



# First Sunday of Advent ~ November 29, 2020



## Weekly Mass Intentions



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#### Saturday – November 28

8:00am-† Carlos Amaya  
 5:00pm-† Nell & Edward Siuzdak  
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

*Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish  
*Offered by:* Frank Peters

#### Sunday – November 29

8:30am- † Jozefa & Frank Siuzdak  
 10:00am-† Rev. Joseph A. O’Hare, SJ  
 11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions  
 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions  
 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

*By:* husband, Frank Peters  
*Offered by:* Frank Peters

#### Monday – November 30

8:00am- † John P. Langan, SJ  
 12:05pm- † John S. Hagileiram, SJ  
 7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

*Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish  
*Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish

#### Tuesday – December 1

12:05pm- † Phillip Cintron  
 7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

*Offered by:* Sisters

#### Wednesday – December 2

8:00am-† Rev. G. Richard Dimler, SJ  
 12:05pm- † Rev. John W. Lange, SJ  
 7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

*Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish  
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#### Thursday – December 3

12:05pm-† Rev. Francis X. Moan, SJ  
 7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

*Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish

#### Friday – December 4

8:00am-† Mary Romano ~10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.~  
 12:05pm- † Rev. John T. Kelly, SJ  
 7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

*Offered by:* Family  
*Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish

#### Saturday – December 5

8:00am-† Junior Cintron  
 5:00pm-† Julia & George Krieg

*Offered by:* Sisters  
*Offered by:* Frank Peters

#### Sunday – December 6

8:30am- † Mary Peters  
 10:00am- † Maria & Victoriano Obispo  
 and all deceased family members

*By:* husband, Frank Peters  
*By:* Crescencia Pascua

## Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

Memorial Candle



~ For Our Parish Community

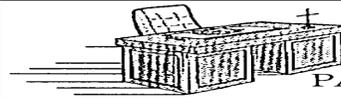
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~ For All Our Faithful Departed

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and sisters, we may find Christ. More than dry leaves blown away by the wind, faith in the God who revealed himself in the child Jesus, may help us to be Christ - living vessels that are transformed for the service of those in need. **Fr. Hernán, S.J.**

*"A land will be fruitful, a people will bear fruit, and will be able to generate a future only in the measure that generates relationships of belonging among its members, that creates ties of integration between generations and the different communities that comprise it "* (Fratelli Tutti # 53 Pope Francis).



### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

#### **"BE WATCHFUL!"** (Mark 13: 33-37)

Once again we begin the season of **Advent**. It is a time of **waiting and to be attentive**. The Scripture invites us to be watchful. How many times have we found ourselves in a situation where we long to wait for a coming that is already present. This is the time of preparation for Christ's coming into the world on Christmas morning. It is that period for the coming of the One who has already arrived. This Advent is a particular one after all our hopes have been put down one after another because of the pandemic. However, it is time to remember the only One who can bring us true Hope. He is the expected of the times, Jesus Christ Our Lord Jesus comes into our hearts at all times and in all forms, but in a special way in each Eucharist. Let us pray that we can meet Jesus when He would come out to meet us.

The readings invite us to an active waiting; that is to say, to be watchful. Isaiah pleads with God to find us **"doing what is right"** and turning away from sin. Jesus reminds his disciples that they must be ready like servants who don't know "neither the day nor the hour" of their master's **return**.

Today we don't want to be asleep with all the technologies that overwhelm us. Today as yesterday we have the spiritual gifts that strengthen us for the definitive encounter with our Lord. We cannot be afraid of the encounter with a **God who manifested himself to us in his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.**

Our lives are filled with schedules. Today it is common to have an app that reminds us of official appointments and perhaps another app for more personal responsibilities. At the end of the day we see on television the forecasts for the next day and also the schedules of our favorite sports teams.

