

November 19, 2023



*Our* LADY of  
PERPETUAL  
HELP

**CELEBRATION  
OF HOLY MASS**

Saturday Vigil | 4 pm

Sunday | 8:30 am, 10:30 am

**DAILY MASS**

Monday – Saturday 8:30 am

**CONFESSIONS**

Monday – Saturday after  
8:30 am Daily Mass

Saturdays 3–3:45 pm

Or anytime by appointment

**ADORATION**

First Fridays 24 hours, 9 am–9 am

Other Fridays 9 am–9 pm

3730 Broadway, Grove City, Ohio 43123  
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# Info Center

## PARISH OFFICE

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## Church Hours

The Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament is open for personal prayer 24/7. Use the southwest door to enter, and use the code \*3322#.

## Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 8 am to 2 pm. The office is closed for holidays and occasional staff meetings.

## New Members

All are welcome to join our parish! You may register at ourladygc.org/register or by calling 614.875.3322 or emailing parish@ourladygc.org.

## Mass Intentions

Would you like to have a Mass celebrated for yourself or a loved one? Contact the Church Office for more information.

## In Need of Assistance?

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please contact our local Saint Vincent de Paul Chapter at 614.875.3322, ext 311.

## Baptism

For information, call Karen Cook in the Church Office, 614.875.3322 or visit ourladygc.org/sacraments/baptism/

## Marriage

Please contact the Church Office at least six months in advance. Wedding guidelines are available at the Church Office.

## Bulletin Announcements Deadline: noon Thursday

Items should be short and concise. Submit your articles by noon on Thursday, 10 days before you wish to have your item appear, to bulletin@ourladygc.org. All items are subject to the pastor's approval.

# Mass Readings & Intentions

## Sunday, November 19 | Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am	Our Parish Family	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
10:30 am	Steve James by The Schaner Family	

## Monday, November 20

8:30 am	Deceased members of Rivest & Ladouceur Families by Lucie Stark	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Lk 18:35-43
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## Tuesday, November 21 | Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am	Tom Yosick by Joan Courtney	2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10
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## Wednesday, November 22 | Saint Cecilia

8:30 am	Amy Kimberling Ferguson by Ginny Kimberling	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28
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## Thursday, November 23

8:30 am	John & Dorothy Magas by Judy Magas	1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44
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## Friday, November 24 | Saint Andrew Dũng-Lac

8:30 am	Larry Jackson by Cheryl Jackson	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48
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## Saturday, November 25

8:30 am	Special Living Intention for loved ones to return to the faith by Pat Flavin	1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40
4:00 pm	Ronald Sharp by The Brokamp Family	

## Sunday, November 26 | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:30 am	Peter Francis Matera by John & Nora Matera	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
10:30 am	Our Parish Family	

Team #1

# Giving Update

Please check out our website at ourladygc.org/about-us/generosity for a complete list of options for supporting our parish community.

	This Week 11.4.23 to 11.10.23	Year to Date 7.01.23 to 11.10.23
Envelopes	\$20,065	
Loose Cash	\$1,574	
Online	\$10,159	
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY</b>	<b>\$31,798</b>	<b>\$482,297</b>
<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$26,500</b>	<b>\$503,500</b>

Thank you for your generosity to Our Lady of Perpetual Help! We pray for God's continued blessings upon you.

# The Week Ahead

## Sunday, November 19

9:30 am	PSR Classes	Various
7:15 pm	High School Youth Group	School Gym

## Monday, November 20

9:30 am	Fall Bible Study	Life Center
7:00 pm	Fall Bible Study	Life Center

## Tuesday, November 21

3:00 pm	Spiritual Direction	Quieting Room
6:30 pm	Laudato Si' Action	Basement East
6:30 pm	O CIA	Life Center
6:30 pm	Youth Faith Formation O CIA	Basement West
7:00 pm	Surviving Divorce	Basement East

## Wednesday, November 22

9:00 am	Our Lady Novena	Chapel
10:15 am	Little Saint Playgroup	Shepherds' Room
6:00 pm	Divine Mercy Cenacle	Shepherds' Room

## Thursday, November 23

9:00 am	Patriotic Rosary	Chapel
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## Saturday, November 25

7:00 am	Men's Fellowship and Bible Study	Life Center
7:00 am	Women's Fellowship and Bible Study	Shepherds' Room

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

November Devotion: Holy Souls in Purgatory

1st Friday- Saturday, November 3-4, 9 am-9am

Fridays: November 10, 17 9am-9pm

No adoration Friday after Thanksgiving



Remember in your prayers this month all the souls that have died and especially those innocents dying each day in the Middle East and Ukraine. Our continued prayers for holy souls in Purgatory are a benefit to them and to us!

