

2020 Collections
Regular & Holy Days Collection

07/05/20 \$4,735.00

2020 Total Regular Collection
\$103,099.87

Parish Projects Collection

07/05/20 \$521.00

2020 Total Parish Project Collection
\$27,875.00

Church Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday
8:30am - 3:30pm

Pastor's Office Hours

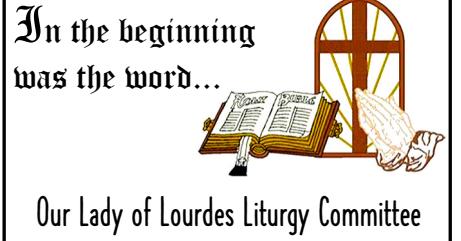
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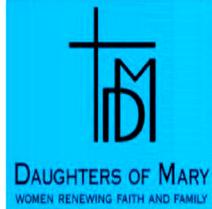


Our Lady of Lourdes Liturgy Committee



**KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS
-AND-
LADIES
AUXILIARY
#8740**

Our Lady
of Lourdes
Parish Hall
Tuesday
at 6PM



DAUGHTERS OF MARY
WOMEN RENEWING FAITH AND FAMILY



**ENDOWING
OUR FUTURE
WITH HOPE**
ARCHDIOCESE OF MOBILE



Campaign Prayer

O Loving and Gracious God,
by our holy baptism, faith is Your precious gift to us.
For this gift to thrive, faith must be lived and shared
with each generation.

Through our support of this campaign,
we will say "thank you" to our beloved retired priests
who, over the years, have drawn us closer to You;
we will help our seminarians
as they prepare to be our future priests;
we will support our young people
as they discover the beauty of the Catholic faith;
and we will strengthen our parishes
as beacons of mercy and love.

In this way, we will indeed endow our future with hope.
We ask Our Lady's intercession for a successful campaign
to the honor and glory of You,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

A Thank You From the Children of Sharon W. Williams

Thank you to the parish for the offering of Mass in
memory of our mother. She loved the parish of
Our Lady of Lourdes and was always proud to
represent it with the Burse Club, ACCW and all
other organizations. She made life long friends
and will miss them all.

It [OLL] will always be our "Home".

