank Doug Green, the Director of the Confirmation Program, who works so hard in ensuring a wonderful celebration.

We must also thank our OLM Music Director, Henri St. Louis, and the OLM Choir for the beautiful music at the Confirmation Mass. It was solemn and joyful and truly helped to raise up our worship and praise to God.

We continue to mark the month of October by taking up the Holy Rosary. Each Monday we gather as a parish family before the Eucharistic Lord to pray the Rosary. Last Monday Dominican Friar, Fr. Patrick Mary Briscoe, OP, offered a profound reflection on the Rosary.

As we continue to turn to our Blessed Mother praying the Rosary, I invite you to consider joining us. If you've never been to October Devotions, you will find it a prayerful and peaceful time away from the noise and distractions of the world. I encourage you turn off the TV, the phone, the computer and take up your beads! Come to October Devotions and pray and gain renewal and peace in your life as we turn to Jesus Christ through his Mother Mary!

St. Padre Pio, reminds us of the importance of praying the Rosary in our daily lives: *"Go to the Madonna. Love her! Always say the Rosary. Say it well. Say it as often as you can! Be souls of prayer. Never tire of praying, it is what is essential. Prayer shakes the Heart of God, it obtains necessary graces!"*

The Holy Rosary can slow us down, calm our hearts, and enable us to rest in God's presence. It draws out the deepest desires of our souls, desires for God and God alone. The repeated prayers in the Rosary help us meditate on Christ's centrality in our lives. Such a prayerful time leads us to gain a new perspective and some peace amidst the hectic pace of our daily lives.

This Monday at 7:00PM, Dominican Friar, Father Albert Duggan, OP, the Brown University Chaplain, will lead our October Devotions. He will give a reflection on the Rosary entitled, *"Telling the Beads."* I'm sure it will be a peaceful and perfect ending to the Columbus Day Holiday. So join us this Monday for October Devotions at 7:00PM.

The Our Future, Our Faith Capital Campaign Receptions are underway. I hope every parish family is able to attend one and learn about this critical campaign for the future of our parish family. Be well. Do good. God Bless. Go Pats! *Oremus pro invicem!* See you at Devotions on Monday!!

Father Healey



What is the Natural Law?

When Thomas Jefferson wrote in the Declaration of Independence, "We hold these truths to be self-evident..." he demonstrated our founding fathers' belief that the morality of certain principles, and actions, is knowable to all. We recognize that many people elsewhere in the world are not so fortunate, and many do not even recognize the same moral laws as us. But such differences do not point to a "moral relativism" in which nothing is really right or wrong in itself, but is only perceived as such by the people.

Instead, we as Christians hold that actions are definitively right or wrong based on whether they measure up with the will of God, who is consistent and unchanging as the fullness of all being, goodness, and truth. We assert that there is a divine moral law that all people must adhere to in order to live justly and well, and to make it back to God. This law is written into the workings of creation because God creates all beings and upholds the universe, designing and ordering all things such that they reflect His wisdom, and point back to Him. That the world itself, including our God-given minds and intellect, should lead us to believe in God, to know Him, and to know what is morally right and wrong suggests that anyone can come to know and follow the divine law. It is written into nature and so we also call it "natural law". But we are also a fallen people and so our capacity for moral judgment can be easily clouded. Amid confusing circumstances we can easily see good things as bad or vice versa. Fortunately God helps us by revealing His will in the Ten Commandments, the teachings of Christ, and Church doctrine. We should follow these precepts and we can even use them to determine right and wrong in more ambiguous cases and in establishing civil laws.

In his Letter from Birmingham Jail Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. writes, "A just law is a man-made code that squares with the moral law or the law of God...an unjust law is a human law that is not rooted in eternal law and natural law. Any law that uplifts the human personality is just. Any law that degrades human personality is unjust." By "personality" MLK here means the design of the human person envisioned and created by God. In our Declaration of Independence our founding fathers stated that we have a right to the pursuit of happiness by all lawful means. The writers of that document did not mean that a person has a right to pursue happiness by any means. When they write, "lawful means" the law they had in mind was not the changeable laws of congress or the Supreme Court, but the eternal and unchanging law of nature



Weekly Collection

October 13, 2019

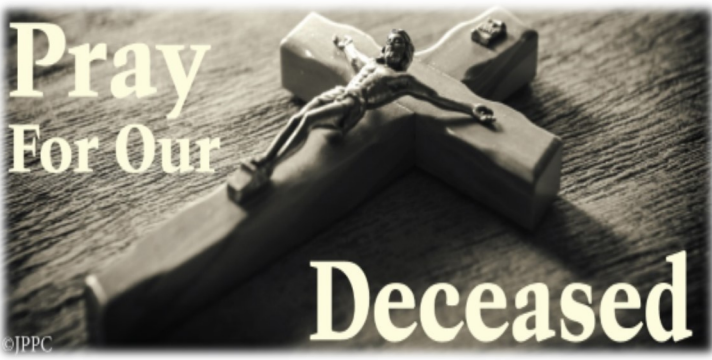
Weekly.....	\$13,700.00
EFT.....	\$1,452.00
	Total=\$15,152.00
Outreach.....	\$1,295.00
Annual (to date).....	\$74,108.00

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 Support!
May God Bless Your Generosity!**

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

Second Collections
This Week: Seminary Education Fund
Next Week: World Missions



We offer our prayerful condolences to the families of **Janice M. Cotham & Charles McGowan** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week.



