



Second Sunday of Lent ~ February 28, 2021



Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – February 27

8:00am- † Jack Field

Offered by: Friends of OLMC & Sacred Heart

5:00pm~ For Health of Ana Wallace

Offered by: Hercilia Martinez

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – February 28

8:30am- † Stella & Joseph Chociemski

Offered by: Frank Peters

10:00am- † Fr. Kevin O'Reilly

Offered by: Colin Vautrinot

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday – March 1

8:00am- † Nancy Pommerenk

Offered by: Family

12:05pm- † Peter Nigidio ~25th Anniversary~

Offered by: Mom & Dad

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Tuesday – March 2

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Wednesday – March 3

8:00am- † Gloria Zambetti

Offered by: Loyola School

12:05pm- † Filippo Galluppi

Offered by: Loyola School

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Thursday – March 4

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Friday – March 5

8:00am- † Thomas Romano ~15th Anniversary~

Offered by: Family

12:05pm- † James J. Smith

Offered by: Josephine & Jerry Cocozello

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Saturday – March 6

8:00am- † Jack Field

By: Cinderella Wonsewitz

5:00pm- † Donna Currie

Offered by: Tommy

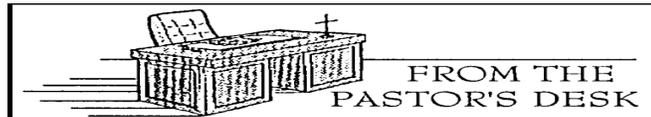
Sunday – March 7

8:30am~For the Protection of our Parishioners

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

10:00am- † Guillermo Martinez

By: wife, Hercilia Martinez



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“This is my beloved son” (Mark 9: 2-10)

In times of pandemic when the sad news of death, loneliness and isolation have been our daily bread; It would be good for us to make the words of God the Father - which he addresses to Peter, James, and John - our own: "this is my Beloved Son." Together with these words of a loving Father for his Son comes the command to know how to listen to him.

Let us remember that Jesus was an itinerant preacher and that to listen to him you have to follow him and this implies walking, going up, down, and all around. As Pope Francis says “we climb the mountain when we separate ourselves and unite with God through prayer.

The same prayer makes us come down from the mountain and meet our brothers and sisters overwhelmed by fatigue, injustice, material and spiritual poverty." Lent asks and demands us to be attentive to the voice of God, to the person of Christ, and to looking at our brothers and sisters around us.

If we do not understand the power of love and the sacrifices that it implies, we cannot fully understand the first reading. As my old professor Father Ernesto Bravo used to say, "every text has its context and is written with a pretext." To understand Abraham's sacrifice, we must first look at his fidelity and unlimited trust in God who has always been and will be faithful to him. In fact, beyond the demand for love we can see that the result of this loving sacrifice he almost makes is the multiple blessings that Abraham receives himself by being blessed with many descendants. We are the fruit of those blessings. We can feel the blessing of God in the sacrifice of Jesus made for the salvation of the whole world. Like Peter, James and John, let us listen and thus we will be participants in his glory.

The words of God the Father are full of love and illuminate our darkness. Daily prayer encourages us to be with Jesus and not fall asleep. Jesus becomes transparent when we contemplate him as the prophet among the prophets and follow his ways. The great challenge of this new Lenten season is not to lose heart in our efforts to share with the marginalized and cast-off. We must continue and persevere to listen to them, and to love them. For Saint Ignatius of Loyola, those who follow Jesus on his path of glory must first follow him on his path of penance that leads to the cross. There can be no true Christianity if we deny the cross and remain in a religion that comforts us and excites us with the assurances of a happiness that does not look outward towards others. To be believers today is to listen to Jesus and help him. He lives in those who suffer and are marginalized today.

Fr. Hernán, SJ

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Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine



~ † **Annarose Verrault**

Requested by: Family

Tabernacle Candle

~ † **Stella & Joseph Chociemski**

Requested by: Frank Peters

Memorial Candle

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COLLECTIONS – February 20 & 21 : \$ 8,204.

Thank you for your abundant generosity and continued support.

“Jesus takes his disciples to show them that despite seeing so many hateful and violent faces during his passion and death they should not be erased from their memories of what they are living ... that moment when they can almost even contemplate God face to face ”

(Fr. Luis Zazano).

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

February 28: Second Sunday of Lent

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

March 7: Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalms 19:8-11
1 Corinthians 1:22-25



MY EASTER GIFT TO THE CHURCH - Once again, we would like to encourage all our parishioners to make a special Gift to the Parish for Easter, on the Sunday before Easter, Palm Sunday, March 28th. We suggest \$100 per family.

BIBLE STUDY IS BACK - Join us for our restarted parish Bible Study, meeting this **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.

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.

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.

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES WITH AN EASTER FLOWER DONATION - Every Easter you have an opportunity to honor your loved ones with a donation that will help decorate the church with flowers on Easter. On these special envelopes you can print the names of those you wish to honor and these remembrance envelopes will remain on the altar for the month of April. Available at the church entrance.

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** 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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PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in thee all my interests and desires.
O Saint Joseph, do assist me by thy powerful intercession and obtain for me from thy Divine Son all the spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord; so that having engaged here below thy heavenly power I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers. O Saint Joseph, I never weary contemplating thee and Jesus asleep in thy arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near thy heart.
Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. Saint Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen.