THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD 2024

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church Lake Oswego, Oregon



Why the Birth of Christ Is Not "Old News"

Two-thousand and twenty-five years ago Jesus Christ, Our Savior was born. Truly! We might shrug off (dismiss?) this most significant moment in history as *old news*, but it is not. Here is why.

The "timing" of the coming of Christ can be seen in three ways: Christ comes to us *in history*, *in mystery*, and *in majesty*. The fact that Jesus was born as an infant to Mary and Joseph and placed in a manger is a matter of *history*. Christian and non-Christian sources articulate the impact of the life and ministry of Jesus. Eye-witnesses attest to his death and resurrection. The world was changed forever! Christ becomes present to us in *mystery* as we listen to his Living Word in the Sacrad Scriptures and encounter Jesus in the Sacraments, especially in the Holy Eucharist. Finally, Christ will come in *majesty* at the end of time and draw everything to himself for all eternity.

Today, let's focus on how Christ comes in *mystery*. We believe with all our hearts that God speaks to us in the Living Word, and that Christ is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist. I have seen this mystery manifest in the ongoing conversion of lifelong Catholics, including myself, and as I witness new conversions of those who never knew Christ or have come to know him in a new way. Jesus still touches hearts in vivid and real ways today and every day! As our Christmas theme proclaims: *The Lord has done great things for us!*

Jubilee 2025 – *Pilgrims of Hope*. To further understand this *mystery*, we join with Pope Francis and the global Catholic Church in celebrating 2025 as a "Year of Jubilee" with the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*. Acknowledged every 25 years since the birth of the Messiah, we invite you and your family to grow in your understanding and witness of Jesus through pilgrimage, prayer, and participation. We have prepared a **Jubilee Passport** with ways and information on how you can participate in the Jubilee Year at Our Lady of the Lake. These will

be available next weekend as we kick off the Jubilee Year with the Feast of the Holy Family.

Building our Future: A Sacred Presence. The year 2025 in history will mark the 69th anniversary of when our present church and hall were built and dedicated in 1956. We have launched a Capital Campaign to fund greatly needed upgrades to these spaces, and with your help and participation, we look forward to celebrating Christ's Sacred Presence in our local community, and our parish church's 70th year! See our Campaign Prayer on page 23.

Hallow Prayer App. When we gather in prayer and worship, we honor Christ and look forward to his coming in *majesty*. Our Christmas gift to you this year, instead of a spiritual book, is an almost free (\$1) ninemonth subscription to the Hallow prayer app, available for phone, tablet, or computer. We want to promote and help you increase your spiritual lives through daily prayer. Hallow is a rich and easy-to-use digital resource for prayer that will also help to connect us as a community. See the back cover or page 3 in the bulletin for how to get your parish gift subscription to Hallow.

May Christ renew Himself in your hearts in this time of our parish *history*, through the *mystery* of Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist, and may we look forward to Christ's second coming in *majesty* as we sing: *The Lord has done great things for us!*

Merry Christmas!



Fr. John Kerns, Pastor

Welcome to Our Lady of the Lake!



Thank you for celebrating Christmas with us. We invite you to explore the events, resources, and spiritual formation our parish community has to offer. Please visit our website at ollparish.com or our weekly parish bulletin and parish emails for current information. Contact the parish office at 503.636.7687 with questions.

Prayer & Worship

The foundation of our parish is our common prayer life including the Holy Eucharist and all the sacraments.

- · Weekend and daily Masses
- · Children's Liturgy of the Word
- · First Friday Eucharistic Adoration
- · Church open daily for personal prayer
- Individual Confession & Reconciliation services
- Prayer groups and prayer resources
- · Communion Visitation Ministry

Faith Formation (Religious Education)

Christian disciples explore and grow in knowledge and understanding of their faith throughout their lives.

- Baptism Preparation sessions for parents
- Life Kids for Pre-K through 5th grade
- Vacation Bible School in the summer (June 23-27)
- Middle and High School Youth Groups
- First Sacraments (First Communion & Reconciliation for 2nd grade and up)
- Confirmation (7th grade and up)
- Marriage Preparation
- Christian Initiation (OCIA) for adults interesting in joining the Catholic Church
- Adult Confirmation preparation
- · Adult Bible studies & faith groups

Service & Outreach

We respond to our call to love our neighbor.

- Mercy Teams Sack Lunch program, Street Ministry to the unsheltered, and Holiday Meals program
- St. Vincent de Paul Conference direct outreach
- · Knights of Columbus charitable projects
- · Annual Advent Giving Tree
- · Various food/clothing/supplies collections and opportunities for serving throughout the year
- · OLL Outreach Fund charitable grants
- Respect Life pro-life efforts
- Lake Oswego Transitional Shelter support

Community Fellowship

We experience community through regular and seasonal events and gatherings.

