

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | September 7, 2025

Under Mary's mantle, and with the guidance of the Holy Trinity, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament seeks to share God's love by celebrating the sacraments, proclaiming the gospel, and serving the needs of all His children.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Happy September! As the air turns a little crisper and the days begin to shorten, our parish and school calendars are bursting with opportunities to grow in faith, fellowship, and fun. I can't wait to see many of you at one—or more—of the wonderful activities we have in store this month at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish.

We begin September with a special collection to support our brothers and sisters in Gaza who are facing tremendous need. Later in the month, we'll also hold our annual special collection for our seminarians. Both causes remind us that we are part of a larger family of faith, called to share our blessings with others.

Our Respect Life and Rosary Ministries will lead us in prayer as we honor the National Day of Remembrance for the Unborn. Please join us on Saturday, September 13th, for a Rosary for Life immediately before our 5:00 p.m. Mass. What a beautiful way to come together as a parish family, praying for a culture that treasures each human life from conception to natural death.

Religious Education begins soon, and we'll celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 21st to kick off the new year. Classes begin on September 23rd, so if you haven't yet registered your child, please don't delay. Details are available in our bulletin, eNews, or by calling the parish office.

That same week will also bring our second early bird drawing for the Grand Raffle at our Queen of the Rosary School Mass on Tuesday, September 23rd. Raffle tickets will be on sale at all Masses the weekend of September 20–21. Remember—early bird winners still qualify for the Grand Prize drawing, so get your tickets in soon!

I'm excited to share that our Alpha Pilot program also gets underway on September 23rd. Our pilot group is now set, but the entire parish can play a vital role in its success. I ask you to join me in prayer, praying for the Holy Spirit to work in and through Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish during these next 11 weeks. You can also help by keeping an eye out for our donation list, which will let you know how you can support Alpha by helping us provide meals for participants along the journey.

Our OCIA program (for those in 2nd Grade and older seeking to become Catholic or complete

Sacraments) resumes on September 28th. We are already blessed with six participants, ages 13 to 49, who are walking this journey of faith. Candidates will celebrate the Sacraments at Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 4th. If you or someone you know is interested, please attend the Info Session on September 21st at 6pm at Queen of the Rosary Church or contact the parish office.

Queen of the Rosary School, our largest parish ministry, is also alive with activity. Fall sports and Robotics are underway, and we'll be cheering for our students throughout the season. But remember, school events are parish events, too! On Saturday, September 20th, we'll join together as one community in the Village's Oktoberfest Parade. Float decorating begins at 10:30am in the school parking lot, and we invite the whole parish and school family to help decorate and walk with us. We're also collecting donations of individually wrapped candies to share along the parade route.

And don't miss our Family Fall Fest! This tradition isn't just a school event, it's a parish-wide celebration. Come for fellowship, food, music, games, the Chicago Bears vs. Las Vegas Raiders on a giant 30-foot LED screen, and the chance to dunk a coach and maybe even our principal, Mr. Andersen, or Associate Pastor, Fr. Paul. There's truly something for everyone.

We'll round out the month with our Cougar Classic Golf Outing at Maple Meadows Golf Club. Thank you to all the parishioners and local businesses who have already signed up to sponsor and play in this year's event. There's still time to register your foursome or help sponsor the event. Your support not only makes this tradition possible, but supports Catholic education here at Queen of the Rosary School and Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish. We are deeply grateful.

As "companions on the journey," we walk together as a parish and school community, supporting one another, praying together, and celebrating side by side. September is busy, yes, but it's the kind of joyful busyness that reminds us of the blessings of belonging to such a vibrant parish family. I look forward to seeing you at Mass, at school, at one of our ministries, or at the many celebrations that bring us together as one Body in Christ.

