



Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – January 30

8:00am~For Healing, Guidance & Protection of Jaden Muñoz *Offered by:* mom, Susan Ferris

5:00pm† Robert, Virginia & David Hallinan *Offered by:* Linda Graves
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – January 31

8:30am- † Mary Ellen McCullough *Offered by:* Nancy & Marcella Mikos & Family

10:00am~For Healing, Guidance & Protection of Mr. & Mrs. Muñoz *Offered by:* Susan Ferris

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday– February 1

8:00am~ For Healing, Guidance & Protection of Joseph Muñoz *Offered by:* mom, Susan Ferris

12:05pm~ For Healing, Guidance & Protection of Alsuna & Omari Roland *Offered by:* Susan Ferris

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Tuesday – February 2

12:05pm~ The people of our Parish *Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Wednesday – February 3

8:00am-† Alexander Stanclik *Offered by:* Loyola School

12:05pm~ The people of our Parish *Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Thursday – February 4

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Friday – February 5

8:00am- † Richard O'Brien *Offered by:* Loyola School

12:05pm~ In Thanksgiving *Offered by:* Talaid Family

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Saturday – February 6

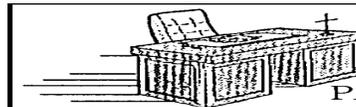
8:00am~ The people of our Parish *Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish

5:00pm- † John, Jim & Gene Obermayer *Offered by:* Family

Sunday – February 7

8:30am-† Nell & Edward Siuzdak *Offered by:* Frank Peters

10:00am- † Anthony Marcigliano *Offered by:* wife, Josephine



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“He taught them as one who had authority.”

(Mark 1:21-28)

Today we begin Catholic Schools Week. Without a doubt it is a week that we will always remember darkly because the pandemic has changed for us how we learn and teach.

Education always has been and will be instrumental for change and perhaps that is why the pandemic makes me feel so sad. The children and young people do not have anyone who may teach them and what is missing are those good teachers who teach with authority following the example of the Good Teacher. From my own personal experience, I know that to become that teacher who teaches like Jesus would have is not easy. It requires patience, perseverance, strength, and a lot of love. I can still remember my first days of teaching and it does not feel that it was too long ago despite my 25 years of teaching. May we pray for the students, teachers, and all who have made Catholic education possible.

God has blessed us throughout the history of salvation with many leaders who passed on God's Word to His people. Moses, the great prophet, promised the chosen people that God would raise prophets from among them and they would speak in His name. Saint Paul was called by God to preach to the Gentiles of all the known world. Jesus used to speak with such strength that cast out demons and taught with such authority that those who heard him in the synagogue were amazed. God continues speaking to us today in our house of prayer, but we only have to be open to listen. In the words of Pope Francis, “We may not stay trapped in our own ideas.”

Evidently perceptions on mental illness have changed with time. If someone seems to appear possessed, we may think that the person has to go to a psychiatrist. Except in some cases, we look for easy solutions and without having to wait. However, there are situations in life that make us feel things which make us feel chained. Sometimes they can be addictions, illnesses, or situations of growing racism and poverty. In those moments that seem overwhelming or imprisoning for us, then the Word of God calls us to free ourselves. Education and faith together help us to overcome our personal problems and social issues that we have to confront in our day to day lives. In those moments when we feel powerless is when we have to cry out to Jesus to break the changes that enslave us.

The Evangelist Mark tries to teach us throughout this liturgical cycle about the divine origin of Jesus, so that we can learn and give him our admiration and love. Then we go from admiration to discipleship and imitation. Then our faith starts growing each day like how children and young people are learning new things in school and in life. Then our ideal life may be to live like Jesus and learn from Him, The Good Teacher. May we not fear the situations that paralyze us and enslave us because following Jesus, we have the power of salvation from the One who even had the power to cast out demons. **Fr Hernan Paredes, SJ**

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Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine		~ †
Tabernacle Candle		~ †
Memorial Candle		~ †
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“Jesus is persecuted from the beginning...(when) he returns to his town, he goes to the synagogue and preaches; immediately, after a great admiration, they start: “But this, yes, we know where he is from. He is one of us. But with what authority does he come and teach us? Where has he studied? They disqualify him to take away his authority! They disqualify him because Jesus went out and made them leave that closed religious mindset, out of that cage, he fought against the people who cage the Holy Spirit.” (Pope Francis)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

