



The Baptism of the LORD ~ January 10, 2021



Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – January 9

8:00am-† Helen Dantoni

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

5:00pm- † Julia & George Krieg

Offered by: Frank Peters

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – January 10

8:30am-† Stanley & Marcella Mikos

Offered by: Mikos Family

10:00am†Loving-Parishioner Florence Brady

Offered by: Family

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday– January 11

8:00am-† Ciro Frulio

Offered by: Frulio Family

12:05pm-† Elizabeth BiFalco

Offered by: daughter, Grace

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Tuesday – January 12

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Wednesday – January 13

8:00am-† Maria Concetta & Cristino Dellaripa ~100th Anniversary~

Offered by: Romano Family

12:05pm- † Mary & Richard Nolan

Offered by: Barbara Buckley & children Petronella-Nolan

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Thursday – January 14

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Friday – January 15

8:00am-† Juan Perrone

Offered by: Bernard Campbell

12:05pm- † Francisco Cruz

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Saturday – January 16

8:00am-† Carmela Giunta

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

5:00pm-† Justina Ortolaza

Offered by: Gonzalez Family

Sunday – January 17

8:30am-† Frances & Edward Baker

Offered by: Frank Peters

10:00am-† Lawrence Carulla

Offered by: Family

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine
Tabernacle Candle
Memorial Candle
Memorial Candle

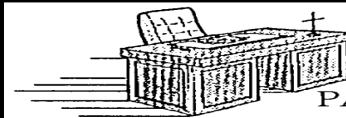


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COLLECTIONS – January 2/3: \$6,249.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

"On the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus we rediscover our Baptism (since) as Jesus, the beloved Son from the Father, we too were born of water and the Holy Spirit. ... the Father loves us all, we are the object of God's love, brothers and sisters of many other people, invested with a great mission to witness and announce to all men and women the everlasting love of God, the Father." (Pope Francis)



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"The Spirit of God descends like a dove"
(Mark 1: 7-11)

"The day you were born all the flowers were born, in your baptismal font the nightingales sang..." What a beautiful song interpreted by Chente reminding us of our own baptism. Our faith tells us that "by the Sacrament of Baptism we begin our life in the Church, and we have clothed ourselves in Christ." Although we are not aware, every Sunday is a reminder that we have been baptized into Christ and in Him we have been transformed; therefore, a new life has begun in us. Perhaps, at the beginning of the calendar year, we could keep our positive thoughts and not let them die like empty promises we made at dawn on January 1st. Regardless of what we wear, what color we are, and the political party to which we affiliate, all believers are called to "promote brotherhood and mutual trust and to pray for a renewed spirit of true patriotism in our country." Our baptism and our country require it. It is always good to start over.

The Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord reminds us that in everything we do and in everything that others see in us it is a constant being clothed in Christ. Another Mexican song that echoes the words of Saint Paul "*all who have been baptized have been clothed in Jesus Christ*" (Galatians 3:27). Therefore, far from celebrating the saving action of Christ that Scripture testifies as the beginning of the public life of Jesus, today is the day to renew our faith and live in Christ. "Faith is put into action rather than mere words" said Saint Ignatius. At the beginning of the new year and at the end of our days on earth we are called to bear witness to our faith.

There is no doubt that Scripture and the liturgy lead us like little children in the love and knowledge of the mystery of God made man. Last week we celebrated the Epiphany or manifestation of Jesus Child to the whole world.

Today the Gospel tells us that when Jesus was already an adult in the Jordan River, the heavens were opened, a great voice was heard and that "*the Holy Spirit descended in the form of a dove.*" In some way it is a "manifestation" in which the Creator God reveals himself in Jesus as the one who is his Son, the one expected of the times. It is up to us to listen to him... So that we do not think that listening was something for a select few, Saint Peter assures us that "*God shows no partiality.*" His words of hope and wonder move us at the very day we were baptized. Let us ask that our faith grow every day and be expressed by the works of mercy that we do to the forgotten of this world. Let us pray that our fight for climate change, poverty and immigration that our new authorities seek are answered by God. Let us express our faith in the God of life who has recognized Jesus as his beloved Son.

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 10: The Baptism of the Lord (Feast)

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

January 17: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19
Psalms 40:2, 4, 7-10
1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20



MUSIC NOTES FROM BVM - As you know, according to Pandemic Protocol we are still not allowed to use our Missals/Hymnals at Mass. Out of "zeal" for the Music Ministry at OLMC I have been preparing hymn sheets/programs for the Advent & Christmas seasons. As we return to Ordinary Time next week the hymn sheets will be discontinued for practical and non-paper-wasting reasons. The only singing will be for the "Ordinary" parts of the Mass (Kyrie, Gloria, Gospel Alleluia, Holy, Holy, Memorial Acclamation, Great Amen and Agnus Dei.) I hope you will put all the energy you are saving (from not having to sing 4 hymns every week) into these most important parts of the Mass. *Ad majorem Dei gloriam!*

HEARTFELT THANKS - We want to thank the Jesuit parish of St. Ignatius Loyola (NYC), Students and faculty of St. Joseph's Academy (SI) and The Notre Dame Club (SI) who generously donated toys to the children of our parish for this year's Three King's Day. They made many children happy with their gift of love and hope.

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.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE - Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact 646-794-2949 or victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the archdiocesan website www.archny.org. In keeping with the archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

The story of this Feast ... Great crowds came out to hear John preach in the desert, near the Jordan River. Many of the people were sorry for their sins and asked to be baptized. One day John saw Jesus Himself coming among the people to be baptized. When all the people were baptized, and Jesus was at prayer after also being baptized, the skies opened, and the Holy Spirit came on Him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are My Beloved Son. I am pleased with You."

The MEANING of this Feast ... The Holy Spirit came upon Jesus not to make Him holy, but to anoint Him for His mission of saving the world. The voice of the heavenly Father made Jesus Known as His own Son Whom He loved, and Whom He was sending to be the Messiah and King, the Savior Who was to offer Himself as a sacrifice on the Cross. Jesus did not need to be baptized, because He was without sin as God's Son. When we are baptized we become children of God and the sin we got from Adam and Eve is washed away.

PRAYER ... Dear Jesus, You answered the call of your Father. You redeemed us from our sins. Please help me to hear God's call whenever it comes and help me to answer with a great big yes! Amen.