



OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE

Frequently Asked Questions

When are Mass times?

Each weekend, we celebrate Mass with over 1200 of our Parishioners and guests. Services are held on Saturday at 5:00pm, and on Sunday at 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am, and 6:00pm. Also, we have daily mass at 8:30am Monday through Friday and a Communion Service each weekday at 7:00am and on Saturday at 8:30am.

Children 4th grade and younger are welcome to attend the Children's Liturgy, typically held during the 9:30am Sunday Mass, except for holiday weekends. Please feel free to attend with your children or send them down by themselves. No sign up is required. Sunday's 6:00 pm Mass is facilitated by the Youth Ministry, and various ministries host coffee & donuts after Sunday's 7:30 and 9:30 Masses.

How can my young children receive religious education and their Sacraments at OLW?

Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 1:00pm. A Baptismal Preparation session is required when baptizing your first child. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule.

Religious education is available for children from 1st through 8th grade through either Religious Education Program (REP) or for all students at OLW School. First Reconciliation and First Communion are made when your child is in Second Grade. Preparations are made through OLW's REP or as students at OLW School. Confirmation is held during your child's Eighth Grade year at the conclusion of a 2-year preparation program administered through REP or OLW School.

How can I find out more information about Catholicism and becoming Catholic?

While we welcome all guests to attend our Masses and be involved in our Ministries, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program is designed to teach adults about the Catholic Faith and help them prepare to receive their Sacraments. RCIA meets weekly, from the Fall through Easter.

How can I get more involved in the OLW Community?

OLW has 100+ ministries focused on serving Christ's mission. More details about each as well as contact information can be found on the Parish website, www.olwparish.org, in the bulletin, in our Wayside Wednesday email distribution, via our social media channels or by calling the Parish Office at 847-253-5353.

One ministry that warmly introduces adults to the OLW community is the Christian Family Movement (CFM), having monthly small-group meetings of 15-20 people and other large-group events through the year. Teens are invited to join our vibrant Youth Ministry which meets weekly to work with teens on their faith, as well as sponsor retreats and service projects, and facilitate Sunday Evening Masses. Children under 6 and their parents are invited to Little Saints on Friday mornings for spiritual playdates.

Some women's ministries include Women at the Well which sponsors periodic speakers, and Widows of Wayside. Some men's ministries include Golf through the Summer, and Basketball Tuesday nights. OLW also hosts Welcome Retreats separately for men and women.

How does OLW support our sister parish, St. Marks?

OLW's sister parish is St. Marks, located in Humboldt Park. We hold monthly food drives, and collect Christmas gifts via the Giving Tree. We also share joint Masses and invite St. Marks to attend our end-of-summer Parish Picnic.