"If it were but known how great is the power of the good souls in Purgatory with the Heart of God, and if we knew all the graces we can obtain through their intercession, they would not be so much forgotten. We must, therefore, pray

much for them, that they may pray much for us." – St. John Vianney

Sign up for adoration online at [ourladygc.org/adoration](http://ourladygc.org/adoration). Come and visit anytime. He's longing to see you!

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

## M – F DAILY EVENTS

7 am - Liturgy of the Hours,  
Morning Prayers | Chapel

7:50 am - Divine Mercy Chaplet &  
Rosary | Nave

8:30 am - Daily Mass | Nave

9 am - Coffee & Conversation | Life  
Center

2:25 pm - Radio Rosary | 101.9FM



Congratulations to couples  
celebrating anniversaries in  
November.

**Rich & Jamie  
Williamson**

**35 Years | November 5**

**Theodore & Rose Motsch**  
**53 years | November 5**

**Steve & Bernie Brown**  
**60 years | November 9**

**Bill & Linda McKendry**  
**56 years | November 11**

If you would like to have an  
anniversary recognized in the  
bulletin, please email the couple's  
names, date, and number of years  
married to [bulletin@ourladygc.org](mailto:bulletin@ourladygc.org).



11/22-24 | Thanksgiving Break

12/4-5 | Santa's Workshop at the  
Preschool

12/8 | School Lock-In



# PASTOR'S CORNER

BY FATHER JOE YOKUM

*"Lord, teach me to be generous, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to look for any reward, save that of knowing that I do your holy will."*

+Prayer of Saint Ignatius of Loyola

## THIRTY-THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Luke 18:35-43

Prayer: Stir up the will of your faithful, we pray, O Lord, that striving more eagerly to bring your divine work to fruitful completion, they may receive in greater measure the healing remedies your kindness bestows. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: This incident reveals something important about how God interacts with us. The blind man was determined to get Jesus' attention and he was persistent in the face of opposition. Jesus could have ignored or rebuffed him because he was disturbing his talk and his audience. Jesus showed that acting was more important than talking. This man was in desperate need and Jesus was ready not only to empathize with his suffering, but to relieve it as well. A great speaker can command attention and respect, but a man or woman with a helping hand and a big heart is loved more. Jesus commends Bartimaeus for recognizing who he is with the eyes of faith and grants him physical sight as well. Do you recognize your need for God's healing grace and do you seek Jesus out, like Bartimaeus, with persistent faith and trust in his goodness and mercy?

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21 | PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Holy Gospel: Matthew 12:46-50

Prayer: As we venerate the glorious memory of the most holy Virgin Mary, grant, we pray, O Lord, through her intercession, that we, too, may merit to receive from the fullness of your grace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Our life with Jesus Christ changes the order of relationships and shows that true kinship is not just a matter of flesh and blood. Our adoption as sons and daughters of God transforms all our relationships and requires a new order of loyalty to God first and to his kingdom of righteousness and peace. The Sacrament of Baptism begins our life with Christ. "God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people" (Rite of Baptism). "Name of Baptized, you have become a new creation, and have clothed yourself in Christ" (Rite of Baptism). "Dearly beloved, this child has been reborn in baptism. He (she) is now called the child of God, for so indeed he (she) is" (Rite of Baptism). Do you want to grow in love and friendship? Allow God's Holy Spirit to conform your heart, mind, and will, enabling you to faithfully live and love as Christ does.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22 | SAINT CECILIA

