

Our Lady of Victories Church

(serving Harrington Park, River Vale, and the Pascack/Northern Valley)

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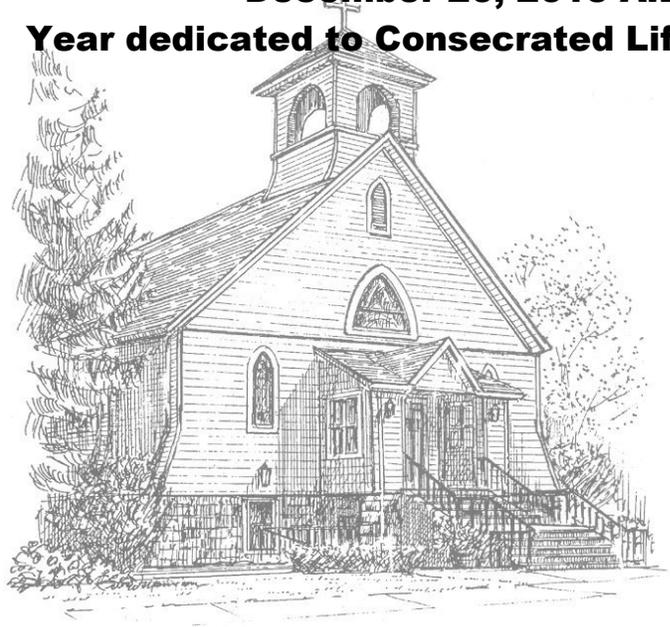
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Year dedicated to Consecrated Life



CHRISTMAS CONFESSION

Tuesday thru Thursday December 22, 23 & 24

7:20am - 7:50am in Church

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve, December 24

2:30pm Christmas Pageant and Mass in Gym
4:15pm Mass in Church
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5:30pm Mass in Church
7:00pm Mass in Church
9:00pm Sung High Latin Mass
11:30pm **Christmas Carols in Church**
Midnight Mass in Church

Christmas Day, December 25

7:30am Mass in Church
9:30am Mass in Church
10:45am Mass in Church
12:00Noon Mass in Church
6:00pm Mass in Church

No 7pm Mass

Church and Gym are handicap accessible.

WELCOME

**To the Parish Family of
OUR LADY OF VICTORIES
(THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART)**

COME WORSHIP WITH US

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00pm & 5:00pm

**Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 10:45am,
12:00pm, 6:00pm & 7:00pm**

Latin Mass: Every Sunday at 8:15am

Weekdays: M-Sat 8:00am & 12:00noon

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

All are welcome to become members of OLV Parish because we're the little Church with the BIG HEART. Please register in the Rectory. Every Catholic family or individuals living within the parish boundaries are encouraged to register.

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please **PRAY** in the name of **JESUS**, the Healer, that the **SICK** of **OLV PARISH** may be restored to health and all those who **ASSIST** and **CARE** for the sick will be given the **STRENGTH** to continue **GOD'S GOOD WILL**: Baby Luca, little Niamh Devlin, Br. Pius, Isabella Ruggiero, Maria Aleman, Kathleen Dolan, Thomas Haring, Arnold Kemner, Ken Mosier, Kathleen Musante, Dan Ragusa, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, Cookie Rush, Cynthia Simonelli, Mildred Speck, Therese Vaglio, Darien Wesler, Al Wiese, Roy Wurtz, Marian Zanetti, Elaine Zito.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

"You cannot visit the child without visiting the mother; you cannot, in life, approach the child except through the mother. If we are to think of Christ in this aspect at all, the other idea follows as it is followed in history. We must either leave Christ out of Christmas, or Christmas out of Christ, or we must admit, if only as we admit it in an old picture, that those holy heads are too near together for the haloes not to mingle and cross." **G.K. Chesterton: *The Everlasting Man***.

CHRISTMAS TREE ROOTS

Egyptians brought palm tree branches into their homes in late December as a symbol of growing things. Romans trimmed trees with trinkets and topped them with an image of their sun god to celebrate Saturnalia, which occurred at the end of the year. Druid sorcerers hung golden apples and lit candles on oak trees to celebrate the winter solstice. Our Christmas Tree custom began long ago with the Germanic tribes that existed thousands of years before Christ's birth. These pagans believed in a god named Woden, who was thought to reside in fir trees. Therefore, they put fir trees in their homes during this time of year to receive the benefits of Woden's presence and to be protected from evil in the coming year. Also, evergreens are thought to represent life and immortality; thus they were a safeguard against the cold lifelessness of winter. In the Middle Ages, the Feast of Adam and Eve was celebrated on December 24; a fir tree hung with red apples called the "Paradise Tree" was its symbol. It is generally agreed that the use of an evergreen tree as part of the Christian Christmas celebration started 400 years ago in Germany and spread to Northern Europe.