- · Hospitality after Mass
- Grief support groups
- · Funeral Luncheon Ministry
- · Catholic Deaf Community of Oregon
- · Monthly senior luncheons
- · Prayer Shawl Ministry
- · Fellowship groups for women, men, and moms
- · Recovery and support groups

Spiritual Life & Retreats

Retreats and other spiritual life events are offered throughout the year.

OLL Parish Men's Retreat 2025

Jan. 26-28 at Mt. Angel Abbey Guesthouse. Our retreat this year is entitled When God Speaks, Do We Listen? with Retreat Facilitator Deacon Kevin Welch.

Women ACTS Retreat 2025

March 13-16 at the Fr. Bernard Youth Center in Mt. Angel. Join us to revitalize your faith life, spend time with our Lord and your sisters in Christ. Come and experience three days of joy, prayer, authenticity, and holy friendship.

Awakening Faith

Have you considered returning to the Catholic Church, or a more active practice of your faith? Our Awakening Faith group will meet in the Parish Library beginning Mon. Jan. 13 at 10am or Tues. Jan. 14 at 7pm. For more information, contact Margaret at maggieandmargaret@gmail.com.

Retrouvaille

Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Retrouvaille helps troubled marriages regain their health. Visit www.helpourmarriage.org for program information or to register for the January 31-February 2, 2025 weekend at Canby Grove Retreat Center.

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December 24-25, 2023

10pm only: Christmas Proclamation

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Hymn

Please stand



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Greeting

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Penitential Act



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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

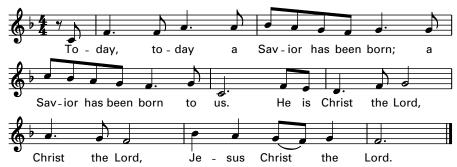
First Reading – Isaiah 9:1–6

Please be seated

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 96

Bernadette Farrell



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Second Reading – Titus 2:11–14

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

Christmas Season Gospel Acclamation, Barbara Bridge



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Verse before the Gospel – Luke 2:10–11

I proclaim to you good news of great joy: today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord.

Gospel – *Luke 2:1–14*

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

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.

through him all things were made For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(Genuflect on Christmas) 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.

Prayer of the Faithful

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation and Preparation of the Gifts

Please be seated

Choral Anthem

7pm and and 11:15am

Before the Marvel of this Night

Carl Schalk

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN



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Prayer Over the Offerings

Please stand

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

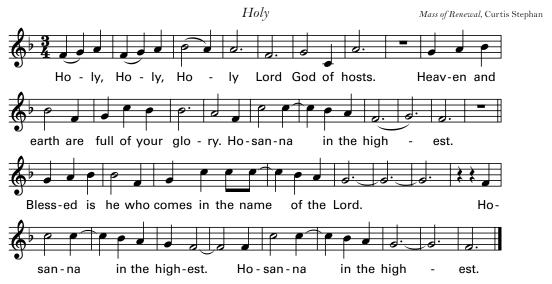
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just.



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Please kneel



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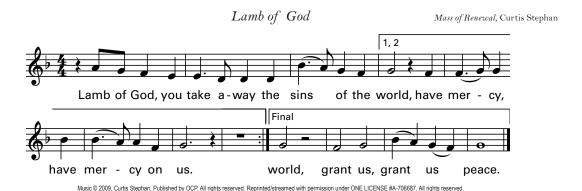
Please stand

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And with your spirit. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.



Communion Please kneel

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Please kneel or be seated

For Catholics, the Holy Eucharist is our highest form of worship; a public statement in our belief, that what was previously bread and wine has now become, through this act of worship, the true existence of the body and blood of Jesus Christ. This is why it is distributed only to Catholics who believe the nature of this Sacrament.

Non-Catholics are invited to come forward for a blessing during Communion. Please place your right arm across your heart to indicate to the Eucharistic Minister your desire for a blessing. Or, if you prefer, you may be seated at this time.



