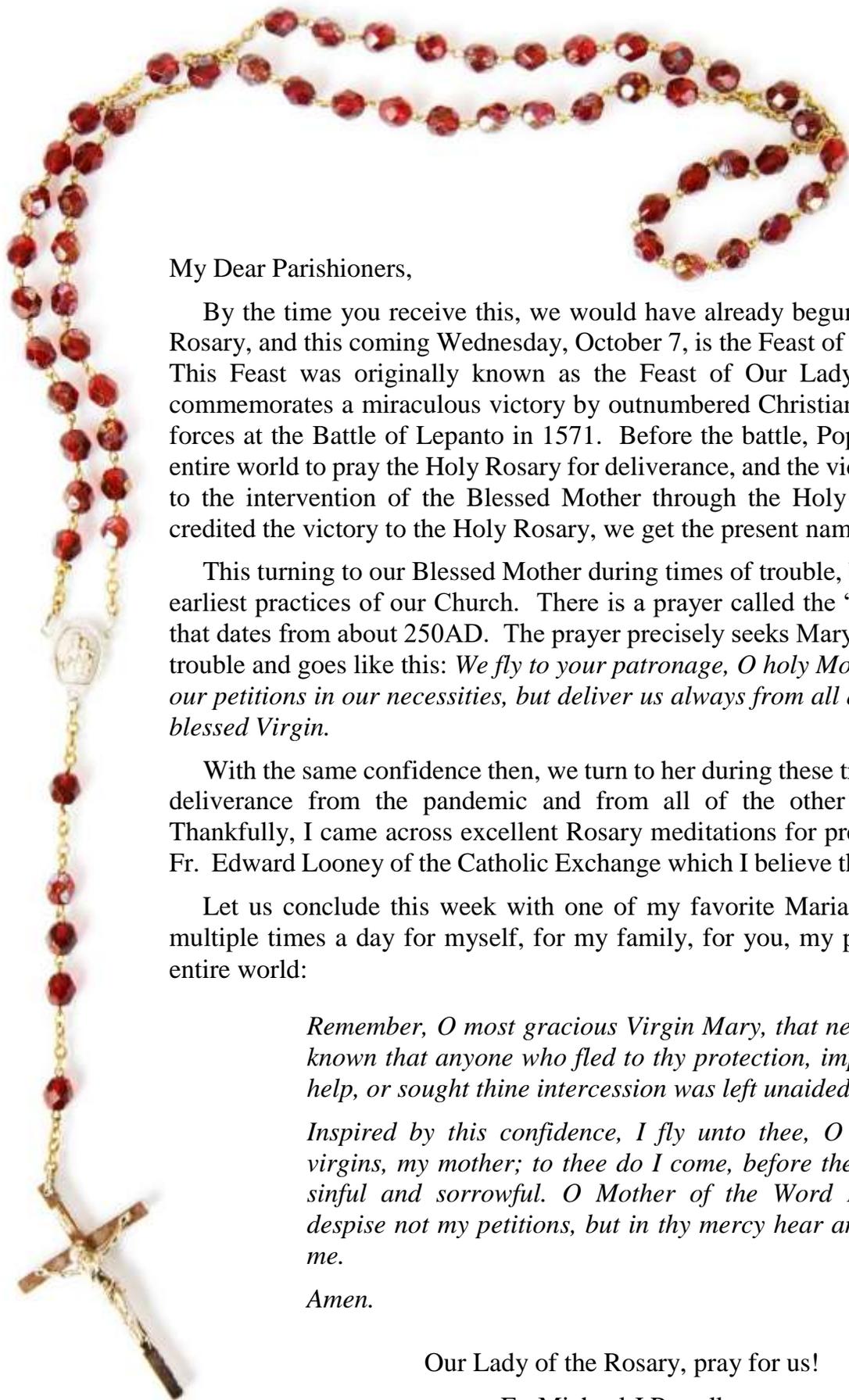


Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church Newsletter  
October 4, 2020