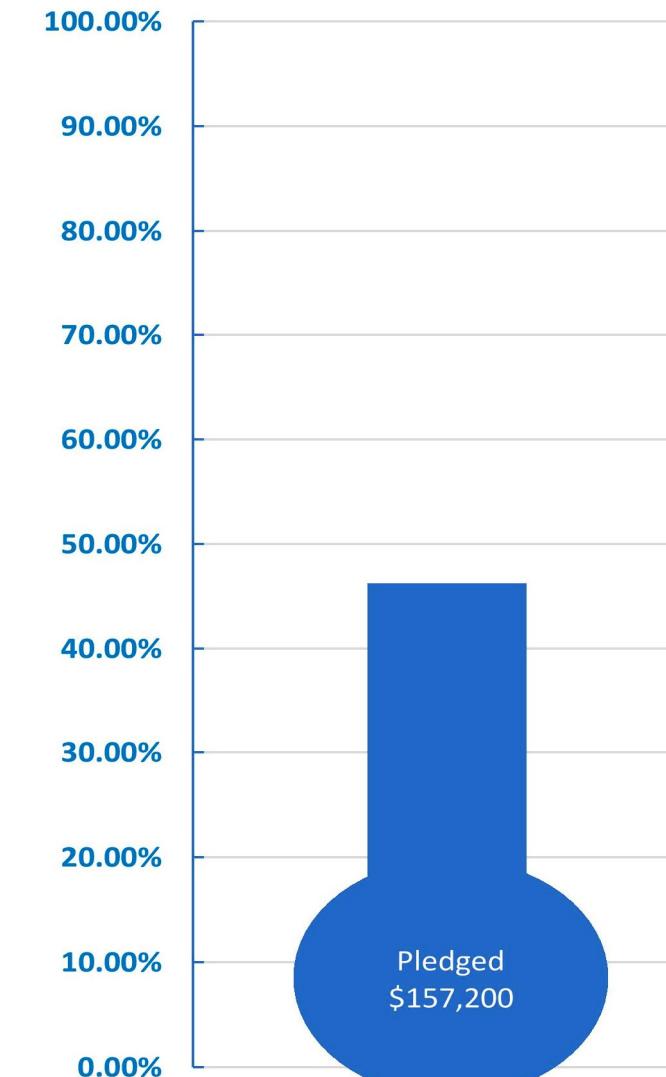
Love,
Marsha, Fr. Steve & Tony Williams



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Catholic Parish

**Generations of Faith Campaign
Goal \$340,000.00**



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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY
VIGIL MASS
4:00PM

SUNDAY
MASS
8:30AM & 11:00AM

LATIN MASS
CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE

MONDAY
COMMUNION SERVICE
CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE

TUESDAY
MASS
8:00AM

WEDNESDAY
MASS
8:00AM

THURSDAY
MASS
8:00AM

FRIDAY
MASS
8:00AM

MONTHLY

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION
CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE

FIRST SATURDAY MASS
CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE

SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION
SATURDAY
3:15PM–3:45PM
OR BY APPOINTMENT

Finding Meaning in Our Pain

By Richard Rohr, OFM

All religion is about transforming pain and what to do with that pain—the absurd, tragic, unjust experiences that make up our lives. The hurts, disappointments, and betrayals; the burdens of sinfulness and brokenness pile up throughout life. We must find a way to make our pain into sacred wounds. We must find a way to give meaning to our hurts and find God in that suffering. Our faith is a gift that helps us deal with life's tragedies.

Throughout history, literature has idealized people at the top: presidents and leaders who hold power and control the system. But biblical revelation turns history upside down with empathy for victims. It idealizes the bottom. It says that true power is not focused at the top. Then Jesus comes to epitomize that message by becoming poor, naked, and expelled—the one who teaches us that the way down is really the way up.

Our lesson is that we need to stop looking for meaning at the top and, instead, go to the edges and the bottom where we find those excluded and expelled. By his life and teaching, Jesus reminds us that we have to be rejected. We have to experience being on the outside before we have something to say.



This is the gift of biblical revelation. It's why we're the only religion that worships the victim, the one considered the problem by religious authorities.

God of Surprises

When Christians call Jesus the Lord of history—this bleeding, naked, crucified man—we are turning history around! We may not realize how scandalous and silly this seems to others. But when you think about it, the crucified Jesus is an unlikely candidate for God.

But this is the very Jesus who, through his teaching and life, reminds us to be careful where we look for God. Expect to find God in unexpected places, he tells us. And so it is in all of history: It has been the excluded ones and people at the bottom who have the privileged viewpoint. Why? Because it is from that position that we meet God, that we understand the illusion and lies of a system built on power, prestige, possessions. But until all that is taken from us, we don't know that. Until then we are simply playing the game, enjoying the fruits of the system.

Recall how Jesus sends his disciples to preach from a position of vulnerability. "Go out, take nothing for your journey,"

he tells them. Why? Because he knows they're going to fail and look like fools. They have to or they won't have a message to deliver.

Hard Truths

It's an initiation of sorts: Jesus sends his disciples into situations where people are going to laugh at them and consider them nobodies. Only when you are a nobody will you understand what it means to be somebody. That is when you will find your life on new ground. We call it the reign of God.

The Bible begins with a fall for a reason. The story of Adam and Eve is a microcosm of what will happen in every life. You and I will fall. Somewhere we will experience our own absurdity, our utter brokenness. This reality isn't something to hold off; it's a necessary, tragic, and beautiful part of the journey.

The answer to our pain is the Jesus who was rejected, betrayed, and abandoned; then hanged on a cross, bleeding and naked. The answer to our pain is the risen Christ, who reminds us that through pain we have new life. +

PRAYER

Lord, you completed God's work on earth. Help me know and accomplish God's will.

