



**Weekly Mass Intentions**



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**Saturday – October 17**

- 8:00am- † Violeta Galvez
- 5:00pm-† Virgilio Talaid ~*Birthday in Heaven*~
- 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

- Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Church
- Offered by:* Family

**Sunday – October 18**

- 8:30am-† Anna May Murillo
- 10:00am-† Charina Portillo
- 11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
- 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
- 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

- Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Church
- Offered by:* Christine Pascua

**Monday – October 19**

- 8:00am~ For Blessings, Healing & Hope of Isaiah Roland and Munoz Family
- 12:05pm~ Special Intentions of Mona & Vin Zaloom
- 7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

- Offered by:* Mom
- Offered by:* Steve Benedict

**Tuesday – October 20**

- 12:05pm-† For Healing & Deliverance of Jaden Munoz
- 7:00pm- † Parish Community Intention

- Offered by:* Mom

**Wednesday – October 21**

- 8:00am- † Jim Dwyer
- 12:05pm-† Martin Finneran
- 7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

- Offered by:* Loyola School
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**Thursday – October 22**

- 2:05pm-† For Healing & Deliverance of Ralph Munoz, Jr.
- 7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

- Offered by:* Mom

**Friday – October 23**

- 8:00am- † Eloise King
- 12:05pm-† Delia Palacios
- 7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

- Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Church
- By:* Children, Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

**Saturday – October 24**

- 8:00am- † Anthony G. Rispoli
- 5:00pm-† Bryan Graves

- Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Church
- Offered by:* Linda Graves

**Sunday – October 25**

- 8:30am-† Beatrice DeLizia
- 10:00am†Ricardo More & Christian Morrodas

- Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Church
- Offered by:* Ana Marzal

**Weekly Memorials**

- Bread & Wine**
- Tabernacle Candle**
- Memorial Candle**
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- ~ For all lives lost to CoVid-19
- ~ For all sick members of our Parish
- ~ Pedro Julio Hilerio, Jr.
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*“The Christian must know how to wait for the Lord at every moment, but he/she waits on the Lord at the end of time. We are men and women of every time and: men and women of prayer, discernment and hope. (God) gives us the grace to walk with wisdom, which is also a gift from Him. The wisdom that in the moment leads us to pray and discern. Let us live with hope” (Pope Francis).*



**“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God” (Matthew 22: 15-21)**

Most of the time we spend doing things others have asked us to do: work for our bosses, errands for our spouses, homework for our teachers, care for our parents or children. My old professor **Fr. Stanley Marrow, SJ**, used to say that not only do we do what others tell us to do but that *"we prefer to do what others tell us to do to avoid problems."* Can you imagine disobeying your wife or not doing your homework... Let us pray that we would do the homework that others asked us to do, so we may also take time to do the work that God has asked of us. Keep in mind that we have received our lives from God to live them fully.

Two famous rulers dominate today's readings. One is Cyrus the Great and the other is the Roman Emperor Tiberius Caesar. Isaiah exalts the name of Cyrus and even calls him *"the anointed of God."* Curiously, Cyrus was not Jewish but he had liberated the Jewish people when he conquered Babylon. The prophet considered him sent by God. In the Gospel, Jesus tries to explain to the Pharisees about paying taxes and distinguishes what belongs to Caesar and what belongs to God. Let us pray that the Sacred Scripture may encourage us to distinguish what is due only to God.

*"Give to Caesar what belongs Caesar and to God what belongs to God"* was a wise response by Jesus to the Pharisees who sought to entrap him (Matt 22:21). It also provides a wise perspective to us today just within days before the elections. When we seem to be a divided nation, we have to ask ourselves what really identifies us as believers and what unites us as followers of Christ

What belongs to the world, nation or party? What belongs to God in our lives? What should always be in our mind is that we are earthly citizens who are passing through it and who have to take care of our neighbor, the poor, the environment or in the words of Pope Francis *"care of the common home."*

Everything we have, is given by God. What a different world it would be if we all acted to serve God and to serve others.

An Argentine folk song says *"Life has been lent to me and I have to give it back, when the Creator calls me to surrender..."* That, as the Jesuit maxim says:

*"In everything to love and to serve"* is also the maxim of our life so that we can give only to God what belongs to God.

**Fr. Hernán, S.J.**

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

### **October 18: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6  
Psalms 96:1, 3-5, 7-10  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

### **October 25: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Exodus 22:20-26  
Psalms 18:2-4, 47, 51  
1 Thessalonians 1:5-10



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2020-21 for CHILDREN** - 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](http://olmcsi.org)), uploading any required documentation and paying the required fees.

**Important: If your child was enrolled last year in 1<sup>st</sup> year preparation for the sacraments now is the time to re-enroll them for 2<sup>nd</sup> year preparation.**

- If your child is entered the 1<sup>st</sup> grade this September, it is time to register for First Holy Communion preparation.
- If your child is entered the 6<sup>th</sup> grade this September, it is time to register for Confirmation preparation.

**THE CHRISTIAN INITIATION RITE for ADULTS** (better known as RCIA) - is the process in which non-Catholic adults learn about the Catholic faith and become members of the Church through BAPTISM. The RICA program is also designed for Catholics who have not received the Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation and would like to know more about their faith. The RICA in our parish it is directed by Colin Vautrinot. Please call the rectory if you would like more information about this program and how you may register for these classes that are starting soon.

**TREE OF LIFE** -serves as a wonderful way to celebrate those you love and is located on the right side-altar wall. Consider gifting a leaf to commemorate a special life event, memorialize a loved one who has passed or simply list your family name. Please fill the request form and send it to the rectory with your payment. Your participation is greatly appreciated. The suggested donation for a leaf is \$300.

### **WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU BECOME A REGISTERED PARISH MEMBER**

Registering in a Parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and to make a commitment to the life of your Parish. Being a registered parishioner makes the process much easier when you wish to participate in a Parish ministry, or when it is time for baptism, school or religious education registration, weddings, when asked to be a baptismal or confirmation sponsor, and even funerals. A registered parishioner will receive weekly envelopes to assist with day to day operations of the parish. Please contact the parish for more information about this process. Once you are registered, please notify the parish office of any changes in address or phone number.

**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 INSIDE WITHOUT A MASK.**
- 2.** Observe the 6 feet distance. **(SOCIAL DISTANCING)**
- 3.** Sit in designated areas and follow the signs posted around the the church.
- 4.** 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.
- 5.** 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.

**LIVE STREAMING / VIRTUAL MASSES** - Keeps you connected with our parish through our Facebook page. Connect and follow us to see these transmissions from the comfort of your homes each Sunday. Just search "olmc si" and send a friend request. You may access these masses from your smart phone or computer.

**Sunday Streamed Mass Schedule: 10:00am (English) & 11:30am (Spanish)**

**MY CAR WENT TO HEAVEN / DONATE YOUR CAR** - Running or not! The Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn will give back money to your parish for your car donation. IRS Deduction and free towing for any vehicle, in any condition. Call 718-491-2525 for more information or visit [svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org](http://svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org). If you or anyone you know wished to make such a donation, please feel free to contact them and mention our parish name.

**LOCAL FOOD PANTRY** - Community Health Action of Staten Island (located at 2134 Richmond Terr.) runs a food pantry to support people dealing with food insecurity. Food Pantry hours are: Tuesdays 10am-2pm, Wednesdays 12pm-4pm, Fridays 2pm-6pm, Saturdays 10am-2pm. Must present an ID. Please call 718-808-1300 option 2, for more information.

**COLLECTIONS:** October 10/11 - \$5,154. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of OUR Parish