

“BEHOLD, YOUR REWARD WILL BE
Great in Heaven.”

LUKE 6:23





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**THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 FEBRUARY 13, 2022**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

The Mass of Anticipation of the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00PM The Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Evelyn & Michael Simon—Memorial
 9:00AM Cheryl Zola—4th Anniversary
 10:30AM Thomas B. Murphy—Memorial
 5:00PM Olivia Rose Passaretti—Memorial

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Saints Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop
 7:30AM De'cd of Pundys & Dikinis Families—Memorial

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Weekday
 7:30AM Dolores K. Vespia—7th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Weekday
 7:30AM Fr. Raymond P. Luft—Memorial

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Weekday; The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
 7:30AM Deborah O'Connell—8th Anniversary

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Weekday
 7:30AM Special Intention

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Weekday; BVM
 8:30AM Special Intention

The Mass of Anticipation for the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00PM D'cd of Balsamo & Prano Families—Memorial

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Jessica T. Barrett—Month's Mind
 9:00AM Patricia McGee—Memorial
 10:30AM Jennifer DelGizzo—Memorial
 5:00PM Michael A. Rocchio—Birthday Remembrance





Dear Parishioners:

Last Friday was World Day of the Sick which always falls on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Pope Francis writes: *“The supreme witness of the Father’s merciful love for the sick is his only-begotten Son. How often do the Gospels relate Jesus’ encounters with people suffering from various diseases! We do well to ask ourselves why Jesus showed such great concern for the sick, so much so that he made it paramount in the mission of the apostles, who were sent by the Master to proclaim the Gospel and to heal the sick.”*

This is a good opportunity to pray for the sick and those who care for them. Also, to understand more about the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Suffering and illness affect us in body and spirit. If one member suffers in the Body of Christ, the Church, all the members suffer with that member. In times of frailty, sickness, medical treatment, or surgeries, the parish family assures the infirmed of our care and support through our prayer, personal visits, and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is for all who face a serious illness or surgery or are impaired by infirmity. This Sacrament confers a special grace that unites the sick person more intimately to the Passion of Christ. This is for their good and for the good of all the Church.

It gives comfort, peace, courage, strength and even the forgiveness of sins if the sick person cannot make a

confession. Sometimes, if it is the will of God, this Sacrament even brings about the restoration of physical health. In any case, this Anointing prepares the sick person for the journey to the Father’s House.

Yet all too often, families and loved ones wait until someone is near death and unconscious to call the priest. They should call while the person is alive and conscious, although suffering in sickness. It is a healing Sacrament that brings the power of Christ to the sick. It is distinct from what many call “Last Rites,” or *Viaticum*. When the Church offers Holy Communion as food for the journey to eternal life.

Suppose you know you will be hospitalized for planned surgery. In that case, you should contact the parish before you enter the hospital to arrange a time to celebrate the Sacrament. Often the Sacrament of Anointing can be celebrated after Mass. Call the Parish Office to make an arrangement for the Sacrament.

If someone is in the hospital, simply notify the Catholic Chaplain. They will make arrangements for the Sacrament of the Sick to be offered. If someone is in the hospital, please realize the parish priests are no longer notified by the hospital staff as it is against privacy laws. So if you or a loved one is in the hospital, please let the parish know.

Bishop Evans, Fr. Mahoney, and I, and all the area parish priests, serve Kent Hospital once or twice a month for a twenty-four-hour period. We continue our regular parish duties, but we make ourselves

available for emergencies and for those nearing death who need the sacraments.

We also continue to offer Mass at the local nursing home facilities monthly. In addition, every Sunday at the 9:00am Mass, our OLM Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick bring Communion to the nursing homes and to all those shut-in at home due to illness or infirmity. Fr. Mahoney and I are available to visit the sick, administer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, Confession, or arrange for regular reception of Holy Communion for those shut-in.

If you, a member of your family, or a parishioner you know require visits or the Sacraments, please let us know. We are often the last to find out someone was in the hospital or sick for a while.

Sometimes it’s a matter of privacy, but sometimes it’s because a family member neglects to tell us. Some parishioners move away to nursing facilities far from the parish, and we are not informed. Sadly we don’t find out until they’ve died and a funeral has to be arranged.

The Sacrament of the Sick is for both the living and the dying. Please do not hesitate to call for the Catholic Hospital Chaplain, a local priest, or your own parish priest when you or your loved ones need the Sacraments. Pray for the sick and caregivers. Be well. Stay safe. Do good. God Bless.

Father Healey

Ambry



Ambry is the term used to refer to the repository for holy oils. It should be a secure cabinet, and the most logical place for it to be located is near the baptismal font as oil is always used in the rite of baptism.

The oil used at baptism is chrism, a mixture of plant oil (traditionally olive, but others may be used) and balsam, a fragrance derived from certain aromatic trees. Chrism is considered the holiest of the oils and is also used at confirmations, ordinations, and church dedications.

The other holy oils are the oil of the sick used to anoint those who are seriously ill or near death and the oil of catechumens used to anoint those who are preparing for baptism. These are olive or other plant oils also but with no added ingredients.

All three types are blessed by the bishop and distributed to the various parishes at the diocesan chrism Mass on Holy Thursday morning or at some other time during Holy Week each year.

Inside the ambry, the vessels that actually hold the oils are called *chrismatories* or *ampullae*.



OIL OF THE SICK



OIL OF THE CATECHUMENS



SACRED CHRISM

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Weekly Collection

February 6, 2022

Weekly.....	\$13,602.00
EFT.....	\$3,939.00
	Total=\$17,541.00
Outreach.....	\$2,273.00
Building & Grounds.....	\$2,998.00

February 7, 2021

Weekly.....	\$16,046.00
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Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

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

OLMPrayer Chain



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. **If you know someone in need of prayers due to illness, infirmity, surgery, hospitalization or any serious reason please call us!**

The power of prayer at work!



The flowers at the Marian Shrine are donated in loving memory of Elizabeth Loughlin. In your kindness and charity, please pray for the gentle repose of her soul.



Religious Education
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RE Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 13:

5:00PM Mass and Class:

1st Communion and Grade 1

Sunday, February 20:

Mass 5:00pm and NO CLASS, School Vacation Week

Sunday, February 27:

5:00PM Mass and Class: Grades 3,4,5,6 and 7

Both Parents & Students must attend Mass & Class



Striving to Be Saints & Scholars!

Schedule of Events

• **Tuesday, February 15:** OLM School Weekly Mass at 8:15am

• **Monday, February 20:** Winter Vacation begins! Enjoy your time off! Stay healthy, happy & holy!!

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P R A Y
for the sick of our parish
and their caregivers




Outreach
Update

• OLM Food Pantry is always in need of food items and paper goods for the members of our local community. **Please place all donated NON-EXPIRED AND non-perishable food items only and paper goods in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House.** Please do not leave medical supplies. Thank you for your support!

• **OLM Bereavement Group: Next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 4:00PM** in Mercy House. All those who are grieving are invited to join with us.

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





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