



Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – March 27 – *Vigil*

8:00am- † Marianna & Vincent Raducha
 5:00pm- † Elizabeth Mooney
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Frank Peters
Offered by: Linda Graves

Sunday – March 28 – *Palm Sunday*

8:30am- † Maria Pagan
 10:00am- † Neil BiFalco
 11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Family
Offered by: sister, Grace

Reconciliation Monday– March 29

Reconciliation Schedule: 3:00pm – 9:00pm

8:00am- † Angie McLaren
 12:05pm- † Charina Portillo ~Anniversary~
 7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Joan Fortunato
Offered by: Dennis & Lorie Portillo

Tuesday – March 30

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Wednesday – March 31

8:00am- † Leonard Henry Wonszewitz III ~16th Anniversary~
 12:05pm- † Mary Peters ~Birthday Anniversary~
 7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

By: Cinderella Wonszewitz
By: husband, Frank Peters

Thursday – April 1 – *Holy Thursday*

7:30pm- † Bilingual Mass

Friday – April 2 – *Good Friday*

2:30pm- † Stations of the Cross (*English*)
 3:00pm- † English Liturgy
 6:15pm- † Stations of the Cross (*Spanish*)
 7:00pm- † Spanish Liturgy

Saturday – April 3 – *Easter Vigil*

7:30pm- † Bilingual Mass

Sunday – April 4 – *Easter Sunday*

10:00am- † Joseph Martino
 11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Family

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine



~ † Marianna & Vincent Raducha

Requested by: Frank Peters

Tabernacle Candle

~ † Mary Peters

Requested by: Frank Peters

Memorial Candle

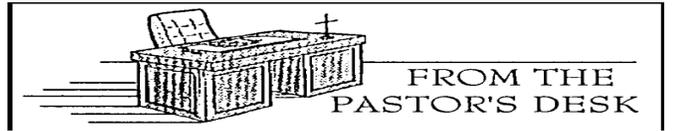
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Memorial Candle

COLLECTIONS – March 20 & 21: \$ 5,742.

Thank you for your abundant generosity and continued support.

“The tragedy we are experiencing calls us to take seriously the things that are serious and not get caught up in the things that matter least; rediscover that life is useless if it is not used to serve others. Because life is measured by love” (Pope Francis).



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

PALM SUNDAY

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord"
 (Mark 14:1 - 15:47)

With our palms raised and with our cries of "Hosanna" we have started what our elders called "The Great Week" or "Holy Week." The feelings fluctuate from the joy of the one who arrives in Jerusalem to shouts of joy and welcome to the pain and sadness He will suffer innocently through his crucifixion. He gives his life out of love for us:

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord...

Personally, at the beginning of Holy Week, I am reminded of my childhood and that inner child that still lives within each of us. Indeed, every Palm Sunday reminds me of my grandmother who beautifully crafted the palm crosses with her own hands. It reminds me of the deep faith that my grandparents had and their humble membership in the Church that was a part of them as they sang Church songs and as they went through the neighborhood. Today as an adult and priest, reading the Passion of the Lord reminds me of the LOVE of Jesus, the Only Son of God, who gave his life for the salvation of many. The Passion of Jesus is a reminder of our faith that does not end in despair, pain and death but rather, through the salvific action of Jesus Crucified, it is the proclamation that death has been conquered. Today is when we really understand what we reflected on at the beginning of Lent, "When I am lifted up, then I will draw everyone to myself." Jesus attracts us all with his redemptive power and makes our voices rise and shout again:

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord...

How sad it is to remember that in the Passion of Jesus, the mobs with malice and resentment shout, "Crucify him, crucify him." How was it possible to go from joy to contempt? How do we explain the transition from joy to the desire for revenge and death? Undoubtedly the questions are many and they continue to remain in the middle of our hearts since, like the mobs of yesterday, we forget the one who lived a life given to others by love. That is why it is good to remember that Jesus went about doing good. The challenge to live the Holy Week is to make myself another Jesus and turn my gaze to the crucified of today. Along with devotion and prayers, there are other sacrifices that we can and must make for the benefit of those who suffer around us; we are all called to carry the cross of others. May our efforts to help the children of Tarahumara or our relatives and the poor around us make us shout louder:

BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!

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 28: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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

April 4: Easter Sunday (Solemnity)

Acts 10:34, 37-43
Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Colossians 3:1-4



HOLY WEEK 2021

VIGIL – MARCH 27th

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

PALM SUNDAY – MARCH 28th (Passion of the Lord)

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

RECONCILIATION MONDAY of HOLY WEEK – MARCH 29th

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

TUESDAY of HOLY WEEK - MARCH 30th

7:00pm (Spanish)

WEDNESDAY of HOLY WEEK – MARCH 31st

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

HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 1st (The Lords Supper)

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

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

2:30pm Stations of the Cross (English); 3:00pm Liturgy (English); 6:15pm Stations of the Cross (Spanish); 7:00pm Liturgy (Spanish);
Rectorly will be closed.

HOLY SATURDAY – APRIL 3rd (Easter Vigil)

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

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 4th (Resurrection of the Lord)

10:00am (English); 11:30am & 1:30pm (Spanish); Rectorly will be closed.

MONDAY AFTER EASTER – APRIL 5th

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

RECONCILIATION MONDAY - "Experience the power of forgiveness this Easter." We invite everyone for the Lenten Sacrament of confession this **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."

PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION - Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, this collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to this Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

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)

BIBLE STUDY - Join our parish Bible Study, meeting this **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!

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 Rectorly 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.

COVID-19 VACCINATION APPOINTMENT OPPORTUNITITES – Appointments for your COVID-19 Vaccine can be made by scanning the QR code at the Church entrance (purple flyer) or at the Rectorly office. Scan the code with your phone and follow the prompts to register and make your appointment with the City of New York.

EASTER COMEBACK

Today is Palm Sunday and next week is Easter Sunday. Can you even imagine that last year on this very day the doors of our Church were shut and no one was able to get palms? Do you remember getting your beautiful Easter dress or suit just to hang it up and watch the Mass on your electronic device locked up at home in your sweat pants or pajamas? That was our reality last year. Never in a lifetime would we have thought that the Church would be closed on any Sunday, let alone on Palm and Easter Sundays, the holiest Sundays in the Church calendar. But that was our reality last year. Thank God this year we are celebrating Palm Sunday and we will be celebrating Easter. The doors of the Church are wide open. So find that Easter Dress and suit and join us for Mass.