

# Welcome to OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL CHURCH



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**Baptisms**-Parents must meet with the Pastor for instructions and a date for the ceremony\*

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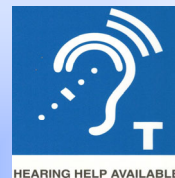
**New Parishioners**-Registration forms are located in the entrance of the Church, at the Parish Office and on our website

**Bereavement Support Group**-No meetings scheduled at this time

**\*Registered parishioners only**

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

- ♦ **Daily Mass** Monday—Friday 8:30 am
- ♦ **Saturday Vigil** 4:30 pm—Year Round
- ♦ **Sunday Masses**
  - **September through May** 8:30 am & 10:30 am
  - **June through August** 9:30 am
- ♦ **Spanish Mass** 5:00 pm Sunday—Year Round
- ♦ **Holy Days of Obligation** 8:30 am & 6:00 pm unless otherwise noted



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- ♦ **Confessions** Fridays after the 8:30 am Mass, Saturdays 3:30 to 4:30 pm or by appointment
- ♦ **Rosary** A half hour prior to daily Mass. Wednesdays the Rosary is dedicated for the protection of our area against disasters. Rosary begins 45 minutes before the first Sunday Mass
- ♦ **Miraculous Medal Novena** Monday following the 8:30 am Mass
- ♦ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** First Friday of every month beginning at 9:00 am concluding with a brief prayer service and Benediction at Noon
- ♦ **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** First Fridays after the opening of Adoration
- ♦ **Prayer & Scripture Group** Meets in the Religious Ed Building the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month

**JULY 14, 2019—FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**





## Mass Intentions for the Week

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| <b>Mon. July 15</b>  | <b>+Jack O'Neill</b>                             |
| 8:30 am              | <i>Requested by Pete &amp; Bonnie LaVigne</i>    |
| <b>Tues. July 16</b> | <b>+Deceased Members of the Bresnahan Family</b> |
| 8:30 am              | <i>Requested by Vin &amp; Joan Bresnahan</i>     |
| <b>Weds. July 17</b> | <b>+Lillian Hlabse</b>                           |
| 8:30 am              | <i>Requested by Diane &amp; Tim Gleason</i>      |
| <b>Thrs. July 18</b> | <b>+Dorothy Mago</b>                             |
| 8:30 am              | <i>Requested by Christine Sapp</i>               |
| <b>Fri. July 19</b>  | <b>Members of the Parish</b>                     |
| 8:30 am              |                                                  |
| <b>Sat. July 20</b>  | <b>+Fred Schoenbaechler</b>                      |
| 4:30 pm              | <i>Requested by Marie Schoenbaechler</i>         |
| <b>Sun. July 21</b>  | <b>+Jean Turner</b>                              |
| 9:30 am              | <i>Requested by Elaine &amp; Steve Delaplane</i> |

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**WEEKEND OF JUNE 29-30, 2019**

**ATTENDANCE – 298**

**OFFERTORY—\$2,743.00**

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## This Week

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- Monday, July 15, 2019**
- **St. Bonaventure**
- Tuesday, July 16, 2019**
- **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**
- **Prayer & Scripture Group 6pm**
- Wednesday, July 17, 2019**
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- Thursday, July 18, 2019**
- **St. Camillus de Lellis**
- Friday, July 19, 2019**
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- Saturday, July 20, 2019**
- **11:00 am William Porthouse Funeral**
- **St. Apollinaris**
- **Blessed Virgin Mary**
- **Vigil Mass at 4:30 pm**
- Sunday, July 21, 2019**
- **Masses at 9:30 am and 5:00 pm (Spanish)**
- Monday, July 22, 2019**
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PRAYER & SCRIPTURE GROUP



## PARISH CALENDAR

- July 16-Prayer & Scripture Group Meeting
- August 2-Adoration 9 am—Noon**
- August 6-Prayer & Scripture Group Meeting
- August 15-Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- August 20-Prayer & Scripture Group Meeting
- September 2-Labor Day
- September 3-Prayer & Scripture Group Meeting
- September 6-Adoration 9 am—Noon**
- September 8-Return to Regular Mass Schedule
- Grandparents' Day
- First Day of Religious Education
- September 17-Prayer & Scripture Group Meeting
- October 1-Prayer & Scripture Group Meeting
- October 4-Adoration 9 am—Noon**

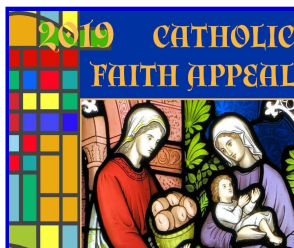


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## ???QUESTION OF THE WEEK???

