

**A Letter from Our Pastor**

Have you ever thought about having more patience? It is often the main thought in my mind. I would really enjoy having more patience. Patience in the car, patience walking around construction every turn in Bethesda, patience with someone who seems to be too slow, patience with someone who seems to be too fast, patience with myself, with Father James... well, you get the picture. My personality is if I see something that needs help or fixing or change - well, patience isn't my strong point. I want to amend the situation - now. And yet, this isn't always the best plan of action. Patience is what is called for.

Friends - please pray for your pastor to become more patient. I already see such amazing potential at Our Lady of Lourdes - but I need to be patient so that I can hear from you all as to what you'd like to see and which direction you'd like to see the parish grow. Transition, as I'm learning these days, takes time - and patience. Fr. James and I are obviously in transition and that pretty much means the life of this parish is as well. We could probably all do well with some more patience.

One place I'll ask for your patience is with our offices right now as we are painting, replacing furnishings and generally speaking trying to freshen the look of the rectory. Emails addresses can be found on the front of the bulletin and our phone systems should be fully up and running. Over the next couple of weeks we will likely have some issues here and there - and so I ask you for.. some patience.

In Him,  
Fr. Rob

**Masses for the Week**

**Monday, July 27** (Gospel reading: Mt. 13: 31-35)  
7:00 AM Int. Gordien Ndizeye  
12 NOON + Paul Nugent, Jr.  
**Tuesday, July 28** (Gospel reading: Mt. 13: 36-43)  
7:00 AM + Fr. An N. Vu  
12 NOON + Jan Wilson  
**Wednesday, July 29** (Gospel reading: Jn. 11: 19-27)  
7:00 AM Int. Stephanie Moreno  
12 NOON + Charles Meyer  
**Thursday, July 30** (Gospel reading: Mt. 13: 47-53)  
7:00 AM Special Intention  
12NOON Int. Judy & Kevin Moak  
**Friday, July 31** (Gospel reading: Mt. 13: 54-58)  
7:00 AM + Joseph Can Ngoc Pham  
12 NOON + Msgr. James Beattie  
**Saturday, August 1** (Gospel reading: Mt. 14: 1-12)  
8:00AM Int. Frank S. Black III  
11:00-11:55 AM Confessions  
12 NOON + Eva Calderon  
4:00-4:45 PM Confessions  
5:00PM + Dolores O'Connell  
**Sunday, August 2** (Gospel reading: Mt. 14: 13-21)  
7:30 AM Priest's Intentions  
9:00 AM People of the Parish  
10:30 AM Priest's Intentions  
12 NOON Priest's Intentions  
1:30 PM Priest's Intentions

The Priests' schedule is subject to change without notice. Because of printing deadlines, Mass intentions requested less than two weeks ahead might not appear in the bulletin. Masses are offered for the names/intentions written in the parish intention book. The graces of each Mass are applied to the persons listed in the book regardless of whether they appear in the bulletin or are mentioned during the Mass.



**Please note that the 8:00am Mass Monday - Friday has been suspended for now. Thank you for your understanding and we look forward to seeing you at the 7:00am and 12 Noon Mass.**

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
**301-654-5954**

### **Mass Protocols:**

- ◇ Masks must be worn inside the building.
- ◇ Please do not hold hands during the Our Father. The Sign of peace will be verbal.
- ◇ For safety purposes, we encourage communicants to receive in the hand. For those who prefer to receive on the tongue, please wait until all others have received the Eucharist.
- ◇ Receive the Host in your hand, step aside several feet, remove your mask, consume the host and replace your mask.

We encourage you to upkeep your contributions to the parish during these difficult times. Please feel free to mail your contributions to the parish office at 7500 Pearl Street Bethesda, Maryland 20814 or drop them off in the rectory door slot. This includes all special collection envelopes or simply an envelope with your name clearly marked.

**We would also like to encourage our online contribution program, Faith Direct. Please use the following link to donate online:**

<https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/MD33>

### **Nightly Rosary:**



The Council of Catholic Women for the Archdiocese of Washington (CCW-ADW) invites all, who would like to unite in prayer at this time of uncertainty, to join in our nightly Rosary at 8:00pm, 7 days a week. We offer this prayer for the healing of the Church and for our currently health - challenged world. To join us, call 605-468-8016, ID 357090#.

If you have any questions, please email us at [archdiocesecw@gmail.com](mailto:archdiocesecw@gmail.com). For other prayer resources please see our website:

<https://www.councilofcatholicwomen-adw.com/>.

Also see the tab: Coronavirus Prayer Resources, which lists many opportunities for daily Mass and meditations.

The dispensation issued by Archbishop Gregory from the obligation to attend Mass during this time remains in effect. All persons who are subjects of the Archbishop of Washington no matter where they may be, and all other persons who are actually present in the Archdiocese of Washington who are under the obligation, are dispensed from the obligation until further notice (cann. 87 §1, 91).

**For a complete list of Masses and updates during this time, please visit:**  
[adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/](http://adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/).