Holy Gospel: Luke 19:11-28

Prayer: O God, who gladdens us each year with the feast day of your handmaid Saint Cecilia, grant, we pray, that what has been devoutly handed down concerning her may offer us examples to imitate and proclaim the wonders worked in his servants by Christ your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: The Lord Jesus has brought us his kingdom of righteousness and peace and he calls us to live as citizens of this kingdom where he rules as Lord and Master. The Lord entrusts us with his gifts and graces and he gives us freedom to use them as we think best. With each gift and talent, the Lord gives sufficient grace and energy for using them in a fitting way. As the parable of the talents shows, God abhors indifference and an attitude that says it's not worth trying. God honors those who use their talents and gifts for doing good. Those who are faithful with even a little are entrusted with more! But those who neglect or squander what God has entrusted to them will lose what they have. There is an important lesson here for us. No one can stand still for long in the Christian life. We either get more or we lose what we have. We either advance towards God or we slip back. Do you trust in God's grace to make good use of the gifts and

## PASTOR'S CORNER CONTINUED

talents he has given you?

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23 | THANKSGIVING DAY

Holy Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

Prayer: Father all-powerful, your gifts of love are countless and your goodness infinite; as we come before you on Thanksgiving Day with gratitude for your kindness, open our hearts to have concern for every man, woman, and child, so that we may share your gifts in loving service. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Contemplation: Is today, Thanksgiving Day, simply a day for feasting and football? Or have you given any thought to what this day is truly about – giving thanks to God for all that he has done for you, the great and the simple things in life, and life itself. Begin the day by giving true thanks to God – begin the day with Mass; family football games and community 5K runs and such can begin later, or our participation in them can be curtailed until after we have begun our day in prayer and in thanksgiving by attending Mass. As Americans, but more importantly as Catholics, may we be blessed with a fresh awareness of the loving Most Blessed Trinity from whom all good things come, and may we give thanks for what has been bestowed upon us. On this Thanksgiving Day, and as we quickly approach the Season of Advent, may all of us have a renewed interest in helping those who are less fortunate – especially those with inadequate food, clothing and shelter, and reach out to help our brothers and sisters in Christ through our parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society, those served through other outreach locations throughout our Diocese (JOIN, Saint Joseph Cathedral Back Door Ministry, Saint Lawrence Haven, Bishop Griffin Center, Saint Francis Outreach Center in Vinton County, and many others).

About Thanksgiving Day: Many people assume that the United States has celebrated Thanksgiving Day since the time of the Pilgrims as a sign of thanksgiving for the harvest season. This is not exactly true. President Abraham Lincoln instituted the holiday in 1863 during the Civil War. However, he did not have the harvest in mind. He wanted Americans to celebrate the holiday as a sign of unity and thanksgiving to God.

"I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens." (President Abraham Lincoln, Proclamation, October 3, 1863)

There is no American holiday that so closely resembles the symbolism and meaning of the sacrament of the Eucharist. We celebrate Thanksgiving as a sign of American unity and thanksgiving to God who has given us great gifts.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24 | SAINT ANDREW DUNG-LAC AND COMPANIONS

Holy Gospel: Luke 19:45-48

Prayer: O God, source and origin of all fatherhood, who kept the Martyrs Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and his companions' faith to the Cross of your Son, even to the shedding of their blood, grant through their intercession, that, spreading your love among our brothers and sisters, we may be your children both in name and in truth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

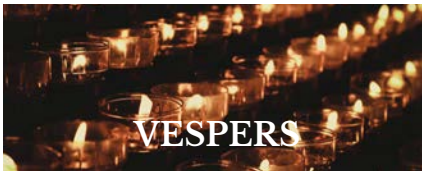
Contemplation: The message in today's Gospel is short and simple: Grow in what you know is right, give praise to God for all the beauty and knowledge that continues to be created for us to enjoy and learn from the beauty and knowledge that enriches our lives. To be true to ourselves and not steal the qualities, the success, or what we see as the riches of others. Jesus has shared with us the Good News about how to love one another, to appreciate one another, to praise one another and to praise God for all that has been given uniquely to each of us. We are asked to continue to grow in our love of God and our fellow human beings and to not let those who are fearful, resentful or wrongfully prideful; steal our gifts or put to death our abilities to use our gifts to continue to enrich all of human kind.

