



Fifth Sunday of Advent ~ December 27, 2020



Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – December 26

8:00am-† Joseph Cioffi
5:00pm- † Gerta & Frank Peters
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
Offered by: Family

Sunday – December 27

8:30am-† Carlos Amaya
10:00am- † Janet & Robert Richards
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

By: daughter, Rocio Babilonia
Offered by: Frank Peters

Monday – December 28

8:00am-† Rosemary Thompson
12:05pm- † Kathleen David
7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
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Tuesday – December 29

12:05pm-† John Pense
7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

Wednesday – December 30

8:00am-† Louisa Infantolino
12:05pm- † Robert Van Dross
7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
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Thursday – December 31 ~New Years Eve~

12:05pm-† John Svegliato
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

Friday – January 1 ~New Years Day~

10:00am-† Modesto & Alicia Pellecchia
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

Saturday – January 2

8:00am-† Samuel Collins
5:00pm-† Lawrence & Mary Iannucci

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
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Sunday – January 3

8:30am-† Mary Peters
10:00am- † Vincent Falcone

By: husband, Frank Peters
Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine
Tabernacle Candle
Memorial Candle
Memorial Candle



~ † Janet & Robert Richards
~ † Gerta & Frank Peters
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Today's Gospel proper to fit the Feast of the Holy Family is just another reminder that a new time has come. This is the time of hope and joy since we can see that in the fragility of the Child Jesus the one "who grew and became strong, filled with wisdom and the grace of God was with Him" (Luke 22:40). **Long live the Holy Family!**

Fr. Hernán, S.J.

"The Holy Family of Nazareth represents a choral response to the will of the Father: they help each other to carry out God's project, praying, working and communicating. May they be a model for our families, so that parents and children mutually support each other in adhering to the Gospel, the foundation of the sanctity of the family" (Pope Francis).



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

HOLY FAMILY

**"The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom"
(Luke 2: 22-40)**

The liturgy motivates us to celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Joseph and Mary with the joy of Christmas still present in our hearts. It is during the eighth days after Christmas that the Church will look again and again to the three characters. Their obedience to God the Father makes it possible to understand the infinite love that God has prepared for us. Indeed, Jesus is the beloved Son who with his birth begins a life facing God his Father. Joseph, the foster father, with his loving silence obeys and executes God's designs. Mary, who kept everything in her heart, sees how "the child grew and became strong." Looking at them as the Holy Family united in the love of God and their neighbors, we can shout with joy:

Long live the Holy Family!

The readings of this feast put an emphasis on the values that all families should treasure. The passages taken from the Book of the Sirach speak to us of the way in which we should treat each other. Sirach refers to the figures of the grown child and the old father. Paul makes a list of the qualities that families should have such as love, the bond of perfection. The Gospel of Luke tells us the story of Joseph and Mary who comply with the prescriptions of the Law by taking the little Child to the Temple to present him to God. Because we are the family of God on earth, we all rejoice and say:

Long live the Holy Family!

When this year 2020 is almost over, we can say that despite the pandemic we have been blessed. The faces of uncertainty and pain in the face of the unknown are still in our minds as we celebrated masses at the beginning of the coronavirus crisis. I still remember celebrating the liturgy and looking at pregnant women and the challenges that they had to endure at the beginning of the pandemic. In the midst of the pain of so many infected, the news of the births of our young children gave me hope in this hopeless situation: Jeremy, Eduardito, Juliana and Mateito to name a few. It was with their coming into the world that they brought in with their little bodies the joy to endure in the middle of our fragility. At the same time these children gave me the strength to believe that God did not abandon his folk in these tragic moments. Now I think about how each of their fathers and mothers has protected and cared for them 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. I also think of my own brothers and sisters and how they have protected my old dad who is 95 years old. I am sure it has not been an easy task. The Book of Sirach tells us to be filled with compassion, humility and patience as we take care of our elderly parents who one day took care of us. Let us think of the love of Jesus, Joseph and Mary and ask for protection for our dear families:

Long live the Holy Family!

