

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Epiphany of the Lord - January 3, 2021

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church was founded in 1958 and is an integral part of the Mountainside community.

As a parish, we strive to:

form one family in Christ embracing our various backgrounds and age differences;

unify and strengthen our parish bonds through living our Catholic faith supported by Eucharistic Adoration, Educational, Service, and Social Ministries;

To evangelize and minister to the needs of God's people under the patronage of Our Lady of Lourdes, reflecting the greater Church's efforts to promote love of God and love of neighbor - through our Catholic faith and works.

Throughout this journey, we strive to become stronger families, neighbors and Catholics living our lives according to the teaching of Jesus Christ, under the protection and intercession of Our Blessed Mother.

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COME AND WORSHIP WITH US

Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am & 5 pm

Weekdays 7:30 am & 8:30 am

Saturday 8:00 am

Holy Days As Announced

Penance Saturdays 1:00 pm

Novena to the Miraculous Medal
Saturdays following 8:00 am Mass

Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Fridays following the 7:30 am Mass

Baptisms scheduled monthly excluding Lent

Prayer Requests

Please remember in your prayers the soul of Frank Papratto. May he rest in peace.

Please pray for the sick. . . Valerie Santiago, Eve Vitale, David Gagliardotto, Martha Pares, James Leung, Joseph Iacono, Fred Perna, Frances Kayton, Manny Teixeira, Logan Alseika, Edward Stacy, Joe Raughbaugh, Jim Loomam, Angelo (Buddy) Latora, Peter Spadaccini, Richard Kontra, Romaine Malaker, Antonetta Ferrara, Helen Ahlquist, Patricia Del Duca, Michael Servello, Carol Segal and John Quinlan.

The Eucharistic Chapel Candles will burn this week for the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory for the deceased parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Please Pray for our service member, Sgt. Nicholas Perez-Santalla and AZ2 Stephen Vesper USN and for all Service Men and Women who are presently serving our country.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

All boys and girls are welcome to sign up, the only qualification is that you already received your First Holy Communion!



IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT FR. BILL

ARE YOU REGISTERED ?

We have people coming to Our Lady of Lourdes on a regular basis who need a form of some kind filled out and, when we check our records, we find that they are not registered parishioners. **ARE YOU REGISTERED AS A PARISHIONER OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES?** If you are not, it becomes more complicated if you need some kind of form to be filled out stating that you are a parishioner. The best way for you to know that you are registered is the fact that you receive collection envelopes, either on a regular basis or only at Christmas or Easter. PLEASE – save yourself and our parish staff a great deal of time and trouble -- Visit the PARISH office and register!

Sponsor Letters—Canon (Church) Law states that a Godparent for Baptism and a Sponsor for Confirmation be an active, fully-initiated Catholic (Confirmed). An active Catholic is a parishioner who is registered, attends Mass weekly, contributes to the support of the Church, is in a valid Catholic marriage (an individual married civilly, by a judge, mayor, or divorced and remarried without an annulment is not eligible to act as a sponsor) and publicly leads a genuine Christian lifestyle. Please note that we can only write Letters of Eligibility for parishioners who meet these criteria.

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

A few of this week's tweets from Pope Francis....

God is more patient than we are, and those who knock with faith and perseverance on the door of his heart will not be disappointed.

Let us care for the needs of every man and woman, young and old, with the same fraternal spirit of care and closeness that marked the Good Samaritan.

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS: Even if you are not scheduled to serve Mass, please check the Sunday Sacristy 10 minutes before Mass to see if you are needed.

ATTENTION LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: You have already been assigned, please check the schedule.

Everyone is welcome! Please contact our Parish Office to register with us.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Prayer for a Happy New Year. Perfect Ending. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

As this year comes to a close, be assured that God is present at every point in your life. He is the Beginning and the End, the One who is faithful all year long. Because of this fact you can look ahead with expectation and hope, knowing God's perfect love waits for you in every tomorrow.

Heavenly Father, as one year flows into next, Your love is ever present helping me to let go of the past and joyfully look ahead to the future.

Mother of the Holy Eucharist Pray for Us!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The usual hours are the following:

Monday thru Friday 9 am
(following the 8:30 am Mass) to 9 pm.

Saturday, 8:30 am
(following the 8 am Mass) to 4 pm.

Sunday No Adoration.