**Here are the texts of two prayers, written by Pope Francis, for the end of the COVID-19 pandemic. He is asking people to recite the rosary and pray these prayers afterward:**

**First Prayer:**

O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith.

"Protectress of the Roman people," you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

**Second Prayer:**

"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God." In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes toward us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust. Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health. Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus. Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

**Second Prayer Cont:**

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course. To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.



During this difficult time our world is facing with the coronavirus, we have the opportunity to grow in our friendship with Jesus and to pray and offer sacrifices on behalf of others who are in need. We are missionaries even at home.

**What can I do as a missionary at home?**

- ◇ Pray the Mission Rosary with your family for peace and healing in the world.
- ◇ Clean your room and do extra things around the house to help your mom and dad or siblings.
- ◇ Say the Divine Mercy Chaplet and ask the Holy Spirit to be at the bedside of someone sick or dying.
- ◇ Read the Sunday Mass readings. As a family, participate in a live-streamed Sunday Mass.

**Virtual Spiritual Retreats With Spiritual Direction:**

During this time of physical separation, Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center is providing virtual retreats so that you can connect with others and feed your soul. Currently, these programs are being offered at no cost, and a suggested donation of \$75 per person is greatly appreciated.

To find more information and upcoming dates visit:  
<https://ourladyofbethesda.org/programs/retreats/what-are-spiritual-exercises/virtual-spiritual-exercises-promo>.

**Online Marriage Preparation Classes from  
August 11 - 20:**

In order to assist pastors with Marriage Preparation for couples who will be receiving the Sacrament of Marriage this fall, the archdiocesan Office for Family Life will be offering a virtual Marriage Preparation Class from August 11 - 20 for 4 evening sessions:

**August 11, 13, 18, 20 from 7:00 – 9:30pm.**

Couples must attend all four sessions. Space is limited. Couples can call our office at 301-853-4546 or send an email to [visiblesign@adw.org](mailto:visiblesign@adw.org).

Visit: <https://adw.org/categories/marriage-preparation/> for the archdiocesan Marriage Preparation event page.

**Quo Vadis One-Day Event:**

The Office of Priest Vocations will hold a *Quo Vadis* one-day event on **Sunday, August 2 from 9:00 am - 7:00pm** at St. John Paul II Seminary. High-school aged young men who desire to grow in holiness will have an opportunity for Mass, sports, talks, fraternity, and lunch and dinner. The event will be conducted by priests and seminarians of the Archdiocese of Washington, along with other adult chaperones. Most of the day will be spent outdoors (weather permitting), and it will feel much like the longer *Quo Vadis* Camp. The cost is \$25. Bus transportation from southern Maryland will be available for an additional \$10. If you know of any strong candidates who would like to learn more about the priesthood, please encourage them to register at [dcpriest.org/quo-vadis-event](http://dcpriest.org/quo-vadis-event). If you have questions, please call the Office of Priest Vocations at 202-499-1211 or email [whitem@adw.org](mailto:whitem@adw.org).



**Online Natural Family Planning (NFP) Classes in  
English and Spanish:**



As part of our celebration of the NFP Awareness Week, all married couples are invited to join an introductory NFP Class online on

**Thursday, July 30 from 7:00pm - 8:00pm.**

To register or for more information, visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/introduction-to-nfp-tickets-113132566552>

Couples can also sign up anytime for online NFP classes with any of these providers:

**Couple to Couple League - BOMA USA -  
Creighton Method - Marquette Method.**

Classes are also available in Spanish with:

**Liga de Pareja a Pareja, BOMA USA Spanish or Método  
Marquette.**

For additional information, contact the archdiocesan Office for Family Life at 301-853-4546 or [visiblesign@adw.org](mailto:visiblesign@adw.org).

**“Finding My Inner Balance”:  
Online Spiritual Series for Women:**

The Archdiocesan Office for Family Life is hosting this online spiritual series in collaboration with the Council of Catholic Women and the Schoenstatt ecclesial movement. Join women around the Archdiocese in an eight-week spiritual series entitled “Finding My Inner Balance,” a practical approach to the spiritual journey for our everyday life.

Workshops address women of all ages with a message of hope to trust in Divine Providence as a means to overcome anxiety or fear.

The series will take place online on

**Wednesday nights from 7:30–8:30pm for eight  
weeks, starting on July 22nd  
and ending on September 9th.**

Please contact the Office for Family Life at: [visiblesign@adw.org](mailto:visiblesign@adw.org) or 301-853-4546.

For more information or to register please visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/women-spiritual-webinars-series-finding-my-inner-balance-tickets-110778712110>.