My Dear Parishioners,

By the time you receive this, we would have already begun the month of the Holy Rosary, and this coming Wednesday, October 7, is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. This Feast was originally known as the Feast of Our Lady of Victory because it commemorates a miraculous victory by outnumbered Christian forces against Moslem forces at the Battle of Lepanto in 1571. Before the battle, Pope Pius V had asked the entire world to pray the Holy Rosary for deliverance, and the victory was then attributed to the intervention of the Blessed Mother through the Holy Rosary. Because they credited the victory to the Holy Rosary, we get the present name of the Feast.

This turning to our Blessed Mother during times of trouble, by the way, is one of the earliest practices of our Church. There is a prayer called the “Sub Tuum Praesidium” that dates from about 250AD. The prayer precisely seeks Mary’s protection in times of trouble and goes like this: *We fly to your patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.*

With the same confidence then, we turn to her during these trying times, and we seek deliverance from the pandemic and from all of the other dangers of our times. Thankfully, I came across excellent Rosary meditations for precisely these times from Fr. Edward Looney of the Catholic Exchange which I believe that you will find helpful.

Let us conclude this week with one of my favorite Marian prayers, which I pray multiple times a day for myself, for my family, for you, my parishioners, and for the entire world:

*Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.*

*Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.*

*Amen.*

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!

Fr. Michael J Pawelko

# Meditations on the Holy Rosary for the Pandemic

By Father Edward Looney

## JOYFUL MYSTERIES

*Prayed on Mondays and Saturdays*



### Annunciation

The angel Gabriel announces to Mary her role in salvation history. Mary cooperates with God's plan and obediently renders her yes to Almighty God. During these days of quarantine, we pray for the grace to be humble and obedient to what others ask of us, so that the virus may be contained in a timely manner.



### Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth

Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth and offers the aged woman help during the last weeks of her miraculous pregnancy. Just as Mary immediately went in haste to help, we ask for the grace to help others when their needs become apparent. We also pray for those who will attend to the sick and dying—for the clergy who will anoint; the first responders who will transport; the medical professionals who will diagnose and treat. Please protect them O Lord.



### Nativity of our Lord

Mary accompanies Joseph to Bethlehem for the census which must have been a difficult journey for her since she was so close to giving birth. We entrust all pregnant women to the Lord and Mary's intercession; may they bring their child safely and healthily to birth. May these families rejoice as Joseph and Mary did when they adored their child for the very first time.



### Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

Simeon tells Mary that a sword of sorrow will pierce her heart. The evangelist Luke adds that this happens so that the thoughts of many hearts might be revealed. Mary, as our mother, understands our sorrows, anxieties, and emotions. Let us pray for those who now mourn and are filled with sorrow, may the Lord console them and comfort them in this hour.



### Finding of Jesus in the Temple

During these days of quarantine and pandemic, we seem lost ourselves. We are unable to worship on Sundays as a Christian community. In these trying times, we turn to our faith and find hope. Let us pray for people who had previously turned away from God, that in this moment of trial, they find Jesus once again, and in Him find their comfort and peace.

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## LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

*Prayed on Thursdays*



### **Baptism of the Lord**

Jesus begins his public ministry by going to John the Baptist and asking for him to baptize him, even though John confesses that he is not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal. John prayed, “He must increase, I must decrease.” During this time of quarantine, we pray for growth in the virtue of humility and our dependence on God for all that we have.



### **Wedding at Cana**

In the prayer of Pope Francis entrusting the world to Mary’s intercession during this troubling time, he said, “You know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting.” Let us ask Mary to notice the needs of our lives, families, communities, and world. May she intercede for us now, so we can return to joy and feasting of ordinary life.



### **Proclamation of the Kingdom**

Jesus often proclaimed the Kingdom of God saying, “Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand.” Let us ask the Lord to give us true sorrow for our sins. May this time of prayer, penance, and fasting help us repent and seek God’s forgiveness.



