



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 8, 2018



I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. ~ 2 Corinthians 12:9

Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – July 7

8:00am~† Joe Fortunato ~3rd Anniversary~

Offered by: Joan Fortunato

5:00pm- † Charles & Susan May

By: † Barbara Miscione

Sunday – July 8

8:30am~†Gerardo & Margherita Santangelo

Offered by: daughter, Rafaella

10:00am~† Catherine Fele

Offered by: Susan & Fran Fele

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday – July 9

8:00am~† Salvatore Giaiamo

Offered by: Mom

12:05pm~Special Intentions Duanna Kempton

Tuesday – July 10

8:00am~† Josephine Rozalski

Offered by: OLMC Parish

12:05pm~† Robert J. Carbone

Offered by: OLMC Parish

Wednesday – July 11

8:00am~† Janet Grumino

Offered by: Annette Esposito

12:05pm~† Jack Obermayer

Offered by: OLMC Parish

Thursday – July 12

8:00am ~† Anne E. Marano

Offered by: OLMC Parish

12:05pm~† Mary Ann Fair

Offered by: OLMC Parish

Friday – July 13

8:00am~† Louis R. Mammolito

Offered by: OLMC Parish

12:05pm~† Andres Soler

Offered by: OLMC Parish

Saturday – July 14

8:00am~† Ciro “Jerry” Mezzacappa

Offered by: OLMC Parish

5:00pm~† Aldorah Williams ~Anniversary~

By: daughter, son-in-law & grandsons

Sunday – July 15

8:30am~† Wanda Saldana

Offered by: Santos Family

10:00am- † James A. Crowdell ~Bday Anniv.~

Offered by: Alexis Crowdell

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine



~ **FOR ALL**

Tabernacle Candle

~ **SOULS**

Memorial Candle

~ **IN PURGATORY**

Liturgical Minster's Schedule JULY 2018

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Linda Graves & Linford Smith (*carry Gospel Book*)

E.M.: Linford Smith, Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Sub: Cinderella Wonsewitz

Sunday 8:30 AM

Lector: Joan Knighton & Delmeter Carey (*carry Gospel Book*)

Sub: Jonathan Codipilly

Eucharistic Ministers: Delmeter Carey, Joan Fortunato & Samuel Torres

Sub: Linda Torres

Sunday 10:00 AM

Lector: Thelma Washington (*carry Gospel Book*)

Eucharistic Ministers: Alexis Crowdell, Dianne Murphy & Cresencia Pascua

Sub: Emmanuel Fode



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"My Grace is Sufficient for You"

(2 Corinthians 12: 9)

The words of the Lord to Paul: "My grace is sufficient for you" are taken from the Second Letter to the Corinthians.

They have been always served me as a source of consolation. It is God himself who is present in our poor and sometimes fragmented lives. However, the context of today's readings we must look for in the experience of faith that we live week by week in our parish community.

Similar to this experience, perhaps it was Jesus' countrymen until he surprised them with his preaching and presence. I hope that in our daily experiences we let ourselves be touched by Jesus who comes to our lives and manifests himself in an unexpected and ordinary way.

Both Jesus and the prophet Ezekiel felt rejection of their preaching in today's readings. Jesus is rejected by the simple fact of having been raised in their midst. His countrymen CAN NOT accept someone who looks so much like them to teach them about the things of God.

Ezekiel did not have it easy since he had to preach to a people who had rebelled against God to the point of being considered by the prophet as "obstinate of heart." Perhaps more consoling is the experience of Paul who recognizes that the grace of God is enough for each one of us in order to overcome our human weaknesses. Let us ask the Lord to have the humility to know how to accept the other who seems to be similar to us. The role of the true prophet is to speak on behalf of God. Ezekiel did it in times of difficulty and despite the multiple criticisms of his contemporaries continued to prophesy until the end of his life. Human frailty leads to the rejection of things and people who speak in the name of the Lord because they are unable to fulfill God's expectations for our lives.

In the Gospel of Mark, faith is the prerequisite for obtaining healing. Jesus does not cure so that people have faith but heals those whose faith is powerful (strong).


"Your faith has saved you" are the words of consolation for the sick woman for 12 years whose story we heard last week. However, in today's Gospel, Jesus does not cure any of his countrymen because their lack of faith (Mark 6: 5-6). Our faith is what enables each one of us to be open to the grace of God willing to work in those who are open themselves to it.

