

November 15, 2020

THE BRIDEGROOM IS COMING! ARE YOU READY TO MEET HIM?

ARE YOU READY? THE BRIDEGROOM IS COMING! STAY AWAKE! This is the message of the powerful parable of the ten virgins we heard last Sunday. Jesus is the bridegroom. Yes, he is coming. Be prepared !Be ready! "*Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour*" (Matthew 25:13).

JESUS IS COMING! For 2,000 years we have been awaiting HIS SECOND COMING. He can come at any time. THE END OF TIME MAY BE NEAR. The final judgment may be near. Do you believe it? I do: IT COULD HAPPEN any time. It could happen at this very moment. It could happen today or tonight, or it could happen in another 2,000 years. We should not be afraid of the end of time. We should all REJOICE at the thought of JESUS' SECOND COMING!

Yes, Jesus warns all of us. He wants us to be ready all the time. Are you one of the foolish virgins, who were unprepared, or are you one of the wise virgins who were well prepared and not only kept their lamps lit, but also had a reserve of oil with them. We know that the bridegroom is Jesus Christ and his bride is the Church, the Catholic Church which he established and built upon the ROCK, PETER (Matthew 16:18) "*You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.*" The Catholic Church, despite its human weaknesses (as known throughout our 2,000-year history), will always remain headed by Our Lord Jesus Christ and will continue to prevail against the persistent attacks by the devil. It will continue to exist and be strong until the end of time.

We know that the 10 virgins represent all of us: the believers in Jesus Christ. We know the wedding feast is the eternal banquet in heaven that is fulfilled at the end of times. We know that the lamp is our FAITH. FAITH In Jesus Christ our Savior is the lamp that guides our footsteps: we walk by faith and not by sight (as we sing so often at church). We know that the oil is what keeps our faith alive. The oil is the HOLY SPIRIT! The oil is our prayer life, our personal relationship with the triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The oil is the fire of the Love of Jesus in our hearts: keep the door of your hearts open. The oil is the receipt of the Holy Spirit through the seven sacraments established by Our Lord Jesus Christ. To remain prepared and ready for Jesus' judgement (whether at the end of time or at our natural death if it comes earlier), we need the Church's sacraments: GO TO CONFESSION now, do not procrastinate. If there are past sins you were too ashamed to confess, now is the time.

In the beautiful first letter to the Thessalonians (4:13-18), ST PAUL GIVES US HOPE: HOPE FOR ALL OF US as he describes the imminent return of Jesus as we will be lifted up all at the same time. Listen to St Paul's words: "*The Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. THUS, WE SHALL ALWAYS BE WITH THE LORD.*" This is a beautiful and joyful vision of the Second Coming of Christ. Are you prepared to be lifted up and encounter the Lord coming down from heaven? St Paul introduced this apocalyptic vision with words of FAITH: "*IF we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep* (meaning those dead)." Our spiritual journey begins with God's Gift of Faith. Keep Faith in the Risen Lord! This is our HOPE: *the promise of ETERNAL LIFE!*

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, increase our faith in your Son, our Savior. Help us to keep hope that we will have eternal life with YOU. Help us to not be afraid of death. Help us to be ready at all times to be called back to you.

Heavenly Father, listen to our prayer for peace in the world, peace in our country, peace in our Church, peace in our families, peace in our own hearts.

Heavenly Father, may we always accept YOUR will, not our own will. May Thy will be done today and every day of our lives!

One in Christ,
Fr. Alain



Religious Education News

We are already in week 8 of CCD! Please continue your online classes. If you have any questions, please contact Nereida Tellechea at (301)645-7112, or email cre@olhoc.org

Community Outreach

The “Holiday House” remains in the Narthex for monetary donations to our Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. We also are collecting food for these baskets- stuffing, gravy, boxed potatoes, canned corn and green beans, yams and cranberry sauce. Thank you, in advance, to all OLHOC parishioners who have always been so generous!

Our next Outreach meeting will be December 2nd at 7 p. m.

Volunteers are needed after the 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 Masses on November 22 to assist in delivering the Thanksgiving Holiday Meals to local needy families. Any questions please contact the parish office.

REMINDER

-Sanitize your hands before coming into church

-Masks are mandatory

-Maintain at least a 6 ft distance

-If you feel ill, stay home and watch Mass on www.olhoc.com -10 am on Sundays

~Pre-school News~

OLLC gives preschoolers a beginning in their Catholic education. Many families need financial assistance to attend our pre-school. If you are in a position to donate, please make your check payable to Our Lady’s Little Christians Preschool, or for online instructions, send an email to preschool@olhoc.org

CA/RCIA

Interested in joining and learning about the Catholic Church for the first time? Want to complete a Sacrament (Baptism, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation)? Classes meet on Wednesday, from 7 pm –9 pm. You may chose to come to the Father Martin Hall or virtually via Zoom. For more information, or to sign up, please contact Deacon Rich at deacon@olhoc.org or Diane and Mike Spurgeon at RCIA.olhoc@gmail.com

We hope you will join us!