### **Transfiguration**

Peter exclaimed to the transfigured Christ that it is good to be with Jesus. In his exclamation, he expressed his desire to remain with Jesus in that moment. Let us pray for the same grace now, to remain with Jesus in prayer so that we might know Him all the better.



### **Institution of the Eucharist**

Public celebration of the Eucharist has been suspended throughout the world. The Faithful are unable to receive the Eucharist—Christ’s very body, blood, soul, and divinity. As Jesus instituted the Eucharist on Holy Thursday, he gave His body to the disciples to eat and commanded them to do this in memory of Him. Let us pray for our priests, who celebrate the Eucharist, continuing Christ’s mandate, but do so alone without a congregation. And let us pray for all the faithful, that this time in which we make spiritual communions, may deepen our appreciation for the Eucharist, so we no longer will take Christ’s gift for granted.

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## SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

*Prayed on Tuesday, Fridays, Sundays of Lent*



### Agony in the Garden

After celebrating the Last Supper with His apostles, Jesus goes to the Garden of Gethsemane and prays before being arrested. In that prayer, He prayed that all might be one. During this time, we are united as a community in our suffering and isolation. But as believers, we are united in our prayer to Almighty God for the containment and eradication of the coronavirus. As we suffer our own agony now, let us ask for the grace to pray as Jesus did, and as we pray, may it fulfil Jesus' prayer for unity.



### Scourging at the Pillar

During the Passion, Jesus was beaten and tortured. We are mindful of those who are immunocompromised and susceptible to disease. For them, any illness can be another scourging, another blow to their health. During this time of pandemic, we pray for their health, safety, and protection from the virus. Please Lord spare them in this moment.



### Crowning with Thorns

While earthly rulers have crowns made of gold, the crown of our savior was that of thorns. Jesus is the King of Life and the King of our lives. During this time, let us pray for the grace to put Jesus at the center of our lives and allow him to be the King and Lord of all that we do.



### The Carrying of the Cross

During this time, we all have been asked by our Lord to carry new and unexpected crosses. May our experience of the cross, help us to know suffering in a new way. Let us walk with Jesus and from his example find our strength and courage to carry our cross.



### The Crucifixion

Jesus Christ became incarnate to be our savior. He saves us from our sins and let us ask him to save us now from the coronavirus. Jesus' death on the cross defeated death. Let us also pray for those who will die this day, especially from the coronavirus, by the blood of Jesus may they find their forgiveness and redemption. Just as Jesus said to the Good Thief, "Today you will be with me in paradise," may they hear similar words when they go forth to meet Christ our Lord. \*

\*Please note, I do not dismiss particular judgement or the need for Purgatory but pray with hope that they will see God this day in eternal life.

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## GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

*Prayed on Wednesdays and Sundays Outside of Lent*



### The Resurrection

The empty tomb on Easter Sunday is a sign of hope for all believers. Let us pray for all who will die during this time, whether from the coronavirus or from a different illness. May God grant consolation to their family and friends, as the Lord Jesus consoled Mary Magdalene, and may God protect and bless funeral directors and grave diggers.



### The Ascension

Before ascending to Heaven, Jesus tells the apostles to go forth and baptize, making disciples of all nations. Let us pray for the Holy Church of God, that during this difficult time, she may strive to live this command of Jesus. Let us pray for ourselves, that we may strive to live as faithful disciples of Jesus.



### The Descent of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles while gathered in the upper room. Many symbols are associated with the Holy Spirit—wind, fire, and breath. Knowing the coronavirus affects the lungs, let us pray for those unable to breathe on their own right now, that the Holy Spirit will fill their lungs with the gift of breath, life, and healing.



### The Assumption of the Blessed Mary

At the end of Mary's life, God chose to bring her body and soul into eternal life. Now, Mary prays for us at the hour of our death as we ask her so often in the Hail Mary. Let us ask Mary to pray for those who are at the hour of their death.