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION

Our Lord told St. Margaret Mary Alacoque that individuals should go to confession **at a minimum once a month**. This sacrament is offered EVERY Saturday from 11:00AM to Noon and 3-3:25PM. Monday thru Friday at 7:30AM, as well as every First Friday at 7:00PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

THE CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Lord, Jesus, every Christmas, I need a quiet moment, just one silent moment. A moment outside of time, a moment without bells. Without carols or cards. A moment away from worrying about presents and parties. Just ONE quiet moment, either in Church or when all have gone to bed. A moment when I can be still and picture myself, one by one, as a shepherd, wise man, Scrooge, inn keeper, Little Drummer Boy, as George Bailey discovering "It's a Wonderful Life," a moment when I can experience You with me as the Christmas Present.

"O God, who has made this most holy night to shine forth with the brightness of True Light, grant we beseech Thee, that we who have known the mystery of His light on Earth, may attain the enjoyment of His happiness in Heaven." Collect: **Midnight Mass**

I'm Fine

There's nothing whatever the matter with me. I'm just as healthy as I can be. I have arthritis in both my knees and when I talk, I talk with a wheeze. My pulse is weak, and my blood is thin, but I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in. I think my liver is out of whack, and a terrible pain is in my back. My hearing is poor, my sight is dim; most everything seems to be out of trim, but I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in. I have arch supports for both my feet, or I wouldn't be able to go on the street. Sleeplessness I have night after night, And in the morning I'm just a sight. My memory is failing, my head's in a spin; I'm peacefully living on aspirin. But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in. The moral is, as this tale we unfold, That for you and me who are growing old, It's better to say, "I'm fine" with a grin than to let them know the shape we're in. *Cardinal Cushing*

SURGERY

An older gentleman was on the operating table awaiting surgery and he insisted that his son, a renowned surgeon, perform the operation. As he was about to get the anesthesia he asked to speak to his son. "Yes, Dad, what is it?" "Don't be nervous, son; do your best and just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me, your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife."

Christmas Prayer

Come Lord Jesus, Our Prince of Peace and Beloved Savior; come into our homes and settle in our hearts this Christmas, filling us with gifts of love and joy. With Mary and Joseph we rejoice and thank God for You. We sing with Angels, "Glory to God in the highest." Dear Emmanuel enable us to follow You faithfully and to share Your Good News of redemption to everyone we meet, not only in this season but always. Amen.

Office of Concern Food Pantry at St. Cecilia

We are always in need and if you wish to contribute specific holiday foods such as cranberry sauce and other fixings, that is fine, but there are also **three areas of year-round foods that are especially valuable: canned fruits and vegetables, pasta (spaghetti, rigatoni, etc) and breakfast cereals.**

BIRTH DATE OF JESUS

Without a doubt, the birth of Jesus is the most important event celebrated in the history of the world, but there is plenty of confusion about WHEN Jesus' birth took place. There is no clear historical record of the date and year of Jesus' birth. Although two of the Gospels record incidents pertaining to the event, neither assigns a date. Two main theories surround the choice of December 25 to commemorate the Nativity. The first theory looks to a third century pagan Roman celebration coinciding with the winter solstice. As the days began to lengthen each year, December 25 became a festival for the rebirth of the unconquered sun. Christians, who believe Christ was the real unconquered source of light, put His birth date on the same day. The second theory looks to the passion of Jesus. According to early conjectures, the actual day of Christ's passion fell on March 25 in the year Jesus died. Some Christians believed that Jesus died on the anniversary of His conception. For this reason, March 25 became the celebration of the Annunciation. Looking forward nine months, the birth of Jesus was placed on December 25. The traditional year of Jesus' birth was fixed in the mid-sixth century by Dionysius Exiguus, a monk and scholar who set the calendar according to the system we know as AD (anno domini "in the year of our Lord"). However, Matthew and Luke say that Jesus was born "before Christ". Although the actual birth date of Jesus cannot be known, He was born, and the millennium commemorates his birth by recognizing that all of time hinges on the life of Jesus.