The Youth Support Team is an integral part of our Youth ministry at OLHOC. It consists of different components utilizing diverse gifts and time commitments of parents and other interested volunteers from our parish. These volunteer opportunities can range from assisting with special events (hospitality, chaperones, fundraisers, prayer team..), confirmation mentors, or joining the core team and work directly with the youth. Together we can help lead our youth closer to Christ! For more information please visit the website www.olhoc.org/ymteam or talk to Marlen Coles marlen@olhoc.org

ALL YOUTH MASS

Sunday, November 22,

At 2:30 PM

Please pray for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory



We are asked to pray for:

Julissa Bariantos
 Brandon Mack
 Ana Maria Delmira Sibrian Escobar
 Nestor Ermelindo Molina
 James Thompson
 Rebecca (Tess) Franch
 Joseph Albrittitan
 Sid and Suszanna Marcus
 Aleli Puzon
 Patricia Delgado
 Ann Marie Hobart
 Larry McGraw
 Ilene Custer
 Derrick Webster
 Julie Davis
 David DeMarr
 Dunnie Proctor
 Amelia Vinceguerra
 Lorraine Celijewski
 Lorrin Green

Tabitha Barton
 Maria Townsend
 Chrystal Beauregard
 Sheryl Carter
 Alex Leon
 Sharketer Butler
 Steven Bowling
 Edna Yarngo
 Kathy Grimes
 Sheny Padilla
 Richard White
 Victor Cordero
 Georgiana Norgren
 Marie Marie Bottorf
 Dorian Webster
 Dionne Gause
 Billy Dexter
 Trena Price
 Erick M. Knapp
 Norm Green

The Dixons
 Grace Albrittain
 Elaine Moses
 Yvonne Buford
 Karen Zimmerman
 Steve Wyloge
 Terri Elizabeth McAllister Burnette
 Joanne Johnson
 Gloria Snyder
 John Hoza
 Mike Spurgeon
 Mary A. Dyson
 Kevin Viel Sr.

and all our military and civilians serving in harm's way.

Please pray for the soul of Gloria Snyder.



Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday, November 14, 9:00AM: John Mason (+)
 Saturday, November 15, 5:00 PM: Joe Nikolai
 Sunday, November 15, 8:30 AM: Holy Souls
 Sunday, November 15, 10:00 AM: OLHOC Parishioners
 Sunday, November 15, 11:30 AM: Moussy Family
 Sunday, November 15, 7:00 PM: Father Ben
 Monday, November 16, 9:00 AM: Doug Kinsley (+)
 Tuesday, November 17, 9:00 AM: Leonor H. Maldonado (+)
 Wednesday, November 18, 9:00 AM: Clara Uanserume
 Wednesday, November 18, 7:00 PM: Gloria Snyder (+)
 Thursday, November 19, 9:00 AM: Isaiah Strawberry
 Friday, November 20, 9:00 AM: Dennis Forgash (+)

Mass intentions

If you would like to have a Mass said in 2021, the calendar is open in the office. Sign up for the Mass you would like so as to assure the date you want is available. Suggested stipend is \$10

Tuesday Scripture Study- Join us on Tuesday mornings after the 9 am Mass to study the readings for the next Sunday.

Friday Scripture Study- The Friday night scripture study is now online. Please call the office for information on how to join us.

First Friday- The first Friday of each month the evening Mass is dedicated to promoting the Priesthood. Following evening Mass, devotion to the Alliance of the two Hearts.

First Saturday-Join members of the Marian Group on the first Saturday of the month after the 9 am Mass. Learn more about consecrating your life to Jesus through Mary.

Divine Mercy- Join us on the first Saturday of each month as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet as a community at 3 PM.

OLHOC Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, please call the parish office or send email to office@olhoc.org.

Mass Readings for November 22, 2020

Christ the King

***First Reading**

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

***Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28

***Gospel**

Matthew 25:31-46

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OLHOC Youth

All Youth Night is Back!

Join us on November 22nd for Mass at 2:30 pm followed by Youth Ministry for youth in EDGE (middle school) and Life Teen (high school) from 3:30 pm-5 pm. Invite some friends to join you for some faith, fun and fellowship. Unfortunately at this time, we will not be offering FIAT (elementary) after Mass, we will keep you posted when FIAT will resume.

Life Teen (High School) Youth Ministry meets in-person on most Sunday's from 1pm - 2:30 pm. We will also offer some virtual opportunities to gather. Please visit our website to stay informed of our dates and for other upcoming youth events.

Time to Request Spots for Camp Covecrest - August 1-7, 2020 in Tiger, Georgia

We plan to attend Camp Covecrest this coming summer 2021. We will continue to monitor the current pandemic and keep you posted if anything changes. For more details and a video on this transformative week of fun, activities, time with friends, prayer and growing in your faith visit www.olhoc.org/camp2021 Questions, please contact Marlen Coles marlen@olhoc.org

Youth Core Team

If you are interested in joining our Youth Core team, be a Confirmation Mentor, or learn more about ways to volunteer with the youth, please visit www.olhoc.org/ymteam or talk to Marlen Coles marlen@olhoc.org

For more Youth Ministry events both in person and virtually, please visit www.olhoc.org/ym or contact Marlen Coles marlen@olhoc.org

Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation will continue on Sunday, November 22nd.

This is the parish sacramental preparation for Confirmation for students (who are in catholic school, public school or homeschooled), parent(s), and mentors, (sponsors are always welcome). For Year 2, we will be offering the option to attend in person. The workshop will be from 1-2:30 pm followed by 2:30 pm Mass and All Youth Night activities from 3:30 - 5pm. Students in Year 1, please check your email for the instructions on how to join the virtual gathering. For more details and questions, visit www.olhoc.com/confirmation-1 or contact Marlen Coles marlen@olhoc.org