What does it take for me to help someone in need?  
How can I imitate the good Samaritan?





#### OLMM 2019 CFA STATUS

Parish Goal \$ 85,000.00  
 Pledged \$ 79,121.95  
 Total Paid \$ 67,746.63  
**Balance Due \$ 17,253.37**  
 a/o 06/28/19

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#### †SAINTS/FEASTS OF THE WEEK†

**July 15-St. Bonaventure**-An Italian medieval Franciscan, scholastic theologian and philosopher, St. Bonaventure played an important role in the medieval Church and the Franciscan Order. He remained a Franciscan at heart. The warmth of his teachings and writings made, and still makes him very appealing.

**July 16-Our Lady of Mount Carmel**-The Blessed Virgin Mary is known by many titles. Today she is recognized in her role as Patroness of the Carmelite Nuns. St. Simon Stock, who was a leader of the Carmelites, is said to have been given a scapular by Mary who instructed him to spread its devotion.

**July 18-St. Camillus de Lellis**-Penniless due to a gambling addiction, St. Camillus became a Capuchin novice. He was not allowed to profess due to a leg injury received while fighting the Turks. St. Philip Neri finally granted him permission to be ordained. St. Camillus then formed the Camellians, the Ministers of the Sick.

**July 20-St. Apollinaris**-Few facts are known about St. Apollinaris, one of the most illustrious Bishops of the second century. In a battle with the Germans, his twelfth legion was on the brink of death due to a severe drought when they fell to their knees and prayed to God. This resulted in a sudden downpour which assisted in their defeat of the Germans.

**"To know much and taste nothing-of what use is that?" -St. Bonaventure**

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#### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

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*"Eternal rest grant unto them Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they Rest in Peace."*

#### Prayer for Safety In Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world,  
 hear the humble voices of your children.

The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order  
 and returned to its former quietude.

You are still the Master of land and sea.

We live in the shadow of a danger  
 over which we have no control:

the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant,  
 can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep  
 its conventional boundaries, invade our land,  
 and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You,  
 O loving Father.

Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still  
 so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal  
 with passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother,  
 we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so  
 that spared from the calamities common to this area  
 and animated with a true spirit of gratitude,  
 we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son  
 to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless  
 eternity awaits us. **Amen.**

*[Composed by Most Rev. Maurice Schexnayder (1895-1981), Second Bishop of Lafayette (1956-1973), following Hurricane Audrey in 1957]*

#### **OLMM PRAYER & SCRIPTURE GROUP!**

Join us on **Tuesday, July 16th at 6 pm**, and on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the Little Church to deepen our faith by strengthening our prayer life and exploring the scriptures as well as discussing other issues of faith. Hope to see you there!

#### **A Women's Day of Reflection**

The Sacred Heart Parish Guild of Our Lady presents Johnnette Benkovic Williams for "A Women's Day of Reflection" on Saturday, October 19, in the Parish, 211 W. Charlotte Ave. Punta Gorda. You are invited to spend the day hearing from Johnnette, who hosts daily TV and radio shows on EWTN as well as being a prolific author and national speaker. We will explore the powerful influence God calls us to be in our homes, in the Church, and in the world... the feminine genius of women. The cost is \$35 and includes lunch. Seating is limited. For more information and to reserve your place call Dee Blayne at 317 496-6381.



**Twelve Reasons From The Teachings Of The Church For Wanting To Spend One Hour With Jesus In The Blessed Sacrament**  
(continued from last week)

**7. You grow spiritually with each moment you spend with Jesus!** "Our essential commitment in life is to preserve and advance constantly in Eucharistic life and Eucharistic piety and to grow spiritually in the climate of the Holy Eucharist." (Pope John Paul II, Redeemer of Man)

**8. The best time you spend on earth is with Jesus, your Best Friend, in the Blessed Sacrament!** "How great is the value of conversation with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, for there is nothing more consoling on earth, nothing more efficacious for advancing along the road of holiness!" (Pope Paul VI, Mysterium Fidei)

**9. Just as you can't be exposed to the sun without receiving its rays, neither can you come to Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament without receiving the divine rays of his grace, his love, his peace.** "Christ is truly the Emmanuel, that is, God with us, day and night, he is in our midst. He dwells with us full of grace and truth. He restores morality, nourishes virtue, consoles the afflicted, strengthens the weak." (Pope Paul VI, Mysterium Fidei)

