



Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 10, 2017



Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. ~ Mark 1:3

Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – December 9

8:00am - † Diego Vega
5:00pm- † Jose Fernando Luciano Rozon
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

By: Claudia Rozon Vega
Offered by: Annette Esposito

Sunday – December 10

8:30am- † Msgr. Augustin & Pat DiBlasi
10:00am- † Pasqualina & Antonio Mezzacappa
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Family
By: Patricia Mezzacappa

Monday – December 11

8:00am-~Birthday Blessings Rosemarie Simpson

Offered by: sister,
Cinderella Wonszewitz

12:05pm- † John Bruno

Offered by: daughters, Mary
& Barbara

Tuesday – December 12

8:00am-~Special Intentions of Duanna Kempton

12:05pm- † Marie Micillo ~*Birthday in Heaven*~

Offered by: daughter,
Theresa Contardo

Wednesday – December 13

8:00am - - † Pedro Julio “Bubu” Hilerio
12:05pm- † John DeNatali

Offered by: OLMC Parish
Offered by: Mary Guardiani

Thursday – December 14

8:00am - † William Burke
12:05pm-~Special Intentions of Duanna Kempton

Offered by: Joan Fortunato

Friday – December 15

8:00am - † Joseph Fortunato (son)
12:05pm-~Special Intentions of Duanna Kempton

Offered by: Joan Fortunato

Saturday – December 16

8:00am-~Special Intentions of Duanna Kempton
5:00pm-~ Birthday Blessing Linda Torres

By: OLMC Parish Ministry

Sunday – December 17

8:30am-~ Birthday Blessing Maryanne Ugbode
10:00am-~ Birthday Blessing Dianne Murphy

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Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine
Tabernacle Candle
Memorial Candle
Memorial Candle



Liturgical Minster's Schedule DECEMBER 2017

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Linda Graves & Lindford Smith (*carry Gospel Book*)
E. M.: Lindford Smith, Nancy Velez & Cinderella Wonszewitz / Sub: Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Sunday 8:30 AM

Lector: Ceferino Albarracin & Samuel Torres (*carry Gospel Book*) / Sub: Joan Knighton
E.M.: Diane Carbonaro, Maria Oliveras & Samuel Torres / Sub: MaryAnn Ugbode

Sunday 10:00 AM

Lector: Alexis Crowdell (*carry Gospel Book*)
E.M.: Theresa Contardo, Emmanuel Fode & Thelma Washington / Sub: Crescencia Pascua



MARY, OUR MOTHER

"Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and cried out in a loud voice: 'Blest are you among women and blest is the Fruit of your womb. But who am I that the mother of my Lord should come to me?' " —Luke 1:41-43

As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, what better model to hold up than Mary? The Church gave us two wonderful opportunities to pray to Mary as we just celebrated her Immaculate Conception and we are about to celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe. God prepared Mary from the time of her conception, knowing already the awesome responsibility she would be given. After being visited by the angel Gabriel, she was able to prepare herself for giving birth to Jesus. As we celebrate our devotion to Mary, let us think of the ways we can imitate her as we approach the birth of her child.

Why do give praise to Our Lady of Guadalupe? First, because Mary is the mother of God. Therefore, she has a very important part in God's plan of salvation. When Jesus hung on the cross, He gave His disciples Mary to be our mother (*Jn 19:26-27*). Jesus wants us to love His mother, who is our adoptive mother. Jesus especially worked through His mother at a place that would later be called Guadalupe. There Mary showed herself to be the great evangelizer. In a few years, she led our Mexican brothers and sisters to commit their lives to her Son Jesus. It is in the simple dialogue with Juan Diego, that Our Lady made one of the greatest stands for life ever. She offers herself to take care of Juan Diego's uncle who was sick. In doing that and through the centuries, Our Lady of Guadalupe has identified herself with those who suffer and those who are oppressed. In this time of insecurity for our immigrant brothers and sisters, let us call on the intercession of Our Mother. Let us pray that we, the children of Mary, be ready to serve the poorest among the poor as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Son of God and the Son of Mary.

Prayer: Father, "I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as You say" (*Lk 1:38*). **Promise:** "I am the Blessed Virgin Mary- Mother of the True God for whom we live." "I am your mother and I desire that you have confidence in me." **Praise:** The image of Our Lady of Guadalupe contains many symbols, colors, and meanings that show us just how sovereign God is. May all of us recognize the goodness of God after merely looking at the image and imitating her service to others.

