

Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church

April 21, 2024– 4th Sunday of Easter

How to Help Young Catholics Stay Catholic, part 2



Last week I was saying how the way we act in church can encourage people, especially our young, to appreciate and be drawn to Jesus Christ, who is truly present in the Tabernacle. Where else, besides a Catholic church, can one actually walk on holy ground?

We cannot be a watered down version of ourselves if we hope to retain Catholics, because if the experience of our church is not unique in some way, there's no reason for people to give it their precious time. For example, if someone is drawn to attend baseball games, it's not because people have tried to make baseball just like football or soccer. Baseball is unique; it is what it is, and that's what draws people to it. In the same way, we can't make the Church over in our image, according to our likes and habits. Yes, of course, the Church is always in need of purification so that even more it is what it is, the Body of Christ, but we assume first that Jesus Christ forms us through His Church, not that we form it and not that it has to accommodate itself to whatever we think is more important.

So it is vital that we not just believe that the bread and wine become the actual Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, but that we let our actions proclaim this. We do this in many ways: fasting one hour (except for medicine and water) before Communion, not chewing gum in church, bowing as we step forward to receive the Eucharist, and not receiving the Eucharist if we've missed mass without good reason, without coming to Confession first. The Eucharist is not an absolute right; it is a privilege—no, not for the perfect, since Jesus Christ gradually perfects us through Himself in the Eucharist. We will never be completely worthy of it, but to treat it too casually says to others “This is not really so special or important,” giving the message that there's nothing really unique about it and our entire Faith. The result is that people, especially the young, will think, “So then, why bother with it?”
—Fr. Kent B.

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Masses & Intentions, Apr. 20—Apr. 28

Sat., Apr. 20, 5:30 p.m.—Lillian Borgognoni

Sun., Apr. 21, 9:00 a.m.—People of the Parish

11:30 a.m. (*en español*)—Juan Salazar,
Marcelo Rojas & Sebastian Rojas

5:00 p.m.—Mary G. Rocconi

Mon. 7 a.m.—honor of Amy & Ed Hill

Tues. 5:30 p.m.—Josephine Morlino

Wed. 7 a.m.—Special Intention

Thurs. 12:10 p.m.—Jimmie Rocconi

Fri. 8:30 a.m.—Jim & Cherrie Pambianchi

Sat., Apr. 27, 5:30 p.m.—Jose Santos

Sun., Apr. 28, 9:00 a.m.—Pat Reed

11:30 a.m. (*en español*)—People of the Parish

5:00 p.m.—CP Cabrol

*CONFESSIONS: before every weekend Mass or by appointment
For Mass hearing assistance see homepage of olvcleveland.com.*

This Week

Sunday

- 10:15 a.m.— BE FORMED
- 10:15-11:15 a.m.— K-6th
- 6-7:30 p.m.—CYO

Tuesday

- 6-7 p.m. Campus Ministry
Meal & Meeting

Wednesday

- 6 a.m. Men's Devotion
- 10:15 a.m. Rosary
- 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Adoration

Thursday

- 6 p.m. Spanish Bible Study

Collection Apr. 13-14: \$11,911.30 (includes \$1,040.40 given online & \$3,525 monthly drafts)

Average weekly need: \$8,212 For March our average weekly total was \$8,607.25.

Renovation Debt: \$246,606 (\$5,707 monthly loan payment)

Prayer List: John C. Dean, Mary A. Odom, Gus Gianini, JoDonna Watson, Patrick McGraw, Jo McArthur, Patricia Medders, Paul Abraham, Ralph Schattner, Claude McNeil, Phyliss Garcia, David Nassar, Noah Rhea, Davis Alford, Richard Agostinelli, Maria McCreary Wooten, Butch Herbison, Sarika Nanan, Jerry Robinson, Manolito Santos, Sara Wymore, Melissa Miller, Ed Ballard, Joe Capocaccia, Cecilia Lucio, Laura Boyles, Eric Culberson, Fr. Juan Chavajay, Martha Jackson, Alan Jackson, Susie H. Sutherland, James Allen Enriquez, Duke & Krissy Dean, Sue Balducci, Savannah Aguzzi, Beverly Gianini Walker, Judy Raines, Jasmin Beamon, Henry Olivi, Jr.

