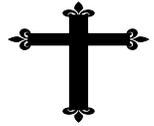




Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020



ATTENTION

**All scheduled masses and events are cancelled due to the ban.
As a Parish Family we pray for all who are affected by COVID-19.
The Church & Rectory will remain closed until further notice.**

**If you had a mass scheduled or offered the Bread and Wine or Sanctuary Candle for a loved one,
for this week or the upcoming weeks, please call the rectory to reschedule to a later date.
We apologize for the inconvenience.**

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"I am the way and the truth and the life"

(John 14: 1-12)

Today we honor our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers and all who have been like mothers to us. Happy Mother's Day! Peter's words in today's second reading apply to many of them, for they have been cornerstones in our lives, chosen and precious. Perhaps the love that our mothers instilled in our lives as children has been the one that has somehow given us strength to cope with the current coronavirus pandemic. Many of us who have lost our mothers and grandmothers can comfort each other with the words of the Gospel that invites us to live the paschal joy from the Risen Christ who is the way to God the Father. Let us pray for our living or deceased mothers since they taught us the way that leads us to God.

The first reading addresses one of the challenges of the early church: serving a growing number of disciples with only a handful of leaders. Initially, the flock of newly baptized Christians looked to the Twelve for leadership, whether it was leading worship, preaching the Word of God, or serving widows and the poor. However, with massive conversions of the first Church, the Twelve were not enough. If you add to this the difficulty of communication or the variety of languages, the problems multiplied. It is interesting to note that after praying, the apostles chose seven leaders or deacons who soon began to serve the community. Saint Paul insists in his many letters that every gift or grace is given for the service of the community. Today more than ever we should see the need for leaders who help us to find the way to God through liturgy as well as with a social commitment to serve the poor and vulnerable. The challenge of a growing community as well as that of today's church leads us to raise up men and women who know how to say yes to God and to the community. Today is the time of the laity, men and women, who want to lead us on the paths to God. Men and women who, like the first apostles, are able to give themselves to their family and also to the diverse communities that make up our church.

Just as the early Church was made up of men and women of various races, languages and nations, today the Church is universal. That is why we have to remember the words of Peter who exhorts all of us to be united in Christ Jesus who is the cornerstone or foundation on which our faith is founded. Saint Peter affirms that we are a single race, a single nation and a single people who come together from different paths but have been unified as Christians.

"No one goes to the Father except through me" Jesus said to his disciples (John 14: 6). Jesus encouraged us to unite ourselves on this Easter journey towards God the Father. Faith today encourages us not to stop but to be agents of life. Although we continue to feel the effects and pain of losing our loved ones due to the pandemic, the words of Jesus comfort us because they encourage us to walk towards the salvation that Christ gave us through his death and resurrection.

To all our mothers and grandmothers **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

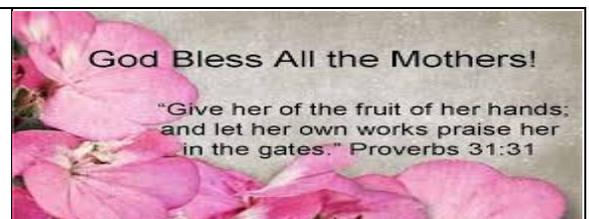
Fr. Hernán, S.J.

Weekly Remembrances

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



~ For the safety & well being of
the People of our Parish Community
~ † For all the lives lost to
~ the COVID-19 Virus



SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

May 10: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7
Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
1 Peter 2:4-9

May 17: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20
1 Peter 3:15-18



KEEP CONNECTED WITH YOUR PARISH THROUGH OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
Fr. Hernán and Fr. Marc and Fr Luis Mario are offering virtual Masses and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament through our Facebook page.

Connect and follow us to see these transmissions in your homes. Search "olmcsi" and send a friend request.

Masses on Sundays; 10:00 am (English); 11:30 am (Spanish)

Masses from Monday to Friday; 12:00 pm (Spanish); Thursdays 11am (English)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays at 7:00 pm (Spanish)

LIVE-STREAMING MASS & PARISH SUPPORT - We want to thank you for all your concern and prayers for one another during this difficult time of the Coronavirus. The cancellation of public masses until further notice has been most challenging for all of us and I encourage everyone to join in spiritual communion with the faithful through televised masses on different cable stations and live streaming from our Facebook page (schedule listed above) and the live streaming site at St. Patrick's Cathedral at this link <https://saintpatrickscathedral.org/live>. Needless to say, the parish will be facing financial setbacks in the days ahead. Your weekly contributions are essential for the good of the parish. Your sacrificial giving is of great importance with meeting the cost of many parish programs, employee salaries and benefits, utilities, etc. I ask your help in this difficult time to mail in your weekly offering envelope to the parish office. You may use online banking as an option too. Please prayerfully consider increasing your offering as it may take some time to recoup when the crisis is over. You may log onto the parish website to view the bulletin, see any new developments and to register for OnLine Giving at www.olmcsi.org. From my heart, thank you for everything you do for us at OLMC-SB-SMA Parish. May Jesus bless and protect our whole parish, and all our relatives and friends.

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- Visit our church website and click Give Online. (Parish Website: olmcsi.org)
- Select the collection or event of your choice.
- Setup your donation or payment.
- If you wish you may choose Click Recurring Donation, then enter your donation amount and frequency.

Once you've added your account information, donations will automatically deduct from your account. It's that easy!

THANK YOU! We are short for words to thank you enough for your good heart. We pray for you earnestly from the bottom of our heart that you and your family be blessed in every way with good health, peace and prosperity. May the good Lord keep us all in the palm of His hands and make His face shine upon us.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION - It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

**Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually into my heart.**

I embrace you as if you were already there, And unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKS DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES – Thank God for those who bravely risk their lives for others. Lord God, thank You for the courageous men and women who work as first responders, in the medical field, and all volunteers who unselfishly help others who are in need. Thank You for their sacrifices and service. Thank You for their hard work in training and preparing. Help them to feel the respect and gratitude of their communities in Jesus' name. Amen.

A PRAYER IN GRATITUDE FOR OUR MOTHERS - Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women of every age who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings. Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly. Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children. Give them joy and delight in their children. Amen.