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

- Dec 21—Mon—Zumba 6:00PM OLV Gym
- Dec 21—Mon—Women of Grace 7:30PM
- Dec 22 -Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM
- Dec 23—Wed—OLV Bible Group 10:00AM
- Dec 23—Wed—OLV Needlers 6:30PM
- Jan 23—Sat—K of C Beef Steak
- May 14—Sat- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
- May 22—Sun—Confirmation 2PM
- May 30—Mon—Fr. Innocent CFR First Mass & Reception at OLV-1PM

THE UNBELIEVER

Once upon a time, there was a man who looked upon Christmas as a lot of humbug. He wasn't a Scrooge. He was a very kind and decent person, generous to his family, upright in all his dealing with other men. But he didn't believe all that stuff about an incarnation which churches proclaim at Christmas. And he was too honest to pretend that he did. "I am truly sorry to distress you," he told his wife, who was a faithful churchgoer, "but I simply cannot understand this claim that God became man. It doesn't make any sense to me." On Christmas Eve, his wife and children went to church for the midnight service. He declined to accompany them. "I'd feel like a hypocrite," he explained. "I'd much rather stay at home, but I'll wait up for you." Shortly after his family drove away in the car, snow began to fall. He went to the window and watched the flurries getting heavier and heavier. "If we must have Christmas," he reflected "it's nice to have a white one." He went back to his chair by the fireside and began to read his newspaper. A few minutes later, he was startled by a thudding sound. It was quickly followed by another, then another. He thought that someone must be throwing snowballs at his living-room window. When he went to the front door to investigate, he found a flock of birds huddled miserably in the snow. They had been caught in the storm, and in a desperate search for shelter had tried to fly through his window. "I can't let these poor creatures lie there and freeze," he thought. "but how can I help them?" Then he remembered the barn where the children's pony was stabled. It would provide a warm shelter. He quickly put on his coat and galoshes and tramped through the deepening snow to the barn. He opened the doors wide and turned on the light. But the birds didn't come in. "Food will bring them in," he thought. So, he hurried back to the house for bread crumbs, which he sprinkled on the snow to make a trail into the barn. To his dismay, the birds ignored the bread crumbs and continued to flop around helplessly in the snow. He tried shooing them into the barn by walking around and waving his arms. They scattered in every direction except into the warm, lighted barn. "They find me a strange and terrifying creature," he said to himself, "and I can't seem to think of any way to let them know they can trust me. If only I could be a bird myself and for a few minutes, perhaps I could lead them to safety." Just at that moment, the church bells began to ring. He stood silently for a while, listening to the bells pealing the glad tidings of Christmas. Then he sank to his knees in the snow. "Now I understand," he whispered. "Now I see why You had to do it."

BEEFSTEAK DINNER - 1/23/16

This is a major fundraiser for the Knights of Columbus to fund our seminarians - men studying for the priesthood and other charitable works. It is a fun evening, and last year it was a great success. Please support this dinner. If you would like to be a placemat advertiser send your business card and a check payable to the OLV K of C c/o OLV K of C, PO Box 145, Harrington Park NJ 07640 or call Rich from the Knights 201-767-6689.

I WANT I WANT

Everyday we hear people saying what they want. Well, this is what I want: I want people who are sick to be healed. I want children with no families to be adopted. I want people to never have to worry about food and shelter and heat. Most of all, I would like to see our people start to care for one another.

My Dear Friends in Christ:

As this most special season of Christmas approaches and we look back on this past year, it is most appropriate to pause and consider the many gifts and blessings God has bestowed upon us and our loved ones throughout the year.

The birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ is celebrated at Christmas and establishes Christmas as a Season of Gift Giving. Tradition holds that the three Wise Men brought gifts to the new born Savior. A generous gift to the Christmas Collection or a Special Christmas and Year End Gift not only supports our educational and parish ministries, but also positively affects your taxes and other financial considerations for 2015.

For many years, hospitals and universities have encouraged gifts at Christmas and year end. It is important that our parishioners be aware of these types of gifts that can be made to the parish. The experts tell us that gifts of stock and other securities make excellent tax-oriented gifts, particularly if they have appreciated in value.

In the spirit of Christmas and gift-giving, please consider your parish and its mission to proclaim the Gospel message and provide ministries 365 days a year. Thank you and God bless you. *Fr. Bryan*

PEWS TO BE MEMORIALIZED

The parish has a few pew benches that were never memorialized. The cost of a 1/2 pew to be memorialized is \$1750 a pew - call Maria or Deacon AL at the rectory if you would like to donate in the name of your family or a loved one.

FAMOUS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- James J Braddock** aka the Cinderella Man (1905-1974) - Boxer
 - James Connolly** (1868-1957) First American Olympic Gold Medalist
 - Vincent Lombardi** (1913-1970) Green Bay Packers Coach - Vincent studied for the Priesthood for 2 years
 - Connie Mack** (1862-1956) Manger and Owner of the Philadelphia A's
 - Floyd Patterson** (1935-2006) Boxer and was an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist
 - George Herman (Babe) Ruth** (1895-1948) Baseball "Great"
- If you want to join the "Greats" who make up OLV Council call Rich at 201-767-6689**

CCD CORNER

You can feel the excitement of Christmas as you walk into the classrooms! Not only have the children received God's forgiveness through the gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation but they are sharing their thoughts about Christmas and what it means to them. If you look on our church bulletin boards on Christmas Day, you can see this excitement reflected in their art work and prayers. On behalf of all the teachers, staff and students of Our Lady of Victories CCD Program, we wish you and your families a **Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!**

READ BEFORE**YOU MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS**

As you open your pockets to do a good thing and make yourself feel good, please keep the following facts in mind:

The American Red Cross - President and CEO Marsha J. Evans' salary for the year was \$651,957 plus expenses.

MARCH OF DIMES - It is called the March of Dimes because only a dime for every 1 dollar is given to the needy.

The United Way - President Brian Gallagher receives a \$375,000 base salary along with numerous expense benefits.

UNICEF - CEO Caryl M. Stern receives \$1,200,000 per year plus all expenses including a ROLLS ROYCE. Less than 5 cents of your donated dollar goes to the cause.

GOODWILL - CEO and owner Mark Curran profits \$2.3 million a year. Goodwill is a very catchy name for his business. You donate to his business and then he sells the items for PROFIT. He pays nothing for his products and pays his workers minimum wage! \$0.00 goes to help anyone!

PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE IT WILL DO SOME GOOD:

The Salvation Army Commissioner, Todd Bassett receives a small salary of only \$13,000 per year (plus housing) for managing this \$2 billion dollar organization. 96 percent of donated dollars go to the cause.

The American Legion National Commander receives no (zero) salary. Your donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!

The Veterans of Foreign Wars National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. Your donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!

The Disabled American Veterans National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. Your donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!

The Military Order of Purple Hearts National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. Your donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!

The Vietnam Veterans Association National Commander receives no (zero) salary. Your donations go to help Veterans and their families

Make a Wish: For children's last wishes - 100% goes to funding trips or special wishes for a dying child.

St. Jude Hospital - 100% goes towards funding and helping children with cancer who have no insurance and can not afford to pay.

Ronald McDonald Houses - All monies go to running the houses for parents who have critical children in the hospital. 100% goes to housing, and feeding the families.

Lions Club International - 100% of donations go to help the blind, buy hearing aids, support medical missions around the world; their latest undertaking is measles vaccinations (ONLY \$1.00 PER SHOT).

CLOTHING BINS

Through the turbulence of your many demands, would you be willing to take a few minutes to gather your unwanted clothing and shoes to help Catholic Charities? Please drop them in the Catholic Charities donation bin located on the Church grounds. Your donations help Catholic Charities and Mt. Carmel Guild. Thank you.

Jesus asked one thing from us!!!

On His last night of earth (Holy Thursday) Jesus asked His disciples one thing - to stay awake with Him for one hour. Every Thursday evening we at OLV try to fulfill this request by having a Holy Hour from 7-8PM. Join us in carrying out Jesus' request.

