

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 26, 2017

First Reading: Isaiah 49:14-15; Responsorial Psalm 62:2-3, 6-9

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

"I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU."—Isaiah 49:15

Isaiah speaks to people who believe they have been deserted by God. With tenderness, the prophet assures them that mothers do not forget their children. But even if a mother should abandon her child, God's love would still stand firm.

In Matthew's Gospel, we are reminded of God's faithfulness and love for us. While life is full of things to be anxious about, we are urged by Jesus to place our confidence and trust in the Father. Jesus tells us: *"Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they?"* (Mt. 6:26)



We are urged by our Lord to choose wisely and to be trustworthy servants and stewards of God. Appropriately, as we approach Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent, Jesus asks us to decide whom we serve. He tells us: *"No one can serve two masters."* (Mt. 6:24) Is our commitment to God before all else? If so, all will be provided for us. *"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you besides."* (Mt. 6:33) May Lent be a time for us to set our hearts on God's kingdom and prioritize God before all else. We can be certain that His deep love for us will be revealed in new and surprising ways!

"Only in God is my soul at rest; from Him comes my salvation." —Psalm 62:2

Ash Wednesday Schedule

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of our 40 days of Lent, is this Wednesday, **March 1**. On Ash Wednesday, we hear the prophet Joel calling us to conversion of heart. We seek to be transformed as God's holy people, as one Body summoned to embody the obedience and the sacrifice of Christ. As our Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving help us to grow in humility and grace, so may our gathering on Ash Wednesday soften our hearts to God's Word and strength our faith as people of God.

Please join us on Ash Wednesday for one of our

Masses or Liturgy of the Word:

7:00 am Mass (English)

12:00 Noon Liturgy of the Word (English)

5:30 pm Mass (English)

7:00 pm Mass (Spanish)

2017 Annual Ministries Appeal (AMA) Update

Our Diocesan AMA Appeal *"One Faith, One Family"* continues this weekend. We are very grateful for all of you that have returned your



envelopes with a commitment. Presently, our commitments total is **\$19,839**. As this is more than our obligation to the Diocesan Ministries, all donations now remain at OLMC.

Our participation level stands at 51 families and individuals, or 30% of our goal.

Thank you for your support of the 2017 Annual Ministries Appeal. May our Faith, Hope and Charity guide us as loving and faithful disciples.

Lenten Dinners

Our first Lenten Dinner will be Friday, March 3, beginning at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Tickets are \$15 per person including dessert. Children's tickets are \$5. Please join us!

If you are available to help with one or more of the dinners, please add your name to one of the sign-up sheets at the entrance of the church. Thank you.

Lenten Blessing Bags

Our Confirmation Candidates are asking our help with their Lenten Service Project—Blessing Bags for the homeless. The bags will be filled with items that we can hand out to folks in need. Items might include: toothbrushes, toiletries, first aid kits, socks, granola bars, small bottles of water, hand warmers, beef jerky, etc. Thank you for your help!

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

March 4—Class

March 11—Class

March 25—All day MANDATORY retreat

April 1—Seder Class (Students begin after Mass, parents are invited to the dinner at 6:30 pm)

Rehearsal prior to the Confirmation Mass

April 27, 7:00 pm—Confirmation Mass



Parish Registration

We are happy to have you with us! If you are new to the parish, or have never registered, please register by using the *Parish Registration Form* on the front page of the bulletin.

2nd Collection Next Sunday—March 5, 2017

Collection of the U.S. Bishops Conference for **Catholic Relief Services** which provides emergency aid and services throughout the world and the Church in **Latin America**

Offertory Report 2/19/2017

Plate collection: \$2,190; Building Fund: \$695; Hope's Pantry \$20; other: \$79; total deposit: \$2,984. Thank you!

Mass Intentions - Feb. 25—March 3, 2017

Sat., 4:30 pm +Dolores McGlochlin
Mertle Ewan
Sun., 9:00 am +Bob Coakley
Sun., 11:15 am +Lorena Merino
Sun., 5:00 pm +Bush Y. Abadir
Wed., 7:00 am +Families of the Parish
5:30 pm +Families of the Parish
7:00 pm +Familias de la Parroquia
Thur., 7:00 am +Rafael Lopez
+Juan Lopez
Fri., 7:00 am +Pat Bailey

NOTICIAS ESPECIALES

Misa en Español - Cada domingo a las 5:00 pm.

Miércoles de Ceniza - Misa en Español, a las 7:00 pm, el 1 de marzo. El inicio de la Cuaresma nos llama a una conversión de corazón y una vida entregada a la voluntad de Dios. ¡Que vivamos los 40 días sagrados con el Señor! ¡Conviértete y crea en el Evangelio!



Registración Parroquial - Favor de usar la forma de registración en la primera pagina del boletín para inscribirse en el registro parroquial.

2017 Campaña Anual de Ministerios (AMA) - Nuestra Campaña Diocesana "*Una Fe, Una Familia*" continua esta semana. Estamos muy agradecidos a todos ustedes que han regresado sus sobres con un compromiso. Actualmente, el total de nuestros compromisos es \$19,839. La Campaña Anual ayuda a los muchos ministerios y servicios Diocesanos. Sobres de Compromiso están en las bancas. Que nuestra fe, esperanza, y caridad nos guíen como fiel discípulos de Jesús.

Youth Corner

It's easy to get caught up in the latest fashions and trends. We all want to fit in, and to have the hot items. Yet, today Jesus says not to worry about clothes, or food, or anything in this life. God knows exactly what we need, and loves us! There is nothing we need that he doesn't know about. While we can be consumed with anxiety, God reminds us to trust in Him. He'll take care of the rest!

