Our Lady of Consolation
CATHOLIC PARISH
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February 19, 2026

Dear OLC Community,

Because we value transparency, I wanted to share a situation that happened on Sunday, February 15. During the 9:00 AM Mass, an individual caused a disruption during the homily. Members of the OLC Safety Team responded quickly and asked the individual to discuss this further outside so Mass could continue. After speaking for some time, the Safety Team observed this individual leave the premises with no further problems. There was no indication the individual was a threat to the public.

I am very thankful for the promptness and discreetness by the Safety Team during this situation. Preparing for situations like these is why I created the Safety Team four years ago. Their purpose is simple but essential: to help ensure that our parish remains a safe and secure place for all to come to worship Our Lord. Members from the Safety Team are present and actively engaging during all regularly scheduled services including Weekend Masses and Holy Days of Obligation.

The Safety Team is trained and prepared to handle a variety of situations- medical emergencies, severe weather, utility issues, suspicious or disruptive behavior, and other safety concerns. If they ever need to respond during Mass, they will display a lanyard identifying themselves as a member of the Safety Team. In the unlikely event of an emergency requiring evacuation or special direction, they will assist me and our staff in guiding everyone safely.

Please know that your safety and well-being are very important to me. Our Church should always be a place of peace, prayer, and trust. I am deeply grateful for the quiet vigilance of those who serve on the Safety Team and for the calm and faith-filled response of our parish community. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Dominic Couturier

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