

August 1, 2021: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

COME TO ME: LISTEN THAT YOU MAY HAVE LIFE!

Through the prophet Isaiah, GOD INVITES ALL OF US: "*COME TO ME: LISTEN, THAT YOU MAY HAVE LIFE*" (Isaiah 55:3). THIS IS AN INVITATION TO CONVERSION. This is an invitation to the NEW COVENANT with God, leading to Eternal Life. This is an invitation to RETURN TO GOD. This is an invitation to leave behind our worldly foolishness and attachments to sin. This is an INVITATION TO RETURN TO THE CONFESSORIAL (RECONCILIATION with God) and return to MASS and the EUCHARIST.

Because of the pandemic, many of us have not yet returned to the church to participate in the MASS, the HEAVENLY BANQUET. GOD wants all of us to LISTEN TO HIS WORD, to listen attentively. ISAIAH's invitation is being fulfilled in OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. HE IS OUR TEACHER. HE is the ONE to change our lives. HE is the one to give us that promise of Eternal Life. HE IS THE ONE WHO FEEDS US WITH HIS OWN FLESH: "*I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE; WHOEVER COMES TO ME WILL NEVER HUNGER*" (John 6: 35). HE is the one to give us ALL THE GRACE sufficient to face the daily challenges and sufferings we all face. "*COME TO ME ALL YOU WHO ARE WEARY AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST!*" (Matthew 11:28). JESUS is the only one who gives us that PEACE, that REST here on earth and then in Heaven. COME BACK to the HOUSE OF GOD: JESUS IS WAITING FOR YOU! COME!

It has been my JOY to see so many people returning to church, to be fed by the Word of God (first part of the Mass: The Liturgy of the Word) and the BREAD OF LIFE (second part of the Mass: The Liturgy of the Eucharist). Like the crowds following Jesus 2,000 years ago, we all need to LISTEN TO JESUS ATTENTIVELY. In these hot and humid days of Summer, Jesus invites us to OPEN OUR BIBLES and to MEDITATE IN SILENCE on JOHN's CHAPTER 6 as we began last SUNDAY with the MIRACLE OF THE MULTIPLICATION OF THE BREAD, and now continue with the " BREAD OF LIFE" (John 6:22-59) discourse.

It was a JOY for grandparents and grandchildren to come to Mass last Sunday. Smiles and balloons in the Narthex! As I announced from the pulpit, we would like to promote more interactions between our youth and the elderly during August. If you have grandchildren, reach out to them in a special way. Have you sent them the quiz we had in last week's bulletin?

Whether you are young or retired, if you hear the Lord calling you to share your faith, consider volunteering to assist the children and youth at our parish. As of now, we

have 17 adults that have volunteered to assist as Catechists for our CCD to begin in September (Sunday, September 12, celebration of our parish's 41st anniversary). We need more catechists! (see next section of bulletin). Speak with Fr. Jan, Sister Rosario, Marlen Coles, or myself, or call our office.

We are also beginning on a pilot basis a "PARISH HOME-SCHOOLING" for FIRST GRADERS this September. We will assist parents that are working full-time and are unable to provide full homeschooling alone. By using a faithfully CATHOLIC Home School Program (Seton Home Schooling Program) we will support a strong CATHOLIC EDUCATION for first graders. It will be a continuation of the support provided by our Early Learning Center to "OUR LADY's LITTLE CHRISTIANS" (currently 4 and 5 years old). We need one teacher (could be a retired teacher). Consider helping us (see announcement next page).

Pope Francis invited all grandparents and elderly to DREAM by quoting the Prophet Joel: "*Your OLD men shall DREAM DREAMS and your YOUNG men will have VISIONS*" (Joel 3:1). This is countercultural: we tend to believe that the young should be the dreamers and the old should be the visionary. But God has another way to look at us. While everyone can DREAM, we should keep DREAMING more and more as we get older. Dreams keep our hearts pumping with excitement and keep us young. Our youth many times are lost in a world more and more individualistic where direct human connections are replaced but technological tools that keep us isolated though giving an appearance of connections. The dreams of the elderly shared with the youth will help them to discover their purpose in life. I invite everyone to DREAM. My current little dream is to begin this first-grade pilot homeschooling program. I dream that volunteers, including retired teachers, will come forward and assist us in making this dream a reality for our youth: an affordable strong Catholic education!

