



# Solemnity of the Lord's Ascension ~ May 16, 2021



## Weekly Mass Intentions

### Saturday – May 15

8:00am- † Luis Jesus Ramirez

5:00pm- † David Hallinan ~5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary~

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions



### Mass Intentions

Offered by: OLMC Church

Offered by: Linda Graves

### Sunday – May 16 ~St. Benedicta Feast Day~

8:30am- † In Honor of Saint Benedicta

Offered by: OLMC Church

10:00am- † In Honor of Saint Benedicta

By: St. Benedicta Society

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Monday – May 17

8:00am~ For the people of our Parish

Offered by: OLMC Church

12:05pm~ For the people of our Parish

Offered by: OLMC Church

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Tuesday – May 18

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Wednesday – May 19

8:00am~ For our Parish Community

Offered by: OLMC Church

12:05pm- † Gerald Cocozello

Offered by: Mom & Dad

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Thursday – May 20

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Friday – May 21

8:00am~ For the people of our Parish

Offered by: OLMC Church

12:05pm- † Ashley Bayke ~16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary~

By: mother, Carolina Beteta

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Saturday – May 22

8:00am- † Anne & Linda Hannan

By: friend, Cinderella

5:00pm- † Frances Alfano

By: Peg & Tom Ventrudo

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Sunday – May 23

8:30am~ For the people of our Parish

Offered by: OLMC Church

10:00am- † Gracia Palumbo

Offered by: Palumbo Family

## Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

Memorial Candle



~ † Mary Peters

Requested by: husband, Frank Peters

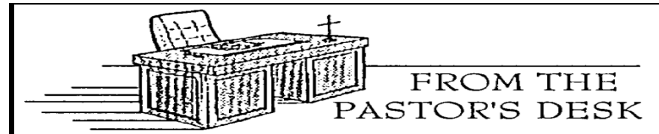
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**COLLECTIONS:** May 8 & 9 - \$ 6,952.

Thank you for your abundant generosity and continued support.

*“Jesus Christ, by ascending to heaven, leaves a message and a program for the whole Church: Go, therefore, and make disciples of all people, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded them.” (Pope Francis)*



## ASCENSION OF THE LORD “Jesus ascended to Heaven” (Mark 16: 15-20)

The Solemnity of the Ascension invites us to celebrate in a special way one of the founding moments in the history of the Church. It is precisely on this day that we celebrate that Jesus ascends to heaven to be seated next to his Father where he commanded the disciples to take his message to the whole world. Today, two thousand years later, we are the disciples called to spread his message of love, justice and mercy to all peoples. May we not lack the desire to ***“love and serve in everything.”***

As we approach the end of the Easter season, the liturgy, as well as the readings, place us in a period of transition. The end of the Gospel of Mark leads to the beginning of the Book of Acts of the Apostles. It is also a moment of ***transition*** for Jesus as he passes from his temporary stage on earth to his eternal glory at the right hand of God the Father. The disciples will also live out of this transition period with a concrete task of being witnesses throughout the world. The words of the angels are valid for us today as we cannot waste time looking at the sky. In other words, we have the strength of Jesus to proclaim his message of love and reconciliation in the here and now of our lives.

The story of the first disciples is our story. Jesus came to preach the Kingdom. The disciples believed and followed him although they also abandoned him. With the Ascension begins the period of the Church where each disciple is called to continue with the mission of Jesus to preach the Kingdom. An important and no less effective thing is the certainty that we have his same Spirit who makes the fruits of grace sprout in us. That is why ***today is the time for you to allow the Spirit of Truth that lives in you to flourish.*** Today, the Spirit invites us to welcome the one who seems strange and to ***let God work*** in our lives that are nourished by his Word. We cannot just stare up at the sky and wait for God to come to us.

As adults in our faith lives, we witness the greatness of God who makes himself small with those who are forgotten by the world. Let us remember that the Holy Spirit does not leave us speechless in the face of the injustices of this world but gives us strength to denounce all who mistreat our poorest brothers and sisters. How do you live your faith in the Risen Christ?

**Fr. Hernán, SJ**

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

### **May 16: The Ascension of the Lord (Solemnity)**

Acts 1:1-11  
Psalms 47:2-3, 6-9  
Ephesians 1:17-23

### **May 23: Pentecost Sunday**

Acts 2:1-11  
Psalms 104:1, 24, 2-31, 34  
1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13



**BIBLE STUDY** - Join our parish Bible Study, meeting this **Sunday, May 16, 2021** at 1:00pm and Sunday, June 13, 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 it is not required to participate!

**PASTOR'S ADVISORY MEETING** - Our Pastor's Advisory Meeting will be held next **Monday, May 17, 2021** at 5:00pm in one of our Parish Meeting Rooms. All parishioners are welcome to attend, help propose suggestions and advise on parish related topics. We continue to work on enhancing communication and transparency.

**ONE IGNATIAN COMMUNITY** - You are invited to join us for "One Ignatian Community," a 30-minute bilingual prayer service to mark the launch of the Ignatian Year. This prayer service will be **streamed live online from 7:00PM-7:30PM (EDT) on Wednesday, May 19, 2021**. As our nation turns toward a more hopeful future, Fr. Joseph M. O'Keefe, SJ, provincial of the USA East Province, and others will reflect on the vision of the Ignatian Year to deepen our practice of Ignatian spirituality and find new possibilities for ourselves and for our world. We hope that all those who are inspired by Ignatian spirituality will embark with us on a shared journey to "see all things new in Christ." This event is free and open to all. RSVP at [jesuitseastois.org](http://jesuitseastois.org) and you will receive a link to participate.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2021-2022** - Registrations for Religious Education classes are currently being taken in the parish office, you may also register online on our website [olmcsi.org](http://olmcsi.org). Please register your child(ren) as soon as possible. Any registrations taken after August 31<sup>st</sup> will incur a late fee per child. If you have any questions regarding the classes for the Religious Education program please contact the parish office.

**Important: If your child was enrolled last year in 1<sup>st</sup> year preparation for the sacraments now is the time to reenroll them for 2<sup>nd</sup> year preparation.**

- If your child is entering the 1<sup>st</sup> grade in September, it is time to register for First Holy Communion preparation.
- If your child is entering the 6<sup>th</sup> grade in September, it is time to register for Confirmation preparation.

**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 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL** - The 2021 Annual Cardinal's Appeal is up and running. "Whatever you did for the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40). Please prayerfully consider making a pledge/gift to the 2021 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal. Your generous support promotes the health and vitality of the Archdiocese of New York through the various charitable, pastoral and outreach works assisted by the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal. Many thanks to those who have already made their pledge/gift to this year's Cardinal's Appeal. Please make checks payable to The Cardinal's Appeal and 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.

**SUPPORT OUR PARISH BY ONLINE GIVING** - Like other parishioners, you may wish to consider supporting our parish with on-line giving. It is safe, simple, and convenient. Go to our parish website [www.olmcsi.org](http://www.olmcsi.org); click on the Donate link; select the collection of your choice; set up your donation amount and form of payment.

### **THE MONTH OF MAY WE PRAY TO MARY**

*Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided.*

*Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.*

*To you I come; before you I stand sinful and sorrowful. O mother of the Word Incarnate!*

*Despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen.*