* Advent, verses 1-2, Christmas verses 3-5

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Silent Night

STILLE NACHT

- Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright
 Round you Virgin Mother and Child, Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
 Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.
- 2. Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight; Glories stream from heaven a far, Heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born!"
- 3. Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
 Radiant beams from thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,
 Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

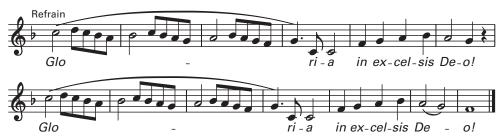
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- 1. An gels we have heard on high Sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
- 2. Shep-herds, why this ju bi-lee? Why your joy ous strains pro-long?
- 3. Come to Beth-le-hem and see Him whose birth the an gels sing;
- 4. See him in a man-ger laid Whom the an gels praise a bove;



- 1. And the moun-tains in re-ply Ech o back their joy ous strains.
- 2. Say what may the tid ings be Which in-spire your heav'n-ly song.
- 3. Come, a dore on bend ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new-born King.
- 4. Ma ry, Jo seph, lend your aid, While we raise our hearts in love



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Away in a Manger

MUELLER

- Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
 The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
 The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
 The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.
- The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
 But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;
 I love thee, Lord Jesus! look down from the sky,
 And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
- 3. Be near me, Lord Jesus! I ask thee to stay Close by me for ever, and love me, I pray; Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, And fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

Text: 11 11 11 11; Verses 1-2, Little Children's Book for Schools and Families, ca. 1885; Verse 3, John T. McFarland, 1851-1913; Gabriel's Vineyard Songs, 1892, alt. Music: Attr. to James R. Murray, 1841-1905.
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THE CONCLUDING RITES

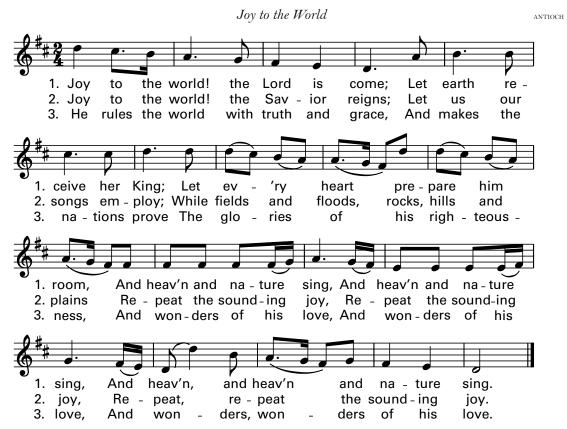
Blessing Please stand

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn



Text: CM with repeats; based on Psalm 98; Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt. Music: T. Hawkes' Collection of Tunes, 1833; George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759.

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Choral Anthem 7pm and 11:15am

Hallelujah Chorus

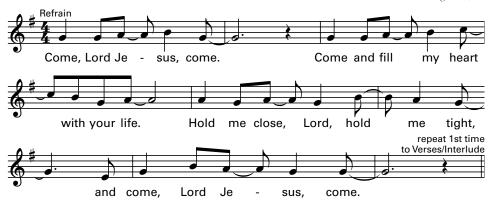
The Messiah, G. F. Handel

Choral Anthem 10pm

Ding, Dong, Merrily on High

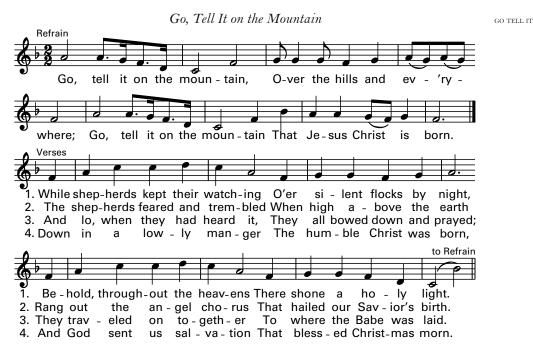
16th Century French, arr. Charles Wood

Come, Lord Jesus



- 1. Where there's despair in life, Lord, let me be your voice of hope. Where there's injury, Lord, let me be your voice of peace.
- 2. Where there is sadness let me be your comfort and your joy. When there's fear in our hearts let me be a sign of faith.

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Prelude Music

Choral Anthem Of the Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, arr. Paul Wohlgemuth

Choral Anthem

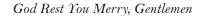
Sleep, My Little One

SCHLAF', MEIN KINDELEIN, arr. John Leavitt

Choral Anthem

Break Forth, O Beauteous, Heav'nly Light

ERMUNTRE DICH, arr. J.S. Bach



GOD REST YOU MERRY



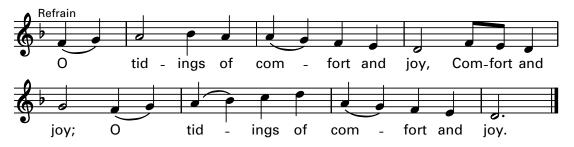
- God rest you mer ry, gen-tle-men, Let noth-ing you dis may;
- 2. From God our heav'n-ly Fa ther A bless-ed an-gel came,
- 3. "Fear not, then," said the an gel, "Let noth-ing you af fright;
- 4. Now to the Lord sing prais es, All you with-in this place,