**10. If Jesus were actually visible in church, everyone would run to welcome him, but he remains hidden in the Sacred Host under the appearance of bread, because he is calling us to faith, that we many come to him in humility.** "The Blessed Sacrament is the 'Living Heart' of each of our churches and it is our very sweet duty to honor and adore the Blessed Host, which our eyes see, the Incarnate Word, whom they cannot see." (Pope Paul VI, Credo of the People of God)

**11. With transforming mercy, Jesus makes our heart one with his.** "He proposes his own example to those who come to him, that all may learn to be like himself, gentle and humble of heart, and to seek not their own interest but those of God." (Pope Paul VI, Mysterium Fidei)

**12. If the Pope himself would give you a special invitation to visit him in the Vatican, this honor would be nothing in comparison to the honor and dignity that Jesus himself bestows upon you with the invitation of spending one hour with him in the Blessed Sacrament.**

"The divine Eucharist bestows upon the Christian people the incomparable dignity." (Pope Paul VI, Mysterium Fidei) *Courtesy of the Catholic News Agency*

**Coming up next week: Twelve Biblical Reasons For Wanting To Spend One Hour With Jesus In The Blessed Sacrament**

**"Think well. Speak well. Do well. These three things, through the mercy of God, will make a man go to Heaven."**

-St. Camillus de Lellis

**A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS**

Lord Jesus, you have chosen your priests from among us and sent them out to proclaim your word and act in your name. For so great a gift to your Church, we give you praise and thanksgiving. We ask you to fill them with the fire of your love, that their ministry may reveal your presence in the Church. Since they are earthen vessels, we pray that your power shines out through their weakness. In their afflictions let them never be crushed, in their doubts never despair, in temptation never be destroyed, and in persecution never abandoned. Inspire them through prayer to live each day the mystery of your dying and rising. In times of weakness send them your Spirit and help them to praise your Heavenly Father and pray for poor sinners. By your same Holy Spirit put your word on their lips and your love in their hearts, to bring good news to the poor and healing to the brokenhearted. And may the gift of Mary, your Mother, to the disciple whom you loved, be your gift to every priest. Grant that she who formed you in her human image, may form them in your divine image, by the power of your spirit, to the glory of God the Father,

**Amen.**

*Saint Teresa of Calcutta Vocation Society*



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|                                | Pocket folders                 |                                                                                                                                                     |







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*Un samaritano  
que iba de viaje,  
al verlo, se  
compadeció de él*

## 14 de julio de 2019 • Decimoquinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

¿Alguna vez escuchaste a alguien dar a una persona una dosis de la realidad y haberte dado cuenta que a ti también “te tocaba entender”? En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús está hablando a un sabelotodo que parece estar desafiándolo, intentando ver si Jesús tiene el conocimiento teológico para ser el maestro excepcional del que se dice ser, preguntándole acerca de los que se necesita de la Ley para obtener la vida eterna. Jesús entonces le regresa la pregunta y le pregunta a este experto doctor de la Ley, cómo él puede responder la pregunta. El doctor de la Ley menciona que la respuesta obviamente proviene de la parte de la Ley que menciona amar a Dios y al prójimo. Pero Jesús sigue preguntando, ¿quién es mi prójimo? ¿La Ley da respuesta a esta pregunta?

En el libro del Deuteronomio, Moisés habla a los israelitas acerca de la nueva Ley, los Diez Mandamientos. En tiempos de Jesús, esas “diez” leyes se habían elevado a más de seiscientas, requiriendo que fueran interpretadas para que las personas pudieran ser obedecidas sin trabas por las inevitables inconsistencias de tan gran número de regulaciones. En lugar de la Ley, Jesús responde con una historia de las más famosas de todos los tiempos: el “buen” samaritano. Aquí es donde la trama se complica.

## ¿YA ME PUEDES ESCUCHAR?

En su camino hacia Jerusalén, hacia la cruz, Jesús y sus discípulos acaban de pasar por Samaria y ahí nadie les dio un saludo de bienvenida, debido a la enemistad entre esos pueblos. Los discípulos de Jesús querían venganza. Así que Jesús les cuenta la historia de cómo dos personas muy obedientes a la Ley ignoraron a un hombre que necesitaba ayuda, probablemente por una interpretación servil a la Ley. Un extranjero de Samaria, quien según parece ser más que un pagano, se compadeció y trató al hombre con bondad y compasión. (Hey, ustedes, los discípulos, ¿lo escucharon?)