Yours In Christ, Fr. Art

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 9:00am (SJE)	September 8 + Jim Schaefer	
Tuesday 8:15am (QR)	September 9 QR School Grandparents Day + Margaret Kriss	
Wednesday 8:15am (SJE)	September 10 + Teresa Jone	
Thursday 8:15am (QR)	September 11 Theodora Kokosioulis	
Friday 8:15am (SJE)	September 12 + Richard Montforti	
Saturday 8:15am (QR)	September 13 + Raymond Jakimczyk + Fred & Florence Kocolowski	
5:00pm (SJE)		
Sunday 8:00am (QR)	Faassen, + Art Christenson, + Ellen O'Shea, Deceased members of O'Shea family	
9:15am (SJE)	For the people of the parish	
10:30am (QR)	+ Daniel Sells	



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

September 13/14

Mass Time	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
5:00pm	Don Kauffold	Nenita Lucero Rich Bellis Bob Lester
8:00am Fr. Art	Mary Ellen O'Shea	Deacon Jerry Ian Padua Elizabeth Luong
9:15am	Paul Rettberg	Joyce Leach Norene Koziatek Donna McGuire
10:30am Fr. Art	QR School	QR School

MINISTRY & EVENTS



7:45am 8:00am 8:45am 2-5:00pm	Mon-Sat: Morning Prayer (Tele or App) Mon-Sat: Divine Mercy Prior to Mass Mon-Sat: Rosary Follows Mass Tue-Fri: Teen Center Hours
Monday 6:30pm 7:00pm	September 8 Youth Ministry (Victory Centre) Baptismal Prep (SJE Shea Hall) Book Club (SJE Rooms 11/12)
Tuesday 6:30pm 7:00pm	September 9 Evangelization Leadership Team (SJE Shea) Rosary Prayer (SJE) School Advisory Board (QRS Rm K) Respect Life (SJE Rms 11/12)
Wednesday 8:15am 9:30am 3:00pm 7:00pm	September 10 Adoration begins with daily Mass (SJE) Bible Study (SJE Shea Hall) Divine Mercy Prayer (SJE) Reconciliation (SJE) Bell Choir Practice (QR) Parent Club (QRS Rm K) AA (SJE Ministry Center)
Thursday 7:00pm	September 11 Choir Practice (SJE)
Friday 8:15am 7:30pm	September 12 Adoration begins with daily Mass (SJE) AA (SJE Ministry Center)
Saturday 8:15am Noon 4:00pm	September 13 First Saturday devotions begin with daily Mass (QR) Reconciliation (QR) Mother/Daughter Event (QRS) Prayer for Unborn (SJE)
Sunday	September 14

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Rosemary Beatty, Mary Berry, Richard Conrad, Bonnie Costa, Marilyn Foss, Eileen & Fran Gascon, Sandy Gran, Michael Grear, Victoria Grzesiakowski, Erin Huels, Edward Lang, Ray Marquez, Paul Morse, Mary Murphy, Debbie Novoryta, Kim O'Connor, Randy Olsen, Mary Ann Piasecki, Nydia & Jesus Rodriguez, John Schneider, William Seiwert, Thomas Smith, Mary Beth Tomaso, Jackie Vrtis, Marge Yackem

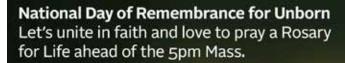
Please contact the parish office at (847) 979-0901 to continue to have sick relatives or friends included here.

GRANT UNTO THEM ETERNAL REST

May God bless them and keep them...

Please pray for lives lost to violence and natural disasters.

DON'T MISS OUT!



When: Saturday, September 13 | 4pm Where: St. Julian Eymard Church

Prayer aids will be provided.



Ignite the flame of faith!

Save these dates as we get set to begin this year's OCIA journey:

Info Session (last chance to register) Sunday, Sept 21 | 6pm | QR

First Session

Sunday, Sept 28 | 6pm | QR

The Scrutinies March 8, 15, 22 | 10:30am | QR

Easter Vigil (*celebrate Sacraments*) Saturday, April 4 | QR

Scan the code to discover more, or call or email the parish office today to learn more or register! (847) 979-0901 mottenstein@archchicago.org





Join us on a special parish pilgrimage to Our Lady of Champion on Monday, October 13! For just \$20 per person (plus free-will gratuity for the driver), enjoy transportation, lunch, time for Confession, exploring the grounds, the gift shop, and praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet together at 3pm. As a Jubilee Year of Hope site, pilgrims can also receive a plenary indulgence—come share this beautiful day of faith and fellowship!

Discover more and reserve your seat: signupgenius.com/go/10C0548AFAA2AA2F4C25-57682270-ourlady#/

FAMILY RESOURCES & EVENTS

Gospel in Focus: September 14, 2025
Jesus tells the Parables of the Lost Sheep, Lost
Coin, and Prodigal Son to teach about the joy
God has when a sinner repents. "And when he
does find [the lost sheep], he sets it on his
shoulders with great joy." —Luke 15:5

Discussion Questions

Today we see three different parables showing God's love for us and his joy when we turn back to Him. Which parable stands out the most to you? Why?