From *Faithful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

July 13–18

Monday, Weekday:
Is 1:10–17 / Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday, St. Kateri Tekakwitha:
Is 7:1—9 / Mt 11:20—24

Wednesday, St. Bonaventure:
Is 10:5—7, 13b—16 / Mt 11:25—27

Thursday, Weekday:
Is 26:7—9, 12, 16—19 / Mt 11:28—30

Friday, Weekday:
Is 38:1—6, 21—22, 7—8 / Mt 12:1—8

Saturday, Weekday:
Mi 2:1—5 / Mt 12:14—21

Bringing Home
the Word

July 12, 2020

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ENDOWING OUR FUTURE WITH HOPE

ARCHDIOCESE OF MOBILE

— FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS CONTINUED —

How will the campaign embrace youth ministry?

A strong Church tomorrow requires today's youth to remain active and engaged members of the Church in their adulthood. The Youth Ministry Endowment will serve as an aid to initiate or enhance youth ministry in parishes and missions throughout the archdiocese.

When will parishes begin to receive their allotted funds raised in Generations of Faith?

Parishes will begin to receive their allotted funds the quarter after their campaign begins. The amount that each parish receives will vary, based off of cash received and pledge redemption to-date.

What is the overall cost of the campaign?

The cost of the campaign relative to the \$30 million goal is 7%. This cost includes professional fundraising counsel for two years, printed promotional materials for more than 24,000 families, specially produced campaign videos, database management and gift acknowledgment and pledge fulfillment for thousands of donors. All costs are flat fees for services performed.

Why does my request letter ask to give prayerful consideration to a pledge of a specific amount?

A pledge amount is suggested for each household to reach the \$30 million goal. Each household's financial situation is different. Please pray about a gift proportionate to your capability.

Why emphasize pledged gifts?

Pledges may be paid in installments over five years, allowing families to make larger commitments than they might otherwise consider. Pledged gifts are typically four to five times larger than a one-time gift.

Are gifts tax-deductible?

By law, all gifts are in fact tax-deductible. You will receive an acknowledgement of your gift for tax purposes. Please consult with your tax and financial experts for additional help on this matter.

Are pledges to Generations of Faith legally binding? What if I cannot fulfill my pledge?

Pledges are faith-based, and are driven by our own goodwill, thus not legally binding in any way. Unanticipated events or situations can occur. If financial circumstances change, a donor may contact the campaign office to adjust, pause or cancel their pledge at (251) 438-9668.

How can I fulfill my pledge to Generations of Faith?

Donors may choose to fulfill their pledges monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually. The Archdiocese of Mobile will process each gift and provide a gift acknowledgement letter confirming the preferred schedule for payment reminders. Since the Archdiocese of Mobile will be handling the processing of gifts, all checks should be made out to "Generations of Faith."

Are stock gifts accepted?

Yes, Generations of Faith accepts publicly traded securities as payments on pledges, as well as deferred gifts. Inquiries regarding stock gifts can be handled by contacting the campaign office at (251) 438-9668.

Besides making a pledge, how else can I participate in the campaign?

Prayer is at the heart of the Gospel. Every family will be asked to pray for the success of Generations of Faith, as well the Archdiocese of Mobile. Additionally, every pastor will require volunteer support to ensure successful local campaigns. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact your parish or the campaign office at (251) 438-9668.



ENDOWING OUR FUTURE WITH HOPE

— FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS —

What is Generations of Faith?

Generations of Faith is an endowment campaign to raise \$30 million in gifts and pledges for seminarian formation, priest retirement, youth ministries, and local parish needs.

Who will participate in Generations of Faith?

All parishes and missions will participate in the campaign during specific "blocs" of activity from 2019-2021. The Pilot Bloc will run from August 2019-January 2020 and will be followed with Blocs 1 and 2 in subsequent six-month periods thereafter.

How are parish goals set?