**Altar Flowers:**



If you would like to donate the Altar Flowers for a special intention, a special occasion, or in memory of a loved one, please call the parish office or email: [sgolden@ololrcc.org](mailto:sgolden@ololrcc.org) or [ctoms@ololrcc.org](mailto:ctoms@ololrcc.org) The donation for the flowers is \$150.00.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Please have your printed notices at the Rectory office or emailed to [ctoms@ololrcc.org](mailto:ctoms@ololrcc.org) by **Monday at 3:00pm.**

**Sick in Our Parish:**

Please pray for all of our sick brothers and sisters, especially **Judy DeSzily.**

**Ministry to the Elderly and Homebound:**

If a parishioner is ill or unable to attend Mass and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call our coordinator, **Margaret Carroll at 301-325-6398.**

**OLOL Sunday Meal For the Poor and Homeless:**

The Sunday meal for the poor and homeless, which traditionally has been held from 4:00-6:00 pm in the OLOL cafeteria, has been temporarily converted to a "carry-out" affair. If you are interested in helping to provide food for the meal, send an email to [OLOLSundayMeal@gmail.com](mailto:OLOLSundayMeal@gmail.com) or call **Dan Keen at 301-564-0077.**

The "clothes closet" run in conjunction with the meal has been temporarily suspended. Please hold on to donations for the clothes closet until we can reopen. Contact Dan Keen if you have any questions. Thank you!

**Finance & Administration:**

*"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?" (Psalm 116:12)*



**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Offertory 2020: \$6,187**

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Offertory 2020: \$5,724**

Our July Poor Box will be going to the Assumption Outreach Program. It is a food pantry that provides food to struggling families year-round. Donations during the summer months are particularly important to families with children who would otherwise be receiving meals at their schools. We would prefer monetary or gift card donations. Thank you in advance your generosity.

Please note, in order to be a registered parishioner, you must fill out and return the form below.

**From there you will be mailed a more detailed registration form which you must also fill out and return. This gives us important information such as contact information, sacraments received, preference on contribution methods and more.**

**Please contact Claire Toms at [ctoms@ololrcc.org](mailto:ctoms@ololrcc.org) with any questions.**

**Moving In, Out or Within the Parish?**

Please help us keep our records up-to-date by filling out this form and dropping it in the collection basket or rectory mail slot. Thank you.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

- I/we am/are new to the parish. Welcome!
- Change of address within the parish. Thank you!
- I/we am/are moving out of the parish. God be with you!

## Noticias en Español – 26 de Julio de 2020

### Medita lo que te dice el evangelio de hoy

«El tesoro y la perla valen más que los otros bienes, y por tanto, el campesino y el comerciante, cuando lo encuentran, renuncian a todo lo demás para poder conseguirlo. No necesitan hacer razonamientos, pensar, reflexionar: se dan cuenta en seguida del valor incomparable de lo que han encontrado, y están dispuestos a perder todo para tenerlo.

Así es el Reino de Dios: quien lo encuentra no tiene dudas, siente que es lo que buscaba, que esperaba y que responde a sus aspiraciones más auténticas. Y es realmente así: quien conoce a Jesús, quien lo encuentra personalmente, se queda fascinado, atraído por tanta bondad, tanta verdad, tanta belleza, y todo en una gran humildad y sencillez. Buscar a Jesús, encontrar a Jesús. Este es el gran tesoro.»

(Homilía de S.S. Francisco, 27 de julio de 2014).

### Protocolo durante la Misa

- Se deben utilizar cubre bocas dentro de la Iglesia.
- Por favor no se tome de las manos durante el Padre Nuestro. El signo de la Paz será verbal.
- Por el momento sólo el sacerdote distribuirá la Comunión
- En la línea para comulgar mantenga seis pies de distancia, camine despacio.
- Por razones de seguridad, alentamos a las personas a que reciban la comunión en la mano. Para aquellos que prefieran recibirla en la lengua, esperen hasta que todos los demás hayan recibido la Eucaristía.
- Reciba la Hostia en su mano, de un paso a un lado, quítese el cubre bocas, consuma la Hostia y vuelva a colocar su cubre bocas.
- La capacidad por cada sección es limitada. Una banca por persona o miembros de la misma familia.
- No se recogerá la colecta, pero las canastas del ofertorio estarán disponibles en las entradas de la Iglesia.
- Como siempre, si usted está estornudando o tosiendo, por favor auséntese.
- Entre las misas nuestro equipo de trabajo estará limpiando las bancas y las superficies para su seguridad.
- Gracias por su paciencia mientras seguimos adelante

**Regístrese o mantenga Actualizada su información:  
Recorte el siguiente formato de inscripción y entréguelo en la  
Misa junto con la colecta o llévelo a la Rectoría.**

- Soy (somos) nuevo(s) en la Parroquia. **Queremos inscribirnos.**
- Llevo (tenemos) ya tiempo asistiendo a esta parroquia y **queremos inscribirnos.**
- Estoy (estamos) inscritos y **esta es la nueva dirección.**
- Ya no podré volver a esta parroquia. **Favor eliminar mi nombre de la lista.**

Por favor marque  
con una  según  
corresponda

NOMBRE: \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECCION: \_\_\_\_\_ APTO: \_\_\_\_\_ CIUDAD: \_\_\_\_\_

CODIGO POSTAL: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEFONO: \_\_\_\_\_ CORREO ELECTRONICO: \_\_\_\_\_