

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 11, 2020

Date	Intentions	Requested by
Sun. 10/11 11:00	Steve Maroney +	Laura Harris
Wed. 10/14 9:00	Special Intention	Keri Allen
Thurs. 10/15 12:10	Judy & Charles Clark	
Fri.. 10/16 9:00	Special Intention	Keri Allen
Sat. 10/17 4:00	Ron Simmons +	Claire Galam

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.

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

Sub Tuum Prayer
We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious

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.

Saint of the Week

Saint Teresa of Avila

Teresa lived in an age of exploration as well as political, social, and religious upheaval. It was the 16th century, a time of turmoil and reform. She was born before the Protestant Reformation and died almost 20 years after the closing of the Council of Trent.

The gift of God to Teresa in and through which she became holy and left her mark on the Church and the world is threefold: She was a woman; she was a contemplative; she was an active reformer.

As woman, Teresa stood on her own two feet, even in the man's world of her time. She was "her own woman," entering the Carmelites despite strong opposition from her father. She is a person wrapped not so much in silence as in mystery. Beautiful, talented, outgoing, adaptable, affectionate, courageous, enthusiastic, she was totally human. Like Jesus, she was a mystery of paradoxes: wise, yet practical; intelligent, yet much in tune with her experience; a mystic, yet an energetic reformer; a holy woman, a womanly woman.

Teresa was a woman "for God," a woman of prayer, discipline, and compassion. Her heart belonged to God. Her ongoing conversion was an arduous lifelong struggle, involving ongoing purification and suffering. She was misunderstood, misjudged, and opposed in her efforts at reform. Yet she struggled on, courageous and faithful; she struggled with her own mediocrity, her illness, her opposition. And in the midst of all this she clung to God in life and in prayer. Her writings on prayer and contemplation are drawn from her experience: powerful, practical, and graceful. She was a woman of prayer; a woman for God.

Teresa was a woman "for others." Though a contemplative, she spent much of her time and energy seeking to reform herself and the Carmelites, to lead them back to the full observance of the primitive Rule. She founded over a half-dozen new monasteries. She traveled, wrote, fought—always to renew, to reform. In her self, in her prayer, in her life, in her efforts to reform, in all the people she touched, she was a woman for others, a woman who inspired and gave life.

Her writings, especially the Way of perfection and the interior castle, have helped generations of believers. In 1970, the Church gave her the title she had long held in the popular mind: Doctor of the Church.

The OLM office will be closed on
Monday, October 12, 2020
 for the Columbus Day holiday.

Father's Column

The Broader Incarnation

The greatest claim of Christianity is that its leader, Jesus Christ, is God Himself Who took on human nature. We call this the incarnation." Our Lord, however, was not alone in His enfleshing process.

While the Romans destroyed the great Temple in 70 AD, its dilapidation did not mean abolishment. Rather, the Lord referred to Himself as the Temple when He said: "Destroy this Temple and I will raise it in three days." Saint Paul also uses the Temple to describe the Church and her members: Jesus is the cornerstone, the Apostles the foundation stones, and the members are the stones built atop the foundation. As the Temple of old was the place where the Spirit of God dwelt, so the New Temple of the Church, that is the members themselves and not a physical building, is filled with the Holy Spirit beginning with Pentecost.

The Ark of the Covenant, too transitions from physical object to person. After Moses ordered the construction of the ark, the Spirit of God "overshadowed" it. Saint

Luke in the first chapter of his Gospel undoubtedly employed stories of the ark from 2 Samuel 6 when describing Our Lady: the Holy Spirit would "overshadow" her; John the Baptist "leapt" in the womb of Elizabeth as King David "leapt" before the ark; Elizabeth asked "how is it that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"; Mary stayed with Elizabeth for three months as the ark stayed with Obededom for the same time period. The ark contained the tablets, manna, and Aaron's rod. The New Ark contained the Word of God, the Bread of Life, and the Child to rule all nations with an iron rod (see Rev. 12).

This transition from objects to persons is beautiful to behold and part of Christ's work "not to abolish, but to fulfill" and "to make all things new." The more we Catholics know our Scripture, the more we will see and appreciate the masterful work of the Carpenter.

THANK YOU FROM FATHER BARONE
 THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED PURCHASE
 NEW VESTMENTS FOR OLM.
 IT IS SO APPRECIATED!!

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

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