

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Fri 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Closed to the public at this time
Call 747-1321 for assistance

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Fri 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Call 747-1027 for assistance

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Sat. 5:30 PM /Sun. 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM,
10:45 AM, 12:30 PM,
2:30 PM (Spanish)

Sunday Masses on the OMOS

Facebook page at 9:00 AM

and 2:30 PM (Spanish)

(Masses moved to hall temporarily)

DAILY MASS TIMES

6:30 am Monday - Friday
8:30 am Monday - Saturday
6:30 pm Wednesday

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

7:00 am - 6:00 pm Tuesday-Friday
(in choir room on south side of hall)

CONFESSIONS: Wednesdays 4:00-5:00 pm and Saturdays 3:00—4:30 pm *(in the church)*

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OMOS SCHOOL

Preschool to 8th Grade

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Assistant

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

As missionary disciples filled with the joy of the Gospel, our parish proclaims an ongoing encounter with Jesus Christ through Word, community, Sacrament, and loving service.

Definition of a parish by Pope Francis: "The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach." *-The Joy of the Gospel, Paragraph 28.*

SEVEN KEY THEMES OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

1. *Sacredness of life and the dignity of the human person*
2. *Call to family, community and participation*
3. *Human rights and the responsibility to protect them*
4. *Preferential option for the poor and vulnerable*
5. *Dignity of work and the rights of workers*
6. *Solidarity with all people as one global family*
7. *Stewardship and care for God's creation*

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time-January 16, 2022

Reflection for this Sunday: A line which strikes me today are the words of Mother Mary to her Son, Jesus – “Son they have no more wine”. These words could be identified as a normal statement indicating a lack of something very important for the event and once it is addressed, it would have deplorable effects on the couple and the whole family celebrating the wedding. As such, it has an urgent call for an action to be taken in order to get it provided and ensure that the festive celebration will continue.

Maybe, if we try to look into our respective life situations, what we lack may not be wine in its real sense. But I think whatever plays the role of bringing such divinely approved gladness in our life becomes our *wine*. The end of every struggle in this life is gladness of heart - to be truly happy. My point here is that at this moment, many peoples’ *wine* is long finished. There is so much unhappiness in our lives. Remember, if you have lost your happiness, you have lost everything. We are just grateful to God for the revelations today of how we can comfortably restore what we have lost-the presence of the Mother of Jesus. As parishioners, we are so blessed to have her as our Patroness. She is our intercessor and Mother. She knows when to ask her Son if our *wine* is almost gone. Let us always invite her into our life and accept her Motherly presence. Surely, our gladness would be restored; we would be happy once again. O Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help, Pray for Us.

Sound Improvement Project Update: As promised, this improvement project will permanently address the many issues our parishioners have been enduring for so long, such as echo problem, volume changes, popping, cracking, muddiness, and hearing loop issues. In fact, the company will install a totally new and more updated system. We will get new directional speakers, a new sound deck, a new assisted listening system, customized-synchronized equipment, and echo suppressing panels. I cannot wait for that day when even my whisper is as clear as my great amen.

The project should operate for three weeks. Hopefully, on the 1st day of February, we will be able to return to our Church for worship and enjoy the sound system that we dreamed of having.

Meantime, let us all avoid entering our church or even come near it for safety purposes.

Temporary Place of Worship: Now, the Parish Hall is our temporary place for our worship. I would like to sincerely thank Lyn Bulski, the maintenance personnel and everyone who helped set up the hall to be as dignified as it is now. It was quite a challenge to use the hall because it is usually used as a cafeteria for our OMOS students. But, as one community we always adjust and help one another. So, my gratitude to our OMOS faculty, Staff and Students for their understanding and cooperation.

This is our first Sunday that we will be together to celebrate our Sunday Eucharist here at the Hall. Let us be very understanding and be more easily adjusting to the set-up we have. Let us also maintain the orderliness of the place.

