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THE TABLE OF  
THEIR MASTERS.”

MATTHEW 15:27







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**THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
AUGUST 16, 2020**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 15**

*Mass of Anticipation for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
5:00PM Mary Falchini—Memorial

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 16**

*The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
7:30 AM Doris & Donald Clark—Memorial  
10:30AM Alice Filippi Bleuze—Memorial

**MONDAY, AUGUST 17**

*Weekday*  
7:30AM Vito, Marie & Thomas Brescia—Memorial

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 18**

*Weekday*  
7:30AM Dolores Vespia—Birthday Remembrance

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19**

*Weekday; St. John Eudes; Priest*  
7:30AM Fr. Richard A. Walsh—Memorial

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 20**

*St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church*  
7:30AM Gail Hebert—Memorial

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 21**

*St. Pius X, Pope*  
7:30AM John Gardner—Memorial

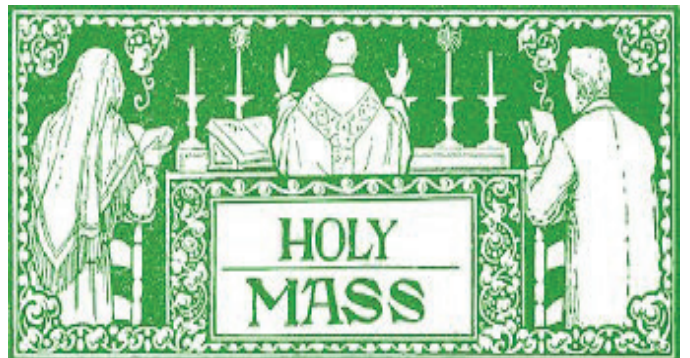
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 22**

*The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
8:30AM Ann M. Sedlock—2nd Anniversary

*Mass of Anticipation for 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
5:00PM Richard & Ann Sceery—Memorial

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 23**

*The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
7:30 AM Evelyn & Fred Bouro—Memorial  
10:30AM Marie McGlynn—1st Anniversary





Dear Parishioners:

Many Catholic schools in the U.S. are facing a crisis as over one hundred-thirty have already announced permanent closures. A recent survey of U.S. Catholic school principals showed that currently, 10% are uncertain about their ability to open in the fall; this equals hundreds of Catholic schools and thousands of families in turmoil.

At OLM, we continue to advance toward the reopening of our parish school. Our plan is up on the school webpage. We've had virtual meetings with the faculty and parents to discuss the proposal. Our dedicated faculty is ready to return and offer their outstanding faith based academic instruction. Our students and their families are excited about coming back together in the classroom to learn once again!

I wish to commend and thank our dedicated OLM School Principal, Patrick McNabb, for his hard work in developing the plan. He has been tireless throughout the entire summer in ensuring our school can reopen safely and happily for our students this fall.

Our OLM Maintenance Staff continues to work so very hard to ensure our school is safe and healthy. We have installed Hepa Air Purifiers in every classroom and equipped all our school and church bathrooms with automatic faucets and toilets. Each class, with the teacher's plan, is set up to allow for safe distancing. Also, we have hired a Registered Nurse to serve as our OLM School Nurse and supervise the health and safety of our students.

As we have been doing

in Church, our school building will be cleaned and sanitized daily. We have been using Electrostatic sanitizing spraying. This cleaning requires a lot of time and diligence by our maintenance staff to ensure the safety of all.

Also, the maintenance staff have renovated the School Nurse Office and renovated another room to serve as an isolation room in case someone becomes ill during school. We are also in the process of installing webcams in every classroom so that online learning can happen simultaneously with in-person instruction. In addition to the usual summer cleaning of the school building we've replaced the ceiling tiles in the school gym stained with old leaks and installed new smoke detectors.

I am truly grateful for their hard work and dedication to keeping OLM safe and beautiful. They do all this plus maintain the entire physical plant, including the Church, Rectory, Mercy House, Mercy Convent, Franciscan Convent, and St. Patrick's Cemetery. If you see them around working, stop, and say thanks!

Of course, all these much needed projects come at a considerable expense for our school. Unfortunately, our Annual Spring Fling School Fundraiser was canceled due to the COVID-19 Lockdown in April. And we've also had to cancel our Annual Saints and Scholars Open OLM School Golf Tournament. These are the two largest fundraisers for our parish school and help to fund the many maintenance and

educational projects for the school year.

Because we cannot gather for either a Golf Tournament or for a Spring Fling, we are happily announcing the "See You In September" Raffle! Only 600 tickets are for sale for \$100 apiece. The \$10,000 in raffle prizes includes a Grand Prize of \$5,000 with additional prizes of \$2,500, 2 prizes of \$1,000 and one for \$500. The tickets are on sale this week, and the Raffle Drawing is to be live-streamed on Thursday, September 24th, the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy! It will be an exciting way to end our Parish Feast Week.

If you wish to obtain one, or a few of these tickets, please call the Parish Office at 884-4968 to secure yours today. Also, our OLM School PTG is selling the tickets after Masses on weekends. Get your ticket today! Your odds of winning are better than Powerball and certainly much better than betting on the Red Sox!!

The proceeds of this raffle (\$50,000) help us with the costs of our many needed COVID-19 school maintenance and educational projects. We traditionally have raised nearly \$100,000 from our Spring Fling and about \$25,000 from the Saints and Scholars Golf Tournament. So you can see the raffle is much needed and helps us toward partially funding the future of our excellent parish school. Stay safe. Be Well. Do Good! God Bless.