Pope Francis invites us to open ourselves to Jesus who comes and wants to meet us in the ordinary of everyday life; this is in the poor, in the sick, in the neighbor or in the priest of our parish. Pope Francis also tells us that God speaks to us in our brothers and sisters we meet every day and in them and through them Christ wants to touch our lives. Let us ask for the grace of knowing how to receive Jesus every day in our lives and to recognize Him in our neighbor without leaving room for any type of rejection.

Fr. Hernán, SJ.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

July 8: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ezequiel 2:2-5 Psalm 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 2 Corinthians 12:7-10	July 15: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Amos 7:12-15 Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 Ephesians 1:13-14 or 1:3-10	
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PASTOR'S ADVISORY MEETING – Everyone is invited to our next Pastor's Advisory Meeting to be held this coming Monday, July 9th at 5pm in the Fr. Miguel Meeting Room. All parishioners are welcome to attend and help propose suggestions and advise on parish related topics. We continue to work on enhancing communication and transparency.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2018-2019 – Parents interested in registering their children for our CCD program can do so by visiting our Parish Rectory. First Communion and Confirmation preparation require two full years of instruction before receiving the sacrament. Please bring with you your child's baptismal certificate when registering. All children are welcome at our program. We have a great service for children with developmental challenges. Please call us to learn more about how we can serve your family.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) - Have you or anyone you know expressed an interest in becoming a Catholic? Were you baptized a Catholic but never received the sacraments of Communion and Confirmation. We offer the opportunity for people to come together in small groups to learn more about The Catholic Faith. These sessions center on the teachings and experiences of the Gospels and the Church while preparing individuals to celebrate the sacraments of baptism, communion and confirmation. Candidates will make their sacraments during the Easter season. Call the rectory if you or someone you know is interested for more details.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP - To be considered an active, participating member of the parish and eligible to serve as a sacramental sponsor, our parish takes into account your Mass attendance and ministry involvement. Since weekly offertory envelopes are the primary means of determining whether you are regularly attending Mass, we ask you to place your envelopes in the collections basket each Sunday. Remember, attendance at Mass is the most meaningful way we model and live our Catholic Faith!

ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER SCHEDULE – Located at 850 Hylan Ave: Telephone Number :718-720-1097

Summer Silent Guided Retreat: Arrival 4 PM Friday, July 13th-Departure 2 PM Sunday, July 15th. \$250 for single occupant, \$200 for double occupant, \$50 non-refundable deposit due by July 6th. Facilitated by Sister Gerrie Conteno and Sister Josita Devita. At the height of the summer season join us as we take time to pause and enter into God's glory. The retreat will provide an opportunity to be one with nature, each other and God. There will be time for silent prayer, Eucharistic Liturgy and spiritual direction if requested.

A Time of Grace, Summer Guided Retreat: Sunday, August 12th-Friday, August 17th, facilitated by Fr. Michael Sullivan. \$450 for single occupant, \$400 for double occupant and \$300 for a commuter option. Non-refundable deposit of \$50 due one week prior to retreat. During this "Year of Grace" as proclaimed by Pope Francis, Father Sullivan will awaken the wonderful gift of grace that God has given each one of us. Father's humorous way to speaking will definitely put a smile on your face and leave you feeling with pride to be a part of the body of Christ.

COLLECTIONS: July 1: \$3,326; Pastoral Solidarity: \$1,178. *Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish!*

DOES GOD CARE WHAT I WEAR TO CHURCH? - Activities and vacations can make getting to Mass each week seem like a juggling act. Harder still is finding the time to dress properly and prepare as we would like. But approaching all aspects of the Eucharist carefully can deepen our Communion with Christ. What we wear can help.

Make it feel special. If you were invited to a friend's house for an evening wouldn't you wear something nice and appropriate? Sunday Mass is a special time for you and God. Wearing good clothes makes it feel special.

Send a message. Mass is also a communal celebration. When you look nice in church, you send a message to your Catholic brothers and sisters that you value your time together in God's house. Just because it's "in style" doesn't make it "in style" for God.

Use this guideline. When deciding what to wear in Church, think about this: If it's something you would wear to a picnic, to play a sport, or to clean out the garage or the house, don't wear it to church - even when on vacation.

PROTECT OUR CHILDREN – Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P., at 212-371-1000, x2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the website of the Archdiocese – www.archny.org. In keeping with the archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

REFLECTION - "People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway. The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Be happy anyway. Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway. For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway." —

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