



# Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 6, 2020



## Weekly Mass Intentions



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### Saturday – December 5

8:00am-† Rev. Michael A. Hricko, SJ

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

5:00pm-† Julia & George Krieg

Offered by: Frank Peters

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Sunday – December 6

8:30am- † Mary Peters

By: husband, Frank Peters

10:00am-† Maria & Victoriano Obispo & deceased family members of Pascua Family

Offered by: Crescensia Pascua

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Monday – December 7

8:00am-† Rev. Edward C. Dougherty, SJ

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

12:05pm- † Junior & Phillip Cintron

Offered by: Sisters

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Tuesday – December 8 ~Immaculate Conception~

12:05pm-† Louise Seta & Frankie Santisi

Offered by: Mary Nigido

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Wednesday – December 9

8:00am-†Deceased members DeSimone Family

By: Annette Esposito

12:05pm- † Camille Vitaliano

By: M/M Jerry Cocozello

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Thursday – December 10

12:05pm-† Rev. Dennis E. McNally, SJ

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Friday – December 11

8:00am-† Donald J. Moore, SJ

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

12:05pm- † John Bruno

By: daughters, Barbara & Mary

9:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

12:00am- † Parish Community Intentions

### Saturday – December 12

8:00am-† Rev. James J. Fedigan, SJ

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

5:00pm-† Stella & Joseph Chociemski

Offered by: Frank Peters

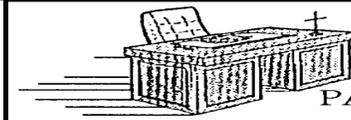
### Sunday – December 13

8:30am-†Dorothy & Nicholas Blanchard

By: Frank Peters

10:00am- † Rev. George Murray, SJ

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

## "Make straight the paths of the Lord" (Mark 1: 1-8)

With modern technology apparently every path can be made straight. Growing up in a developing country and surrendered by many **mountains**, throughout my life, I have witnessed the straightening of the roads. I have lived to see old routes and enjoyed traveling the new ones since I was a child. It is awesome to see where there used to be many turns, now modern machinery manages to build bridges, tunnels and roads that make straight the path.

Undoubtedly the Prophet **Isaiah** would be more than surprised because at his insistence to " *prepare the ways of the Lord and straighten his paths* " the machines have helped people to level almost everything. However, the allegory of the Prophet refers to the preparation of the paths that lead us to our hearts, and you and me know how difficult it is sometimes to soften our hearts...

The prophet urges us to **remove** the obstacles like our **selfishness** which have filled our lives. Isaiah is clear in asking his audience to be filled with **repentance** and forgetfulness if we want to receive the Lord. His words are full of comfort and hope. The coming of the Lord is in itself a sign of God's generosity. Let us remember that the Advent season is a preparation for the triple coming of the Lord: either as the Child who is born at Christmas, the Lord who is about to come in glory at the end of time or the sublime coming that the Lord himself makes in the intimacy of our hearts. That is why it is good to ask ourselves with the Prophet which parts of our lives are like those valleys that have to be filled in or like those **mountains** that have to be **leveled**.

If we have to **free ourselves** from something, that would be our narrow perspective of time and eternity. Last week's readings told us to " *Be ready and prepared.* " Today's readings are words of **comfort** and hope that put our lives in a different perspective since for " *the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day*" (2 Pe 3: 8). Jesus can come at any moment since our perspective of time is different from his. If we live the

Christian hope, any day could be our final day. The important thing is not to be alarmed but to be open to the **hope** that only God could bring into our lives. If there is one thing we cannot doubt, it is that the God revealed in Jesus will always be by our side. Any time that we have been given, it's a time to live it with the joy of those who await salvation. Advent is a time to open our hands to other hands and thus together preparing for the coming of God's Kingdom.

Fr. Hernán, S.J.

## Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

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~ For Our Parish Community

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~ For All Our Faithful Departed

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**COLLECTIONS** - November 28/29 - \$5,444. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of OUR Parish.

*"The Encyclical Fratelli tutti is an impulse for Catholics, believers in God and people of good will, in order to transform society into a community of brothers and sisters through social friendship... Therefore, we are co-responsible for protecting our life in society and caring for our common home. The reality of our environment and of the human person reveals to us that "everything is connected" and no one can exempt themselves from this personal and social responsibility"*

(Pedro, Cardenal Barreto, SJ).

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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."

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

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

### **December 13: Third Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11  
Luke 1:46-50, 53-54  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24



**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** - The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is this Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We will have Mass in our church at 12:025pm in English and 7:00pm in Spanish.

**ADVENT PREPARATION** - Fr. Donald Gannon is offering a weekly Advent Series on Thursdays 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.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** - Our Annual Christmas Raffle is here once again! Participate for your chance to win an assortment of beautiful Christmas Baskets. Raffle tickets can be obtained before/after each mass or at the rectory. The cost: 3 tickets for \$5 or 7 tickets for \$10. The raffle will be held on **Tuesday, December 22, 2020**. Thanks for your support and GOOD LUCK!

**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!

**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.**

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS MEMORIAL ENVELOPES** - We have a nice tradition in which our parishioners donate for the Christmas Flowers that decorates our church every Christmas Season. These envelopes are available now in the envelope packet mailed to your homes or in the church vestibule. The envelopes with your intentions will be placed on the church altar for remainder of the Advent season.

**UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR 2021** - Effective **January 2021**, there will be no 12:05pm Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The only mass offered on those days will be 7:00pm in Spanish. Schedules are never permanent and can be changed in the future as need demands. While this new schedule may be inconvenient to some, it is being instituted with the idea of improving the quality of our worship, not simply holding on to the same quantity of Masses.

**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.

**LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE SEARCH WORLD MARRIAGE DAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021** - The search begins for the Longest Married Couple in the Archdiocese of New York! To Enter: Couples must be sacramentally married for a minimum of 65 years and must reside in the Archdiocese of New York. The longest married couples will receive commemorative certificates signed by His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan. The winning couple will be interviewed and featured in an article in Catholic New York. Winners are determined by how long the couple has been married as of World Marriage Day, February 14, 2021. For further information, or to submit an entry, contact Kathleen Crayne at the Family Life Office at [kathleen.crayne@archny.org](mailto:kathleen.crayne@archny.org) (preferred method) or 646-794-3182. The deadline for entries is Sunday January 17<sup>th</sup>.