



Love God, Love Others, Make Disciples of Jesus Christ
OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady of the Lake Annual Animal Blessing
Next Saturday • October 7 • 10:00 AM

As autumn arrives, people in various places may notice a procession of animals—from dogs and cats to hamsters and even livestock—being led to churches for a special ceremony called the Blessing of Pets. This custom is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. The bond between person and pet is like no other relationship, because the communication between fellow creatures is at its most basic with two creatures, eye to eye, exchanging love. Church is the place where the bond of creation and this love is celebrated.



The more St. Francis grew in wisdom and in his understanding that God's saving love goes out to all creatures, the more he began to see that all creatures make up one family. The most important key to Francis' understanding that all creatures form one family is the Incarnation. Francis had



a great fascination with the birth of Christ in the manger surrounded by animals. He was deeply aware of that one moment in history in which God entered cre-

ation and the Word became flesh. The Divine Word not only became human. The Word of God became flesh, entering, not only the family of humanity, but the whole family of creation, becoming one in a sense with the very dust out of which all things were made.

We are celebrating our annual Animal Blessing on Saturday, October 7th at 10:00 am in the grassy quad area. Last year, all who attended had a woofing and meowing good time. Even the wild birds hovered over the event. This year, our special guest will be Rev. Charlie Gordon from the University of Portland praying over the animals and owners, along with our own Fr. John and Fr. Gregg. If for any reason your pet is unable to attend, please bring a picture of them or their collar and we will pray for peace and/or healing for them. Those without pets are welcome to bring a stuffed animal if they wish. Please join us as we bring the species of creation together.



WEEKDAY SERVICES

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
 Mass 6:30 AM, 8:15 AM
 Monday, Friday
 Communion Service 6:30 AM, Mass 8:15 AM
 Saturday, Mass 8:15 AM
 Recitation of the Rosary Monday-Saturday
 after Morning Liturgies

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM,
 Sunday Morning 7:30, 9:00, 11:30 AM,
 Life Teen Mass 5:00 PM

LOCATED AT

790 A Avenue
 Lake Oswego, OR 97034

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM or by Appointment

ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

First Friday of the Month
 8:45 AM to 12:00 PM in the Church

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