Scripture passages (NAB translation) courtesy of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops; prayers are from The Roman Missal, Catholic Book Publishing, 2011; information about saints, solemnities, feasts and memorials courtesy of the Catholic Culture web site. frlumpe:2023

## PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

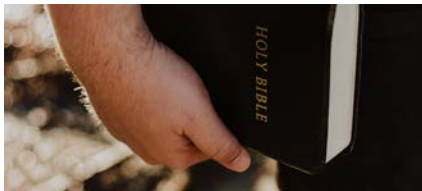
During November—the "Month of All Souls"—and beyond, really, please pray the following prayer, which was dictated to Saint Gertrude by Our Lord for the release of souls from Purgatory...

*Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son Jesus Christ, in union with the most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home, and within my family. Amen.*



Join us for communally sung Vespers (Night Prayer) on Mondays at 6 pm in the Nave. Pray with the wider Church in this portion of the Divine Office.

This worship opportunity is sponsored by Creative Ministries.



### SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP

Please join men of the parish on Saturday mornings at 7 am to reflect on the upcoming Sunday Liturgy of the Word. We typically meet either in the church building or outside the south entrance (weather permitting). For additional information, please contact Andy Johns via voice or text at 614.949.3041. We look forward to you joining us.



### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We are calling all women to join in fellowship and prayer every Saturday in the Shepherds' Room. We meet at 7 am and will end at or before 8:15 am, so that you can enjoy the rest of your day. We look forward to seeing you there. For additional information, please contact Julie Walker at 614.332.5786 or julzwalker1108@gmail.com.

# THANKSGIVING MASS

Celebrate Thanksgiving Day by starting with Mass on Thursday, November 23 at 8:30 am. All are invited to say "thank you" for the blessings received by bringing non-perishable food items and placing them in the Life Center. The food will fill "White Christmas" boxes.



Also, look for a basket in the Gathering Space for "Giving Thanks" prayers that will be placed by the altar during the Mass.

# IN NOVEMBER, WE REMEMBER ALL SOULS

### COMMUNION OF SAINTS AND BOOK OF THE DEAD

On the left side of the sanctuary space in church, you will see a stand with a big book on it known as the Book of the Dead. While we have written in the names of those who died this past year, please feel free to add other names. Throughout November, your loved ones will be prayed for in special ways.



### PICTURES

Throughout the month of November, a picture of your loved one, along with their name, will be on the monitors in the Gathering Space. As we moved through 2023, we were able to copy many pictures from the obituaries on the websites of funeral homes. We invite you to either drop off a picture, along with the name of your loved one, to the parish office or send one to Deacon Michael Sowers via email (msowers@ourladygc.org). Those of you who submit original photos can pick them up the last weekend of November in the parish office. The Parish number is 614.875.3322.

### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Please watch the church bulletin in 2024 for when a new group will begin. The group will meet weekly for 12 sessions from 7–8:15 pm. There is no fee. It is our hope that, as a participant, you will find comfort, support, and fellowship with others who are grieving. Solid information is shared about what can typically be expected when grieving. Others who have participated in this group have found it very informative and extremely supportive! Peer ministry at its best! If you are interested in a group, please call Deacon Michael Sowers so we can see if there is an interest.



## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross will be hosting a blood drive on Saturday, **December 16, 2023 from 8 am to 2 pm.** To Schedule an appointment, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), Sponsor code: OurLadyGC or call 1.800.RED CROSS. People who give December 1–17 will receive a \$10 Amazon.com gift card by email. See details at [rcblood.org/Amazon](http://rcblood.org/Amazon).



**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following children, who were recently baptized at Our Lady.  
**Luca Fotheringham**, son of Keffer and Siera Fotheringham