Fr. Hernán, S.J.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

These readings are found complete on our parish web page (www.olmesj.org). Click on "USCCB Daily Readings."

December 10: Second Sunday of Advent

Isiah 40:1-5, 9-11
2 Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8 (5)

December 17: Third Sunday of Advent

Isiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
2 Theresa 5:16-24
John: 1:6-8, 19-28 (8)



ADVENT PREPARATION - Fr. Marc J. Roselli, S.J. continues offering a four-week series on Thursday mornings from 10:30am to 11:30am on December 14th and 21st. "Praying with advent themes: FAITH, HOPE, LOVE and JOY." Join us as we come together in anticipation of Christ's coming. May you truly find His hope, peace, joy, and love this advent season. If you have missed the prior Thursdays, you may still attend the remaining sessions. Let us recapture the original purpose of Advent so that we can receive the gift that the Lord wants to give us at His Nativity.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE - Come and celebrate this joyous feast day with our Hispanic community on Monday, December 11th & Tuesday, December 12th. The festivities begin with a marathon on Monday the 11th initiating at 6:30pm at the ferry. If anyone is interested in participating in the marathon, please contact the parish to register, mass will follow at 9pm. On Tuesday the evening begins with a 6pm procession from Veterans Park up Castleton Ave and a mass following at 7pm. Our hope is that this celebration will renew us in our faith, will unite us as one community that has embraced the Christian life and the message of Jesus will flourish in all cultures and in all races. And while the program is entirely in Spanish, we are sure you are still not want to want to miss this beautiful event.

CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE - By Archdiocesan decree, Monday, December 18th is designated "**Reconciliation Monday.**" The meaning of that is that every parish in the Archdiocese offers confessions from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. Therefore, confessions will be available in O.L. Mt. Carmel - St. Benedicta - St. Mary of the Assumption from 4pm to 8pm on Monday, December 18, 2017. We invite you to come and please tell your family members, neighbors and friends about this special Penance Day. "To celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation means to be wrapped in a warm embrace." -*Pope Francis*

MT. CARMEL SCHOOL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR - Join us for some shopping and fun on Thursday, November 15th from 2:00pm - 5:00pm (open from 9am to 5pm for school families). Holiday gifts, and other items on sale. Admission is free so we invite everyone and we look forward to welcoming you!

EDUCATION BASED FAITH - Our school offers an education based on faith and a focus towards a high quality education. The admissions application for 2018-2019 is now open for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel-St. Benedicta School. If you are interested in offering a Catholic education to your child, we invite you visit us. For more information visit olmcsb.org or call 718-981-5131.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - You are invited to take a Christmas Flower envelope and make a donation for poinsettias and decorations for our church this Christmas. The donation will act as a reminder to all of us of those who have gone home to the Eternal Lord as well as those who are unable to be with us this Christmas. The envelopes will be placed on the altar during for the remainder of the Advent Season.

LET US SING TO THE LORD - A Children's Choir will be forming in order to sing at the 4:30 pm English Christmas Eve Mass on December 24th at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - St. Benedicta - Mary of the Assumption Parish. Rehearsals will be held every Saturday during the month of December in the Church from 2:30p.m. - 4:30p.m. A permission slip is required for each child and these are available in the parish office.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE - Sunday, December 24th (Christmas Eve) at 8:30am, 10:00am and 4:00pm; Monday, December 25th (Christmas Day) at 10:00am; Sunday, December 31st (New Year's Eve) at 8:30am and 10:00am; Monday, January 1st (New Year's Day) at 10:00am. **Please note:** The Rectory will be closed on Monday 12/25 and Tuesday 12/26 and the ONLY mass scheduled for Tuesday 12/26 is at 8:00am (no 12:05pm mass). The rectory will also be closed on Monday 1/1 and Tuesday 1/2 and there are no masses scheduled for Tuesday, 1/2 (no 8:00am or 12:05pm mass). We will have a full schedule in next week's bulletin.

COLLECTIONS: December 3: \$5,548. *Thank you for your continued generosity!*

A PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE - Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. Help expectant parents to welcome from God the priceless gift of their child's life. Console parents who have lost that gift through abortion, and lead them to forgiveness and healing through the Divine Mercy of your Son. Teach us to cherish and to care for family and friends until God calls them home. Help us never to see others as burdens. Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. *Amen.*

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL - CAR PURCHASE - St. Vincent de Paul will purchase used vehicles (cars, trucks, vans), whether they are running or not, and make a donation to our parish. The number to call is 718-491-2525