# Ask Father

**Was Jesus born knowing his fate or mission to save us by dying on the cross?**

There have been many positions throughout the centuries concerning Christ's knowledge. Some have said that as an infant Jesus did not know his fate, but that as he grew up he gradually began to realize his fate at a certain point. Some have said that Jesus understood his fate to be something quite different than what the Church invented.

The Church teaches that Jesus always knew from birth what his mission or fate would be: to save us from our sins by dying on the cross and rising from the dead. We can appeal to several scriptural passages to support this position. There are several scriptural passages that show us that Jesus knew that he was God incarnate and that he knew his mission. Jesus states, "He who has seen me has seen the Father" (Jn. 14:9); "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up" (Jn. 3:14); "'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter said in reply, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' Jesus said to him in reply, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah'" (Mt. 23:15-17); "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will" (Mt. 26:39).

How did Jesus know this? We know that Jesus is a divine person with human and divine natures. Since he has a human nature he has everything proper to it which includes (like us) a mind which learns. Theologians speak of three types of human knowledge in Christ: acquired, infused, and knowledge of the blessed. Jesus learned or acquired things in this life (e.g. the language), hence Luke writes of Jesus growing up "in wisdom and in stature" (Lk. 2:52). So there are some things that Jesus learned through experience. He also had infused knowledge (for example, knowledge of future events). Finally he had "knowledge of the blessed," which means that his human mind has direct knowledge of God because his mind was hypostatically joined to the divine nature. Is it a contradiction to say that Christ both knows things already and has to learn them? There is no contradiction because there are these distinct kinds of knowledge. Therefore by infused knowledge Christ already knows (e.g.) language *through* direct communication from God, but when he learns it from his parents this is *through* images or ideas in his mind.

## Weekly Collection

**August 9, 2020**

Weekly.....	\$6,839.00
EFT.....	\$3,979.00
	<b>Total=\$10,818.00</b>
Outreach.....	\$592.00
Peter's Pence.....	\$987.00

**Weekly for same week last year on August 11, 2019**

Weekly.....	\$12,154.00
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**Thank You for Your Generous Support!**



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

### OLM Parish Office Hours



**Monday—Thursday  
8:00am –4:00pm  
Closed on Fridays during  
August**

**Due to Covid-19 safeguards, public admittance to the OLM Parish Office is limited. Please call ahead for Mass cards and spiritual bouquets.**



### Confessions at OLM

**Mondays: 6:00PM—6:45PM  
(Saturday Confessions suspended)**

**For Confession by appointment please call the OLM Parish Office at 401-884-4968 to speak with a priest for an appointment.**



# Religious Education NEWS

## The Celebration of First Communion at OLM

**Saturday, September 12th at 12noon**

**OLM School First Communion Class**

*Practice is in the church with students and at least 1 parent on Thursday, September 10th at 6:00pm.*

**Saturday, September 19th at 12noon**

**Religious Education students  
whose last names begin A—L.**

*Practice is in the church with students and at least 1 parent on Thursday, September 17th at 6:00pm*

**Saturday, September 26th at 12 noon**

**The Religious Education students  
whose last names begin M—Z .**

*Practice is in the church with students and at least 1 parent on Thursday, September 24th at 6:00pm.*

***Please pray for our First Communion Class as they continue to prepare to receive the Eucharistic Lord for the first time. Thank you for your support!***



## OLM School Summer Office Hours

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***Thank you for your support!***

• If you are need of food or financial assistance please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 884-4410 (leave a message if not in) or via email at [outreach@olmparish.org](mailto:outreach@olmparish.org)

**“You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.”** — St. Augustine





Ambo



**A**mbos is the name we give to the special lectern in our churches from which the Scriptures are proclaimed.

In the early church, this was a raised platform with a reading desk located somewhere in the midst of the assembly—an arrangement taken directly from what was customary in the synagogue.

The ambo became obsolete in the Middle Ages as the various ministries were assumed by a single priest who performed his various functions from different areas of a very long altar.

Restored to us by the reforms of Vatican II, ambos are now prominently located in all of our churches.

The ambo should be commanding in appearance and used only for the proclamation of the Scriptures, the preaching of the homily, and the singing of the Exsultet at the Easter vigil.



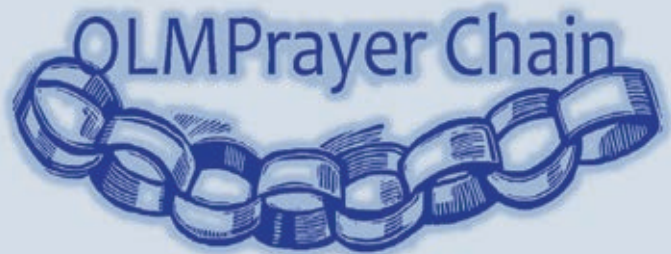
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**Reese Vere Miller**  
and her parents, Brian and Lynn.

**Noah Aiden Hall,**  
and his parents, Christian and Elisha.

*“Dearly beloved, these children have been reborn in baptism. They are now called the children of God, for so indeed they are. In confirmation they will receive the fullness of God's Spirit. In Holy Communion they will share the banquet of Christ's sacrifice, calling God his Father in the midst of the Church.”*  
—The Rite of Baptism



**Our Lady of Mercy Parish invites you to join our active Prayer Chain.** The power of pray is tremendous and many successful results have been reported back. Anyone wishing to join the Prayer Chain as a caller, or simply as one who prays for others and their intentions, please call Mary Hart at 884-5629 or email directly at [2hart@cox.net](mailto:2hart@cox.net). ***If you know someone in need of prayers due to illness, infirmity, surgery, hospitalization or any serious reason please call us!***

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