

# Second Sunday of Advent - December 8, 2019



## Weekly Mass Intentions

### Saturday – December 7

8:00am-† John Mullins, Jr.  
 5:00pm-† Anthony Umana  
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Sunday – December 8

8:30am-† Louise Seta & Frank Santisi  
 10:00am-† John “Jack” Latanzio, Jr.  
 11:30am-† Parish Community Intentions  
 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions  
 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Monday – December 9

8:00am-† Msgr. Augustine & Pat DiBlasi  
 12:05pm~Healing, Deliverance & Prosperity  
 of Jayden, Ralph & Joseph Munoz  
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Tuesday – December 10

8:00am-† Gary Williams  
 12:05pm~Special Intentions Carl Cangiolusi

### Wednesday– December 11

8:00am-† Deceased Members of the  
 DeSimone Family  
 12:05pm- † John Bruno

### Thursday – December 12

9:00am-† Libby Guardiani  
 12:05pm-† Rafael Almonte

### Friday – December 13

8:00am-† Richard Nelson  
 12:05pm~Monica Miracky’s Health

### Saturday – December 14

8:00am-† William Burke  
 5:00pm-† Gil Manuel Padilla

### Sunday – December 15

8:30am-† Joseph Fortunato (son)  
 10:00am-† Josephine Diorio



## Mass Intentions

*Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish  
*By:* Nina & Joe Lopez & Family

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*Offered by:* Mom

*Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish  
*Offered by:* Angelina Varassi

*Offered by:* Annette Esposito  
*Offered by:* Family

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*Offered by:* Mary Guardiani

*Offered by:* Joan Fortunato  
*Offered by:* Family

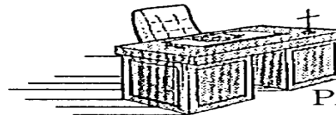
*Offered by:* Joan Fortunato  
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## Weekly Memorials

**Bread & Wine**  
**Tabernacle Candle**  
**Memorial Candle**  
**Memorial Candle**



~ † Libby Guardiani  
 ~ For: Gabriel Ortega  
*Offered with love by:* mom, Julie Ann  
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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### "Tota pulchra es Maria" Second Sunday of Advent

Every December 8 comes to my mind the Latin phrase "Tota pulchra es Maria." This old praise to the Blessed Virgin composed comes from the fourth century and is a summary of the love that the people of God have for Mary on the day we celebrate her Immaculate Conception. That is why, with the faithful of all times, we shout "Mary, you are completely beautiful." How nice it is to pay tribute to Mary during this Advent season, since by reflecting on the life of Mary we can highlight that she was the first person to prepare the way for the birth of the Son of God. Mary, because of her desire to accept the will of God, remains the model of all believers. Therefore, with the grace of the same Holy Spirit that covered Mary, let us walk in this liturgical season to make a place and welcome Jesus into our hearts.

"Repent" was the cry of John the Baptist in proclaiming that the Kingdom of heaven was coming. Moreover, he admonished people to prove their sincerity through good works. Therefore, this cry also must be heard today. The Jesuits founded by Ignacio de Loyola have implemented the so-called "Examen" to help us examine our consciences. The practice of the Examen is somehow a measure of our commitment and fidelity to the values of Jesus' Kingdom. The Ignatian Examen if practiced daily helps us to recognize when we have failed to produce good fruits. It also encourages us not to fail in the good works in service of our poorest brothers and sisters. The Examen gives us the strength in the fight for justice.

The words of the Prophet Isaiah cannot be more hopeful in this task. They are words that encourage us to make our swords, pruners. The encouragement of indigenous communities for so many forgotten centuries and now placed at the very center of Christianity with the Synod on the Amazon in a way is a symbol that transformation is possible. The fruits of peace and harmony of which Isaiah speaks make us long for those messianic times in which the sheep will graze with the wolves. "The now of God" becomes present with Jesus, so we are also called to bear fruits of goodness that remain. For Paul, harmony is a gift that builds the community of believers beyond the differences of nation, gender or social class. For the Apostle "We Are All One in Christ." Let us prepare ourselves as true disciples of Jesus upon his arrival living in harmony, justice and peace.

