



The Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity) ~ January 3, 2021



Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – January 2

8:00am-† Samuel Collins

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

5:00pm- † Lawrence & Mary Iannucci

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – January 3

8:30am-† Mary Peters

By: husband, Frank Peters

10:00am- † Vincent Falcone

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday– January 4

8:00am-† Ramon Torre, Jr.

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

12:05pm-† In honor of Saint Benedicta

By: Society of Saint Benedicta

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Tuesday – January 5

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Wednesday – January 6

8:00am~ Intentions of Chris Binns & Fam.,
Jose Taveras & Fam., Diane Smith & Fam.

Offered by: Narcisa Pons

12:05pm~ Intentions of Matt Lazarus,
Dean Cammarata & Michael Caccavele

Offered by: Narcisa Pons

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Thursday – January 7

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Friday – January 8

8:00am~Intentions of Carlos Neira & Fam.,
Juan Paulino & Fam., Jasmine Pons

Offered by: Narcisa Pons

12:05pm- † Josephine Bruno

Offered by: daughter, Barbara
& grandchildren Petronella-
Nolan

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Saturday – January 9

8:00am-† Helen Dantoni

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

5:00pm-† Julia & George Krieg

Offered by: Frank Peters

Sunday – January 10

8:30am-† Stanley & Marcela Mikos

Offered by: Mikos Family

10:00am†Loving-Parishioner Florence Brady

Offered by: Family

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine
Tabernacle Candle
Memorial Candle
Memorial Candle



~ † Mary Peters

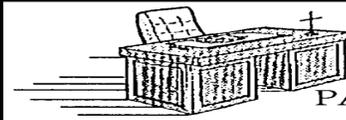
Requested by: husband, Frank Peters

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COLLECTIONS – December 26/27: \$3,398. Christmas: \$6,226.
Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

“Worship is a gesture of love that changes life. It is acting like the Magi: it is bringing gold to the Lord, to tell Him that nothing is more precious than Him; it is to offer him incense, to tell him that only with him can our life rise; is to present myrrh, with which the wounded and shattered bodies were anointed, to ask Jesus to help our neighbor who is marginalized and suffering, because He is there” (Pope Francis).



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

“We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage” (Matthew 2: 1-12)

On this first Sunday of the first month of the year 2021 we still have vivid images of joy and consolation of the celebration of Jesus' birth on Christmas. The liturgy celebrates today as the Solemnity of the **Epiphany**. The two words of the original Greek can be translated as the manifestation or revelation from on high. The Epiphany is to our Catholic faith the revelation of God to all humanity. The three wise men recognized in Jesus the long awaited king. That is why it comes from our hearts to shout: **Long live the Son of God!**

Father Manuel Nieto Pinteño to whom I attribute that he taught me how to read and write used to say that the Epiphany is the greatest mystery of God's love for humanity. The Epiphany is a revelation of "God who became our flesh." Father Nieto used to quote the Church Fathers, especially Saint John Chrysostom since "God stepped down to be one of us." The so-called "Magicians" saw his star at its rising and came to do him homage. They recognize Him in the humility of a child wrapped in clothes. They recognize him as the one who was the expected of the times. Jesus was for the three wise men the light that shines in the darkness ...

Long live the Son of God!

The Epiphany is the revelation of Our Lord to all humanity. This Solemnity invites us to recognize the only true God manifested in Christ. We are gathered from different parts of the world to adore God in the simplicity of a child. The light that shines in the tiny town of Bethlehem is revealed as the light for the whole world. Isaiah sings out of joy in the first reading because the light attracts all the people coming from the East and the West. The psalmist proclaims the social justice and peace that are poured out from all who worship the Lord. Saint Paul teaches the Ephesians that together, Jews and pagans are members of the same Body of Christ. That is why together we say: **Long live the Son of God!**

Contrary to the spirit of joy, happiness and peace that our Little Jesus brings to the three wise men, King Herod is upset and fearful. The powerful king cannot imagine that someone good can bring light and joy beyond his own petty wishes. St. Matthew tells us that "all Jerusalem " was in anguish reflecting in some way the terror of the king and the fear of future consequences. Any resemblance with reality is mere coincidence. For us, the challenge of the Epiphany is to show in daily life that we are all brothers and sisters regardless of the many differences that separate us. Today is a good time to pray for a future of peace, justice and love for all men and women of goodwill. **Happy New Year!**

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."

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

January 10: The Baptism of the Lord (Feast)

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Psalms 29:1-4, 3, 9-10
Acts 10:34-38



UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR 2021 – Effective this month **January 2021**, there will be not be a 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.

2021 MASS BOOK - Our 2021 mass book is open and with plenty of masses available for your family intentions. Masses are a nice way to send a blessing to someone or remember a loved one. Please call the rectory or mail-in your schedule with your mass list for 2021.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES - Certificates attesting to the fact that an OLMC parishioner is a practicing Catholic are often required when they are asked to sponsor someone at the time of Baptism or Confirmation. Registered parishioners can receive a sponsor certificate from the Rectory by calling ahead and making this request. Please have your parish envelope number available.

A FLOWERY THANK YOU - We have a very nice tradition of parishioners donating for the Christmas Flowers that now decorate our church and chapel. The names of your loved ones sit upon the altar. Many thanks to all who contributed to our beautiful floral displays that honor the birth of the Son of God and the wonderful role of His Mother Mary & Father Joseph.

THE GREATEST GIFTS - are not things but people especially those whose hearts are open to God and whose faith moves them to acts of charity and service. This describes so many of the people who affiliate with our community of faith here in OLMC and volunteer their time and talents to so many various aspects of the life of our parish. Thank you for being representatives of dedication and generosity.

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



FEAST OF THE WEEK - Epiphany of the Lord. The solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord is considered to be one of the oldest feasts of Christianity. It was celebrated as far back as the second century in the Eastern Church. In the East, the feast meant the adoration of the Magi, the Baptism of Christ, and the miracle of Cana. At each of these events, there was some manifestation of Christ's divinity. This is what Epiphany means, "manifestation, revelation". In the West, the feast came to mean the visit of the Magi. Here it refers to God being made known in the person of Jesus to the Magi, who represent all nations. St. Matthew records the event in his Gospel. Some astrologers-advisors to the Eastern kings-traveled to Jerusalem from the east. They followed a star that they believed would lead them to an infant who would be King of the Jews. When they found the child with His mother, they fell on their knees and offered Him gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh. The Fathers of the Church later interpreted these gifts to be symbolic of the royalty (gold), divinity (incense), and passion (myrrh) of Christ. The readings for the Feast emphasize the universality of God's power, love and presence to all people. Our Lord is The Light of the Nations-all nations. Jesus has come for all because there are not limits to His love, and He will bring all people to His Father. The Feast reminds us that we are responsible for sharing the Church's gifts, especially the gift of Christ to the world. Our outlook is to be ecumenical. We are to reach out in prayer, sacrifice, and active charity with the vision that God's kingdom is for everyone.