Have you ever been ashamed to talk to God? Why or why not?

Jesus leaves the 99 sheep to chase after just one! What does this say about how much He loves us?

52 Week Mass Guide for Families: olbsegv.org/prayer-life/#MassGuide





PARISH SCHOOL—QUEEN OF THE ROSARY SCHOOL



While there are many exciting developments to share from our Queen of the Rosary School, we pause this Sunday to join the Catholic community around the world in prayer and sadness for the tragic events on Wednesday, August 27th at Annunciation Catholic Church in Minneapolis that led to the loss of two students and brought injury and trauma to several more.

We are deeply grateful for the safety of our own students, teachers, staff, and community, and we want to assure you that out of an abundance of caution we have implemented additional safety measures. You will notice an increased school and parish presence at our weekly School Masses as we continue to prioritize the safety and well-being of every student.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Fr. Art, Fr. Paul, Mr. Andersen, or any member of our leadership team. Every child deserves to feel safe and secure at school, in church, and in every space where they grow, learn, and encounter the love of Christ.

Because of the timeline for publishing our parish bulletin, we realize this message is reaching you later than other communications; we include it here so that our entire community may be united in prayer, compassion, and care.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for even more faith, learning, and community!

SEPTEMBER

- 10 First Parent Club Meeting
- 13 Mother/Daughter Event (open to all, registration required)
- 20 Hometown Parade (please bring bags of candy to the school or parish office to pass out)
- 28 Family Fall Fest (open to all)
- 30 Cougar Classic Golf Outing (open to all)

OCTOBER

- 4 Pet Blessing
- 8 Parent Club Meeting
- 17 Junior High Dance (open to all)

Have questions or want to learn more about our Queen of the Rosary School? We'd love to connect! Visit us online at **QRSchool.org** or call the school office at (847) 437-3322. We're always happy to help.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Your Stewardship Treasure returned to God for the support of our Parish ministries and His Church.

Thank you for your generosity.

Weekly Offertory Goal	\$10,000
Weekly Offertory August 24, 2025 (Sunday Attendance: 939)	\$10,556.00
GIFT Fund (Endowment supporting ministry)	\$55.00
School Annual Fund	\$1165.00
2025 Annual Catholic Appeal Pledges (<i>Projected Rebate \$25,000</i>)	\$86,224.00





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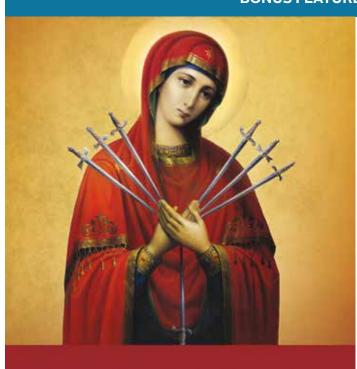
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BONUS FEATURE: LOOKING AHEAD



September is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Mary.

November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory.



BONUS FEATURE: MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT



Young Adult Ministry

If you're 18-39, find faith, friendship and fun through community events and spiritual growth!

Scan the code or contact the parish office to discover more. (847) 979-0901 or info@olbsegv.org.





Book Club

Dive into engaging discussions on faithfilled and inspiring reads-let's share stories that uplift!

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Grounds & Environment

Help Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament shine. Let's create an inviting, prayerful space—from the parking lot to the altar.

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Women's & Men's Groups

Build friendships and community with fellow parishioners. Come as you are and make it your own!

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Care Ministry

Bring Christ's presence through the Eucharist and compassionate visits to homebound parishioners.

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Walk with grieving families, offering compassion and guidance while planning funeral liturgies.

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Journey of the Heart

Be a beacon of hope for the bereaved, helping them discover God's love through their grief.

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Respect Life

Pray, advocate and witness for the dignity of all human life, from conception to natural death.

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BONUS FEATURE: MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT



Proclaim God's Word, distribute the Eucharist or assist at the altarserve with joy and purpose!

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Prayer Shawl

Knit, crochet and craft comforting shawls, blankets and more wrapping others in warmth and prayer!

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Grow deeper in faith through Bible studies, Scripture discussions and more spiritual learning opportunities!

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God's Work, Our Hands

There's something for everyone! Don't see your calling? Let's talk and explore how we can invite others to Christ-together!

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