### IMAGO DEI HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

#### Upcoming Events:

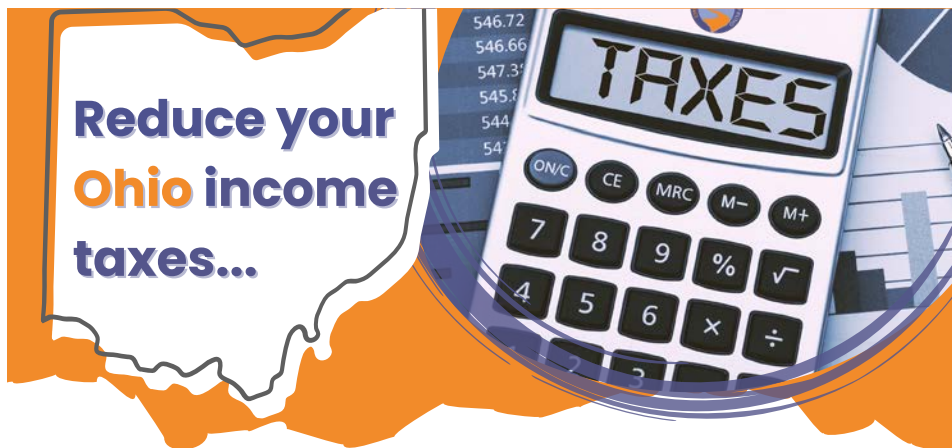
**FORTRESS DODGEBALL**  
November 19, 7:15-8:45 pm  
School Gym  
Combined with Middle School Youth Group

### VERSO L'ALTO MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

#### Upcoming Events:

**FORTRESS DODGEBALL**  
November 19, 7:15–8:45 pm  
School Gym  
Combined with High School Youth Group

For questions, contact Veronica at 614.875.3322, ext. 315, or [vdannemiller@ourladygc.org](mailto:vdannemiller@ourladygc.org).



### ...and help make an authentic Catholic education affordable and accessible for all!

**It's true!** As an Ohio taxpayer, when you make a donation to the Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund, you could receive a dollar-for-dollar credit\* against your state income tax liability while creating scholarship dollars for students to attend Our Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Columbus.

Even with the recent expansion to Ohio's EdChoice Scholarship program, financial need still exists for many families. Your gift helps bridge the gap between state scholarships and the cost to educate a child while reducing your Ohio tax burden, making it a win-win for everyone!

- Designate your gift for scholarships at the school(s) of your choosing!
- Nearly \$2 million in scholarships has been raised since December 2021!

\*Ohio tax credit is up to \$750 per person, or \$1,500 if married filing jointly. Based on tax rates posted by the Ohio Department of Taxation, an individual with an annual income of \$40,000 has an average state tax liability of \$750. Consult a tax advisor for guidance on your specific situation. The Diocesan Education Corporation (dba Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund) is a certified scholarship granting organization (SGO) in the state of Ohio.

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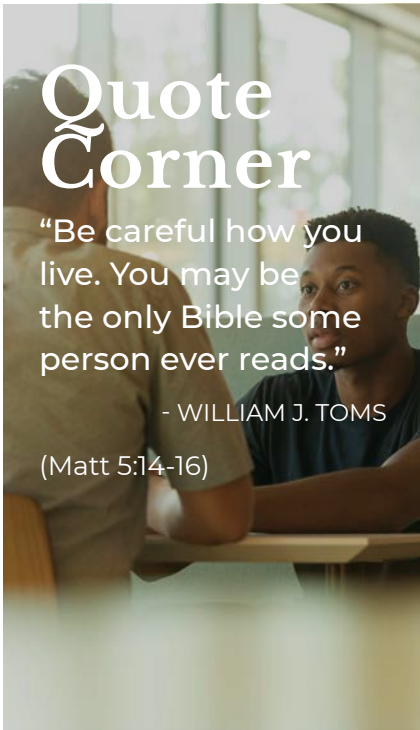


Learn more!



### PRAYER CHAIN

We have an ongoing prayer chain for all those who are in need of prayers. To add an intention to our list, or if you would like to join in praying for our intentions, contact Jodi Stage at [tashastage@aol.com](mailto:tashastage@aol.com).



# Quote Corner

“Be careful how you live. You may be the only Bible some person ever reads.”

- WILLIAM J. TOMS

(Matt 5:14-16)



## MEALS NEEDED FOR OCIA

We have been blessed to have two amazing women preparing and serving dinner for the duration of The Rescue Project! But beginning on Tuesday, November 21, we are seeking ministries and parishioners to provide dinner for our OCIA folks. We need to serve dinner for 45 at 6:30 pm. We are so grateful to all who participated in this ministry of hospitality last year and ask that you would consider providing a meal again. Or perhaps you thought about it last year, but never got around to making it happen. Now's your chance. Contact Karen Cook, 614.875.3322 or [kcook@ourladygc.org](mailto:kcook@ourladygc.org). The meal can be as complex or as simple as you like. Thank you in advance!



