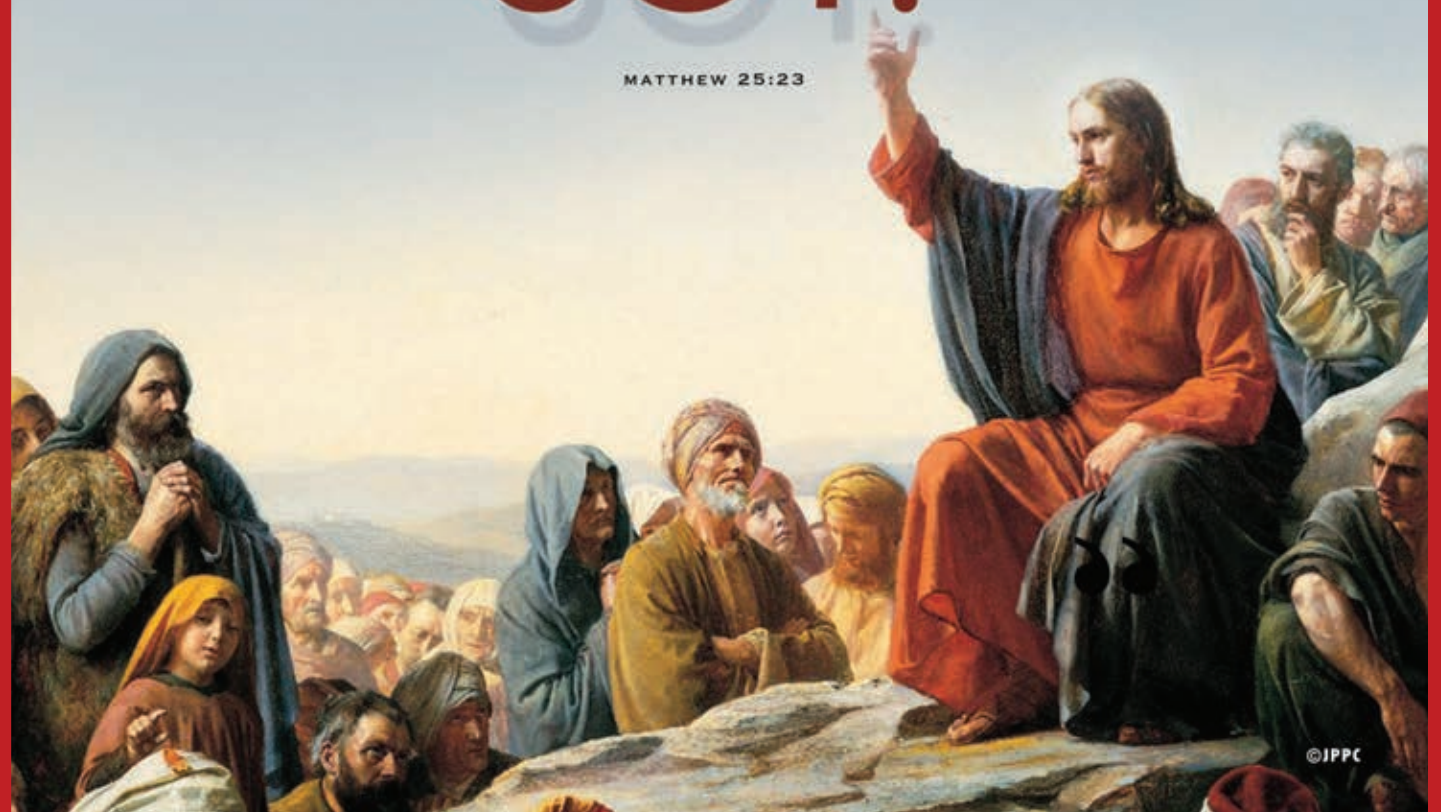


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**THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
 NOVEMBER 15, 2020**

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

*Mass of Anticipation 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 4:00PM Steven Simms—Memorial

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

*The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 7:30 AM Miriam Grossmann—10th Anniversary  
 9:00AM Deborah & Bobby Anderson—Memorial  
 10:30AM Suzanne Carcier—2nd Anniversary

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

*Weekday; St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin*  
 7:30AM Teresa M. Romano—Memorial

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

*St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious*  
 7:30AM Thomas F. McAndrew—15th Anniversary

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

*Weekday; The Dedication of Basilicas of St. Peter & St Paul*  
 7:30AM Jane Myette—Memorial

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

*Weekday*  
 7:30AM Fr. Richard A. Walsh—Memorial

### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

*Weekday*  
 7:30AM John Gardner—Memorial

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

*The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
 8:30AM Sgt. Christopher Callan—Memorial