*Thank you so much!
May God bless you all more abundantly!*



**Yours in the love of Jesus and Mary,
Fr. Arnold Aurillo**



Scripture Reflection

Any questions or comments: *Melinda Caballero*
mcaballero@omosparish.org

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time January 16, 2022

Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

“Do whatever he tells you.”

Mary tells the waiters who are in a bit of a panic at the wedding in Cana to do whatever Jesus tells them to do. He will fix the wine situation. Obviously, she knew He was able to perform miracles. This was His first official miracle in the Bible though. He did what she wanted, and the wedding was saved. The best wine was served.

There are many facets to this story. But for our purposes, Mary is telling us what to do as well. We are to do what Jesus tells us to do. Get baptized. Follow Him. Love God. Love our neighbors. Follow the law. It's pretty easy. At least it sounds that way, doesn't it?

It is pretty easy if you live putting Jesus first in your life. Once you do that, then more and more of what you do is for Him. You think before you speak. You are nicer to those around you. You are more generous with your time, your talents, and your treasure.

Your family is what comes next. They need to know how important the Lord is in your life so they will make Him important as well. You will all make family important. Remember, loving one another is next on Jesus' list after loving God. You work to be kind to each other. You care what happens to each other. You never physically hurt each other! If you get angry at each other, you take a step back, count to ten (or higher if you need to), and then talk about it. You don't go to bed angry. If you need to defer the conversation until the next day, you do, but you at least agree to talk about it. You honor your marriage vows. No cheating!

You take care of your family. Whoever your family is. Sometimes family isn't blood relations, sometimes your family is who you make it. You love them and by that example, they love you. Again, you never physically hurt each other!

Then, you love those around you ~ your community. Maybe your community is your church. Maybe it's your co-workers. Maybe it's the people who live in the housing community with you. Everyone has disputes, but remember this world is temporary. Love one another! And do as He tells us to do!



FORMED.ORG

Our Mother of Sorrows has a subscription to FORMED.org!

Go to <https://formed.org/>

Click on the **SIGN UP** button to create an account.

Select **Sign up as a parishioner** from the option on the next screen.

Type in “Our Mother of Sorrows” in the **Find your Parish or Organization** box. Then select “Our Mother of Sorrows, 1800 S Kolb Road Tucson, AZ” when it appears in the dropdown list. Click **NEXT**.

Type your name and email in the boxes and then click **Sign Up** to create your account. Your FORMED.org account will be created, and you'll be taken to the homepage to the website.

SUNDAY MISSALS



Sunday Missals are still available for \$5.00 in front of the ambo in the church or in the Parish Office.



"I want a Church which is poor and for the poor." -Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium

January Is Poverty Awareness Month

This month join the U.S. Bishops, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and the Catholic community in the United States in taking up Pope Francis' challenge to live in solidarity with the poor! The Poverty Awareness calendar is available in the literature rack and on line along with longer daily reflections. All of these resources are also en Español. You can even sign up to have the daily reflections emailed to you during Poverty Awareness Month! For the calendar, reflections and additional information go to www.povertyusa.org or www.pobrezausa.org (Español).

Christian Life



The U.S. bishops annual novena 9 Days for Life takes place January 19– January 27. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day. Download the novena online, or participate through Facebook, email, text message or an app. Join at 9daysforlife.



La novena anual de los obispos de EE. UU., 9 Días por la Vida, tendrá lugar del 19 al 27 de enero. Recen por el respeto y la protección de la vida humana con nuevas intenciones, breves reflexiones y más cada día. Bajen la novena de Internet o participe en Facebook, mensaje electrónico de texto o una aplicación. ¡Únete a 9daysforlife.



Christian Life Program

You are invited on a journey in rediscovering God's Love .. reflecting on the Basic Truths about the Christian faith, an authentic Christian Life, and Spirit-filled Christian Life presented by the Couples for Christ Family Ministries. The CLP is open to all married couples, single young adults, divorced, separated and widowed.

Begins Saturday February 12
Time: 10am -12 noon
Our Mother of Sorrows
Tucson AZ

For more info contact Den Adel Abrugena at (520) 488-7411 or Chris Bansil at (520) 307-6881.