When we realize that our whole life is governed by a schedule, it is then that we should notice that God does not work on schedules. In fact, the pandemic experienced most of this year has made us realize many things since the end of life could be sooner than imagined. Today's Gospel applies to us "since we don't know the day or the hour. " It is therefore to make

a constant evaluation of our life and not so much of our schedules. The schedules have to prepare us for life and not make us slaves to them. The arrival of Jesus into our lives can happen when we least expect it and in the way we least imagine. Let us think **Father Hurtado's** encounter with a **poor man** who for him was an **encounter with Christ**. From that moment, Fr. Alberto Hurtado became another man. Since that point, Hurtado's life was put at the service of the poor and disadvantaged.

Let us ask the Lord that this Advent season be a season in which we allow ourselves to be **shaped by his loving providence**. Let us be humble in order to know that we are not in control of everything and even if we adopt a healthy life schedule we cannot ensure a long life. Only God in his providential love allows us to live for our final encounter. Let us pray that in the encounter with our poorest brothers

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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."

### **November 29: First Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7  
Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9

### **December 6: Second Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11  
Psalms 85:9-14  
2 Peters 3:8-14



**ADVENT PREPARATION** - Fr. Donald Gannon will be offering a weekly Advent Series on Thursdays, starting this **Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020** from 10:30am to 11:30am. Join us as we come together in anticipation of Christ's coming. Let us recapture the original purpose of Advent so that we can receive the gift that the Lord wants to give us at His Nativity. You may call the rectory for more information. All Co-Vid precautions will be implemented.

**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE "ADOPT-A-FAMILY"** - We celebrate the true meaning of Christmas by sharing gifts with families in our parish community who are less fortunate. Participation can be as simple as removing an angel tag with the family information and returning it to the church. Join our parish families that give generously with their time and resources, to bring a few more blessings to others during the Christmas season. A family may be sponsored/adopted by one or more parishioners. The tree and its angels will be available next week. Our deepest appreciation for your generosity!

**50/50 WINNER** - Congratulation to Mario Pena & Hermelinda Navarro on being winners of the 50/50 raffle for the month of November; winning \$192.50. You can be part of next months 50/50 raffle and possible be our next winner, simply by returning your \$5.00 donation in an envelope marked **50/50** and returning it in the collection basket.

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST** - We are all invited to celebrate, with the Spanish Community, a Celebration in Honor of Our Virgin of Guadalupe!

**Friday, December 11:** 7:00pm Car Procession; 8:15pm Apparitions; 9:00pm Mass; 10pm Serenade; 12:00am Mass.

**Saturday, December 12:** 5:00am Serenade; 6:00am Mass; 6:30pm Procession; 7:30pm Mass.

**Please note that all hygiene safety procedures, including the use of face masks and maintaining social distance, will remain in effect during these activities.**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** – **Registrations are still on-going until December.** All classes will be offered 100% remote until further notice. 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. We are looking forward to working with and praying with every family and sharing the Good News of Christ as we journey through this year together.

**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.

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP** - All new families and individuals are welcome to our parish. We request that you register in the rectory when you move into our community so we can 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. **A person must be a registered parishioner in order to obtain a sponsorship form.** Please contact the parish for more information about this process.

**LIVE STREAMING / VIRTUAL MASSES** - Keeps you connected with our parish through our Facebook page. Connect and follow us on FB 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)**

**YOUR OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** - Please continue, to the best of your ability, your financial support of our parish. Your offering envelopes may be placed in the collection baskets at mass, dropped off at the rectory office, or mailed to us. **Better and easier: Make your secure online donations by visiting: [olmcsi.churhgiving.com](http://olmcsi.churhgiving.com)** and select the collection you wish to donate to and click to enter an amount, then enter your payment information (it can also be setup to be recurring). That's it. You'll be able to give to any of our collections, and you can return at any time to edit your donation or to view your financial records. Thank you for considering online giving for your support of our parish.

**COLLECTIONS** - November 21/22 - \$4,017. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of OUR Parish.