



# First Sunday of Lent ~ February 21, 2021



## Weekly Mass Intentions



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### Saturday – February 20

8:00am ~ For the People of our Parish

*Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish

5:00pm~Birthday Blessings Bella Gambito

*Offered by:* Talaid Family

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Sunday – February 21

8:30am ~Health & well-being Charlie Shanly

*Offered by:* Pat Walsh

10:00am ~ For the People of our Parish

*Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Monday– February 22

8:00am- † Peter Mandella

*Offered by:* Jeanette Mandela

12:05pm- † Donald Ventrudo

*By:* Peg & Tom Ventrudo

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Tuesday – February 23

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Wednesday – February 24

8:00am- † John De Vasto

*Offered by:* Loyola School

12:05pm-† Robert J. Meyer

*Offered by:* Nicholas Leeper

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Thursday – February 25

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Friday – February 26

8:00am- † Ed Kirby

*Offered by:* Loyola School

12:05pm-†Daniel, Dufond & Edward Mayala

*Offered by:* Mireille Maitre

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Saturday – February 27

8:00am- † Jack Field

*Offered by:* Friends of OLMC & Sacred Heart

5:00pm~ For Ana Wallace's Health

*Offered by:* Hercilia Martinez

### Sunday – February 28

8:30am- † Stella & Joseph Chociemski

*Offered by:* Frank Peters

10:00am- † Fr. Kevin O'Reilly

*Offered by:* Colin Vautrinot

## Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine  
Tabernacle Candle  
Memorial Candle  
Memorial Candle



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~ † **Jack Fields**

*Requested by:* Cinderella Wonschwitz

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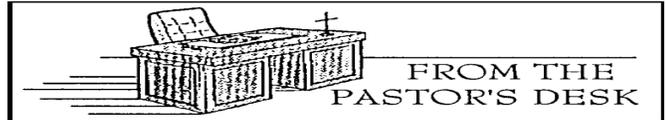
**COLLECTIONS** – February 13 & 14 : \$ 5,218.

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our side', asking for graces that actually serve to satisfy our pride." May we begin this journey of conversion in the humility of Jesus, the Son of God. It would not be too much to make my own for 40 days the Ignatian maxim of "give me your love and grace, this alone is enough for me."

**P. Hernán, S.J.**

*"The three temptations are: "greed for possessions, human glory, the instrumentalization of God. " Jesus does not dialogue with the devil, but he limits himself to responding with the Word of God." (Pope Francis).*



FROM THE  
PASTOR'S DESK

### "Jesus was tempted by the devil" (Mark 1: 12-15)

It seems that it was yesterday when I was preaching about the temptations of Jesus in the desert a year ago. Without a doubt the pandemic has changed our schedules, work routines, and even our forms of recreation and how we eat. Lent starts celebrating the 40 days and 40 nights that Jesus spent in the desert where, "he was tempted by the devil." We should remember that the desert in biblical language refers to loneliness, silence, mirage, shadows, and even death. In some way we all have experienced either a lot or little these moments of deprivation or desolation during the crisis provoked by the coronavirus. However, as believers we have also experienced the strength that has come to us from above and has not left us alone in these dark moments where we have had to bury our loved ones.

In these 40 days we will encounter the way of the Cross. How can we prepare ourselves for that moment? Perhaps because of the sadness of the pandemic we are already living through the loneliness of not being able to be with who we love the most.

But now the challenge is not just listening to, "The silent music, the murmuring solitude, the supper which revives, and enkindles love" (St John of the Cross). This time will be a moment dedicated to repentance if we let the example of Jesus enlighten our lives. Temptations are not to be viewed as a game designed to trip us up, but rather as a believer's challenge to grow in faithfulness. For us to repent is the first rule of Lent; to believe in the Gospel is the second. And as there is no first without a second, we are called to remorse - in a healthy way - for those moments in which we have not behaved well or might have even offended God and our neighbor. Let us live these 40 days towards God with works that build bridges and arms that welcome and lift up those who are marginalized and live in loneliness in our society.

Tengamos en cuenta el consejo del Papa Francisco quien nos dice con respecto a la tercera tentación que consiste en "instrumentalizar a Dios para beneficio propio. Frente al diablo que, citando las Escrituras, lo invita a obtener de Dios un milagro espectacular, Jesús nuevamente se opone con la firme decisión de permanecer humilde y confiado delante del Padre: «Se ha dicho: 'No pondrás a prueba al Señor, tu Dios'» (v. 12).

De esta manera, rechaza la tentación quizás más sutil: la de querer "poner a Dios de nuestro lado", pidiéndole gracias que en realidad sirven para satisfacer nuestro orgullo". Que el inicio de este camino de conversión lo hagamos en la humildad de Jesús, el Hijo de Dios. No estaría demás hacer por 40 días propia la máxima ignaciana de "dame tu amor y gracia que ésta me basta."

Let us take into account the advice of Pope Francis who tells us regarding Christ's third temptation which consists of "instrumentalizing God for our own benefit. Faced with the devil who, quoting the Scriptures, invites him to obtain a spectacular miracle from God, Jesus again opposes himself with the firm decision to remain humble and confident before the Father: 'It has been said: You will not put the Lord to the test, your God'(v. 12). In this way, he rejects the perhaps more subtle temptation: that of wanting to 'put God on

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

### **February 21: First Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 9:8-15  
Psalms 25:4-9  
1 Peter 3:18-22

### **February 28: Second Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18  
Psalms 116:10, 15-19  
Romans 8:31-34



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - We will pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent after the 12:05pm mass. Join us for this very special Lenten devotion.

**BIBLE STUDY IS BACK** - Join us for our restarted parish Bible Study, meeting **Sunday, February 28, 2021** at 1:00pm! Our meeting will take place in the Mt. Manresa Meeting Room of the Parish Office. Bring your Bible if you have one; but don't worry if you don't. Future dates will follow.

**YOUTH GROUP "ALPHA"** - All High School Students are invited to join our **NEW** Parish Youth Group named "Alpha" and hosted by Brother Nick, **every Saturday at 6:00pm** in the Parish Meeting Room. No registration is required. Please call the rectory for more information.

### NEW WEBSITE DESIGN

**Our Lady of Mt Carmel - St Benedicta - St Mary of the Assumption Parish**  
**is very excited to announce that we have launched a newly designed website!**

**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.**

**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).

**TREE OF LIFE** - Help us fulfill our "Tree of Life" and celebrate those you love. Consider gifting a leaf for your special life event, for a loved one who has passed or simply list your family name. Please fill the request form at the rectory. Your participation is greatly appreciated. The suggested donation for a leaf is \$300 and can be made in 3 installments.

**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)**

**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.

**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](http://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.

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### LENTEN REGULATIONS

During the season of Lent, the Church urges all the faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily life through performing acts of fast and abstinence.

**"Fasting"** requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals are to be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige until age 59. Those not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

**"Abstinence"** prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their entire life. Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent that they are able.

FRIDAYS in Lent are days of abstinence. GOOD FRIDAY is a day of fast and abstinence.