Bereavement Group

OMOS is happy to have back our in-person Bereavement Support Group. facilitated by Ms. Lourdes Serna. This is a Christ Centered ministry where individuals can find support, healing and consolation working through the loss of a loved one. The group will meet the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, from 6:30 to 8:00pm in the PAC building. For more information please contact the parish office or visit our website. No registration needed, come as you need.

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take Courage! I have overcome the world." -John 16:33



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Your parish Knights of Columbus, Regina Cleri Council 5133 is ACTIVE!

If you're interested in helping the Church and your community, become a Knight! To join, contact Michael Cruz at 401-3935 or go to KofC.org/join.

Liturgy At A Glance!

Lyn Bulski at 305-3612 or Lbulski@omosparish.org

Liturgy update:

January 22 1st Reconciliation
9:30am: School
10:30am: Religious Ed

January 23 3rd Sunday in Ordinary
(ordered) Time

Questions or comments regarding OMOS liturgy?
520 305-3612 or lbulski@omosparish.org

Moving to the parish hall for Mass

All Masses will be held in the parish hall beginning Tuesday, Jan 11 through Monday, Jan 31. Daily Masses AND weekend Masses.

Eucharistic Adoration in the Choir Room-entrance on south side of parish hall by Calle Ileo. Call the parish office for keypad entry #. **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 7am-6pm**

Confessions will be in the parish hall. Wednesdays 4-5pm & Saturdays 3-4:30pm

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 S 15:16-23; Sal 50:8-9,16bc-17, 21, 23; Mr 2:18-22

Martes: 1 S 16:1-13; Sal 89:20, 21-22, 27-28; Mr 2:23-28

Miércoles: 1 S 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Sal 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mr 3:1-6

Jueves: 1 S 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Sal 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13; Mr 3:7-12

Viernes: 1 S 24:3-21, Sal 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11; Mr 3:7-12

Sábado: 2 S 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Sal 80:2-3, 5-7; Mr 3:13-19

Domingo: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Sal 19: 8, 9, 10, 15; 1 Co 12:12-30; Lc 1:1-4; 4:14-21

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sam 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9,16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sam 16:1-13; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sam 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sam 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sam 24:3-21, Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11; Mk 3:7-12

Saturday: 2 Sam 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:13-19

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19: 8, 9, 10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Pray for those who seek healing

*Zadai and Armado Gutierrez,
Bonnie Pierce,
Becky Lopez*

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord



*Teresita C. Somera+,
Oriana C. San Luis+*



Altar Servers!

Boys and girls in 4th grade and older who have made their 1st Communion are eligible to be altar servers!

**We will have a formation session on
February 4 at 1:20pm
and February 5 at 10am
in the church.**

You may attend either session and a parent or guardian is required to attend as well. Please email lbulski@omosparish.org to register if you have not already done so.
Servers must wear a mask when serving.

Announcements

CATHOLIC EDUCATION IS PRICELESS... MAKE YOUR 2021 TAX CREDIT CONTRIBUTION BY APRIL 15TH



Arizona's Tax Credit Program allows you to direct your tax dollar to help children in our Catholic schools. You can use money you would have to pay in taxes anyway to give these children a very precious gift...a quality Catholic education. Brochures are in the vestibule or visit www.ctso-tucson.org for online giving.

MASS FOR LIFE SATURDAY- JANUARY 22, 2022



Bishop Weisenburger will celebrate the Mass for Life at St. Augustine Cathedral at 9:00 am. The Procession to Holy Hope Cemetery will follow the Mass.

Marriage Anniversary Mass 2022



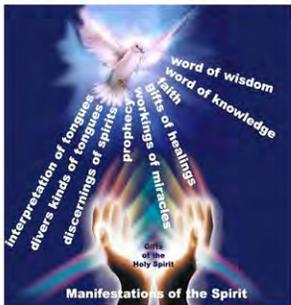
Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger cordially invites you to a special Mass celebrating Marriage Anniversaries for couples that have received the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony and are celebrating the following anniversaries: 1st, 10th, 25th, 50th, 60th or longer. Sunday, February 13, 2022 at 2:30 pm at St. Augustine Cathedral, 192 S Stone Ave, Tucson.

