

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 9, 2021

Date	Intentions	Requested by
5/09 11:00	Donna Barry	Carmen Allen
5/012 12:00	Special Intention	
Latin		
5/13 12:00	Bob & Keri Allen	
5/14 9:00		
5/16 11:00	William Madden & Family	Gerard Walker



THE JOY-FILLED WAY OF LOVE

Following the Lord calls us to sacrifice for the sake of others, giving our attention, time, and resources in order to share Christ's care and compassion. Jesus shows us that giving of self, pouring ourselves out in love for another, is a joy-filled way of life. Joy is more than a feeling and is deeper than happiness. Joy comes with the assurance that Christ is with us when our lives mirror the life and way of our Master. Joy is a sense of fulfillment in knowing and sharing Christ's love. When we reach out in love, Christ's joy fills our hearts. Strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit, we find the grace to follow Jesus' command to love one another.

Our Lady of the Mountains—Offertory (Weekend of May 2, 2021)

Offertory—\$4,243 Attendance—92

Please consider making your offertory donations on-line. Visit our website: <https://olmhighlands.com/online-giving> for more details.

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. Sanitizing hands is encouraged upon entering and leaving. Hand sanitizer is available at the entrances.
3. The wearing of masks is highly encouraged. Masks are available at the entrances.
4. All physical contact between congregants is suspended such as hand-holding at the Our Father and the Sign of Peace.
5. The priest sanitizes his hand between households during the distribution of Holy Communion.
6. Distribution of the Precious Blood is suspended.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 10th at 10:30. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN WHO WILL MAKE THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THIS WEEKEND

Izabella Alcantar	Annabella Batista
Gabriel Campos-Mreles	Luke Hightower
Isaiah Houston	Josiah Houston
Vivian Mireles	Adalynne Tyre

Second Collection for the Month of May

May 16 International/National Combined Collection

The International/National Combined Collection will be taken at Mass next weekend. Your contribution to the good work of these organizations will give you an opportunity to participate in the mission of the Church locally, nationally, and internationally. Please take time to read the brochure you will receive from Monsignor Winslow, give prayerful thought to your level of participation, and respond with a generous contribution.

Father's Column

The Brown Scapular

May is typically the month dedicated to First Communion celebrations. Traditionally, the practice of enrolling the children in the scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel (the Brown Scapular) accompanied the ritual at the end of Mass.

For me personally, I do not recall receiving the scapular upon my first Holy Communion. Nearly twenty years and half of my seminary formation would pass before being enrolled in 2009 —I have worn my scapular daily since and plan to wear it for the duration of this earthly pilgrimage.

What is the history behind the scapular? Appearing to St. Simon Stock in Cambridge, England on July 16, 1251, Our Lady gave him the scapular and promised: "Take this Scapular, it shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger and a pledge of peace. Whosoever dies wearing this Scapular shall not suffer eternal fire." In the following century, she promised the Sabbatine Privilege, namely if anyone wears the scapular faithfully, observes chastity, and recites the Office of the Blessed Virgin daily (or the daily rosary with permission), they will be released from purgatory on the first Saturday following their death.

At first glance, the scapular may strike some as a good luck charm and the opportunity to sin with abandon without eternal consequence. To others, it may seem contrary to the Christian Gospel that takes its root in faith. The truth, however, is somewhere in between and can be best understood through the lens or understanding of "signs."

"Signs are outward expressions signifying internal realities. For instance, one smiles outwardly to reflect inner joy. Our Lady explained it thus: "Wear the Scapular devoutly and perseveringly. It is my garment. To be clothed in it means you are continually thinking of me, and I in turn, am always thinking of you and helping you to secure eternal life."

In other words, the scapular is an outward sign of our inner confidence in Our Lady; in particular, our trust in her maternal love and efficacious role as a heavenly intercessor. We must therefore wear the scapular with faith.

Should anyone be tempted to think the scapular is a thing of the past, let us remember Our Lady holding a scapular during the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima. When Sister Lucia was asked about it, she replied: "because she wants everyone to wear the scapular...because it is our sign of consecration to her Immaculate Heart.

BECOME MORE INVOLVED AT OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAINS!

Women's Club Men's Club
Lector Usher Flowers
Fellowship Brunch

Please call the office for more details!

Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for May

The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

Saint of the Week

A single "Blessed be God" in adversity is worth more than a thousand acts of thanksgiving in prosperity.

~St John of Avila (1500-1569), Priest, Doctor of the Church, Feast Day May 10

Please pray for our parishioners and their relatives and friends:

Donna Barry, Nancy McGowan, Carolyn Neupauer, Alsia Sutton & Family, Christine Walker, Laura Sanders, Mary Catherine Cann, Griffin Harper

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.

James Urbanski, Pat Pittari, Clara Lewicki, Fr. Ubald Rugirangoga, Scott Peek, Sr., Stewart Austin, and Ron Simmons, Harry Vaughn