Finally, let us rejoice with Simeon and Anna since in their old age they were able to see in the child of Joseph and of Mary, the Messiah of God.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

December 27: The Holy Family (Feast)

Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14
Psalms 128:1-5
Colossians 3:12-21

January 3: The Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6



2020/2021 ADORATION SCHEDULE for NEW YEARS

Thursday, December 31 (**New Year's Eve**) at 12:05PM (English) and 7:30PM (Spanish)
Friday, January 1, 2021 (**New Year's Day**) at 10:00AM (English); 11:30AM & 1:30PM (Spanish)
Please note: On Thursday, December 31 the parish office will close at 1:00pm;
and will be closed on Friday, January 1, 2021.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY GIVING TREE – A Word of Thanks from the Parish of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel – St. Benedicta – St. Mary of the Assumption Parish. We would like to thank everyone for your tremendous support this Christmas Season and throughout the year. Your generosity to the Giving Tree, helped us to help the less fortunate in our parish community. Thank you for your assistance in enabling us to reach this incredible goal! You have made it a brighter Christmas Season for many families. Your care for those in need is heartwarming. May God bless you all abundantly. Have a happy, healthy, New Year!

THANK YOU! - Volunteers are the heart and soul of our parish. The success and very existence of our ministries and programs are the direct result of the time and talent donated by our parishioners. Thank you to **ALL** our volunteers, most recently: THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the Advent & Christmas liturgies meaningful and beautiful. Our Parishioners who helped decorate and clean. All Liturgical Ministers, All Music Ministers, and The Parish Staff. Last, but not least to our parishioners for worshipping with us and making our Christmas at OLMC-SB-SMA a special one!

FEAST of the THREE KINGS (The Solemnity of the Epiphany) – On **Sunday, January 3rd, 2021**, join your parish family and come celebrate the Epiphany of Jesus on the greatest feast of the church year. There will be a distribution of toys for children 13 years of age and younger in the school gym from 1pm to 3pm that same day. "The gifts we have received will also be our offering to the Redeemer." ~ 1Corinthians

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 Tuesdays & Thursdays will be at 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. We thank you in advance for your understanding and unconditional support.

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)

WESHARE - If you have already signed up to give a recurring gift online, thank you. If not, please sign up today. Your participation in supporting our ministries matters! 1) Visit olmcsi.churhgiving.com. 2) Select the collection of your choice. 3) Set up your donation amount, payment type, and frequency. Once your account information is added, donations will automatically deduct from your account. It's that easy! Please Contact WeShare Donor Support at 1-800-950-9952. Please continue using your offertory envelopes, to the best of your ability, for 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.

COLLECTIONS – December 19/20: \$3,529. Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

MARCH FOR LIFE - Join the March for Life on January 29th, 2021. Buses will depart St. Charles School (200 Penn Ave.) Coachways bus departs at 7:00am. 28 people per bus (50% capacity). There will be 2 buses. Coachways will supply mask & hand sanitizer to everyone. Cost will be \$55 per person, which includes coffee, snack and tip for driver. Buses will depart Washington, DC at 3:30pm. For more information or to reserve your seat contact Angela DiBenedetto at St. Charles Church.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DePAUL GIVES BACK - Our parish could share in the profits. For each car, truck or van, running or not that is donated the Society will give back to our church \$75/\$200 per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but maybe a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of. Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 718 491-2525. Web page: svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org

A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER - May God make your year a happy & healthy one! Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain, but by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes; Not by making your path easy, But by making you sturdy to travel any path; Not by taking hardships from you, but by taking fear from your heart; Not by granting you unbroken sunshine, But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows; Not by making your life always pleasant, but by showing you when people and their causes need you most, and by making you anxious to be there to help. God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead. *Amen.*