

December 16, 2020

Dear Parishioners and Friends of OLPH,

Advent Greetings!

On Friday, December 18, 2020, OLPH church will be open for daily Mass with the community – 8:45 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. The priests have completed their quarantine, thanks be to God. Please observe all the protocols that are required for the health and safety of all: masks over nose and mouth, social distancing, hands sanitized, no gathering at the church doors. If anyone has a fever or other symptoms of the virus, please stay home for your own good and for the good of those around you and of the community. May God bless us and Our Lady of Perpetual Help protect us.

We will celebrate our Saturday and Sunday Masses as scheduled: English Masses on Saturday at 5 p.m., Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. in the lower church; Spanish Masses on Saturday at 7 p.m. in the lower church, Sunday at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in the upper church; Chinese Mass at 11:45 a.m. in the lower church; and Vietnamese Mass at 2 p.m. in the lower church.

Today we begin the Christmas Novena – the 9 days leading up to the joyful celebration of the birth of the Savior among us. The Redemptorists will be presenting a Christmas Novena online from December 16-24, and a Christmas Day Mass on December 25. Videos will be released on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/RedemptoristsBaltimore/>) and on YouTube (<https://youtube.com/c/RedemptoristsNet>) at 10 a.m. each day. Please join us as we celebrate this season.

**Reconciliation Monday** will be on December 21<sup>st</sup>. The priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after the 8:45 a.m. Mass till 10 a.m., after the 12:10 p.m. Mass till 2 p.m., and in the evening from 4 p.m. till 8 p.m. Please come early during the day if possible. Please observe our protocols for the health and safety of everyone: face masks and social distancing both in the pews as well as on the line for confession. Thank you.

**Christmas Eve Schedule:** Due to the pandemic there will be no Christmas Caroling before the 6 p.m. Mass, nor Children's Christmas Pageant.

- 6 p.m. English Mass in lower church
- 8 p.m. Chinese Mass in lower church
- 10 p.m. Spanish Mass in upper church

**Christmas Day Schedule:**

- English Masses in lower church at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
- Vietnamese Mass in upper church at 10:30 a.m.
- Chinese Mass in lower church at 11:45 a.m.
- Spanish Mass in upper church at 12:30 p.m.

May the Christmas Novena inspire us in our hope and expectation for the Coming of the Savior among us this year.

Fr. James Gilmour, C.Ss.R.