### LITTLE SAINTS PLAYGROUP

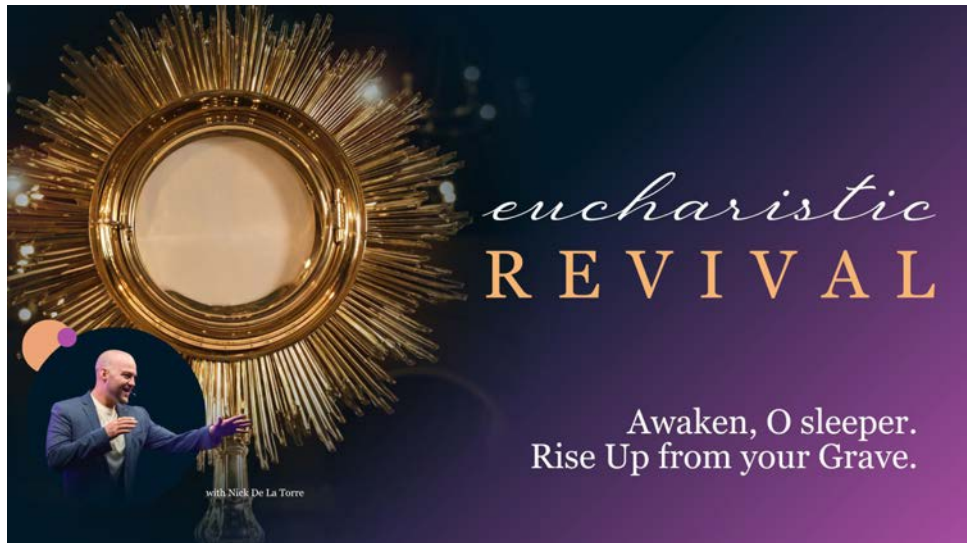
We are ALL called to be saints—even our little ones! We invite you and your kiddos to join us for playgroup as we explore what it means to be a saint. There will be an activity and free play for our kids as well as a time of prayer and fellowship with other moms. We hope you can join us!

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays**  
**10:15–11:45 am**  
**Shepherds' Room**

For more info or to be added to Our Lady Moms contact list, please text/call Lauren Davis at 614-725-7954.