Registration forms are available in the vestibule of the church or email Ofelia James at ojames@diocesetucson.org

Alive in Christ Charismatic Word Gifts

Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Now I should like all of you to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. - 1 Cor 14:5



- ✦ Lively Praise & Worship
- ✦ Inspired Teaching
- ✦ Prayers for your intentions!



Fr Showri Narra

Everyone is Invited!
Bring your family & friends!

- Attend in person at:
Our Lady of Fatima,
1950 W. Irvington Place, Tucson
- View on Zoom, Meeting ID: **814 4930 0841**
Passcode: **352734**

View this using Zoom app on a computer / tablet / smart phone,
Or listen on a traditional phone: Dial (346) 248 7799 or (669) 900 9128 (*not toll-free*)
-If you have problems joining the meeting, please text Diana at: 520-981-8800.
- For Zoom training videos, and videos of past meetings, go to TucsonCCR.org

Casa Maria Sandwich Making



Thursday, January 20th
8:00 am
Parish Activity Center

Come be part of the group and help make sandwiches for the less fortunate in our community.
Masks are required!

Prayer Healing Ministry Seminar

The healing seminar scheduled for January 22nd is cancelled.

Please join us for the next seminar on March 19th.

Moved? Changed your number or email?
Give us a call to update us at 747-1321
or email omosparish@omosparish.org

Announcements



Important Notice

Due to the rise in Covid cases, Pima County has reinstated their mask mandate. We are **highly** encouraging all who attend our parish to worship and for other events to wear a face mask, sanitize, and practice social distancing. Please help prevent the spread of Covid and protect yourselves and those around you.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Allow God to strengthen, renew, rekindle and even transform your marriage sacrament. Take time for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Feb 5-6, 2022, at Mt Claret Retreat Center in Phoenix. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at wwmearizona.com.

**Immaculate Heart
High School
Open House
625 E Magee Rd
Tucson, AZ 85704**



**Sunday, January 30, 2022
1:00-3:00 pm**

Come visit the Catholic school that has been educating Tucson students for over 90 years! Meet our teachers, students, and parents. Learn about scholarships and tour our beautiful campus as we begin to celebrate Catholic Schools Week!

For more information, please contact Dr. Powell at kpowell@ihschool.org or 520-297-2851



TAX PREPARATION SERVICES

Our Mother of Sorrows is again hosting an AARP tax-aid site. Free tax preparation service will be available by **appointment only** beginning Thursday February 3rd. Tax preparation appointments will be scheduled for Mondays and Thursdays between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm in the Parish Activity Center Scout room (Bldg #7). Entrance is on the north side of the building (Calle Denebola).

Packets with appointment website (<https://appt.link/omos-taxaide>) and all other information will be available at Wilmot, Columbus, Martha Cooper, Golf Links, Mission, and Valencia Libraries (starting on January 20th), as well as the OMOS Parish Office beginning Friday 1/14/22. The appointment website will be open on 1/22/22. You can also make appointments in person on Monday and Thursday during Tax preparation hours.

What is Tucson Magnificat?

Magnificat is an international Spirit filled, Catholic women's ministry. We gather four times a year for a prayer breakfast. They include a shared catered meal, lively praise and worship, intercessory prayer, and inspirational testimonies by other Catholic women! Our goal is to provide a comfortable setting for evangelization under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the Blessed mother! We are anxious to minister to the women of our diocese! But we need your help! We are looking for new leadership within the Service team, as well as volunteers to help with our prayer breakfast. We cannot begin without you! If you are interested and sharing your time and talent with this ministry please call Gloria at 520-237-7060. Or email us at Tucsonmagnificat@gmail.com. We are looking for women who seek to grow in their spiritual walk with the Lord and have a heart to serve! Must be 18 years old, use a computer, and drive a car. Go to <https://magnificat-ministry.net> to learn more about this worldwide ministry!



