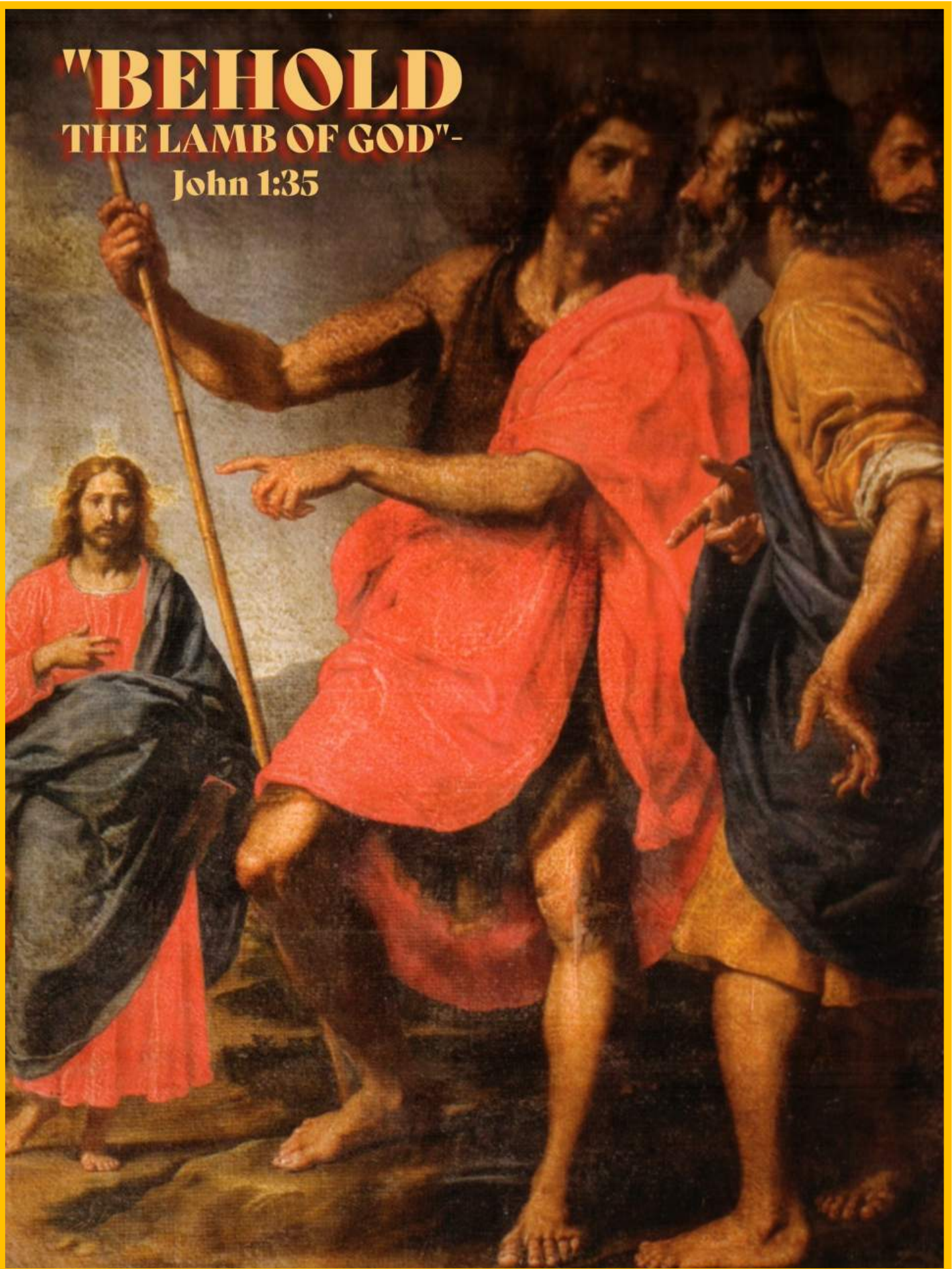


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**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 JANUARY 14, 2024**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

The Mass of Anticipation for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00PM Roland, Susan & Michael Dumont and David Moore— Mem.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Bill Daly—Memorial
 9:00AM John J. Carne—2nd Anniversary
 10:30AM Jack Donnelly—Memorial
 5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 15-MLK HOLIDAY

Weekday
 8:30AM Michael Alix—7th Anniversary

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

Weekday
 7:30AM Norman Murtha—44th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

St. Anthony, Abbot
 7:30AM Joseph W. Soprano—Memorial

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

Weekday
 7:30AM Ray Flynn—Memorial

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

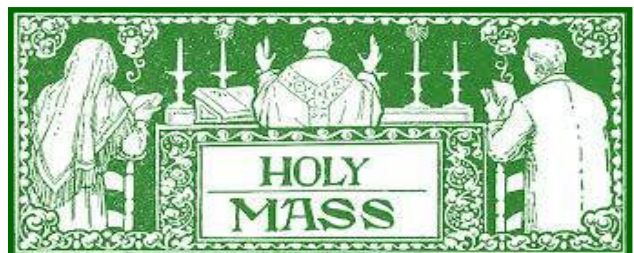
Weekday
 7:30AM John, Louise, & David Kiernan—Memorial

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

Weekday; St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr: BVM
 8:30AM Kevin Maggiasco—Memorial
The Mass of Anticipation for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00PM Ellen Simms—Memorial

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30AM Bill Daly—Memorial
 9:00AM Agnes Mahoney—Birthday Remembrance
 10:30AM Jean M. Selwyn—23rd Anniversary
 5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish





Dear Parishioners:

Our first snowstorm has come and gone! It didn't help our attendance at Sunday morning Masses. However, the Vigil Mass on Saturday was very crowded. We must thank Paul Anderson and our OLM maintenance team, who worked hard to clear the snow and enable those who came to Mass to arrive and leave safely.