May we all be attentive in listening to the Word of a God. COME TO ME: LISTEN THAT YOU MAY HAVE LIFE, ETERNAL LIFE says the LORD! May The HOLY SPIRIT and MARY help all of us to be generous in responding to JESUS' CALL for sharing our Faith with our children and youth!

One in Christ,

Fr. Alain

Parish Registration

We know summer is the time of year when families are moving around.

If you are moving into our parish, welcome!

If you are moving out of the parish, we have enjoyed you worshiping with us and hope you will come back and visit.

Forms to register are on our website: <https://olhoc.com/parish-registration>

Please notify the office if you are moving out of the parish
(301)645-7112

COME BACK TO CHURCH

The dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Day obligation has been lifted. The reinstatement of the obligation to attend Mass at church began the end of June.

This does not apply to those who are ill, have reason to believe they have been exposed recently to the coronavirus, or any other serious or contagious illness. Anyone confined to a hospital, home or nursing facility, or anyone having a serious underlying health condition will continue to have dispensation.

Please consult with Father Alain if you have questions regarding your obligation to attend Mass.

Community Outreach

“Sharing Sunday” continues for the collection of non-perishable foods for the Food Bank and Family Shelter (Please canned or box foods only!). The need is as great as ever for families in Waldorf! Your donations can be left in the Fr. Martin Hall all week long. Thank you OLHOC for all your support!

Our next Shepherd’s Table will be on August 19, 2021. The next Outreach meeting will be September 15 at 7 pm in the Father Martin Hall.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Please pray for our teenagers, Father Jan, Deacon Bill, and Marlen Coles as they go to Camp Covecrest in Georgia August 1-7. May they all return safely, filled with the Holy Spirit and his gifts!

For more info. and an updated list of our summer events please visit www.olhoc.org/ymevents

Mass Intentions

OLHOC offers Mass intentions for the deceased, the sick, to give thanks, in celebration of a special event, or for someone who may need extra prayer. Dates and times of Masses are on a first come, first served request. A stipend for clergy is usually offered with a Mass intention. The Archdiocese recommends that it be \$10.00. However, the decision is left to the requester of the intention. To request a Mass intention, please come by the office.

Divine Mercy

Saturday, August 7th at 3 pm. In the church. Join us for the 1st Saturday as we pray the Divine Mercy Prayer, and the Litany for Priests.

Part-time Teacher Needed- First grade at OLHOC-based “Home Schooling Program”.

Teaching certificate, experience preferred, skilled at curriculum implementation, love of children, ability to work/communicate with parents, staff and pastor are essential skills. OLHOC is partnering with Seton Home School Program, a faithfully Catholic Homeschool Program for the 2021-2022 school year. The Seton Home Program is Middle States Accredited and academically proven. If interested in the part-time position please submit a cover letter and resume to include three references to Father Alain Colliou, Pastor or leave at the OLHOC Church office.

***We are asked to pray for:**

Brandon Mack
Nestor Ermelindo Molina
James Thompson
Joseph Albrittain
Sid and Suzanna Marcus
Aleli Puzon
Patricia Delgado
Ann Marie Hobart
Larry McGraw
Hene Custer
Derrick Webster
Julie Davis
David DeMarr
Dunnie Proctor
Amelia Vinceguerra
Lorraine Celijewski
Cren Wolden
Tabitha Barton
Maria Townsend

Sheryl Carter
Alex Leon
Sharketer Butler
Steven Bowling
Edna Yarngo
Kathly Grimes
Sheny Padilla
David Mesler
Victor Cordero
Georgiana Norgren
Marie Bottorf
Dorian Webster
Dionne Gause
Billy Dexter
Trenia Price
Eric M. Knapp
Norm Green
Sarah Dixon
Grace Albrittain
Elaine Moses

Yvonne Buford
Karen Zimmerman
Terri Elizabeth McAllister
Burnette
Joanne Johnson
Mike Spurgeon
Mary A. Dyson
Kevin Viel Sr.
Ligia Lam
David Stanley
Drew Shuda
Wilma Cruz
Fr. Eamon Dignan
Dr. Michael St. Thomas
Bessie Davis
Dorian Webster
Derrick Webster
Brandon Mack

