



Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ March 21, 2021



Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – March 20

8:00am- † Luis Del Rosario

5:00pm- † Nicholas E. Vaglio

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – March 21

8:30am- † In Honor of Saint Joseph

10:00am- † Casiano Lorenzo

~*Birthdays Anniversary*~

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday – March 22

8:00am- † Emil Despirto

12:05pm- † Joseph Martino

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Tuesday – March 23

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Wednesday – March 24

8:00am- † Delicia McEvelly

12:05pm- † Samuel BiFalco

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Thursday – March 25

12:05pm- † Louis Bunch

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Friday – March 26

8:00am- † Janine Esposito

12:05pm~ Healing, Protection & Peace
of Isaiah & Omari Roland

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Saturday – March 27 – Vigil

8:00am- † Marianna & Vincent Raducha

5:00pm- † Elizabeth Mooney

Sunday – March 28 – Palm Sunday

8:30am- † Maria Pagan

10:00am- † Neil BiFalco

Offered by: Children & Grand-Children

Offered by: Judith Vaglio

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

Offered by: Talaid Family

Offered by: Loyola School

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

Offered by: Joan Fortunato

Offered by: daughter, Grace

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

Offered by: Annette Esposito

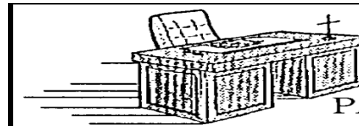
Offered by: Susan Ferris

Offered by: Frank Peters

Offered by: Linda Graves

Offered by: Family

Offered by: sister, Grace



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

**"If the grain of wheat does not die ..."
(John 12: 20-23)**

We have almost reached the end of Lent and the liturgy invites us to contemplate the causes of the Passion of Jesus. The Word of Jesus in today's Verse before the Gospel reminds us that **"When I am lifted up on high, then I will draw everyone to myself."** The salvation offered by Jesus is for everyone. A theologian says that the death of Jesus means the end of particularisms.

Another theologian tells us that the phrase **"to all"** testifies to the fact that "the saving power of Jesus is limitless except for unbelief." Let us meditate on this in this context on the force of salvation that continues to offer itself to you, to me and to the whole world.

Throughout Lent we have insisted on the conversion of hearts. Our parents, teachers or priests can tell us how to reconcile and forgive, but we reach a point where the response to the facts becomes personal. That is why this last week of Lent invites us to question whether we are willing to die to sin and faithfully live faithful to Jesus.

The prophet Jeremiah reminds us that God has promised a New Covenant. The Old Covenant was external and the chosen people were led by the hand. For the prophet, the New Covenant is internal and is inscribed in our hearts. Our faith as Christians assures us that the New Covenant was sealed with the Blood of Jesus that has been shed for the salvation of all. The same faith tells us that faith is manifested in works of charity towards the simplest and most vulnerable brothers and sisters. The salvation that Jesus brings to all is given through the suffering, denial, and death of Jesus himself. In this sense, the miracles reported in the Gospel of John, including the resurrection of Lazarus, which for the evangelist is the ultimate cause of Jesus' death, are inscribed in God's plan that, like the seed of wheat, he has to die to live. It is up to each of us to reflect this week on how much we are willing to die to our desire for power and domination that prevent us from accessing love and solidarity with those who have the least. Jesus and his death on the cross are the testimony that there is no greater test than to give your life for love.

The enemies of Jesus killed him believing they were doing good to the established religion without realizing that in their selfishness and lack of understanding they themselves would die in sterility. With Jesus, the Son of God who is revealed in his totality in the Passion, let us walk in the New Covenant that is the seed for eternal life.

**"If the grain of wheat does not die,
it does not bear fruit."**

P. Hernán, SJ

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Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine



~ † Marianna & Vincent Raducha

Requested by: Frank Peters

Tabernacle Candle Memorial Candle Memorial Candle

~ † Marcella & Stanley Mikos

Requested by: Family

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COLLECTIONS – March 13 & 14: \$ 5,199.

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and continued support.

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Pope Francis says, "To those who want to see Jesus we offer:

- **The Gospel:** there we can find Jesus and listen to him.
- **The crucifix:** sign of the love that was given for us.
- **A faith** that is translated into simple gestures of human charity."

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

### **March 21: Fifth Sunday of Lent**

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

### **March 28: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

Isaiah 50:4-7  
Psalms 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24  
Philippians 2:6-11



**ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD** - Everyone is welcome to join us for a Mass celebrating the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord (also known as the Feast of the Incarnation), this **Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:05pm**. Solemnities in the Catholic Church are celebrations that are of the greatest importance.

**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 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm** and Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 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!

**RECONCILIATION MONDAY** - "Experience the power of forgiveness this Easter." We invite everyone for the Lenten Sacrament of confession on **Holy Monday, March 29, 2021 from 3:00pm to 9:00pm**. A priest will be available to hear your confession. Cleanse your heart and soul before Easter. Pope Francis tells us "every time we go to confession, God embraces us."

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - We will pray the Stations of the Cross this **Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> after the 12:05pm mass**. Join us for this very special Lenten devotion.

**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 28<sup>th</sup>. We suggest \$100 per family.

**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.

**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. If you are not registered, please come into the parish office to do so and start using your offertory envelopes.

### **HOLY WEEK 2021**

#### **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)

#### **RECONCILIATION MONDAY of HOLY WEEK – MARCH 29**

8:00am & 12:05pm (English); 7:00pm (Spanish); 3pm-9pm The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered.

#### **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); Rectory will be closed.

#### **MONDAY AFTER EASTER – APRIL 5**

The **ONLY** Mass offered will be at **9:00am** (English); Rectory will be closed.