Mass Intentions**Monday, December 21--St. Peter Canisius of Holland-Priest**

8:00 Thomas F. Lagatol II R/b the Lagatol Family

12:00 John Zanetti R/b OLV CCD

Tuesday, Dec. 22-Ss. Chaeremon and Ischyron, Martyrs of Egypt

8:00 Frances Lorraine Mostyn R/b Tony and Laura Scott

12:00 Joseph Lamendola R/b Jinnie Moran

Wednesday, December 23 - St. John of Kanty, Poland-Priest

8:00 Intentions of Anna Heaney R/b Heaney Family

12:00 Nair Lawlor R/b Kathleen Magarro

Thursday, December 24- St. Adele, Queen and Abbess

8:00 Alberto Bellini R/b Carole Bellini

12:00 Joseph Smith R/b Theresa Smith

Christmas Eve Masses

2:30 Pageant & Mass (gym) Mia Neri R/b Tanya Egg

4:15 Quinn and Lawten Families R/b Richard and Deborah Quinn

4:15 (gym) Sara Migliorisi R/b Mario and Lorraine Gobbetti

5:30 Stephen and Mary Fogarino R/b Josephine J. Fogarino

7:00 Jordan and Evelyn Pedersen R/b the Pedersen Family

9:00 Evanella and Toleno Families R/b the Evanella Family

Midnight Frank and Patricia Adamcik R/b the Adamcik Family

Friday, December 25 - Nativity of the Lord

7:30 Bill Desmond R/b the Desmond Family

9:30 Edward and Winifred Pavlu R/b the Kip Family

10:45 Anna Lucia Arias R/b Maria Arias

12:00 Zanetti and Walsh Families R/b the Zanetti Family

6:00 Deceased of Hornak and Maher Families R/b Barry and Ginger Maher

Saturday, December 26--St. Stephen--first martyr

8:00 Deceased priests of OLV

12:00 Edward J. Higgins R/b OLV Social Concerns

4:00 Michael Giotta R/b Giotta Family

5:00 Michael Bentivegna R/b the Bentivegna Family

Sunday, December 27-- The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:30 Kevin Lagatol R/b the Lagatol Family

8:15 People of the Parish

9:30 Angela Norton Commerford R/b Mary Pat Cammarata

10:45 Nair Lawlor R/b Kathleen Magarro

12:00 John Zanetti R/b Chris and Mary Oakes

6:00 Souls in Purgatory R/b Kamilla Eksner

7:00 Charles and Catherine Denning R/b the Desmond Family

Sanctuary Memorials

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns this week for the **Ricciardi and Bertoglio Families**, r/b Bruce Michael Ricciardi.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the **intentions of Anna Heaney**, r/b the John Heaney.

The Hosts and Wine used at Mass this week have been donated for the **intentions of Anna Heaney**, r/b the Heaney Family.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp burns this week for the **repose of the soul of William Tristano**, r/b Josephine Tristano.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. St. John the Baptist
2. The Jordan River
3. 30
4. A carpenter like St. Joseph
5. A Phariseetic Jew

LOVE IS TRUTH

The greatest lies always possess an aspect of truth. Nobody believes a bold-faced lie that lacks even the semblance of truth. These are the weakest of lies. Who would believe that two plus two equals seven? On the other hand, good lies sell themselves. They are effective and forceful to the degree that they appear to be true.

I am afraid we find ourselves in the midst of the grandest of lies. One that is in full force. What makes it especially insidious is that it bears not only the appearance of truth; it bears the appearance of love itself. What is this greatest of lies? Simply put, it is the new social doctrine that the greatest commandment is to love thy neighbor. This lie is so powerful that you may think that I am the deceived one. You may even be so offended that you are tempted to stop reading this article. This is the point! Because the lie so powerfully resembles the truth, it is difficult to see the dishonesty. This is what makes it the greatest lie.

Yes, we are in fact commanded to love our neighbor. This is part of the two-fold commandment that Christ gave us when he summed up the Law and the Prophets. But the lie, the untruth, in this new social doctrine is that love thy neighbor is the greatest commandment. It is not. The Lord said that the greatest commandment is to love the Lord God with your entire mind, heart and soul; and that the second commandment is like it: love thy neighbor as your very self. To say that we are to love our neighbor is true. To say that we are to love our neighbor without regard to God and His plan for the human family is not true. In short, this formidable lie enlists the truth and beauty of the second greatest commandment to nullify, or subordinate, the first. This leads one to believe that we should love our neighbor even if it means ignoring God.