Every parish is assigned a goal that is based on 125% of its average offertory income over a three-year period (2016, 2017, & 2018), then rounded to the nearest \$5,000.

How will parishes participate in Generations of Faith?

Each parish will conduct their own *Generations of Faith* campaign and receive professional support from a campaign director every step of the way. Successful campaigns are rooted in five principles:

1. Prayer
2. Personal visits
3. Proportionate giving
4. Phased approaches
5. Pledged commitments

Why is the archdiocese embarking on an endowment campaign of this magnitude?

A campaign of this scope is being undertaken to ensure a vibrant and stable future of hope for our archdiocese. The endowments created through this campaign will provide for our seminarians, retired priests, and youth ministry efforts at the local parish and mission level. The impact of this campaign will last for generations to come.

Will this campaign affect parish offertory?

Offertory is expected to remain constant during Generations of Faith's five-year pledge period. On many occasions, parishes have experienced noticeable increases in offertory giving in the years following the conclusion of the campaign.

Will the Catholic Charities Appeal take place during the campaign?

Yes, however, the Blocs of campaign activity have been aligned in a way that does not directly overlap with the Catholic Charities Appeal. Generations of Faith is unique, as it will provide endowments for the future of the archdiocese, while the Catholic Charities Appeal provides for other ministries of the archdiocese.

Will campaign funds support the same elements that the Catholic Charities Appeal supports?

No, campaign funds raised through Generations of Faith will not support the same elements that the Catholic Charities Appeal supports. Generations of Faith will provide endowment funds for seminarian education, priest retirement, and youth ministry at the local parish and mission level. In addition, the campaign will support local parish projects.

How will the campaign strengthen local parishes?

Our parishes are the heart of our archdiocese, and we must ensure their strength and stability. Generations of Faith will strengthen local parishes by allotting \$6 million in funds to support local projects that have been decided by the parishioners and pastors of each local church. Every parish and mission will receive 20% of all funds raised up to their archdiocesan goal to address defined local projects and needs. Once a parish has surpassed their goal, 80% of every dollar raised above goal will remain with the parish for additional local investment.

How will campaign funds support clergy?

Generations of Faith will direct \$18 million to supporting the holy men who serve us, both in their seminary years and through their retirement. This archdiocese is currently blessed with 21 young men that are following God's calling to the priesthood. The archdiocese currently has 25 retired priests, and 11 more that will be eligible to retire within the next five years. Generations of Faith will ensure that all levels of our clergy will be supported long-term.

Entrance: For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies.

For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

Refrain

Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,

Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light:

Refrain

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,

We give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Father,

You take away the sins of the world,

Have mercy on us;

You take away the sins of the world,

Receive our prayer;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,

Have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

With the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God the Father, Amen.

Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace to people of good will.

First Reading: Isaiah 55: 10-11

Thus says the LORD:
Just as from the heavens
the rain and snow come down
and do not return there
till they have watered the earth,
making it fertile and fruitful,
giving seed to the one who sows
and bread to the one who eats,
so shall my word be
that goes forth from my mouth;
my word shall not return to me void,
but shall do my will,
achieving the end for which I sent it.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 65

R: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You have visited the land and watered it; greatly have you enriched it. God's watercourses are filled; you have prepared the grain.

R: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Thus, have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows,
breaking up its clods, softening it with showers,
blessing its yield.

R: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest; the untilled meadows overflow with it, and rejoicing clothes the hills.

R: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

The fields are garmented with flocks and the valleys blanketed with grain. They shout and sing for joy.

R: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Second Reading: Romans 8: 18-23

Brothers and sisters:
I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies

R. Alleluia, alleluia

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower. All who come to Him will have life forever.