Dionne Gause
Thomas Keim
Jack Lyons
Margaret Clark
Joan Johnson
Tess Franch
Francesc Franch

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

**Names will be removed after 3
months unless you notify the office*

Please pray for the Repose of the
soul of Grace Albrittain



Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday, July 31,

9:00AM: Noellie Oudraogo (+)
5:00 PM: Julieta Tungol (+)

Sunday, August 1,

8:30 AM: Ramón Lam
10:00AM: Isabel Q Santos (+)
11:30 AM: OLHOC Parishioners
1:00 PM: Ouedraogo family
7:00 PM: Emilio Vega Arellano (+)

Monday, August 2,

7:00 AM: Robert Jones
9:00 AM: Richard DiLiberto (+)

Tuesday, August 3,

9:00AM: Aldo Toscano (+)

Wednesday, August 4,

9:00 AM: Fr. Ben Garcia
7:00 PM: Anthony Fogal

Thursday, August 5,

9:00 AM: Fr. Ben Garcia

Friday, August 6,

7:00 AM: Grace Albritton
9:00 AM: Joann DiLiberto
7:00 PM: Mary Ann Pearson (+)

*Please remember to pray for the
Souls in Purgatory*

Eucharistic Adoration

We have an Adoration Chapel at OLHOC that provides a place for people to spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The chapel is open Monday– Friday from 10 am– noon. Please sign up online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a44a4a723a2fa7-adoration40> Adoration is on Thursdays from 9 pm-10 pm in the church. Please come!

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@alhoc.org.

Mass Readings for August 8, 2021

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

***First Reading**

1 Kings 19:4-8

***Second Reading**

Ephesians 4:30-5:2

***Gospel**

John 6:41-51

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CCD Registration for 2021-2022

We are now accepting enrollment for the 2021-2022 Religious Education school year.

Pre-k/Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 7th & 8th grades will be in class every Sunday (9:45-11:15 am). Special needs classes are held Mondays (5:30-6:30), RCIC classes will be every Monday from 7-8 pm.

3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th grades will be blended/hybrid classes. Hybrid classes have the option of attending every other Sunday (9:30-11:15), or Monday (6:45-8:10 pm).

Please sign up online at: <https://olhoc.com/re> or call the office for guidance.

Catechists needed! If you hear the Lord calling you to share your faith, please speak to one of our Priests, Sister Rosario, Marlen Coles, or call the office.

James– Pearls for Wise Living Course

Our 10-session course has already begun is James – Pearls for Wise Living by Ascension Press. It is every Sunday from 13 Jun – 15 Aug 21, 0930 (between the 8:30 and 11:30 Masses), in the Father Martin Hall and via Zoom Presenter, Jeff Cavins, shows how James’ teachings speak to us who feel torn between the competing demands of this world and our Faith. The Book of James helped a fledgling Church live out its Faith in the face of persecution and a worldview opposed to the gospel and you will discover wisdom you can apply to your own life, now.

To Register on Ascension Press:

<https://study.ascensionpress.com/studies/55902/registrations/new>

Get Workbook (optional):

<https://ascensionpress.com/products/james-pearls-for-wise-living-study-set-1?variant=7553718616100>

Zoom Meeting Link: [Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)

RCIA

Interested in joining and learning about the Catholic Church for the first time? Want to complete a Sacrament (Baptism, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation)? For more information, please contact Deacon Rich at deacon@olhoc.org or Diane and Mike Spurgeon at RCIA.olhoc@gmail.com

Anointing of the Sick, Questions for the Clergy

Clergy is available for calls to the sick—with all precautions observed. Urgent confessions can be said with a home visit. If you have a question for clergy, you can leave a message by phone (301-645-7112) or email (office@olhoc.org) for Fr. Alain or Fr. Jan

HELP KEEP OUR CHURCH CLEAN

Since last year, OLHOC cut back on many of the services we had paid for. Due to financial restraints, the lawn maintenance is all done by volunteers, we no longer have a staff person to help out with the facilities, and we cut back on our cleaning services to once a week.

Please do your part in helping to keep our church clean.