*Mass of Anticipation for Christ the King*  
 4:00PM Carol A Aiello—Memorial

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

*The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*  
 7:30 AM Louise Carr—Memorial  
 9:00AM Joan Montaquila—20th Anniversary  
 10:30AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy



**We must  
 empty  
 Purgatory  
 with our  
 prayers.  
 -St. Padre Pio**



Dear Parishioners:

I trust you survived the minor earthquake last Sunday morning! It occurred just as Fr. Barrow finished proclaiming the Gospel at the 9:00 AM Mass. The final line of Matthew's Gospel last Sunday was: *"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."*

In 2020, a year of pandemic and social unrest, many suggest it's a sign of the end times. But I don't believe it is, I think it's just a coincidence. Perhaps a timely reminder for us to zealously heed the Lord's call to stay awake morally and spiritually. We must prudently keep our lamps full of faith, hope, and charity, especially in a time when they are needed all the more.

In the early 1900s, The Times of London newspaper posed this question to several prominent thinkers and authors: *"What's wrong with the world today?"*. The well-known Catholic author and apologist, G.K. Chesterton, responded with just one sentence: *"Dear Sir, I am. Yours, G.K. Chesterton."*

His witty reply is startling and unexpected, but certainly illustrates the attitude of someone who has grasped the message of Jesus Christ. Chesterton took to heart the words of Saint Paul to Timothy: *"This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Of these, I am the foremost."*

Chesterton was allowed to point the finger of blame at anyone he could conceive of, to address any issue he felt was pressing on his society, and to

speak to the sin that plagued his culture. He chose to humbly and directly address the plank in his eye.

Perhaps Mr. Chesterton's wise words might lead each of us to examine our conscience and admit our sins and weaknesses. And where we've been sinful and weak, seek to change and convert our lives more fully to Christ. We can then confess our sins on Monday night at Confessions at 6:00 PM.

Once again, two Dominican Friars join us at OLM for Monday Night Confessions. What an excellent opportunity to seek the Lord's generous mercy and forgiveness and renew our commitment to Christ. Once we do this we begin to set our world on the right path.

I wish to express my deep gratitude for your continued cooperation with the COVID-19 guidelines for worship. Regularly washing and sanitizing hands, wearing face masks properly, and keeping social distance in Church work in our Catholic parishes. However, I do kindly urge continued vigilance in not forming small social gatherings outside of Church after Mass.

With your cooperation, and relying upon God's grace, and the assistance of our parish patroness, Our Lady of Mercy, we hope and pray the pandemic along with its restrictions might end soon. In the meantime, let's keep the faith and follow guidelines as we worship our Lord and Savior at Mass.

Last week the New England Boiler Works Company installed new boilers in both the Franciscan Convent and Mercy

Convent. They were chosen after a bidding process and completed the project in one day for a cost of \$16,400. This project resulted from your generous support of the Grateful for God's Providence Capital Campaign.

In the name of Sister Emma, Sister Lourdes, and Sister Jeanne, I offer my sincere thanks for your generosity. Without our capital campaign, this project and many others during this time of pandemic would not be possible. I know the good Sisters are pleased to have more efficient heating as the cold winter days approach. Thank you again for your financial support.

Like many families, my own family are discussing how we might celebrate Thanksgiving now that there are new limits on the size of gatherings. Also traveling out of state poses a problem. These restrictions are impacting how and where families celebrate Thanksgiving.

Therefore, it is likely to be a different holiday celebration in 2020, but remember that no matter how or where our family celebrates Thanksgiving Day, we must give thanks to God for our blessings and express our gratitude for bounty we enjoy! St. Theresa of Avila reminds us: *"In all created things discern the providence and wisdom of God, and in all things give Him thanks."*

Stay safe. Be Well. Do Good! God Bless.

# Ask Father

## What are the different types of assent in the Church?

The Church proposes to us many different things to which we give assent. There are at least three different types of assent in the Church depending on what is proposed: *de fide credenda*, *de fide tenenda*, and *obsequium religiosum*. Assent *de fide credenda* is owed to the truths set forth by the Church as divinely revealed (i.e. primary objects of faith). An example of a Magisterial teaching that requires assent (i.e. the total adherence of reason and will to a truth proposed by the Magisterium) *de fide credenda* is: the Trinity.

Assent *de fide tenenda* is owed to the truths definitively proposed by the Church, belonging to dogmatic or moral areas, even if they have not been proposed by the Magisterium of the Church as formally revealed (i.e. secondary objects of faith). These truths are so closely connected to the divinely revealed truths that to deny them would be to deny the primary object (i.e. of rejecting a truth of Catholic doctrine).

