



Weekly Mass Intentions



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Saturday – August 15

8:00am- † Anna Urwin
5:00pm- † Patricia May
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
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Sunday – August 16

8:30am- † Theodore H. Spicer
10:00am- † Vincent Conti
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
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Monday – August 17

8:00am- † Edwin Santiago
12:05pm~Special Intentions Duanna Kempton
7:00pm- † Maria Montalvo Espinoza

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
By: daughter, Sandra Almazo

Tuesday – August 18

12:05pm- † Irene LaFontante
7:00pm- † Parish Community Intention

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

Wednesday – August 19

8:00am- † Michael Curry
12:05pm- † Ralph Frulio ~Anniversary
7:00pm- † Victorina Cruz Villalba

Offered by: Annette Esposito
Offered by: Frulio Family
By: son, Jose Luis Rivera

Thursday – August 20

12:05pm- † Dorothy Timpone
7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

By: nieces, Barbara & Mary

Friday – August 21

8:00am- † George W. Brown, Jr.
12:05pm- † Russell Carter
7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
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Saturday – August 22

8:00am- † Josephine Rozalski
5:00pm- † James Obermayer

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
Offered by: Family

Sunday – August 23

8:30am- † Robert J. Carbone
10:00am- † Jay Hatmaker & Harold Robinson

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
Offered by: Alexis Crowdell

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

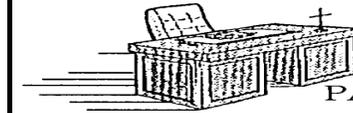


~ For all sick members of our Parish

~ For all lives lost to CoVid-19

his Kingdom. Today more than ever our prayer invites us to make a church with open doors to all. **Fr. Hernan Paredes, SJ**

"God allows her anguish to purify her intention, so that she continues to believe in Him even if he does not attend to the first. The Canaanite woman in the gospel followed Jesus screaming. The disciples lost patience and forced Jesus to stop to attend to her. We are surprised by the first reaction of Christ. Was not his Heart moved full of mercy? Of course. But he preferred to wait and see to what extent the woman trusted him. As her faith was great, Jesus finally told her: "May what you wish come true" (Pope Francis).



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"Woman, great is your faith" (Matthew 15: 21-28)

I always like to repeat the title of a book that marked the beginning of my theological studies *"We Live in a World of Grace."* Today the readings refer to this as they tell us that God's grace knows no limits. Furthermore, God's grace has always been present in our lives. Many times it is not the lack of grace that God always gives his faithful, but the inability to open our eyes to look at it. A few days ago when we celebrated the Feast of Saint Ignatius of Loyola the first thing that was asked of the participants in a guided prayer was to recount the graces received in our lives. The spirituality of every believer should always be a spirituality of gratitude before a God who does not abandon his people nor remain distant.

Isaiah is ahead of his time and prophesies to the people of Israel that the foreigners will be gathered by God on his holy mountain. They will worship and celebrate his name. *"My house will be a house of prayer for all."* Perhaps we have forgotten that a living faith as well as the survival in our world is a common task. The pandemic has made us think in a different way and today more than ever is when we must be united and not build walls that divide; religions cannot be isolated fields. We cannot be divided because of immigration status, language or skin color. We need to reclaim the experience of a God who wants that his house will be a place of prayer for all. All humanity must remember that **we live in a world of grace** and work together so that the gifts received by God reach everyone, especially the most vulnerable and the poorest. With the prophet let us dream that we can act with integrity and do what is right.

In the same perspective of the prophet Isaiah, Saint Paul in the second reading calls himself "the apostle of the Gentiles" and recognizes that his mission is to announce God's mercy for all. Pope Francis set the example and encouraged us to be apostles of mercy. *"Today is God's time,"* the Pope repeats to young people. Today we could say we are called to do good and bring hope to all those who feel alone or abandoned amid the fears that fuel the pandemic.