**P. Hernán, SJ**

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"Here I am, is to be available to the Lord, it is the cure for selfishness, the antidote to an unsatisfied life, which always lacks something. "Here I am" is the remedy against the aging of sin, it is therapy to stay young inside. Here I am, is to believe that God counts more than myself. It is choosing to bet on the Lord, tame to His surprises. That is why telling him "here I am" is the greatest praise we can offer him." (Pope Francis)

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

### **December 8: Second Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 11:1-10  
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17  
Romans 15:4-9

### **December 15: Third Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 35:1-6A, 10  
Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10  
James 5:7-10



**MUSIC NOTES FROM BVM** - I hope I am not fantasizing when I say that I *think* the singing is getting better at our E Masses! As we start the new liturgical year please continue/increase your efforts to make our liturgies at OLMC as beautiful and prayerful as possible. The Bishop's "Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy" tells us not to be mere spectators observing a performance ... but to be fully "active, conscious" participators. Liturgy refers to the "worship **WORK**" people. Let's get to work!

**PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** - Participate in our Annual Christmas Raffle, with chances to win an assortment of beautiful Christmas Baskets. Raffle tickets can be obtained after each mass or at the rectory at 3 X \$5 or 7 x \$10. The raffle is held on Saturday, December 21. Thanks for your support and Good Luck!

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** - A Solemn Mass is celebrated in Honor and Glory of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on **Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**. Mass schedules are as follows; 8:00 am (English); 12:05 pm (English) and 7:30 pm in Spanish. We invite the entire parish community to come and participate in this solemn moment of our faith.

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST** - We are all invited to celebrate, with the Spanish Community, a Great Feast in honor of Our Virgin of Guadalupe! **Wednesday, December 11:** 7:00 pm Torch Run; 8:15 pm Apparitions; 9:00 pm Mass; 10:00 pm Serenade; 12am Mass; 1:00 am Serenade.

**Thursday, December 12:** 5:00 am Mañanitas (Serenade); 6:00 am Mass; 7am Fellowship; **9am School Mass** (PLEASE NOT THE TIME CHANGE - there will be no 8:00am mass on this day); 6:00 pm Procession; 7:00 pm Mass; 8:00 pm Serenade followed by a great celebration in the school gym.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF THE VIRGEN OF GUADALUPE FEAST?** - The Guadalupe committee invites you to join the feast by either making a donation of food items, money or serving your time. Contact the office to see how we can help.

**ADVENT PREPARATION** - Fr. Marc J. Roselli, S.J. is offering an Advent series on Thursday mornings from 10:30 am to 11:30am. "Praying with advent themes: FAITH, HOPE, LOVE and JOY." Join us; **December 12** and 19 as we come together in anticipation of Christ's coming. 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. We need to prepare materials so please call the rectory to sign up.

**BIBLY STUDY** - Join us for our parish Bible Study meetings on **Sundays: December 15** and 22. All meetings will take place in one of the meeting rooms at the parish office. All dates will start at 1:00pm and run until 3:00pm. If you do not have a bible, one can be provided for you. **Come join us!**

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION MONDAY** - **Monday, December 16, 2019, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM.** Prepare your heart for Christmas! Visit any Catholic church in the Archdiocese of New York (including ours) or the Diocese of Brooklyn. Priests will be available to hear confessions. Experience the light of His forgiveness through the sacrament of penance on Monday of Advent.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** - Rehearsals have started every Saturday at 3:00pm and the Children's Choir will sing at the 4:00 pm English Christmas Eve Mass. They will sing an interlude beginning at 3:30pm prior to this Special Mass. Children from 3rd grade through High School age are all invited to join. So please visit the rectory to register your children.

**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE** - **Our giving tree is back!** We celebrate the true meaning of Christmas by sharing gifts with families in our parish community who are less fortunate. This year it's "**ADOPT-A-FAMILY**" year. Participation can be as simple as removing an angel tag with the family information and returning it to the church. Join our parish families and give generously with their time and resources, to bring a few more blessings to others during the Christmas season. Each family may be sponsored/adopted by one or more parishioners. *We express our deepest appreciation for your generosity.*

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** - You are invited to take a Christmas Flower envelope and make a donation for poinsettia 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, with your intentions, will be placed on the altar for the remainder of the Advent season. You can find these envelopes in the church entrance or in the offering envelope package.

**ATTENTION** - All parents that attend Sunday Mass with their children are asked to please not send them alone to the bathroom or leave them unattended in the vicinity of the Parish. They are your property and your responsibility as parents is to protect them.

**COLLECTIONS:** December 1: \$4,194; Second Collection: \$1,192. Thank you for your continued generosity to OUR PARISH.