In both these teachings there is no difference as to the nature of the assent owed to these truths set forth by the Church. It is a full and irrevocable character of assent owed to them. The difference concerns the supernatural virtue of faith: in the case of primary objects, assent is based directly on faith in the authority of the Word of God; in the case of secondary objects, the assent is based on "faith in the Holy Spirit's assistance to the Magisterium and on the Catholic doctrine of the infallibility of the Magisterium." An example of a teaching that requires *assent de fide tenenda* is: the canonicity of scripture.

Finally, the term *Obsequium religiosum* (religious submission of will and intellect) concerns "all those teachings on faith and morals, presented as true or at least as sure, even if they have not been defined with a solemn judgment or proposed as definitive by the ordinary and universal Magisterium."

The motive for it is the understanding of the virtue of religion, which is directed toward God to give Him His due and secondarily in view of Him to give what is due to others. We owe it to the Church and to ourselves insofar as we are part of the Church to try to presume that such teachings are true. The degree of adherence to these teachings is *differentiated according to the "mind and the will manifested."*

This is shown in the tenor of the verbal expression (i.e. a real sense of hermeneutic), the nature of the documents (i.e. solemnity of expression) and by the frequent repetition of the same doctrine. Therefore, when one disagrees, one should express disagreements respectfully and humbly while pondering the matter in study and prayer. Likewise, those who do agree cannot judge others as bad people. An example of a teaching that requires *obsequium religiosum* is the Magisterium's teaching on capital punishment.

## Weekly Collection

**November 8, 2020**

Weekly.....	\$6,561.00
EFT.....	\$3,520.00
	<b>Total=\$10,081.00</b>
Outreach.....	\$443.00
Annual Collection (to date).....	\$106,154 .00

**Weekly for November 10, 2019**

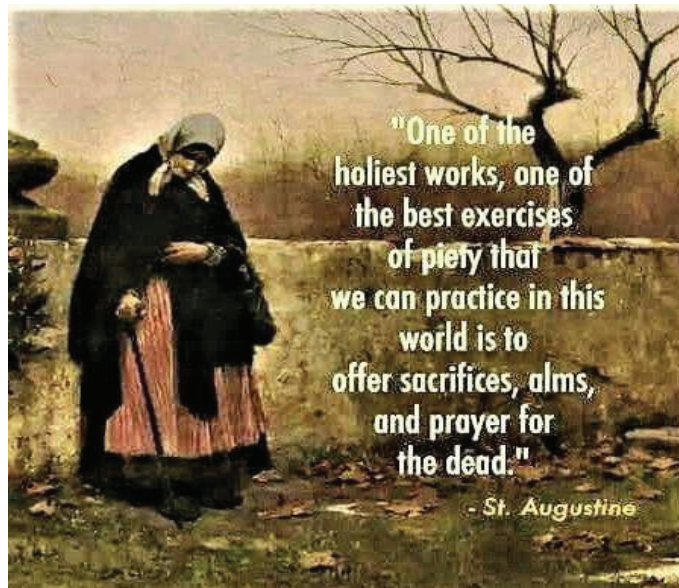
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In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of **Harold E. "Bud" Barker**, whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at OLM last week.





*Congratulations  
To  
The  
Newly Baptized*

Blake Olivia Borrelli,  
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Kayleigh Lynn Desmarais,  
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Wesley Joseph Fielding,  
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*“Dear brothers and sisters: these children, reborn through Baptism, are now called children of God, for so indeed they are. Through Confirmation they will receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit and, approaching the altar of the Lord, they will share at the table of his Sacrifice, and will call upon God as Father in the midst of the Church.”—The Rite of Baptism*



Outreach  
Update

• **OLM Food Pantry** is always in **need of food and paper goods** for the members of our local community. **Stop & Shop Gift Cards needed for Thanksgiving.** Please drop in safe in vestibule and place all donated non-perishable foods and paper goods in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House. **Thank you for your support!**

• For information, please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 401-884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org



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*Upcoming School Events*

- **Tuesday, November 17:** 8th Grade attends Mass at 9:00AM (no live-stream)
- **Tuesday, November 24:** PK & K Class Mass at 9:00am (no live-stream)
- **November 25, 26 & 27:** No School. Thanksgiving Break!

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- **First Communion Class (2020-21):** Family Mass & Class on Sunday, December 6th at 5:00PM. **Only First Communion students & families may attend Mass,** followed by brief Family Catechesis Class.
- **Confirmation Class (2020-21):** Next Family Mass & Class on Sunday, December 13th at 5:00PM. **Only Confirmation students & families may attend Mass,** followed by brief Family Catechesis Class.



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