



Easter Sunday (Resurrection of the Lord) ~ April 4, 2021



Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – April 3 – Easter Vigil

7:30pm- † Bilingual Mass

Sunday – April 4 – Easter Sunday

10:00am- † Joseph Martino

Offered by: Family

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Easter Monday – April 5

9:00am- † Gladys Ramos

Offered by: Family

Tuesday – April 6

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Wednesday – April 7

8:00am- † Libby Guardiani

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

12:05pm~Birthday Blessings Laisha Hernandez

Offered by: mom, Lucila Reyes

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Thursday – April 8

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Friday – April 9

8:00am- † Nancy Pommerenk

Offered by: Family

~Birthday in Heaven~

12:05pm- † Benedetta & Joseph Coccaro

Offered by: Family

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Saturday – April 10

8:00am- † Libby Guardiani

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

5:00pm- † Margaret Latanzio

By: Tom & Peg Ventrudo

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – April 11

8:00am- † Stella & Joseph Chociemski

Offered by: Frank Peters

10:00am- † Joseph Fortunato

By: wife, Joan Fortunato

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

~ † **Mary Peters**

Requested by: husband, Frank Peters

Tabernacle Candle

~ † **Jozefa & Frank Siuzdak**

Memorial Candle

Requested by: Frank Peters

Memorial Candle

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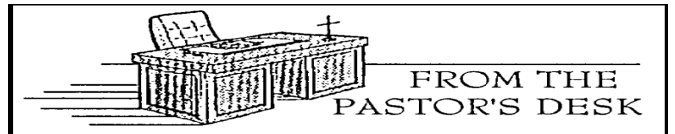


COLLECTIONS

March 27 & 28: \$ 7,513.

Easter Flowers: \$ 1,362.

Thank you for your abundant generosity and continued support.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

EASTER SUNDAY 2021

"They recognized him when they broke bread"

(Luke 24:13-35)

When I feel happy, I think of the Colombian expression "que dicha y que felicidad" or "what joy and what happiness!" The Glorious Resurrection of Christ spontaneously brings such joy and happiness not once but a thousand times: Christ is risen, what joy and what happiness! And the happiness that is freely given to us is for all and to be shared by all since the one who has risen becomes a companion on the journey of those who have not yet finished understanding God's plan. Scripture tells us that the Emmaus disciples were sad and crestfallen until they recognized Jesus at the breaking of bread.

Today we have gathered and together with nature, in the season of Spring, which fills our world with beautiful flowers, we can sing to the God of Life that we want life for everyone, especially for those who are by our side. Jesus has overcome the gates of death. He has redeemed us from our sins. What happened two thousand years ago continues today since the Risen Christ no longer is dead; death has been conquered. Let us give thanks full of joy and let our hearts beat happily because Jesus wants once again to become our companion on the way.

His sacrifice has brought us eternal life.

What happiness and what happiness!

Pope Francis told us that Lent was the way back to God.

This glorious morning, the Readings invite us to walk with **Mary Magdalene, Peter and John**, as witnesses of the empty tomb that signals that **another world is possible**. Life prevails over death, hope over hopelessness. The pandemic that seemed to have the last word on death today is also cause for hope since by the mercy of the Risen Christ we are alive. Just as the apostles **Peter and Paul** gave testimony before the Gentiles and Christians, today it is our turn to announce the New Life that is given to us in the Risen Christ.

Let us pray and ask for the grace of continued joy, the kind that only Jesus can give us. May Jesus remove our pains, darkness, fears and transform them with the vitality of new life that is revealed in love. Indeed, the narrator of the fourth Gospel tells us **"that the beloved disciple saw and believed."** It was the intensity of his love that led him to believe and it is the same love that unites us to Christ and that manifests itself in love for our brothers and sisters. That is why when you do works of love and receive the fruits of love, shout out loud:

Christ is risen, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Happy Easter!

Fr. Hernán, S.J.

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"The Risen One is none other than the Crucified One. He bears indelible wounds on his glorious body, wounds that become arrays of hope. We turn our gaze to him so that he heals the wounds of desolate humanity" (Pope Francis).

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

April 4: Easter Sunday (Solemnity)

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

April 11: Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 4:32-35
Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
1 John 5:1-6



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

HAPPY EASTER!

On this Easter Day, Father Hernan, Father Don, Brother Nick and the Parish Staff would like wish you and your family a blessed Easter Sunday filled the blessings of the Risen Lord. May Christ be with you during this Easter Season and throughout your lives. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the source of all Christian hope. Let us pray joyfully for peace throughout the world. May the hope and the joy of the Risen Christ be with you always! God Bless You!

SPECIAL THANK YOU!

A special thank you to all who helped in any way to make this Holy Week and Easter celebration a joy. We could not possibly have done all that was done without the time & talents of our amazing volunteers. Your sacrifices and generosity are greatly appreciated. May God continue to bless you!

50/50 WINNER - Congratulations to Jacqueline Reyes on being the winner of our 50/50 raffle for the month of March; winning \$311.50. You can be part of next month's 50/50 raffle and possible be our next winner, simply by using your collection envelope or any envelope marked **50/50** and returning it with your \$5.00 donation.

2021 MASS BOOK - Our 2021 Mass Book is open and with plenty of masses available for your intentions for this year. Masses are a nice way to send a blessing to someone or remembering a loved one. Stop by or call the rectory or mail-in a list with your requests.

2021 CARDINAL'S APPEAL - The 2021 Annual Cardinal's Appeal is up and running. All our Parishioners are sent Cardinal's Appeal request letters from the Cardinal's Office of the Archdiocese of New York. Please prayerfully consider your gift. Please make checks payable to The Cardinal's Appeal and remember to include the Parish #340.

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.

TABERNACLE (SANCTUARY LAMP) / MEMORIAL CANDLES - The Sanctuary Lamp, which is next to our Tabernacle, is a sign of the Real Presence of Jesus, the Light of the World. In accordance with tradition, this candle may be dedicated in honor or in memory of a particular person or persons, or for a special intention. There are many dates still open for dedication in 2021 Book. Anyone who would like to plan for dedicating the Sanctuary Lamp or the memorial candles (over the church altar) should contact the Parish Office.

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

LIVE THE LITURGY; NSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK - Alleluia! Christ is risen! About today's feast, St. Augustine writes: "And he departed from our sight that we might return to our hearts and find him there. For he left us, and behold, he is here." Christ's resurrected presence lives not only in the highest heaven but in the fragile human heart. Christ's life inspires us and moves us to see a future for every human being and discover our true purpose and meaning. Every human being has a desire to live, and this cry can be heard within. There is a longing for a connection with Someone greater than ourselves that gives an import to our existence that we cannot supply. Today, our deepest questions find answers.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DePAUL GIVES BACK - For each car, truck or van, running or not that is donated to the Society, they will in turn give back to our church \$75/\$200 per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but maybe a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of, can call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 718 491-2525. Web page: svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org