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Mass Intentions

#### THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 26, 2023

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SATURDAY, MARCH 25		
The Mass of	Anticipation for 5th Sunday of Lent	
4:00PM	Friedrich Wilhelm Mueller—Memorial	
SUNDAY, M	ARCH 26	
The Fifth Sur	nday of Lent	
7:30 AM	Anthony J. Paolino, Sr.—Memorial	
9:00AM	Bethany Briggs—15th Anniversary	
10:30AM	Lillian E. Healey—35th Anniversary	
5:00PM	The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish	
MONDAY, I	MARCH 27	
Lenten Weel	kday	
7:30AM	Mary & James Daly—Memorial	
12:05PM	Joe Hall—7th Anniversary	
<u>TUESDAY, N</u>	1ARCH 28	
Lenten Weekday		
7:30AM	Jeremiah Creedon—Memorial	
12:05PM		
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29		
Lenten Weel	kday	
7:30AM	Charles Haigh—Memorial	
12:05PM	Special Intention	
<u>THURSDAY,</u>	MARCH 30	
Lenten Weel	kday	
	Mary & James Daly—Memorial	
12:05PM	Bill Daly—Month's Mind	
FRIDAY, MA	RCH 31	
Lenten Weel	,	
7:30AM	Dolly Healey—35th Anniversary	
12:05PM		
SATURDAY,	APRIL 1	
Lenten Weel	kday	
8:30AM	Fr. George P. Behan—Memorial	
The Mass of	Anticipation for Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	
5:00PM	Charlie Haigh—Memorial	
SUNDAY, AF	PRIL 2	
Palm Sunday	y of the Lord's Passion	
	Evelyn & Michael Simon—Memorial	
	Irene Sullivan-Memorial	
10:30AM	The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish	
5:00PM	Kevin F. Healey—Birthday Remembrance	



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Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

We had two great celebrations on St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day last week. I am grateful to Bishop John Noonan from Orlando for coming to OLM to celebrate the St. Patrick's Day Mass on March 17th. He did a fantastic job, and the Mass was beautiful and joyful. I hope you attended and enjoyed it, as well as the Irish Soda Bread and Coffee with **Baileys Irish Cream!** 

We are grateful to our Coadjutor Bishop Richard G. Henning, who concelebrated the St. Patrick's Day Mass and then came back to celebrate the St. Joseph's Day Mass in Italian. What a great way to welcome our new Bishop with two great celebrations. We thank him for his presence at our parish and look forward to welcoming him to OLM again.

I thank the many people helped make the who celebrations joyful and festive. Our readers, Sinead Campion, who read in Irish on St. Patrick's Doctors Day, and Rockv Ruggerio and Anthony Bruzzese, who read in Italian on St. Joseph's Day. The music at both Masses was beautiful. We thank our OLM Music Director Henri St. Louis and all the musicians who joined him.

These two great celebrations are a mere prelude to the celebrations of Holy Week, which begins next week. Another fantastic event at OLM is our Annual Living Stations of the Cross, performed by our OLM Middle School. It is this Friday, March 31st, at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm. It is a very powerful dramatic presentation of the Stations of the Cross. It is a beautiful way to prepare for Holy Week prayerfully, so mark your calendars and plan on attending.

St. Teresa of Avila said, "Let us look to the cross and be filled with peace, knowing that Christ has walked this road and walks it now with us and all our brothers and sisters."

Next weekend we celebrate Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified.

Palm Branches are to be blessed at all Masses. There will be a procession before 10:30 am Mass from Mercy Park. We ask all attending the 10:30 am Mass to gather at Mercy Park before the Mass. Holy Week commences with our celebration of Palm Sunday.

Also, our Mass schedule changes next Saturday as the 4:00 pm Saturday Evening Mass moves to a 5:00 pm start time. Confessions on Saturday afternoon move from a 3:00 pm start time to 4:00 pm. Be sure to plan accordingly.

This weekend we had All -Day Confessions on Saturday from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm with dozens of priests helping hear Confessions. We thank them for their priestly service in helping with this important day. We also thank the many volunteers who assisted the hundreds of people coming to OLM for Confession. If you have not yet made a good plenty Confession, of is left to do so opportunity before Easter.

Saint Pope John XXIII

taught: "Doing penance for one's sins is a first step towards obtaining forgiveness and winning eternal salvation. That is the clear and explicit teaching of Christ. No one can fail to see how justified and right the Catholic Church has always been in constantly insisting on this. She is the spokesman for Redeemer. divine No her individual Christian can grow in perfection, nor can Christianity vigor, gain in except on penance."

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday as we prayerfully proclaim the Passion of our Lord at all the Masses. St. Paul of the Cross said: "*The remembrance of the most holy Passion of Jesus Christ is the door through which the soul enters into intimate union with God, interior recollection and most sublime contemplation.*"

As we anticipate the holiest time of the year and the celebration of Holy Week, may we do so with a prayerful recollection and contemplation of our Lord's Passion. On Palm Sunday, please return your donations for the CRS Rice Bowl Collection. It's always helpful if you strike a check or use bills instead of coins!

The Holy Week Schedule is in the bulletin. However, Lent does not officially end until the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening. So continue praying, fasting, and giving alms. Hope to see you at the Living Stations of the Cross on Friday. Be well. Stay safe. Do good. God Bless!

