



Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ March 14, 2021



Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – March 13

8:00am- † Erminia Motika

5:00pm~ For David Troianiello's Health

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Loyola School

Offered by: Bunch Family

Sunday – March 14

8:30am- † Alfred Binet

Offered by: Loyola School

10:00am~ For Healing, Protection & Peace of The Muñoz Family

Offered by: Susan Ferris

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday – March 15

8:00am- † Mary Peters ~1st Anniversary~

Offered by: Frank Peters

12:05pm- † Thomas Cupillarri

Offered by: Loyola School

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Tuesday – March 16

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Wednesday – March 17 - St. Patrick

8:00am- † Edward & Nell Siuzdak

Offered by: Frank Peters

12:05pm~ Birthday blessings Isaiah Roland

Offered by: grandmother,

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Susan Ferris

Thursday – March 18

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Friday – March 19

8:00am- † Joseph DeSimone

Offered by: Annette Esposito

12:05pm- † Michael O'Brien

Offered by: Lindford Smith

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Saturday – March 20

8:00am- † Luis Del Rosario

Offered by: Children & Grand-Children

5:00pm- † Nicholas E. Vaglio

Offered by: Judith Vaglio

Sunday – March 21

8:30am- † In Honor of Saint Joseph

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

10:00am- † Casiano Lorenzo

Offered by: Talaid Family

~Birthday Anniversary~

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine



~ † Marianna & Vincent Raducha

Requested by: Frank Peters

Tabernacle Candle

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Memorial Candle

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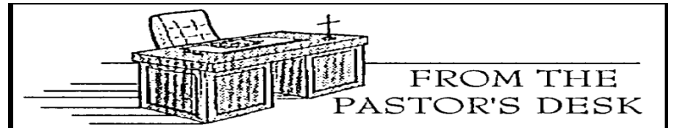
Memorial Candle

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COLLECTIONS – March 6 & 7: \$ 5,852.

Thank you for your abundant generosity and continued support.

“There is no Christianity without the Cross and there is no Cross without Jesus Christ. The heart of salvation is his Son, who took upon himself all our sins, our pride, our securities, our vanities, our desire to become like God” (Pope Francis).



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"God sent his Only Son ..." (John 3:14-21)

Contrary to popular belief, the season of Lent is a time of joy and hope because despite our faults and sins, God loves us so much that he "sent his Only Son to save us."

Today the liturgy encourages us to rejoice in what is called Laetare Sunday with joy because the Church does not want us to lose sight of the very reason why we participate in Lent: we anticipate the Risen Jesus Christ! Let us contemplate in our hearts and know the graces and mercies received and trust that God continues to bless us in our lives in the person of Jesus Christ who died for our salvation.

The constant reading of Sacred Scripture must always lead us to hope. There may be sad situations and personal mistakes that deserve our condemnation and God's reproach, but there is always a glimmer of hope because God cannot contradict himself. Far from the God who has revealed himself in Jesus Christ, some reduce our faith to rules, punishments and impositions and they do not honor a God who always reveals himself in mercy. The first reading, despite recounting the fall of Judah, opens us to the light of hope. Saint Paul does the same in the second reading when he tells us that Jesus Christ is proof of God's mercy. The Gospel of John reinforces this idea in a spectacular way in the dialogue with Nicodemus where Jesus reveals God's loving plan to give us Eternal Life when his Son is lifted up on high.

If the old and new devotions of meditating on the Passion of Christ or Stations of the Cross have helped us, it is because they remind us that today we are like Simon from Cyrene who is called to relieve the heavy cross of our fellow brothers and sisters as he relieved Christ of His Cross. You can imagine the suffering of a single mother, without work and with her sick children or a husband who cannot afford to pay the expenses of his wife who is ill with cancer. There are pains that kill or that lead us to see life with nausea and it is there that our faith in the crucified rises to help, caress and live in solidarity with the crucified of today. The children of the Tarahumara mountains, who we are collecting pennies for this Lent, hope that you are more supportive today than ever and that you can help them build a future in hope. Pain is redemptive when it becomes a path of hope for those who suffer. Today once again we hear the words of Jesus about his own redemptive pain, which reminds us that all is not lost, **"When I am lifted up on high, then I will draw everyone to myself."**

Our faith cries out for joy and awaits salvation for all who are given in the death and resurrection of the Only Son of God.

Fr. Hernán, SJ

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

March 14: Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chronicles 36:14-17, 19-23
Psalms 137:1-6
Ephesians 2:4-10

March 21: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalms 51:3-4, 12-15
Hebrews 5:7-9



MUSIC NOTES from BVM - "Music is the link between heaven and earth." I heard this quotation on the History Channel the other night and was very inspired. As we approach Holy Week and then the Great 50 Days of Easter I hope you will use these words to inspire you as well. I will do my best at the keyboards. I hope you will do your best with your vocal chords! Music at Mass is not mere background sound. It is the "link between heaven and earth!"

BIBLE STUDY - Join our parish Bible Study, meeting **Sunday, March 28th** at 1:00pm and Sunday, April 18th 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 it is not required to participate!

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.

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.

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.

HOLY WEEK 2021

PALM SUNDAY VIGIL – MARCH 27

Saturday: 5:00pm (English) & 7:30pm (Spanish)

PALM SUNDAY – MARCH 28 (Passion of the Lord)

Sunday: 8:30am & 10:00am (English); 11:30am & 1:30pm & 6:00pm (Spanish)

MONDAY of HOLY WEEK – MARCH 29

8:00am & 12:05pm (English); 7:00pm (Spanish)

TUESDAY of HOLY WEEK - MARCH 30

7:00pm (Spanish)

WEDNESDAY of HOLY WEEK – MARCH 31

8:00am & 12:05pm (English); 7:00pm (Spanish)

HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 1 (The Lords Supper)

The **ONLY** Mass offered will be at 7:30pm (Bilingual)

HOLY FRIDAY - APRIL 2 (Liturgy of the Lord's Passion)

3:00pm Liturgy (English); 6:15pm Way of the Cross in Spanish; 7:00pm Liturgy (Spanish). Rectory will be closed.

HOLY SATURDAY – APRIL 3 (Easter Vigil)

The **ONLY** Mass offered will be at 7:30pm (Bilingual)

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 4 (Resurrection of the Lord)

10:00am (English); 11:30am & 1:30pm (Spanish)

MONDAY – APRIL 5

The **ONLY** Mass offered will be at 8:00am (English). Rectory will be closed Sunday and Monday (April 4 y 5).