

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 7, 2021

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Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday - February 6

8:00am~ For the People of our Parish 5:00pm- † John, Jim & Gene Obermayer 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday - February 7

8:30am- † Nell & Edward Siuzdak 10:00am- † Anthony Marcigliano

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday February 8

8:00am- † Msgr. Ralph Pakulniewicz 12:05pm ~ Birthday Blessings for

Virgil & Aida Talaid 7:00pm-† Parish Community Intentions

Tuesday – February 9

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Wednesday - February 10

8:00am- † Michael Romano 12:05pm- † Charles Deitz

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Thursday - February 11

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Friday – February 12

8:00am~ Healing, protection & guidance of the Muñoz children & grandchildren

12:05pm- † John J. Bruno

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Saturday – February 13

8:00am- † Cirila Navarro

5:00pm~Health & well-being Charlie Shanly

Sunday - February 14

8:30am- † Mary Peters

10:00am- † Simproso Manzano

Mass Intentions

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

Offered by: Family

Offered by: Frank Peters

Offered by: wife, Josephine

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Offered by: Talaid Family

Offered by: Family
Offered by: Mr. & Mrs.
Jerry Cocozello

Offered by: Susan Ferris

By: daughter, Barbara & grandchildren Petronella-Nolan

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

Offered by: Pat Walsh

Offered by: Frank Peters By: wife, Fely Manzano

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine Tabernacle Candle Memorial Candle Memorial Candle



COLLECTIONS - January 30/31: \$ 4,586.

Thank you for your abundant generosity and continued support.

We must also face the reality of the wounds of past encounters, and thus we must establish and follow the path towards unity. We need to heal the wounds, which requires seeking offering forgiveness. To forgive is not to forget. We have to be brave and start from the truth which cannot be separated from its companions, justice and mercy." (Fratelli Tutti, Pope Francis)



"Jesus cured many of their diseases." (Mark 1:29-39)

Without us realizing it, we meet every week in our dear parish as we are with our joys but also with our weaknesses. A traditional saying says, "faces we see; hearts we do not know." We are people with existential needs, sometimes traumatized by past experiences as others are as well. Perhaps it is good that we remember that we cannot continue on the path of life alone and that we need one another to make our life more bearable. Perhaps the same was experienced by the people who came to Jesus asking him for healing.

"Faces we see, hearts we do not know..."

In only ten days we begin Lent where we remember the sufferings of Jesus during forty days in the desert prior to His Passion and Death on the Cross. Today we hear Job lamenting about the tragedies that have plagued his life. Job had lost all hope. The psalmist reminds us that the Lord heals the wounded and the brokenhearted. Paul is an example of one who willingly embraces suffering for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus puts the sick and possessed at the center of his apostolic activity: "He cured many of their diseases."

As we can see, the readings of today's liturgy take us from despair to hope. If we start to analyze the last twelve months, our situation has been similar; coronavirus has made us live one of the longest and darkest nights where pain seems to kill all of our hopes. Today it seems that the light is at the end of the tunnel and we hope that modern medicine and vaccines will restore us to health and hope. Pope Francis has advocated since the beginning of the pandemic that vaccines do not belong only to a few rich countries, but that it should be made available to everyone, especially the poor and vulnerable. In other words, like Jesus, the Church wants light and hope to shine for everyone, especially for those on the margins of our society.

Jesus's mission was to announce the Good News of the Kingdom to all. Jesus spent a lot of time doing good deeds, and in the Gospel of Mark, Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law and many others who are possessed. But Jesus does not remain stuck or gets comfortable. Rather, Jesus goes on the roads of Galilee to preach and also looks for lonely places to pray. In some way, all of us are called to reproduce the mission of Jesus, which starts from silent prayer and transforms into healing action for those in need. Today, we are called to heal wounds because, "we see faces, but we do not know hearts."

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."

February 7: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Tlme

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

February 14: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Tlme

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 Psalms 32:1-2, 5, 11 1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1



<u>PASTOR'S ADVISORY MEETING</u> - Our Pastor's Advisory Meeting will be held this **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).

<u>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</u> - We will pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent after the 12:05pm mass. Beginning **Friday, February 19th.** Join us for this very special Lenten devotion.

NEW WEBSITE DESIGN

Our Lady of Mt Carmel - St Benedicta - St Mary of the Assumption Parish is very excited to announce that we will be launching a newly designed website on Ash Wednesday! In a digital world, it's vital that we make information regarding our parish location, Mass times, ministries and sermons easily accessible for our parishioners as well as people who may be searching online.

<u>50/50 WINNER</u> - Congratulations to Manuel & Reyna Rocano on being winners of our 50/50 raffle for the month of January; winning \$220.50. You can be part of next month's 50/50 raffle and possible be our next winner, simply by using your collection envelope or any envelope marked **50/50** and returning it with your \$5.00 donation.

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).

<u>LIVE STREAMING / VIRTUAL MASSES</u> - 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)

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 also applies for anyone requiring a letter for immigration.

<u>MASS INTENTION MISTAKES</u> – 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*.

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** 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.