OMOS Teen MD

Missionary Disciples



*"Let us do great work for the Glory of God
and let us become Saints."
-St. Gaspar del Bufalo*

Attention Adults!

Joining our Core Team is a great way to grow in your faith while leading our young people to encounter Christ! We need two core members to help us on Thursday evenings from 5:45—8:15 beginning in January. Please contact Kim if you are



OMOS Teen MD High School youth group meets every **Sunday** in the **Parish Dining Room/Teen Center** (bldg. 7)

from **1:30 pm—3:30 pm**
(immediately following the 12:30 TEEN Mass)

High School and 8th graders meet on Thursdays from 6:00—8:00 pm

We always have GOOD food and lots of FUN!
Make holiness a priority!!!



2022 TEEN MD TALENT SHOW

*Share your talent individually or in a group and WIN!
Grand Prize \$100 Cash*

It's time to shake the dust off your talent and get creative. The Teen Talent show is a little over a month away and is open to anyone in 8th grade or High School.....

We need acts and we need help!



For information regarding Teens please contact : Kim Sisson,
ksisson@omosparish.org, 602 677 3064

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

7:00 am - Julian Lopez, Jr.+
9:00 am - Mark Dodd+
10:45 am - Ron Mendoza+
12:30 pm - Antonio Dandoy, Sr.+
2 :30 pm - Maria Inez+ Ainza & Mariano+ Ainza

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

6:30 am - Jeanne Fischer+
8:30 am - Maria My Nguyen+

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

6:30 am - Michael Krzysik+
8:30 am - Peggy Jo Brodie+ & Theresa Ann Brodie Jones+

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

6:30 am - Paulino Arturo Roa
8:30 am - Filimon Magtoto+
6:30 pm - Departed souls of the Bell Family+

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

6:30 am - Laura Beas+
8:30 am - Roger Aubrey+

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

6:30 am - Sienna Mattull (birthday)
8:30 am - Victor Cecil (birthday)

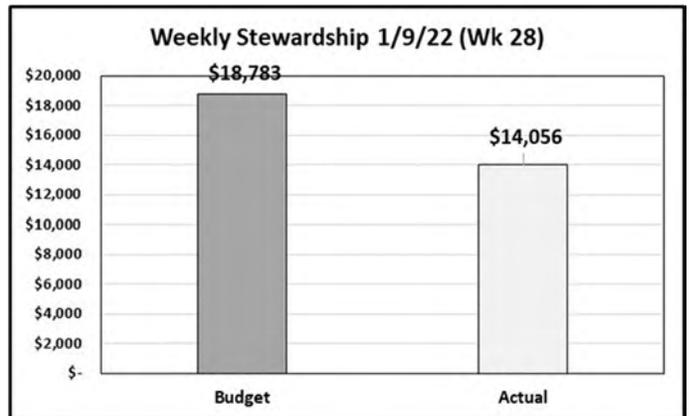
SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

8:30 am - Charles Starcevich+
5:30 pm - Daniel O'Hearn+

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

7:00 am - Michael Krzysik+
9:00 am - Martha Towle+
10:45 am - Kiyu Cecil+
12:30 pm - Holy Souls in Purgatory
2 :30 pm - Julian Lopez, Jr.+

First Fruits Giving



This week's actual stewardship of \$14,056 was \$4,727 below the budget weekly average of \$18,783. The Parish is above our budget by 4%. Thank you all for your faithful and sacrificial support of the parish.



WE'RE ALL PART OF **GOD'S PLAN(ET)**

An Invitation to Participate in the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform

What is the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform?

The *Laudato Si'* Action Platform (Platform) is a new and groundbreaking faith-driven and ecological initiative to engage the Catholic Church in a seven-year journey to global sustainability and spiritual conversion. The Platform is a collaboration between the Vatican and a coalition of Catholic organizations across the world, many in the United States.

