



Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – August 29

8:00am- † Thelma Dixon
 5:00pm-† Christiana Ogedi Okocha
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
By: Michael & Hannah Arimodi & Hilda Oluwaseun Adeniji

Sunday – August 30

8:30am-† Stanley & Marcella Mikos
 10:00am-† Ciro “Jerry” Mezzacappa
 11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Family
Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

Monday – August 31

8:00am~ Health & Well Being of Carmelo & Marisol Mendoza
 12:05pm~Special Intentions Duanna Kempton
 7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Francisca Lopez

Tuesday – September 1

12:05pm~Health & Well Being of Ricardo & Antonia Lopez & their children
 7:00pm- † Parish Community Intention

Offered by: Francisca Lopez

Wednesday – September 2

8:00am~† Hermelinda Acevedo
 12:05pm-† Delia Palacios
 7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
By: children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren

Thursday – September 3

12:05pm-† Carl Cangialosi
 7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Angiolina Varrassi

Friday – September 4

8:00am- † Julio Cintron
 12:05pm~Health & Well Being of Cupertino & Valentina Lopez
 7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Sisters
Offered by: Francisca Lopez

Saturday – September 5

8:00am-† Rogelio Justiniano
 5:00pm-† Louise Obermayer

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
Offered by: Family

Sunday – September 6

8:30am-† Anthony Gerard Umana
 10:00am-† Annmarie Brown

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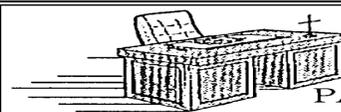
Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine
Tabernacle Candle
Memorial Candle



~ For all sick members of our Parish
 ~ For all lives lost to CoVid-19
 ~ For all Souls in Purgatory

“Gospel, Eucharist and prayer. Thanks to these gifts from the Lord, we can model ourselves to Christ, and follow him on his way, the path of “losing one’s life” to find it again. “Lose it” in the sense of giving it, giving it out of love and in love -and this implies sacrifice, even the cross- to receive life once again purified, free from selfishness and even death, full of eternity.” (Pope Francis)



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

**“Take up your cross and follow me”
 (Matthew 16: 21-27)**

The theme of following a master is central to Sacred Scripture. Already in the Old Testament there are stories about patriarchs, prophets and judges who had their own followers who in many cases continued with their mission given by God. In the case of today's Gospel, Jesus summons the crowd that follows him. He preaches to them about the Kingdom of Heaven. However, and in the previous line, Jesus summoned a group of 12 whom he called apostles to follow him. This story can be seen throughout the four Gospels: Jesus patiently teaches the apostles and reveals his intentions about the mysteries of his Father's Kingdom.

Two of the disciples want to take advantage of their closeness to Jesus. James and John, through their mother ask Jesus to be seated next to him. The other disciples get angry because they wanted the same seats that may bring them closer to Jesus' authority. Jesus, like in other occasions will teach them that the disciples have to be willing to serve, not to be served. In today's passage, Jesus asks the disciples that if they are willing to follow him they must suffer, die and carry their own cross. You can imagine how the apostles would feel when they hear this message. The Gospel tells us that some of the disciples left, they couldn't cope with that. Today the challenge remains the same for us. If we want to be Christ's Disciples, we should be willing to take up our own cross. Are we willing?

The prophet Jeremiah experiences mixed feelings when he comes to proclaiming the word of God. Curiously, Jeremiah feels "seduced" and "allows himself to be seduced" by the Lord. It is as if he had a fire that burns from within and which he cannot quench but rather must make it grow when he proclaims in the name of God. Something similar happens to the apostles, since they would have to suffer at the hands of the authorities. Peter rejects Jesus' way of thinking. Jesus for his part demands from Peter his human way of thinking that is not the divine way. Certainly, today as yesterday it is difficult not to think in the human way or to know the mind of God. It is in difficult circumstances such as those we have recently experienced due to the pandemic that our faith is tested. We have been forced to think about what God's plan is in our lives. Certainly, we are not in front of an immutable and distant God. Our current situation of death, hunger, despair could make us see a dark future. That is why the teaching of Jesus to carry his cross should encourage us to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Jesus experienced rejection, persecution, and even death to save us. Today we are called to be the hands of mercy that bless and bring peace to those who bear and carry the heaviest crosses due to rejection, poverty or emigration. May Jesus' strength help us to be carriers of hope.

Fr. Hernán, S.J.

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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 30: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:7-9
Psalms 63:2-6, 8-9
Romans 12:1-2

September 6: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 33:7-9
Psalms 95:1-2, 6-9
Romans 13:8-10



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.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH – Everyone is invited to be part of our community outreach! Sunday, September 6, 2020 from 12:00pm to 1:30pm in front of Mount Carmel Church. We will be distributing PPE masks and hand sanitizers (while supplies last). We will have information about CoVid-19 tests and resources. We will have help and information regarding the 2020 CENSUS. Masks are required to participate. Sponsored by Healthcare Education Project & OLMC Cursillistas.

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.

CELEBRATING MASSES SAFELY – Following the guidelines of the Archdiocese and the requirements of the State of New York, with 25% capacity, our Church is open for Baptism, Weddings, Funerals and Confessions. We are **ALL** required to follow the following guidelines:

1. Wear a mask at all times in the Church, including the confessional. **NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED IN WITHOUT A MASK.**
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.
5. Use hand sanitizers positioned at the rear of the Church and 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.

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.

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.

ARCHDIOCESE ANNUAL GOLDEN JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY MASS - Unfortunately, due to the uncertainty of large group gatherings in New York City, the Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass is now cancelled. To ensure all eligible couples are recognized for their faith, commitment and 50th Wedding Anniversary, the office of special projects will issue wedding certificates to commemorate this blessed sacrament of marriage. If you celebrated or will celebrate your 50th Anniversary in 2020, please contact the rectory by Sept. 15th so we can register you to receive your commemorative certificate.

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. Signing up is easy! Customer service number 1-800-950-9952 or weshare@4lpi.com or you may visit our church website and click Give Online. (Parish Website: olmcsi.org).

COLLECTIONS: August 23: \$3,673. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of OUR Parish!