January 31: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalms 95:1-2, 6-9
1 Corinthians 7:32-35

February 7: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 7:1-4, 6-7
Psalms 147:1-6
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23



FEAST of the PRESENTION of the LORD – this coming **Tuesday, February 2nd, 2021**, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day which means "the identification of the light with Christ". It was prophesied 'a light has come into the world'. Join us! **SPECIAL MASS SCHEDULE: 12:05pm (English) – 7:00pm & 8:00pm (Spanish).**

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE - Blessing of throats will take place after all daily Masses this **Wednesday, February 3rd, 2021**. St. Blaise is given special recognition not only with a feast day, but with a unique ceremony that parallels the practice of anointing the sick. The timing for his feast is perfect as we're in the midst of cold/flu season and a pandemic, so take advantage of his intercession and receive a blessing for protection against illness. **Mass times: 8:00am & 12:05pm (English) and 7:00pm (Spanish).**

MAGNIFICAT MAGAZINE - This magazine offers a special Lenten edition each year. In it, the parishioners are invited to meet Christ again and to help them live a Lent full of God's grace. This simple tool plants the seed to keep us all connected to Jesus and his Church this season. In this edition you can find the readings of the Mass and new and original reflections to live Lent. If you want a copy of Magnificat this Lenten Season; sign up at the parish office and deposit \$5 so we can buy them in bulk. **The deadline is this Monday, February 1st.** Thank you all!

ATTENDING MASS SAFELY – Mass and above all the Eucharist are central to the Christian life. In a time like this, it is even more important that the faithful be able to come to Church and receive Holy Communion. Guidelines for mask-wearing, social distancing and other precautions to help ensure the health and well-being of our communities remain in place. **ARRIVE EARLY** (at least 15 minutes before Mass), to ensure a place to sit; doors will open 30 minutes before Mass. Given the spacing requirement, those who come late may be asked to kindly return at another Mass time (if the church has filled to our allowed capacity).

PASTOR'S ADVISORY MEETING - Our Pastor's Advisory Meeting will be held on **Monday, February 8th, 2021** at 5:00pm in one of our Parish Meeting Rooms. All parishioners are welcome to attend, help propose suggestions and advise on parish related topics. We continue to work on enhancing communication and transparency.

ASH WEDNESDAY; FEBRUARY 17, 2021 - Each year, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is a 40-day season marked by repentance, fasting, reflection, and ultimately celebration. The 40-day period represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and where Satan tempted him. Lent asks us to set aside a time each year for similar fasting, marking an intentional season of focus on Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice, and resurrection. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." It is during this time that we begin a period of reflection and repentance. **MASS SCHEDULE: 8:00am & 12:05pm (English) – 6:30pm & 8:00pm (Spanish).**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - We will pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays During Lent after the 12:05pm mass. Beginning **Friday, February 19**. Join us for this very special Lenten devotion.

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 "olmcsi" 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)

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

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES - Certificates attesting to the fact that an OLMC parishioner is of practicing Catholic are often required when they are asked to sponsor someone at the time of Baptism or Confirmation. Registered and active parishioners (for a minimum of six months), may receive a sponsor certificate from the Rectory by calling ahead and making this request. This rule also applies for anyone needing a letter for a lawyer/judge or for any other purpose.

MASS INTENTION MISTAKES – On occasion we, your priests, make mistakes by announcing the wrong Mass intention during Mass. We apologize for these mistakes, made inadvertently. Please know how much we regret the pain it causes, especially when the whole family is present at the Mass for their loved one. We will be able to rectify such mistakes if it is brought to the priests' attention at the beginning of the Mass. This could be done by quietly asking the sacristan or the lector to inform the priest celebrating the Mass of such an error at the beginning of Mass. We would greatly appreciate such help. It will be too late if you wait till the end of the Mass. *Thank you.*

COLLECTIONS – January 23/24: \$ 5,497. Thank you for your abundant generosity and continued support.