Adoration Chapel Candles

Intentions to be rescheduled when the church opens for temporary adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Now accepting intentions.

MASS BOOK 2021

The new Mass Book for the year 2021 is now open. The Mass Book will be open for Masses only from January 1, 2021 to August 31, 2021.

Does the Parish have your current email? Occasionally we reach out to parishioners in this manner especially during this period of social distancing.

Please let us know the best way to reach you!

Email: lcandela@ollmountainside.org

Text or call: 908-391-3737



- Saturday, 5:00 PM** **January 2nd, Epiphany of the Lord**
Frank Bove
Req. by Deacon Michael & Anna DeRoberts
- Sunday, 7:30 AM** **January 3rd, Epiphany of the Lord**
9:30 AM For the People of the Parish
John Crane
Req. by Rosemarie Graziano
11:30 AM Lenore Vega
Req. by the Gorham Family
- Monday, 7:30 AM** **January 4th, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**
Mary & Carl Leonhard
Req. by the Family
8:30 AM Maurice Lynch
Req. by Evelyn Palovcak
- Tuesday, 7:30 AM** **January 5th, St. John Neumann**
Joseph F. McMullen
Req. by the Perasso Family
8:30 AM Rita Hynes
Req. by the Schwartz Family
- Wednesday, 7:30 AM** **January 6th, St. Andre Bessette**
Edward Orlando
Req. by Carol Goggi
8:30 AM Eugene F. McNamara, Sr.
Req. by Peter Jacobello
- Thursday, 7:30 AM** **January 7th, St. Raymond of Penafort**
Robert Leary
Req. by Kathleen Sexton
8:30 AM Thomas & Joseph Caputo
Req. by Karen Shaneen
- Friday, 7:30 AM** **January 8th**
Norman Hobbib
Req. by Ed & Marie Smith
8:30 AM Alphonso Thomas Cuomo III
Req. by Gina Tomas
- Saturday, 8:00 AM** **January 9th**
Jimmy Bardwil
Req. by Bill & Maryanne Taylor
- Saturday Evening, January 9th, Vigil, Baptism of the Lord**
5:00 PM Alphonso Thomas Cuomo III
Req. by Gina Tomas
- Sunday, 7:30 AM** **January 10th, Baptism of the Lord**
9:30 AM For the People of the Parish
Alphonso Thomas Cuomo III
Req. by Gina Tomas
11:30 AM Josephine Inguagiato
Req. by the Family

Epiphany of the Lord

THE SCRIPTURES



For most of the world, January 6, is the celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord, although the US and some other countries celebrate it this Sunday. It is the feast in which we celebrate the Good News being shown/revealed to the Gentiles - the rest of the world. It is a celebration of the Light himself. It is also an acute awareness of the rejection of the Light. After being warned in a dream, the Holy Family become political refugees and must flee their own country.

In the U.S., we celebrate two U.S. saints, Elizabeth Ann Seton and John Neumann and then Wednesday after Epiphany. For places celebrating Epiphany on the 6th, Monday and Tuesday of the Second Week of Christmas are celebrated.

In the second half of the week we read for the First Letter of John about the mystery of love. The gospels are from stories in the life of Jesus.

Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on Creighton University's *Online Ministries* web site: www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html Used with permission.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 or
1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

Financial Figures

December 20th - \$6,150

Focus on Faith Formation



The Sacrament of First Reconciliation is Saturday, January 9th at 10 am in the Church. We will have a prayer service followed by individual confessions. Masks and social distancing will be required. We ask that only immediate families attend.

The January Zoom schedule is as follows:

January 12th: Grade 3 at 4 pm, Grade 5 at 4:45 pm

January 12th: Grade 1 at 4 pm, Grade 2 at 4:45 pm

January 19th: Grade 7 at 7 pm, Grade 8 at 7:45 pm

January 20th: Grade 4 at 4 pm, Grade 6 at 4:45 pm

ACCOUNTABILITY WITH HEARTFELT THANKS



Catholic Charities received a payment of \$2,948 as a result of your donations from June 1, 2020 to November 30, 2020. These funds combined with monies from parishes throughout the Archdiocese enabled Catholic Charities to provide 72,685 nights of shelter to 1,342 to homeless individuals and families (FY 19/20). Thank you for being our partner and enabling us to bring Christ's love to the most vulnerable in our society.