- 1. Re-mem-ber Christ our Sav ior Was born on Christ-mas Day
- 2. And un to cer tain shep herds Brought tid-ings of the same,
- 3. This day is born a Sav ior Of Vir-gin pure and bright,
- 4. And with true love and char-i ty Each oth er now em brace;



- 1. To save us all from Sa-tan's pow'r When we were gone a stray.
- 2. How that in Beth le hem was born The Son of God by name.
- 3. To free all those who trust in him From Sa-tan's pow'r and might."
- 4. This ho-ly tide of Christ mas Is filled with heav'n-ly grace.



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1. In the bleak mid-winter, all creation groans
For a world in darkness, frozen like a stone
Light is breaking in a stable for a throne

Chorus (And) He shall reign forevermore forevermore

And He shall reign forevermore forevermore

Unto us a Child is born

The King of kings and Lord of lords

And He shall reign forevermore forevermore

If I were a wise man, I would travel far
 If I were a shepherd, I would do my part
 But poor as I am, I will give to Him my heart

Bridge Here within a manger lies the One who made the starry skies

This baby born for sacrifice, Christ the Messiah

Into our hopes into our fears, the Savior of the world appears

The promise of eternal years, Christ the Messiah

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Adore

Graham Kendrick, Martin Chalk

1. You stepped down from heaven, humbly You came

God of all creation here with us In a starlit manger Emmanuel Light of the world here to save

Chorus Adore, come let us adore

O come let us adore Him

The Lord, worship Christ the Lord

Let all that is within us adore

2. Wise men bring their treasures, shepherds bow low

Angel voices sing of peace on earth What have I to offer to heaven's King I will bring my life my love my all

Bridge Angels sing, praises ring

To the newborn King Peace on earth here with us

Joy awakening At Your feet we fall

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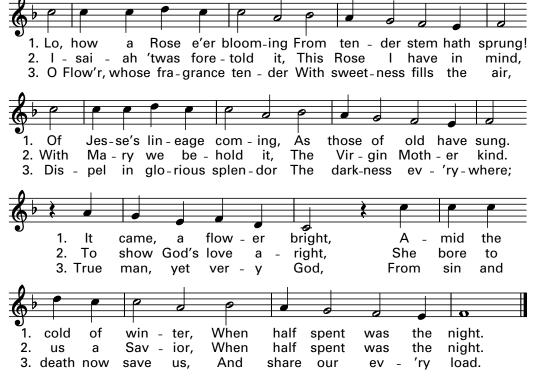


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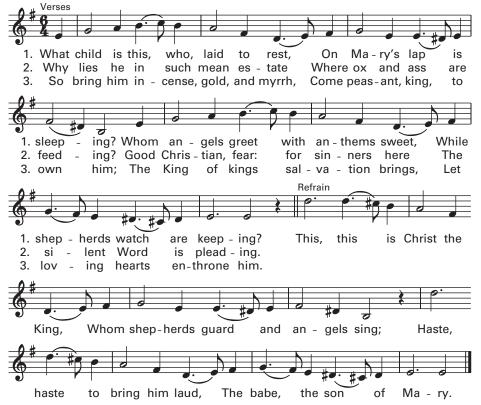


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GREENSLEEVES



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- O holy night, the stars are brightly shining,
 It is the night of the dear Savior's birth;
 Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
 Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.
 A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
 For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;
 Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices!
 O night divine! O night when Christ was born.
 O night, O holy night, O night divine.
- 2. Led by the light of faith serenely beaming;
 With glowing hearts by his cradle we stand:
 So, led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
 Here come the wise men from Orient land,
 The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger,
 In all our trials born to be our friend;
 He knows our need, our weakness is no stranger!
 Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend!
 Behold your King! Before him lowly bend!
- 3. Truly He taught us to love one another;
 His law is love and His gospel is peace;
 Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother,
 And in his name all oppression shall cease,
 Sweet hymns of joy in grateful Chorus raise we;
 Let all within us praise his holy name!
 Christ is the Lord, O praise his name forever!
 His pow'r and glory, evermore proclaim!
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Jubilee Year of Hope

What is a Jubilee Year?