The Platform offers Catholics an interactive place to learn, act, and spiritually grow together in their homes and Catholic institutions in which they pray, discern and work. It is designed to inspire and equip the Catholic Church to implement Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* with planning, guidance, resources and community so we may integrate creation care more fully into our daily lives and with our Catholic communities and institutions.

You are warmly invited to embark on this effort along with others in the U.S. Catholic community, as we join our brothers and sisters around the world. Your unique "culture, experience, involvements, and talents" are needed on this journey towards greater love for our Creator, each other, and the home we share (LS 14.) The initiative is rooted in the strengths and realities of communities around the world and is designed to empower everyone to take "decisive action, here and now" as we journey towards a better future together (LS 161.)

Why is the Platform Needed?

Our Church teaches us that care for creation is a precious gift from God intended to be shared by all – our one common home, and a requirement of our faith. (USCCB, **Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching**) God calls us to care for all His creation, but we are now in a climate crisis. Earth, our common home, is facing a grim future as pollution, higher temperatures, droughts, wildfires, stronger storms, floods, and biodiversity loss, are all creating and driving up the risk of enormous suffering, especially for our most vulnerable brothers and sisters everywhere. These challenges demand meaningful and urgent responses from all of us. We are at a Kairos moment. We must respond to the call for healing and renewal in our relationships with God, our neighbors, and the Earth itself. Through the Platform, we can walk this "path to renewal" together (LS 202.)

What are the Goals of the Platform?

To respond to this moment, the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform is organized around seven goals:

1. Response to the Cry of the Earth
2. Response to the Cry of the Poor
3. Ecological Economics
4. Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles
5. Ecological Education
6. Ecological Spirituality
7. Community Engagement and Participatory Action



OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS' PARISH

“Laudato Si’ Action Plan: We’re All Part Of God’s Planet You Are Invited To Participate!

WHAT?

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish is joining a global effort to promote and deepen caring for God’s creation by participating in the [Vatican’s 7-Year Global Laudato Si’ Action Plan](#) and its U.S. counterpart: [We’re All Part of God’s Plan\(et\)](#). Individuals and families of the parish are invited to **(1) Learn about and act upon** practical and accessible ways to better care for God’s Planet and/or **(2) Consider involvement in the Vatican’s Laudato Si’ Action Platform** by joining the first cohort of participants in the “Family/Individuals Sector” of the Platform to **develop your own Laudato Si’ Action Plan** through a guided process of *Reflection, Action, and Evaluation*.

WHY?

In the words of Pope Francis from his 2015 [Laudato Si’ Encyclical](#): *“The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change. . . . We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all .”* (Laudato Si’ 13,14).

To accomplish this, the Laudato Si’ Action Plan has 7 goals:
(1) Response to the Cry of the Earth, (2) Response to the Cry of the Poor, (3) Ecological Economics, (4) Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles, (5) Ecological Education, (6) Ecological Spirituality, and (7) Community Resilience and Empowerment.

HOW?

(1) Ongoing Education & Engagement at OMOS will take place through bulletin inserts, columns, prayer opportunities, resource materials (e.g., Lenten calendar), and virtual or in-person activities. *Everyone* in the parish is invited to learn about and engage in activities to better care for the gift of God’s Creation, for: *“There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions, and it is wonderful how education can bring about real changes in lifestyle.”* (Laudato Si’ 211)

And for those who feel called to developing a formal “Action Plan”:

(2) The Laudato Si’ Planning Guide (for Families/Individuals) and the **Laudato Si’ Action Platform** will provide resources and guidance with *(I) Reflection, (II) Action, and (III) Evaluation/Self-Assessment* as you develop and implement your Action Plans.

WHO?

Members of the OMOS **Care for Creation Ministry committee** will provide ongoing education, guidance, and suggestions on activities that everyone can engage in to better care for God’s Planet. The committee will also **assist those interested in developing their own “Action Plan”** using the Vatican’s Laudato Si’ Action Platform.

Interested? Contact Laura Stehle lstehle@omosparish.org