The Anointing of the Sick is not a Sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him (her) to receive this Sacrament has certainly arrived.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

HOLY MASS ON THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD: by Pope Francis

As we begin this New Year, let us ask ourselves: Do I know how to see with the heart? Do I know how to look at people with the heart? Do I take to heart the people with whom I live? Or do I tear them down by gossip? And above all, do I put the Lord at the center of my heart, or other values, other interests, like advancement, riches, power? Only if we take life to heart will we know how to take care and overcome the indifference all around. So let us ask for the grace to live this year with the desire to take others to heart and to care for them. And if we want a better world, a world that will be a peaceful home and not a war field, may we take to heart the dignity of each woman. From a woman was born the Prince of peace. Women are givers and mediators of peace and should be fully included in decision-making processes. Because when women can share their gifts, the world finds itself more united, more peaceful. Hence, every step forward for women is a step forward for humanity as a whole.

Jesus, newly born, was mirrored in the eyes of the woman, in the face of his mother. From her, he received his first caresses; with her, he exchanged the first smiles. With her began the revolution of tenderness. The Church, looking at the Baby Jesus, is called to continue that revolution. For she too, like Mary, is both woman and mother. The Church is woman and mother, and in Our Lady, she finds her distinctive traits. She sees Mary immaculate, and feels called to say no to sin and to worldliness. She sees Mary fruitful, and feels called to proclaim the Gospel and to give birth to it in people's lives. She sees Mary a mother, and she feels called to receive every man and woman as a son or daughter.

In drawing close to Mary, the Church discovers herself, she finds her center and her unity. The enemy of our human nature, the devil, seeks instead to divide, to highlight differences, ideologies, partisan thinking and parties. But we do not understand the Church if we regard her by starting with structures, programs and trends, ideologies and functions. We may grasp something, but not the heart of the Church. Because the Church has a mother's heart. And we, as her sons and daughters, invoke today the Mother of God, who gathers us together as a people of believers. O Mother, give birth to hope within us and bring us unity. Woman of salvation, to you we entrust this year. Keep it in your heart. We acclaim you, the Holy Mother of God.

Rejoice in the Lord by Joseph Cardinal Tobin, C.Ss.R. Archbishop of Newark**Staying close to Mary, Mother of the Church January 1st Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**

Two powerful incidents frame the Gospel according to St. John. Chapter 2 contains the hope-filled story of the wedding at Cana, and Chapter 19 provides St. John's perspective on the crucifixion of Jesus. Both incidents involve Mary, the mother of Jesus and our mother. The wedding at Cana is a situation nearly everyone can relate to. A mother and her adult son disagree. There's a problem—not enough wine—and Mary wants Jesus to intervene. He resists. “Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come.” Mary pays no attention. She tells the servers, “Do whatever he tells you” (Jn 2:4–5). A domestic miracle is the result—the wedding guests will have plenty of wine (and the best wine at that!). Mary's presence during the crucifixion of her son is one of the saddest moments in all of biblical literature. She follows him on the Way of the Cross, the Via Dolorosa, unable to do anything to assist or comfort him. Then she stands before the cross—supported by John, the disciple that Jesus loved—and watches and waits. “Woman, behold your son,” Jesus says. And to the disciple, “Behold your mother.” From that moment Mary became our mother, the one who intercedes for us before the throne of God. She is the one who shares with us her confident hope in the fulfillment of all God's promises. As Pope Francis says, “Silent at the foot of the cross, [Mary] heard the essence of her life: Behold your son. Behold your children! And from that moment she began still more to hold us in her care. “Mary says to us now, “Do whatever he tells you.” She gives profound personal witness to the liberating power of saying yes to God's will. “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord,” she says to the angel (and to us). “May it be done to me according to your word” (Lk 1:38). We might say that by his death on the cross Jesus gave us two gifts. First and foremost, he gave us the gift of everlasting life. He sacrificed himself for us—dying so that we might live with him forever. And then, in yet another sign of God's abundant generosity, Jesus gave us his mother.

During this unprecedented time, as we continue to suffer from the devastating effects of the pandemic, we are invited to stay close to Mary, our mother. Mary points the way to her Son's healing power. She reminds us of the miracles Jesus works in our daily lives, and she invites us to respond with open hearts, “May it be done to me according to your word.” What a marvelous, undeserved and unexpected gift! The mother of our Lord becomes one with us!

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