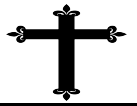


Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 19, 2020



Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday – January 18

8:00am-† Dorothy Spicer
 5:00pm-† Virginia & Robert Hallinan
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – January 19

8:30am- † Carmine Fallacara
 10:00am-† Carmine Fallacara
 11:30am-† Parish Community Intentions
 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday – January 20

8:00am~Special Intentions William Hickman
 12:05pm~ NO MASS

Tuesday – January 21

8:00am-† Minnie M. Kosloski
 12:05pm-† Helen McCauley

Wednesday– January 22

8:00am-† Theresa Torchio
 12:05pm-† James J. Martin

Thursday – January 23

8:00am-† Charles Kaufmann
 12:05pm-† Anna Urwin

Friday – January 24

8:00am-† Joseph Fortunato
 12:05pm-† Mario Mezzacappa

Saturday – January 25

8:00am- † Theodore H. Spicer
 5:00pm- † Nerida Quiles

Sunday – January 26

8:30am- † James T. Parsons
 10:00am-† Pascuale Loffreno



Mass Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
Offered by: Sonia & Tito Morales

By: Doreen, Rusty & John Kidd
Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

Offered by: Bernard C. Campbell

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Offered by: Nellie Laureano

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
Offered by: Sonia & Tito Morales

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
By: wife, Antoinette & Family

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine
 Tabernacle Candle
 Memorial Candle
 Memorial Candle

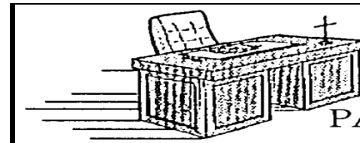


~ † *Libby Guardiani*
 ~ † *Stanley & Marcella Mikos*
Offered by: Family
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"we must defend life in all its meanings, foster dialogue between religions and be agents of world peace so that war never kills the innocent again."

The Lamb of God invites us to His banquet today and asks us to take His message of salvation to all people. May we feel part of God's salvation and may we live our own mission and be active subjects of peace, forgiveness and respect for all men and women of goodwill.

Fr. Hernán, S.J.



FROM THE
 PASTOR'S DESK

"THIS IS THE LAMB OF GOD"
(John 1:29)

"This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" proclaims John the Baptist in today's Gospel when he sees Jesus coming to be baptized. They are the same words that we proclaim in each Eucharistic liturgy before being invited to receive Holy Communion.

Let us remember that Jesus before he was taken as a lamb to the slaughterhouse shared his Body and Blood with his closest friends and asked them to do so in his memory. It is good to remember that we are blessed and joyful to be called to share the Eucharistic Feast.

Isaiah, Paul and John the Baptist were called by God with a special purpose in their lives. The prophet Isaiah tells us that he was sent first to proclaim God's message to the exiles of Israel and then to all nations. Paul tells the Corinthian community that he received the mission of being an apostle. John who baptized Jesus, was called to make Jesus known. These days, Pope Francis on his recent trip to Thailand and Japan told us that "we are called to be missionaries and not mercenaries of the Gospel." Therefore, each of the believers is invited to listen to what God tells us today in our lives. Attentive to His Word that calls us, we respond with the psalmist: **"Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will."**

In what Bible scholars call the "Second Isaiah," the Chosen People had suffered tremendous defeats against the power of Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonian Empire. The Temple was destroyed, Jerusalem was razed and her people forced to be exiled at the mercy of their enemies. However, the Second Isaiah sees his mission not only as a consolidation of the suffering People of Israel but also as a Servant of the Lord who is called to proclaim God's salvation to the ends of the earth. The salvation offered by God is universal as is the light that illuminates the top of the mountain and that makes the sun rise over friends and enemies alike. The Chosen People were dejected and did not even imagine that it could re-emerge as a consecrated nation. They were not sure that they could return to worship the true God in their Holy Temple. However, the Prophet continues to proclaim that God's salvation must reach Babylon, the cause of death and suffering of generations of believers.