Columbus Day Holiday
Monday, October 14
Mass at 8:30AM
The Parish Office is closed for the holiday.



Religious Education
NEWS

NO RE Classes this weekend
(October 13) due to Columbus Day.

*All Classes resume
as scheduled next weekend*



October Devotions
Every Monday in October at 7pm
Rosary, Adoration, & Benediction

Monday, October 14
"Telling the Beads" "

A Reflection by Fr. Albert Duggan, O.P
Catholic Chaplain at Brown University
Fr. Duggan will be hearing Confessions at 6pm



can only lead to serenity.



Outreach
Update

- **OLM Food Pantry** is always in great need of non-perishable food items. Please leave all items in the Food Box in the vestibule.
- **OLM Bereavement Group** meets **Thursday, October 17th at 4:00PM in Mercy House.** All those experiencing grief or loss are welcome to join us for prayer, discussion and support.
- **For more information about OLM Outreach,** please contact OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 884-4410 or by email at outreach@olmparish.org



Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- **Monday, October 14:** No School for Columbus Day Holiday
- **Tuesday, October 15:** OLM School Mass at 8:15am
- **Wednesday, October 16:** Lifetouch Picture Retake Day; Diocesan Cross Country Meet at Slater Park at 4pm; PTG Meeting at 6pm
- **Thursday, October 17:** OLM Annual Walkathon
- **Friday, October 18:** No School for Parent-Teacher Conferences

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Confirmation

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Zachary **Patrick** Amelotte
Catherine **Elizabeth** Anderson
Kevin **Gregory** Anderson
Nicholas **Magnus** Andrews
Timothy **Brendan** Andrews
Geoffrey **Luke** Aptt
Samantha **Rose** Baker
Faith **Catherine** Basler
Katerina **Edith Stein** Beaulieu
Reid **Michael** Beland
Evan **Patrick** Berthiaume
Dorothea **Eva** Bianco
Maria **Mary** Bianco
Claire **Therese** Brockmann
Robert **Philip** Brooks
Sophie **Helen** Brunner
Benjamin **Sebastian** Buckley
Connor **Michael** Caldwell
Alison **Iarla** Campion
Matthew **Robert Bellarmine** Carosotto
Grace **Mary** Casey
Natalia **Teresa** Centofanti
Jack **Vincent** Ciunci
Matthew **Joseph** Cosgrove
Ryan **John the 23rd** D'Amico
Garrett **Patrick** Deady
Kyler **Joseph** deBont
Alyssa **Rose** DiBenedetto
Jacob **Luke** DiBenedetto
Michael **Michael** DiBenedetto
Anthony **Anthony** DiCenso
Biagio **Padre Pio** DiCenso
Massimo **Anthony** DiCenso

Joshua **Bernard of Menthon** Falso
Ethan **Sebastian** Faunce
Nicholas **Nicholas** Floody
Brendan **Patrick** Fox
Alexandra **Rose** Furtado
Jack **Theodore** Gagliardi
Brian **Sebastian** Garrepy
Giada **Rose** Gloria
Diego **Leo** Gomez
Riley **Emma** Gopalakrishnan
Emma **Rose** Hathaway
Aidan **Patrick** Hayes
Kiley **Mary** Hayes
Madison **Elizabeth** Hinrichs
Connor **Patrick** Igoe
Jayci **Rose Venerini** Izzi
Austin **George** Kairnes
Patrick **Patrick** Kiernan
Tyler **Oliver** Kim
Kathryn **Alexandra** Kones
Jacob **Maximilian Kolbe** Kopech
Gabriella **Marie Amandine** Lamendola
Madeleine **Joan of Arc** Laviolette
Julia **Clare** Leyden
Oceania **Kateri** Lowe
Devin **Sebastian** Lynch
Thomas **Thomas Aquinas** Mahoney
Collin **Michael** Martin
Olivia **Anne** Mattos
Francesca **Francesca** McCaughey
Griffin **John** Meacham
Alexandra **Gianna** Mega
Veronica **Mary** Millsom

Katherine **Teresa** Murphy
Riley **Cecilia** Natal
Brian **Peter** Nerney
Michael **Michael** O'Hare
Valentina **Mariana** Oteiza
Julianna **Joan of Arc** Ourique
Meghan **Grace** Pagliaro
Olivia **Michael** Passaretti
Timothy **Michael** Pavilonis
Sean **Sebastian** Pedro
Jillian **Maureen** Prior
Vincent **Francis** Purcell
Tallulah **Anthony** Reid
Tatumn **Aloysius** Reid
Jillian **Clare** Rogers
Liam **Robert Bellarmine** Royce
Gianna **Alexandra** Salvator
Cayetano **Cayetano** Sanchez
Lily **Lily** Shaughnessy
Oliveia **Teresa** Shaughnessy
Thomas **Thomas Aquinas** Sheeran
Luke **Michael** Simms
Thomas **Francis** Simonetti
Deirdre **Catherine** Stockdill
Connor **Matthew** Straut
Griffin **Paul** Straut
Miranda **Cecilia** Swartz
Blake **Maximilian Kolbe** Sykes
Keegan **Paul** Tierney
Sophia **Maria** Todaro
Michael **Joseph** Ucci
Morgan **Clare** Verdi
Aidan **Bartholomew** Weiss

*We offer our Prayerful Congratulations
to the OLM 2019 Confirmation Class!*