In the Catholic Church, a Jubilee Year is a special year designated for forgiveness, reconciliation, and spiritual renewal, occurring every 25 years, where Catholics are encouraged to make pilgrimages, receive sacraments, and focus on acts of charity, with the aim of returning to a closer relationship with God. The Jubilee Year 2025 will begin with the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica on December 24, 2024 (Christmas Eve) and will continue until the closing of the door on January 4, 2026 (Feast of the Epiphany).

Pilgrims of Hope

The 2025 Jubilee will be centered on the theme Pilgrims of Hope. "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."—Pope Francis. OLL will have special activities in honor of the Jubilee Year, so pay attention to our bulletin, emails, and website.



Jubilee Passports

On Dec. 28 & 29, the Feast of the Holy Family, we will distribute specially made passports to our parishioners. Anyone who would like to is encouraged to participate. How to use the passport: We've categorized Jubilee-related

activities by the three P's: pilgrimage, prayer, and participation. In the passport we've included suggestions of things we can do to intentionally pilgrimage through the Jubilee Year, but most of the pages are left blank for you to fill in yourself. There will be special stamps available in the back of church so that you can stamp the things you've completed as the year progresses. There's a lot of flexibility, so anyone can participate. It's a fun and tangible way to keep tabs on your journey through the Jubilee Year.

Building Our Future:A Sacred Presence

Our Lady of the Lake is embarking on a major remodel and renovation project that will breathe new life into our facilities and enhance our ability to serve our community of faith. These physical improvements are not mere aesthetic changes, but rather tangible embodiments of our parish's deepening commitment to being a true "Sacred Presence" in our community. By enhancing our facilities, we are making room for our ministries to flourish and expand their reach. Our target is \$10 million and construction is slated to start in the summer of 2025. We invite you to learn more about all aspects of the project and pledge your support at our campaign webpage: ollparish.com/bof.

Campaign Prayer

Loving and Gracious God,
you sent your Son to dwell among us
who, through the Mystery of his Body and Blood,
and the power of the Holy Spirit
has formed us into his Body, the Church:
A sacred presence in the world.

Bless and guide Our Lady of the Lake Parish in building our future by living the gospel, and proclaiming your hope to those around us.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Amen.

- V. Father, Creator of heaven and earth.
- R. Have mercy on us.
- V. Jesus Christ, Our Savior.
- R. Have mercy on us.
- V. Holy Spirit, Lord of Life.
- **R.** Have mercy on us.
- V. Our Lady of the Lake.
- **R.** Pray for us.





To help us all grow in our relationship with God together, Our Lady of the Lake is partnering with Hallow to offer a **9-month premium subscription for just \$1** (a \$50 value)! With this partnership, we encourage you to use this prayer and meditation app to help grow your personal relationship with Christ and dive deeper into your prayer life with our community of faith. In the app, those who join our **parish page** will have the opportunity create a profile, make/join small groups, share prayer intentions, and journey through challenges and content together.

3 Steps to Take: (outlined in more detail below)

- 1. Get the Hallow app.
- 2. Join Our Lady of the Lake's parish page on the app (Community tab > search zip code 97034).
- Sign up for a 9-month premium subscription for \$1. We encourage everyone to get the premium subscription to access the robust library of content Hallow has to offer.

Instructions for existing Hallow users (paid or free version): Join our parish page (step 2 above). To get the \$1 promo, follow steps 2 and 3 below after your paid annual subscription or free trial has ended. If you are subscribed monthly, you can cancel your subscription and then sign up.

If you're brand new to Hallow:

1. On your device, download the Hallow app from your app store and create your account. If you sign up for a free trial at this point, you can still get the \$1 deal by following steps 2 and 3 once the trial period has ended.

- 2. Using a browser (on computer or device), Visit hallow.com/parish and enter zip code 97034 to find our parish. Follow the prompts to enter payment information for the \$1 promo.
- 3. Open the Hallow app on your device. You should now have access to all premium content.
- 4. Navigate to the Community tab (bottom right), select Join a Church, then search zip code 97034 to find/join our parish.





What is Hallow and why should I take part?

Hallow helps people grow closer to God and find peace. Users can pray alongside Fr. Mike Schmitz, Sr. Miriam, Jonathan Roumie, and more. The app also offers scripture reflection, sleep content, audiobooks, and music. During the upcoming Jubilee Year of Hope, use Hallow to grow closer to Jesus.

Our parish is partnering with Hallow to grow our culture of prayer with this vision:

- Deep intimate relationship with Jesus for all our members.
- Robust personalized habits of prayer.
- That we all become members of small communities of prayer.
- That we ultimately fuel the mission of the Church through our prayers.

Need additional help getting setup?

Email parishsupport@hallow.app