R. Alleluia, alleluia

Gospel Matthew 13: 1-9

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
The Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
Of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
The Only Begotten Son of God,
Born of the Father before all ages.
God from God,
Light from Light,
True God from True God,
Begotten, not made,
Consubstantial with the Father,
Through Him all things were made,
For us men and for our salvation
He came down from heaven,
And by the Holy Spirit
Was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
And became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
He suffered death and was buried,
And rose again on the third day
In accordance with the scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated
At the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
To judge the living and the dead
And His kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
The giver of life, who proceeds from
The Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son
Is adored and glorified,
Who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic
And apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism
For the forgiveness of sins
And I look forward to the resurrection
Of the dead
And the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Presentation Hymn: Unless A Grain Of Wheat

Refrain
Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die,
it remains but a single grain with no life.

If we have died with Him, then we shall live with Him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with Him.
Refrain

If anyone serves Me, then they must follow Me;
wherever I am, my servants will be.
Refrain

Make your home in Me as I make Mine in you;
those who remain in Me bear much fruit.
Refrain

If you remain in Me and My Word lives in you,
then you will be My disciples.

Refrain

Those who love Me are loved by My Father;
We shall be with them and dwell in them.

Refrain

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you;
peace which the world cannot give is My gift.

Refrain

Communion Hymn: Seed, Scattered and Sown

Refrain

Seed, scattered and sown, wheat, gathered and grown,
bread, broken and shared as one, the Living Bread of
God.

Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our hands, one cup
that is shared by all; the Living Cup, the Living Bread of
God.

Is not the bread we break a sharing in our Lord?
Is not the cup we bless the Blood of Christ out-
poured?

Refrain

The seed which falls on rock will wither and will die.
The seed within good ground will flower and have life.

Refrain

As wheat upon the hills was gathered and was grown.
So may the church of God be gathered into one.

Refrain

Sending Forth: God's Blessing Sends Us Forth

God's blessing sends us forth, strengthened for our
task on earth,
Refreshed in soul and renewed in mind. May God
with us remain,
Through us the Spirit reign, That Christ be known to
all mankind.

God's news in spoken word, joyfully our hearts have
heard;
O may the seed of God's love now grow; May we in
fruitful deeds
Gladly serve others' needs, that faith in action we
may show.



OUR LADY OF
LOURDES
CATHOLIC PARISH

Almighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation
of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of
Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly
beg the help of your mercy, so that, being restored
to health, they may render thanks to you in your
Church. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Prayer List

Anita Barclay, Campbell Berger, Katherine Berger,
Bethany Ann Boltz, Eddie Booth Sr., Logan Bowers,
Clement Boney, Patrick Webb Brownlie-Carey,
Noli Causay, Anne Pfister Chapman, Teresa
Coleman, Lee Cooley, Peter Cooley, Anita Cowart,
Lemuel Dickinson, Daniel Dorriety, Marquitta
Dukes, John Dumas, Teresa Dumas, Johnny Finch,
Shelby Fletcher, Raymond Floyes, Louise Frontz,
Tim Frontz, Gracie Galindo, Jose Galindo, Tony
Golemon, Billy Kenny, MaryAnn Keith, Liz Kilborn,
Steven Kuszynski, Shirley Lacy, Michael Langan, Al-
fred Leonard, Margie Lord, Rodney Lundy, Mary
McKeough, Patricia McRoy, Craig Miley, Archie
Moore, Elaine Moore, Wally Neese, Tiffany Neese,
Darlene O'Rourke, Alex Paneda, Lita Paneda, Scott
Peck, Glenda Pose, Glenda Pouyadou, Ursula Quin-
tana, Kaitlyn Reynolds, Dorothy Sanchez, Simon
Schum, Cindy Snow, Larry Snow, Tootie Spikes, Cur-
tis Steiner, Rita Steiner, Todd Stringfellow, Barbara
Thomas, Max Edward Thomas, Katelyn Tillman, Ty-
ler Upton, Norma Villanueva, Anna Visperas, Rudy
Visperas, Ida Vrazel, Sallie Washington, Albert
Washington, Heather Washington, Darlene Watson,
Brad Wells, Bubba Williams, Agnes Worley, Bobby
Zarate.