-Consider euthanasia. Nobody wants to see another suffer a slow agonizing death. My heart breaks when I see this suffering. Advocates for physician-assisted suicide are compassionate people. Doubtless, they believe they are being faithful to the commandment love thy neighbor. But what about the first and greatest commandment, to love the Lord God with your entire mind, heart and soul? Is there any regard for God and His plan in euthanasia? Are we to ignore the first commandment and only obey the second? I cannot. As a Christian I must ask if mercy killing is part of God's plan for the human family. Do I love God when I end the life he brought into existence? For Catholic Christians the answer is clear: no. The Lord's two-fold law of love compels me to ease the suffering and console the sick, but not to end their lives.

-Consider abortion. Nobody wants a woman to be in the position of having an unwanted or difficult pregnancy. My heart breaks when I see a woman, or a couple, in fear when faced with a challenging pregnancy. I would love nothing more than to remove the problem. Doubtless, pro-choice advocates believe they are being faithful to the commandment love thy neighbor in helping to make the problem go away. But what about the first and greatest commandment, to love the Lord God with your entire mind, heart and soul? Is there any regard for God and His plan? Are we to ignore the first commandment and only regard the second? I cannot. As a Christian I must ask if an abortion is part of God's plan for the human family. Do I love God when I assist in extinguishing a developing life in the womb? For Catholic Christians the answer is clear: no. The Lord's combined, two-fold law of love compels me to help the woman, the couple and the child, to aid in dispelling their fears, and to help find a loving way forward that minimizes the harm to all involved.

-Consider gay "marriage." Nobody wants to interfere with another's pursuit of happiness. My heart breaks when I see anyone suffering from isolation and loneliness. Advocates for gay marriage truly believe they are being faithful to the commandment love thy neighbor when they recognize as spouses those who are emotionally and physically drawn to others of the same sex. But what about the first and greatest commandment, to love the Lord God with your entire mind, heart and soul? Is there any regard for

God and regard for the second? I cannot. As a Christian I must ask if gay marriage is part of God's plan for the human family. Am I loving God when I ignore Him, the One who made the human family, as though He has revealed nothing regarding marriage and its essential properties? For Catholic Christians the answer is clear: No. We must take seriously the fact that whenever Jesus was asked about the topic of marriage, He consistently directed us to read the pages of Genesis: "In the beginning" it was so. Like a red flag Jesus uses these first words of Genesis to teach us about marriage and its divine construction. And so combined, the Lord's two-fold law of love compels me to reach out to my brother or sister who for one reason or another is not equipped for a natural marriage, but love does not compel me to undo the divinely constructed reality of marriage.

We live in the midst of the reign of the greatest lie precisely because it bears such a strong resemblance to the truth. The social doctrine of our day asks us to love our neighbor to such a degree that we must liberate ourselves from God. Haven't we been here before? Haven't we been invited to liberate ourselves from the constraints of God already? Recall the ominous words, "You certainly will not die" if you eat of the fruit of the tree. I am afraid that we have returned to the Garden of Eden, ironically to the place where marriage was first defined. I am afraid that we are no match for the greatest of liars. But I am not afraid for those who stay close to Our Lord who has already crushed the head of the serpent. The greatest of liars is no match for the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. As Christians we can never forget the words of Jesus:

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

Finally, as this article goes forth into the blogosphere I would like to say a word to those who engage in social media. A few tweets and colorized Facebook pics is hardly Christian persecution. Here is my advice. First, thank God for your clarity of vision. Second, engage when you think you can do some good, always loving God and your neighbor. Aside from this article I would like to make one further contribution, a new hashtag in response to #loveislove (...which is only partially true. We all know that there is a difference between how we love our mothers, friends and spouses.) I propose the alternative hashtag #loveistruth. Perhaps this can help organize those who seek to address the slick and fashionable lie of loving neighbor to the detriment of loving God.

HOLY HOUR AT OLV

Every Tuesday from 12:30-3:00PM. **Every Thursday** at 7:00PM OLV has a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Prayers and Quiet Time. **Every Friday** OLV has Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 12Noon to 3PM. Stop by and make a visit to our Eucharistic Lord.

THE LOVE OF GOD

No matter how long it has been, the Love of God knows no time. We celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **First Friday** at 7PM, **Saturday** at 11:00 AM until Noon, and from 3- 3:25PM. **Monday thru Friday** at 7:25AM - 7:50AM.

KIDZ KORNER

1. Who baptized Jesus?
2. In what river was Jesus baptized?
3. How old was Jesus when He was baptized?
4. Before Jesus started to preach what did He do for "a living"?
5. In what religion was Jesus raised?

Answers on page 4

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