A few people always ask if Mass is still celebrated when it snows. At OLM, the answer is yes! Mass is always celebrated, even in the snow. The commute from the Rectory to the Church isn't long, and we don't even have to go outside, so we priests can always make it to celebrate the Mass despite the weather. Some other parishes have multiple locations for Mass; thus, priests cannot always get there in snowstorms. We are blessed at OLM to have two priests and a short commute!

The Church looks bare as the beautiful Christmas decorations and trees are gone. It looks "ordinary," which befits the liturgical season. It is Ordinary Time when we wear green vestments and celebrate every aspect of the life of Christ.

In common use, 'ordinary' refers to something plain or unexciting. For that reason, many people hear 'Ordinary Time' and immediately think of the season as such. But that understanding doesn't reflect the true meaning of the season.

Ordinary time should be a time for spiritual growth when the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal

toward which all of history is directed is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Christ the King.

Ordinary comes from the Latin *ordinalis*, meaning 'numbered' or 'ruled'. This title refers to the ongoing and rhythmic nature of the season. Just like everyday life, there is a rhythm to the days and the weeks.

We have holidays and special occasions that we look forward to and change the pace, just like we have holy days and feasts in the Church year. But those special occasions aren't the whole picture, just like there is more to the life of Christ than what we celebrate in other liturgical seasons.

The Season of Ordinary Time has two parts, but it remains one season. The first part begins now, right after the feast of the Epiphany. It runs until Fat Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday, when Lent begins. The second part begins the Monday after Pentecost and runs until the First Sunday of Advent. This part is typically about twice the length of the first.

Like all liturgical seasons, Ordinary Time is meant to be lived! We aren't passive receptors of the liturgy. We are called to full and active participation in the life of the Church and her liturgy! Our full participation in the Season of Ordinary Time means participating in the everyday life of Jesus.

Next Sunday evening at the 5:00pm Mass, Bishop Henning is celebrating the Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass here at OLM. We gather as

a local Church to pray for an increase in the respect for all human life from conception until natural death. I hope you can join with Catholics across the Diocese for this Respect Life Mass.

Human life has become cheap in our world. Attacks upon the sanctity of life are routine and seem "ordinary." This is seen in legal abortion until birth for the unborn, legal assisted suicide and euthanasia for the terminally ill, unjust war and weapons of destruction that indiscriminately kill innocent civilians, violent racial hatred and religious persecution, rampant gun violence and crime, growing violence in our schools and sporting events, refugees and migrants abandoned to die, and children living in poverty and hunger.

All these things are accepted as routine and ordinary. They are part of what Pope Francis calls "the throwaway culture." He states: "*Human life is sacred and inviolable. Every civil right is based on recognizing the first fundamental right, the right to life, which is not subject to any condition of a qualitative, economic, and certainly not ideological nature. Too often, human beings are considered consumer goods to be used and discarded. We have created a 'throwaway' culture which is now spreading. In this way, life too is easily discarded.*" Be well. Do good. God Bless! Pray for life.



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and their parents, Daniel and Sara.

“Dear brothers and sisters: these children have been reborn through Baptism, and 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 Sacrifice, and will call upon God as Father in the midst of the Church.” — The Rite of Baptism

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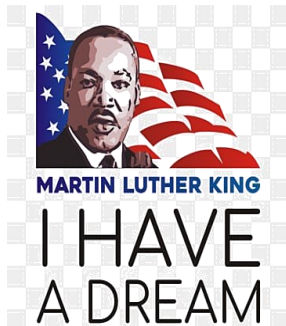
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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Monday, January 15, 2024



Mass at 8:30am
Confessions at 6pm

The OLM Parish Office is closed.

Divine Mercy Chaplet



Join us each Friday at 3:00PM as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet before the Our Lady of Mercy Altar and Shrine.



OLM FAITH FORMATION
UPDATE

First Communion Class Schedule

January 14: Make-up Class

February 4: Class. Children and Parents to attend.

2024 Confirmation Class Schedule

Sunday, January 21

For questions and more information please contact Mr. Jeremy Long, Director of Faith Formation at 884-4968 or email at faithformation@olmparish.org



•**OLM Food Pantry** is always in need of food items and paper goods for the members of our local community. Please place all donated items in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House. All food items should be unexpired and non-perishable. We also are in need of paper goods (paper towels, napkins). Thank you for your support.

•**OLM Bereavement Group**: Our next meeting is on **Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 4:00pm in Mercy House**. All those adults experiencing sorrow, grief or loneliness are most welcome to attend for prayer and discussion.

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



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Weekly Calendar

•**Monday, January 15**: No School in observance of the MLK Holiday.

•**Tuesday, January 16**: Weekly OLM School Mass at 8:15am; PTG Board Meeting 6:00 pm

•**Thursday, January 18**: Choir Practice at 2:30pm; Mock Trial Practice at 2:30

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Saint Francis de Sales*

ANNUAL DIOCESAN RESPECT FOR LIFE MASS

*"Every life counts: from the beginning to the end,
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Sunday, January 21, 2024 at 5:00PM
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