### The Queenship of Mary

Each year we celebrate Jesus as King of the Universe. It is quite fitting for us, to call upon Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth. So many are devoted to Mary, her titles, and shrines. In this time of pandemic, we turn to Mary's intercession, asking her to obtain from her son the grace of healing for the sick and the containment of the coronavirus. Mary, pray for us, pray for the sick and the dying, pray for our clergy and medical professionals, pray for those who are most in need.



# Sunday Mass Readings

## Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary

### Reading 1: [Isaiah 5:1-7 \(139A\)](#)

Let me now sing of my friend,  
my friend's song concerning  
his vineyard.  
My friend had a vineyard  
on a fertile hillside;  
he spaded it, cleared it of stones,  
and planted the choicest vines;  
within it he built a watchtower,  
and hewed out a wine press.  
Then he looked for the crop of grapes,  
but what it yielded was wild grapes.  
Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and  
people of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard:  
What more was there to do for  
my vineyard  
that I had not done?  
Why, when I looked for the crop

of grapes,  
did it bring forth wild grapes?  
Now, I will let you know  
what I mean to do with my vineyard:  
take away its hedge, give it to grazing,  
break through its wall, let it be  
trampled!  
Yes, I will make it a ruin:  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
but overgrown with thorns and briars;  
I will command the clouds  
not to send rain upon it.  
The vineyard of the LORD of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah are  
his cherished plant;  
he looked for judgment, but see,  
bloodshed!  
for justice, but hark, the outcry!

### Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 80:9-20](#)

R. (Is 5:7a) **The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.**

- ▶ A vine from Egypt you transplanted;  
you drove away the nations  
and planted it.  
It put forth its foliage to the Sea,  
its shoots as far as the River. **R.**
- ▶ Why have you broken down its walls,  
so that every passer-by plucks  
its fruit,  
the boar from the forest lays it waste,  
and the beasts of the field feed  
upon it? **R.**
- ▶ Once again, O LORD of hosts,  
look down from heaven, and see;  
take care of this vine,  
and protect what your right hand  
has planted  
the son of man whom you yourself  
made strong. **R.**
- ▶ Then we will no more withdraw  
from you;  
give us new life, and we will call  
upon your name.  
O LORD, God of hosts, restore us;  
if your face shine upon us, then we  
shall be saved. **R.**



# Sunday Mass Readings

## Reading 2: [Philippians 4:6-9](#)

Brothers and sisters: Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

## Alleluia: [cf. John 15:16](#)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

► I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord,  
to go and bear fruit that will remain.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Gospel: [Matthew 21:33-43](#)

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures:

*The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
by the Lord has this been done,  
and it is wonderful in our eyes?*

Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

# Calling All Young Adults...

## Journey of Young Adults (JOYA)

Sunday Afternoons  
Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> ~ Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>

12:30 ~ 1:30 PM

OLSH  
Cafeteria

**CONNECT,  
SHARE, AND  
GROW WITHIN  
YOUR FAITH**

Limited to 14  
participants for  
now and can  
change later.

Bring your Mask

**Facilitators:** Father, Deacons and Guest Speakers

To Register OR Questions:

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**AGES:**

19 ~ 35

### Parish Food Pantry Needs

OLSH Food Pantry Team are still providing for many families and need donations. Here's the list of food pantry needs:

- Sugar
- Coffee/Coffee Filters
- Green Beans
- Snacks
- Juice
- Oil
- Cranberry Sauce
- Stuffing
- Instant Potatoes/Scalloped Potatoes
- Cream of Mushroom Soups
- Paper Towels/Napkins
- Alum. Foil/Plastic Wrap

If you are facing difficulties where the Parish Pantry can help, or if you know of someone else in need, please do not hesitate to contact Deacon Gary and Pat Schoenenberger at (215) 230-8897. Be assured that all contacts remain confidential. We will be happy to fill your shopping list the best we can and bring everything out to your car for you. We are here to help. Stay safe and God Bless.