

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 25, 2020

Date	Intentions	Requested by
Sun. 10/25 11:00	Special intention	Keri Allen
Wed. 10/28 9:00	No Mass	
Thurs. 10/29 12:10	Special intention	Keri Allen
Fri.. 10/30 9:00	Bill Campbell +	Ellen Nolan
Sat. 10/31 4:00	Open	

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Dr. Taylor Marshall on YouTube: www.youtube.com/user/Taylor0Marshall

This is not an endorsement of everything he says; however, in general he does a fine job explaining these difficult times.

~Fr. Barone

In this time of Covid-19 please consider making your offertory donations on-line. Visit our website: www.olmhighlands.com

The OLM office will be closed on Mondays beginning Oct. 26, 2020

Our Lady of the Mountains

Guidelines and Precautions during the Covid-19 Pandemic

We are taking the following precautions to keep everyone safe at Mass.

1. The obligation to attend Mass is still lifted.
2. Social distance of 6ft is observed at all times.
3. Seating is limited to every other pew to facilitate social distancing.
4. Sanitizing hands is encouraged upon entering and leaving. Hand sanitizer is available at the entrances.
5. The wearing of masks is highly encouraged. Masks are available at the entrances.
6. Reusable items in the pews have been removed, such as hymnals and missals.
7. Congregational singing is suspended.
8. All physical contact between congregants is suspended such as hand-holding at the Our Father and the Sign of Peace.
9. The priest sanitizes his hand between households during the distribution of Holy Communion.
10. Distribution of the Precious Blood is suspended.
11. All high-contact surfaces are disinfected after Mass.

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. Join us 20 minutes before the weekend Masses to pray and honor the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Stewardship Thought

Giving of our time involves being with God in prayer and worship and volunteering our time in the church and community activities that help others.

Father's Column

The Church's Teaching on Civil Unions for Homosexuals

Pope Francis made headlines this week with his seeming support for homosexual civil unions. His comments reflect his personal opinion and, in no way, represent the Church's official and unchangeable teaching on the matter. Official teachings must be issued officially. In 2003, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (future Pope Benedict XVI), under the direction of Pope Saint John Paul II, issued a document explaining the Church's teachings on such civil unions. The following are excerpts:

"The Church's teaching on marriage and on the complementarity of the sexes reiterates a truth that is evident to right reason and recognized as such by all the major cultures of the world. Marriage is not just any relationship between human beings. It was established by the Creator with its own nature, essential properties and purpose. No ideology can erase from the human spirit the certainty that marriage exists solely between a man and a woman, who by mutual personal gift, proper and exclusive to themselves, tend toward the communion of their persons. In this way, they mutually perfect each other, in order to cooperate with God in the procreation and upbringing of new human lives.

"respect for homosexual persons cannot lead in any way to approval of homosexual behavior or to legal recognition of homosexual unions.

The common good requires that laws recognize, promote and protect marriage as the basis of the family, the primary unit of society.

"Legal recognition of homosexual unions or placing them on the same level as marriage would mean not only the approval of deviant behavior, with the consequence of making it a model in present-day society, but would also obscure basic values which belong to the common inheritance of humanity. The Church cannot fail to defend these values, for the good of men and women and for the good of society itself."

"Not even in a remote analogous sense do homosexual unions fulfill the purpose for which marriage and family deserve specific categorical recognition. On the contrary, there are good reasons for holding that such unions are harmful to the proper development of human society, especially if their impact on society were to increase."

To read the entire document, visit:

https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20030731_homosexual-unions_en.html

Prayer for the Pope

Father, we pray for your protection and guidance over our Holy Father, Francis. Give him strength and wisdom to stand as a prophet for our times. May he be a light in darkness around which we gather in hope. We ask you to bring about reconciliation through his faithful teaching of peace and justice. Grant him compassion and care to live the gospel in love and service to all people. Let him follow in the path of Peter and Paul who, filled with the Holy Spirit, preached that the Lord saves all who call upon his name.

Please pray for our parishioners and their relatives and friends:

Laura Sanders, Mary Catherine Cann, James Urbanski, Sandy Powers, Griffin Harper, The Klingler Family, Shawn Webster, The Persichetti Family, Nick Barry

Also for those in our book of prayer intentions, and those for whom there is no one to pray.
Please pray for all the men and women serving the United States in the military.

Please pray for the souls of our beloved deceased.
Nick Klingler, Helen Pfeifer, John Powers, Fr. Carl Beavers, Earl Goodrow and Ron Simmons, Lee Smith, Harry Vaughn