



Twelveth Sunday in Ordinary Time



June 21, 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.**

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

**“What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight”
(Matthew 10:27)**

On this Father's Day, we listen in the Gospel to Jesus who reminds us of the loving tenderness of his Father in Heaven. Our Heavenly Father watches us carefully and lovingly. When we have had the wonderful experience of having good parents or we have played the role of fathers ourselves, we know that even each one of our children's hairs is important and that we want anything negative in the world to happen to them. For this we thank God the Father for the wonderful experiences of parental love in which we had felt protected and safe. Without a doubt for me, these experiences of pure love and care are infinite for having practiced as a High School teacher for a couple of decades. Many of those moments remain in my priestly heart, but others are like sharing. I treasure the arrival of each one of my nieces and nephews and being able to love them from the first time I embraced them. Other times are the memories of the first encounters with young adolescents at the beginning of the school year or now at Mt Carmel when parents bring me their children to baptize them.

With the recent pandemic, mass shootings, and invisible enemies we can easily identify with the words of the Prophet Jeremiah "terror everywhere." Throughout his life, this prophet feared threats due to his continuous criticism of the unfaithful kings of Judah. You can imagine the doubts that he himself had about his call to denounce evil people when they did not want to hear him. When his own friends turned against him, Jeremiah fell into doubt and bitterness. The curious thing is that despite everything negative, the prophet was faithful to his mission. He knew that he spoke in the name of the Lord and that his enemies would not prevail over him. Both for Jeremiah and for us the tenderness of our Heavenly Father is everlasting since God is on the side of the poor and the persecuted. The challenge for us is to trust in God's mercy and not let hope die.

It is interesting to note how the New Testament gives fullness to the Old Testament. Thus, while Jeremiah asks the Lord not only to free him from his enemies but to punish them for as much pain as they have inflicted on him. Jesus, the Prophet among the Prophets, teaches his disciples to remain faithful even in the midst of rejection and persecution. He repeatedly assures them that they must not be afraid. Without a doubt, Jesus has experienced the love of his Father and that is why he knows that love is more powerful than the evil that can be inflicted upon us. It is the love of God's Father that will encourage Jesus to be faithful to his final destiny and carry the cross as a way to reach his mission. So let us ask the Good God to trust in his fatherly love who is always ready to take care of us.

For those who have the happiness of being fathers and especially for my dad:

Happy Father's Day. Feliz Día del Padre.

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."

June 21: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremy 20:10-13
Psalm 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35
Romans 5:12-15

June 28: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16A
Psalm 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19
Romans 6:3-4, 8-11



LIVE STREAMING MASSES WILL CONTINUE

KEEPING YOU CONNECTED WITH OUR 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 Saturdays; 6:00pm (English); 7:00pm (Spanish)

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)

You may access these masses from your smart phone or computer.

REOPENING OF OUR PARISH

We are all thankful that soon we will be able to return to worship our God as a parish family in our beloved church. We have missed you and we are aware how eager all of you are to return to a fuller sacramental life. We are looing forward to continue a fuller ministry with and for you. As you may know, New York State regulations now permit Houses of Worship to reopen, with certain limitations, upon entering into Phase II of the State Planning for the Coronavirus. Staten Island began Phase I on Monday, June 8th and, should all go as hoped, we should move into Phase II around June 22. We are anxiously awaiting the announcement from Cardinal Dolan when we may be able to return to Sunday and weekday celebrations. However, as delighted all of us are returning to our beautiful parish church to celebrate the Sacraments and especially our Sunday and weekday Mass, the reality of the continuing situation caused by the Coronavirus, forces upon all of us regulations and revised procedures in order that the sacred dignity of our celebrations be observed and maintained and at the same time ensure the health and well being of all coming to our church. The procedures and regulations which follow have been adapted from the Faith Forward document issued by the Archdiocese of New York for the reopening of churches. They are in keeping with sound medical and health regulations and suggestions. You have been so patient, understanding and supportive of the steps we were forced to accept in limiting access to the church and so I am confident that you will accept these limitations and procedural adaptations as we attempt to return to a fuller parish life.

Follow-up next week on Facebook or at the rectory for the starting date and time.

THANK YOU! for the continued sacrifices you are making at this economically difficult time for all of us to financially support the parish. You are so faithful and generous. We encourage those who have not already done so to consider making your weekly donation on line by using the We Share program.

HOW TO REGISTER for ONLINE GIVING - WeShare allows our parish to receive online gifts and give our parishioners a safe and easy way to do so. You are able to set up recurring donations and manage your online giving accounts. If you've never donated online before, signing up is easy! Customer service number 1-800-950-9952 or weshare@4lpi.com.

- 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!

GUIDELINES TO FOLLOW UPON CHURCH ATTENDANCE GOING FORWARD

- 1.** The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is suspended until further notice.
- 2.** Those who are at a higher risk for COVID-19 (i.e., those who are older than 65 or who have underlying health conditions) are urged **NOT** to come to church for Mass. Those who cannot attend Mass may be encouraged to spend time daily reading the Scriptures, praying with their families, watching a broadcast or live-streamed Mass, and making an act of spiritual communion.
- 3.** Those who feel in any way sick (e.g., oral temperature higher than 99.5 degrees Fahrenheit, cough, chills, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell) or who are worried about attendance should not enter the church.
- 4.** In accord with current state policy, the faithful (over 2 years old) must wear cloth face coverings when in public, including when they come to church.
- 5.** Attendees should sanitize their hands before entering the church.
- 6.** All present at Mass should sit 6 feet or more away from other. Families may sit together.
- 7.** Follow signs posted around the the church.