Moisés intentó decirles a los israelitas que la Ley estaba en sus corazones. Jesús quería que el doctor de la Ley y los discípulos, y nosotros, nos diéramos cuenta que el corazón de la Ley es algo dentro de nuestros corazones. Ahí es donde conocemos a nuestro vecino, al otro o a la otra persona.

Lecturas de hoy: Dt 30:10-14; Sal 69 (68):14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 o Sal 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Col 1:15-20; Lc 10:25-37

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**“Wear the Scapular devoutly and perseveringly. It is my garment. To be clothed in it means that you are continually thinking of me, and I in turn, am always thinking of you and helping you to secure eternal life.” -Our Lady of Mt. Carmel to St. Simon Stock**

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## V Encuentro, Sesiones del Decanato Norte

La Oficina del Apostolado Hispano de la Diócesis de Venice organiza una serie de sesiones por decanatos para continuar el proceso del V Encuentro. Los fieles del Decanato Centro están invitados a participar a la siguiente reunión que se realizará en: Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Avenue West, Venice, Martes 25 de Julio, 6:30 p.m., La alegría de ser discípulos misioneros. Información: [pastoralhispana@dioceseofvenice.org](mailto:pastoralhispana@dioceseofvenice.org).



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**Christ Jesus . . . is the head of the body, the church.**

— *Colossians 1:15, 18*

**Cristo Jesus . . . Es la cabeza del cuerpo, la iglesia.**

— *Colosenses 1:15, 18*

## GOD WANTS TO BE KNOWN

The Old Testament reading from Deuteronomy praises God for inscribing the commandments in our very bodies. God's law is not distant or foreign, but a natural part of us. In his letter to the Colossians, Saint Paul echoes Moses, praising God for becoming one of us. The truly human, flesh-and-blood Jesus reminds us that God always wants to be recognizable and familiar to us. Jesus, who is also truly God, wants to be on intimate terms with each of us.

God's passionate desire to be known by us is almost too wonderful to take in. Luke's Gospel helps us understand how to respond. The Good Samaritan parable provides practical advice for those who believe in God's intimate love for them and want to share that love with others.

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The word of the LORD is very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts (Deuteronomy 30:10-14).

**Psalms** — Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live (Psalm 69) or *Psalm 19*.

**Second Reading** — Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God (Colossians 1:15-20).

**Gospel** — The Samaritan traveler was moved with compassion at the sight of the man stripped and beaten by robbers (Luke 10:25-37).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34 — 11:1  
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24  
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27  
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9; 24-27; Mt 11:28-30  
Friday: Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8  
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Mt 12:14-21  
Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42



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## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On a summer day, with the windows open, we may hear the sound of church bells. Bells seem to have come into church life in Irish monasteries around the seventh century, and spread around the Christian world by Irish monks on missionary journeys. By the eighth century, bells were standard equipment in even small parish churches. An ancient ceremony, once called the "baptism of the bells," recognizes that the church bell has a voice to call people to awareness and summon them to worship, and even bestows a name on the bell.

In a world without clocks or watches, the bell had an indispensable role. For calling monks in from the fields for prayer, or alerting far-flung visitors, the bell's voice was enhanced by hoisting it high into a tower. Soon it was learned that the sound of several bells clanging together in harmony imparted a sense of joy to great celebrations, and bell towers prospered, some chock full of bells. Different combinations of rings could indicate a death, a Mass, a wedding, a fast day, the curfew at the end of day, and the Angelus. Before electricity, bell-ringing was hard work indeed: the biggest bell in the Catholic world, in Cologne, Germany, weighs twenty-seven tons! There's no substitute for the resonant roar of a mighty bell; electric chimes are not eligible for blessing! —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## HAPPINESS

Since happiness is nothing else but the enjoyment of the Supreme good, and the Supreme good is above us, no one can be happy who does not rise above oneself. —St. Bonaventure

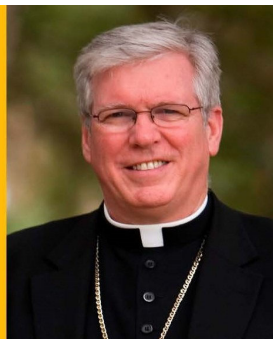
## WISDOM

Wisdom has been defined as knowing the difference between pulling your weight and throwing it around. —Anonymous

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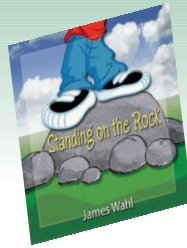


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