The healing of the daughter of the Canaanite woman has to motivate us to tear down the boundaries that separate us. Curiously, this foreign woman, therefore doubly excluded by being a woman and a foreigner, is the one who teaches us that we must fight to achieve what is most important to us. The woman wants the healing of her daughter and does not hesitate to break the rules that separate Jews and Gentiles. She presents herself as a model of persistence that leads her to tear down the walls that prevent her daughter from living the fullness of life. Jesus, who gathers us at his banquet wants to be the force that makes us all walk together to establish the values of

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

August 16: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

August 23: Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 22:19-23
Psalms 138:1-3, 6, 8
Romans 11:33-36



WELCOME OUR CARDINAL TIMOTHY DOLAN - The Archbishop of NY, His Eminence Cardinal Timothy Dolan will be visiting our parish on Friday, August 28th. He will give a blessing to our mural in the church parking lot at 6:30 PM and accompany us to Spanish mass at 7:00 PM. It will be a pastoral and spiritual visit. We express our gratitude and with fraternal joy we welcome him.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR NEW/RETURNING STUDENTS 2020-21: In order to create smaller than usual classes for the 20-21 Religious Education school year, we are asking parents to register your children as soon as possible. All classes will continue to be offered on the same days and we are preparing for blended learning with a staggered schedule in order to be in compliance with social distancing. We will also offer 100% remote learning from home. Once your child is registered, the schedules will be communicated to the parents. In order for your children to receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation, they must attend two years of consecutive preparation in any religious education program. You can register your child/children by filling out the enrollment form on our website (olmcsi.org), uploading any required documentation and paying the required fees. You may call or email us with any additional questions. Enrolling your children in our program every year helps secure them a solid, joyful foundation in the faith and helps qualify them to receive their sacraments on time with their peers.

TREE OF LIFE - serves as a wonderful way to celebrate those you love and is located in the back of the church (by the choir area). Consider gifting a leaf to commemorate a special life event, memorialize a loved one who has passed or simply list your family name - showing your support of our parish and community. The suggested donation for a leaf on the tree is \$300. Please call the rectory and request your form, if you would like to place a name on the tree.

BACK TO MASS! - Following the guidelines of the Archdiocese and the requirements of the State of New York, with 25% capacity, we have resumed mass. Our Church is open for Baptism, Weddings, Funerals, Confessions (Saturdays 4:00pm-4:45pm), and private prayer in the church. We are **ALL** required to follow the following guidelines:

1. Wear a mask at all times in the Church, including the confessional. **NO MASK MEANS NO ENTRY.**
2. Observe the 6 feet distance. (SOCIAL DISTANCING)
3. Sit in designated areas and follow the signs posted around the church.
4. If you think you may have been exposed to the virus or if at any time you feel like you might have **ANY** virus related symptoms, we ask you to definitely stay at home and seek medical attention.

CHANGES IN THE LITURGY - To limit the possibility of contagion, presentation of gifts, shaking hands at sign of peace, receiving on the tongue, and sharing the communion cup will be temporarily omitted. For the same reason, missalettes and hymn books have all been removed. Ushers will direct the communion procession one section at a time so that communicants can maintain a six-foot distance from one another. Holy Communion will be distributed in the hand only, in order to limit the transfer of saliva. **CLEANLINESS** - Hand Sanitizers will be positioned at the rear of the Church for you to disinfect your hands as often as needed. You may also wish to bring hand sanitizer with you. The pews and other areas will be disinfected after each Mass.

We continue praying for all who are affected by CoVid-19, their families and all who provide the very best care. May the good Lord help us find prevention and cure for the coronavirus.

LIVE STREAMING / VIRTUAL MASSES WILL CONTINUE - Keeping you connected with our parish through our Facebook page. Connect and follow us to see these transmissions in your homes. Search "olmcsi" and send a friend request. You may access these masses from your smart phone or computer.

RECTORY HOURS - Our rectory has partially resumed normal office hours with the necessary precautions. (Monday-Friday 9am-8pm & Sundays 10am-3:30pm) It would be best to call ahead, we might be able to help you over the phone. We pray that you are all healthy during these unprecedented times.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP - BECOME AN OFFICIAL MEMBER; All Families and individuals are welcome to our parish and 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)

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.

- 1) Visit our church website and click Give Online. (Parish Website: olmcsi.org).
- 2) Select the collection or event of your choice.
- 3) Setup your donation or payment.
- 4) 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.