Father Healey



#### Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord Swedish Waffles

On March 25 each year, exactly nine months before the great joy of the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day, the Church celebrates The Annunciation of the Lord. On this day, the angel Gabriel appeared to our Blessed Mother and announced that she was to conceive and bear a son, our Lord Jesus Christ. The beauty of this solemnity is held in Mary's great fiat, or yes, in her willingness to play an essential role in the world's salvation. Unlike Eve who disobeyed God, Mary said yes to God's plan for her. She trusted God and, as the mother of Jesus, loved Him in a way no one else could. At the moment of the angel's words, Mary carried within her womb the Son of God, the Messiah, the Savior of the world. The Annunciation is celebrated each year in Sweden by partaking in waffles! But why waffles? The Swedish feast's name is Vårfrudagen ("Our Lady's Day"). The feast's name resembles the Swedish pun Våffeldagen (Waffle Day). Thus, the pun has engendered a national devotion to the Virgin as far back as the 17th century. Despite being predominantly Lutheran, Sweden celebrates this Feast Day of Mary with wonderful feasts of waffles.

#### **Ingredients**

1 3/4 cups heavy cream, well-chilled 1 1/3 cups flour 2 tablespoons sugar Pinch of salt 1/2 cup cold water 3 tablespoons melted sweet butter Instructions

Step 1 - Whip the cream until stiff. Step 2 - Mix the flour, sugar, and salt in a bowl. Step 3 -Stir in the water to make a smooth batter. Step 4 - Fold the whipped cream into the batter. Step 5- Stir in the melted butter. Step 6 - Heat the waffle iron. (If it is well seasoned, it will not need to be greased.) Step 7- Fill the grid surface about two-thirds full of batter. Bake until golden brown. Step 8 - Place on a rack to keep crisp while you make the rest of the waffles. Yield: about 8 waffles. These are perfect for dessert to celebrate this Solemnity. Especially when served with whipped Cream and raspberries



#### March 19, 2023

Weekly	\$8,888.00
-	<u>\$5,839.00</u>
	Total=\$14,727.00
Outreach	\$1,915.00

#### March20, 2022

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Weekly.....$17,456.00
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Leave a Legacy of Faith for the next Generation! Remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will or estate.

## **Second Collections**

**Next Week: Operation Rice Bowl** 



2023 Parish Goal=\$190,000 Total Pledged=\$168,927.00 Total Donors=283 Average Gift=\$596

WALKING TOGETHER IN FAITH

> 2022 Catholic Charity Appeal OLM Parish Goal=\$190,000 Total Pledged=\$262,643 Total Number of Donors=440 Average Gift=\$597

Next Saturday, April 1, the 4:00PM Saturday



Evening Mass moves back to 5:00PM and Confessions move from 3;00Pm to 4:00pm Please plan accordingly.

This schedule remains in effect until Saturday, November 4, 2023

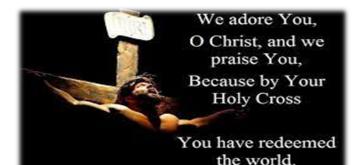


### **RE Schedule**

• Sunday, March 26: 5:00pm Mass & Grades 5, 6 & 7 Class to follow in the OLM School Gym

• Sunday, April 2: 9:00am Mass & Grades 3 and 4 Class to follow in the OLM School Gym (\*NOTE: Last Class for this Grade)

• Sunday, April 9: Happy Blessed Easter! ! No class





•<u>OLM Food Pantry</u> 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. <u>All food items should be</u> <u>unexpired and non-perishable</u>. We also are in need of paper goods (paper towels, napkins). Thank you for your support.

• <u>OLM Bereavement Group</u>: Next meeting <u>Thursday</u>, <u>April 6, 2023 at 4:00pm</u> 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



### Striving to Be Saints & Scholars!

#### Upcoming Events

Monday, March 27: Yearbook Club @2:30
Tuesday, March 28: Mock Trial Practice @2:30pm; Girls on the Run @2:30pm
Thursday, March 30: Choir Practice @2:30pm; Mock Trial Practice @2:30pm
Friday, March 31: Living Stations of the Cross at 1:00PM & 7:00PM

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### THE LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS



#### FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023 1:00PM & 7:00PM PERFORMED BY OLM MIDDLE SCHOOL

Prepare for Holy Week with this Prayerful Presentation

Resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia! He has risen as He said, Alleluia!



#### HOLY WEEK AT OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023 Living Stations of the Cross at 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023 Confessions at 4:00 pm Mass of Anticipation for Palm Sunday at 5:00 pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Masses at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 5:00 pm Palm branches will be blessed at all Masses Solemn Procession of Palms at the 10:30 am Mass from Mercy Park

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK, APRIL 3, 2023 Masses at 7:30 am & 12:05 pm Confessions 11:45 am-12:00 pm Chrism Mass at Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul, 5:00 pm No Confessions on Monday, April 3 at 6:00 pm due to Chrism Mass

> TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, APRIL 4, 2023 Masses at 7:30 am & 12:05 pm Confessions 11:45 am-12:00 pm

SPY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023 Masses at 7:30 am & 12:05 pm Confessions 11:45 am-12:00 pm and 6:00 pm-8:00 pm with Four Priests

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023 Office of Readings & Morning Prayer at 8:00 am Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 12:00 am

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023 Office of Readings & Morning Prayer at 8:00 am Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross at 7:00 pm

> HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023 Office of Readings & Morning Prayer at 8:00 am Vigil Mass of Easter at 7:30 pm

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023 Mass of the Lord's Resurrection at 7:30 am, 9:00 am & 10:30 am No 5:00 pm Evening Mass on Easter Sunday

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