Flowers are in honor of Daniel & Mari Micci Shannon's 1st Wedding Anniversary.

Flowers needed: May 5, 12, & 26. Call or email the office to sign up.

First Communion will be Sunday, April 28, at 9am, with a reception after.

Senior Mass honoring our Class of 2024 will be Sunday, May 5 at 9 a.m., with reception after.



SAVE the DATES: On Sunday, May 19, we're having a Parish Picnic Lunch with a cookout & games for the whole family. And OLV's 100th Anniversary will be celebrated on Sunday morning, Oct. 6, with a special 10 a.m. Mass with Bishop Kopacz and a reception lunch after. Share that date now with former parishioners so that we can have a great homecoming. A committee is forming to plan the event; to help please call our office, 662-846-6273.



The Women's Resource Center is hosting the Walk for Life on Saturday, May 4, from 8-10 a.m., raising funds to help men & women facing decisions about unexpected pregnancies. You don't have to walk to support it and you can get your children involved! Call Mary Claire Dean, 662-588-4101.

FRAUD PREVENTION HOTLINE The Diocese of Jackson's Department of Temporal Affairs has engaged Lighthouse Services to provide an anonymous financial fraud, compliance, ethics, and human resources hotline. This hotline allows for an appropriate method to report occurrences related to the temporal administration within parishes, schools and the chancery office. Contact: www.lighthouse-services.com/jacksondiocese, English: 888-830-0004 Spanish: 800-216-1288

Protection of Children: The Diocese of Jackson is committed to ensuring that no one being served by the church is at risk of sexual abuse or exploitation by clergy, religious or lay church personnel. The spiritual well-being of all the victims, their families & others in the community is of particular concern to the church. In accordance with our policy, all victims are offered counseling & pastoral care. Anyone who has been a victim of abuse or exploitation by clergy, religious or lay church personnel & has not yet reported it is encouraged to do so. Our victim assistance coordinator, Erika Rojas, a licensed social worker, is available to assist in making a report. Please contact her at 601-326-3736. For more info about diocesan policies & procedures & to learn what the diocese is doing to create a safe environment for everyone, please visit the diocesan website at www.jacksondiocese.org & click on "Protection of Children."



2024 Confirmation Class:

Front row l-r: Marisa Torres, Zulema Rodriguez, Elana Rodriguez, Kailyn Byas, Ava Cosue, Landry Lee, Merry Williamson, Jasmine Guevara, Deacon Dien Hoang

Back row l-r: Fr. Kent, Walker Cox, Reed Holman, Joe Byrd, Bishop Kopacz

Lectors, Communion Ministers, & Servers

Apr. 20-21:

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

L-Susan Allen Ford
CM– Marty Bray
S-

Sunday 9 a.m.

L-Brooke Nokes
CM-Schattner, Reed
S-Grace & Victor Aguzzi

Sunday 5 p.m.

L-Chris Balducci
CM-Lauren Caston
S-Aaden Cosue

Apr. 27-28:

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

L-Jody Correro
CM– Karen Brunetti
S-Reyes Morse

Sunday 9 a.m.

L-First Communion Class
CM-Bishop, Hardesty, Thomas
S-Gaddy boys

Sunday 5 p.m.

L-Renee Lamastus
CM-Mari Micci Shannon
S-

May 4-5:

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

L-Ike Brunetti
CM– Kimberly Nassar
S-Daniel Bheemashetty

Sunday 9 a.m.

L-Senior Mass
CM-Wies, Whitten, Dean
S-Lott Boys

Sunday 5 p.m.

L-Kevin Cox
CM-Gloria Brister
S-Alden Byrd

*Please try at least three people to find a substitute if necessary.
If unsuccessful, call our office during the day (662-846-6273)
or after hours text Fr. Kent B. (662-588-5868).*

Fr. Kent Bowlds, Pastor Tricia Vargas, Office Manager

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Catherine Gaddy, K-6th grades, 662-822-5025

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OFFICE: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m.–Noon, 1:15–4:30 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m.–Noon