Like the prophet, Pope Francis is not afraid to preach Christ in the land of the rising sun and cradle of materialism where only 0.4 percent are Catholics. Raising his voice just as Isaiah did, the Pope tells us that

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

January 19: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 42:3, 5-6
Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
1 Corinthians 1:1-3

January 26: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3
Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14
1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17



RECTORY CLOSED – Please note that this **Monday, January 20th**, the Parish Office and the school will be closed in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. day holiday. There will be **NO** 12:05pm mass that day (only the 8am). Have a nice and blessed holiday.

MUSIC NOTES FROM BVM - This Sunday we return to "Ordinary Time." We have only 5 Sundays until Lent begins. I think we should continue the "repetition thing" that we began last Fall (with the addition of one new song entitled "Open Your Eyes.") It seemed to encourage a *little* more singing at our English Masses. Hopefully you'll feel increasingly more comfortable with this repetitive repertoire and participate with more prayerful feeling, knowing the words and melodies almost by heart. Don't get bored ... get louder and stronger every week! "Full, conscious, active participation" is the goal.

BIBLE STUDY - Join us for our Parish Bible Study, meeting Sundays: **January 19, 2020**, February 9 & 23, March 8 & 22, April 26, May 10 & 31, June 14 & 28. All dates we will start at 1:00pm and run until 3:00pm. If you do not have a bible, one can be provided for you. Come one, come all.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COMMUNITY SERVICES - Presents a FREE Information session and legal consultations for all. When? **FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2020**. Time? 10:00AM-3:00PM. Where? Mt. Carmel School (285 Clove Rd). They will have immigration consultations for everyone; Free assistance for DACA renewal and residence cards; Services and resources for immigrant families; Training "Know Your Rights" (what to do during contact with ICE); Information about the driver's license. The event is by appointment **ONLY**. To make your appointment, call 347-921-0631 or send an email: cccscmmcliniccc@gmail.com.

2020 MASS INTENTION BOOK – Dates are available for announced masses in the 2020 Mass Intention Book. The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition. Please contact or visit the rectory at 718-442-3411 for more information.

OUR PARISH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE - Admissions Applications are now being accepted for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - St. Benedicta School grades, Kindergarten thru 8th. Visit us on the next open house, **Tuesday, January 28, 2020** from 9 AM to 11 AM. For more information, call the school office 718-981-5131.

FLU SEASON - For those parishioners who do not wish to shake hands at Mass during the flu season, the Church allows for some other gestures such as a wave or a nod during the sign of peace as well as the Our Father. Additionally, in order to avoid getting the flu, you should wash your hands frequently, cough into your arm (not hands) and if possible, get the flu shot. We must all be cautious in our daily interactions so that our parish Family can be a Healthy Family.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES - Sponsor Certificates are signed and sealed documents attesting to the fact that you are a practicing Catholic (going to Mass every week and living the Catholic faith). A Sponsor Certificate is required if you are being asked to be a sponsor for Confirmation or a godparent for Baptism. Please do not be offended if you can not receive a Sponsor Certificate because you are not living up to the requirements of becoming a sponsor. You may ask at the rectory how to become a qualified sponsor.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP – BECOME AN OFFICIAL MEMBER; All Families and individuals are welcome to our parish so we can be of service to you. Our parish family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. The priests and ministers are here to serve your needs, to share your joy and to help lighten your burdens. We take seriously the words of Jesus: "Love one another, as I loved you, so you must love one another." (John 13:34)

ONLINE & SOCIAL MEDIA – STAY CONNECTED WITH YOUR PARISH! You can read all our recent parish bulletins on our website; olmcsi.org. You can also follow us on FaceBook; Olmc SI.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DePAUL GIVES BACK - Our parish could share in the profits. For each car, truck or van, running or not that is donated the Society will give back to our church \$75/\$200 per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of. Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 718 491-2525. Web page: svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org

COLLECTIONS: January 12: \$4,401; Second Collection: \$1,314. Thank you for your continued generosity to OUR Parish!