#### Remaining 2023–2024 Dates

11/22, 12/13, 1/10, 1/24, 2/14, 2/28, 3/27, 4/10, 4/24, 5/8, 5/22

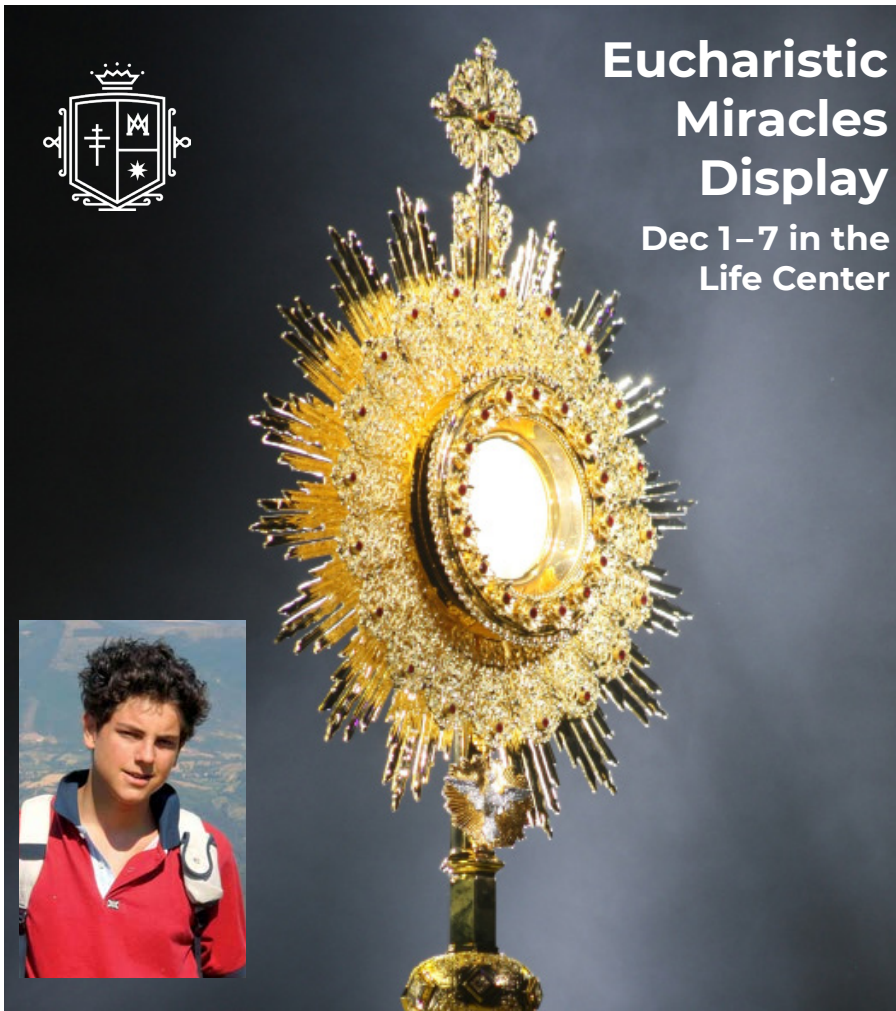


## SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ADVENT MISSION!

We will host speaker Nick de la Torre on December 10, 11, and 12 for a FREE Advent parish mission! Souls of all ages are invited to attend this inspirational 3-day event with topics including:

- Reasons to believe
- An overview of the Eucharist in Scripture
- The role the Eucharist is meant to play in our relationships with God
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with music provided by Nick and his wife, Alanna.





**Eucharistic Miracles Display**  
 Dec 1–7 in the Life Center

Bl. Carlos Acutis is an English-born Italian Catholic youth who is best known for documenting Eucharistic Miracles around the world and cataloging them into a website. The exhibit documents 151 miracles of the Eucharist that have been confirmed by the Vatican with posters adapted directly from the website Bl. Carlo developed. The Display is supported by the Laity for Mercy who will have members on hand to answer any questions after all Masses that weekend.



**SAINT MOTHER TERESA**  
 RECOGNITION OF CHARITY,  
 COMPASSION, & SERVICE

## AWARD WINNERS!

Congratulations to our parishioners Diane Walker, Sue Ruffley, and Diane Boyden for recently receiving the Mother Theresa Award!



### PRAYING PARENTS MONTHLY GATHERING FOR PRAYER

Are you a parent of a child who has drifted away or left the Church? On the last Monday of each month, a group of parents gathers to pray for their children to return to the Church. This month, we will gather on Monday, November 27 at 6 pm in the chapel to pray the Rosary. Please join us!



**START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT!**  
 Give the gift of time to each other this year. Experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other. Make 2024 the best year of your marriage by applying today! The next weekend is February 9–11 2024 in the Central Ohio area. For more information or to apply, visit our website at [WWMEcolumbus.org](http://WWMEcolumbus.org) or contact Paul & Marilou Clouse at 614.834.6880. Early registration is highly recommended.



We will be placing gift card orders on the first and third Monday of every month; please submit your order by 11 am to be included. We will have your order ready to pick up in the Church Finance Office, Monday–Friday, 8 am–3 pm.

For more information about the SCRIP program or to place an order, please email [scrip@ourladygc.org](mailto:scrip@ourladygc.org).

# THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## 1ST READING PROVERBS 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailling prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and works with loving hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her a reward for her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.



Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one—to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money."

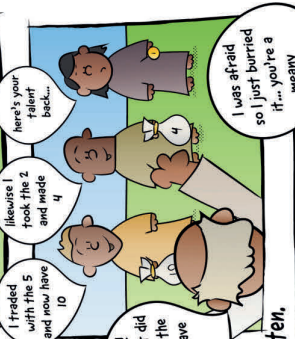


## GOSPEL MATTHEW 25:14-30 OR MT 25:14-15, 19-21

After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.'



His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.'



His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'"



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