

November 25-26, 2023: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

ABRAHAM IS HOME! PRAISE THE LORD!

What a joy for Abraham, his parents and his sisters: he just came back home right before Thanksgiving! He had been in the hospital/rehab in Washington for nearly three months. His parents came every day and ensured that there was always one of them with him 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For two of these months, Abraham was totally paralyzed and the only movement he could make was moving his eyes. I recall the first time Abraham could speak; he greeted me saying, "Father Alain". I could not believe my ears. I had been seeing him every Sunday afternoon. I knew this was a miracle. When I asked him what do you want me to tell your friends in Waldorf, he responded without hesitation: "I will come home soon!" It took another month of progress through intensive rehab and now he is home. Praise the Lord! Give Him thanks! How can we give thanks to God when He helped a miraculous healing as in the case of 13-year-old Abraham? I asked that question of many parishioners, including from the pulpit one week ago. I got several suggestions, including 13 continuous Holy Hours on the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception, a special Mass of Thanksgiving for Abraham, and inviting some well-known musicians to give a special concert at OLHOC during Advent. I was intrigued by the concert proposal which came from one of our musicians, Rick. He, in the end, came up with a Great Advent Concert with Steve Angrisano and Sarah Hart (famous musicians). It just happened that they were available on Wednesday, December 13. This fit in perfectly with our own Advent program..and it is now on! Abraham's parents have asked me to thank all of you for

praying for their son—God has been listening! Yes, it is a miracle. In addition to our own direct prayers, many of you have been praying through the intercession of Father Martin who today must be smiling in Heaven, like the other saints who were begged to be intercessors. His parents have asked us to continue praying for Abraham in the coming days. He needs to regain strength, to re-adapt to going to school. They also appreciate the idea of the Advent Concert to give thanks to God. They are confident that Abraham will be there attending the Advent Concert with Steve Angrisano and Sarah Hart on December 13. It will be a joy for him, his parents and all of us. Let us pray through the intercession of Father Martin that Abraham will have a most blessed and joyful Advent and Christmas Season! Let us pray that God will give the grace to Abraham to double the many talents/gifts He has given him and that as in the Parable of the Talents of last Sunday, his master, Jesus, can tell him: *"Well done my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy."* Abraham has a great future ahead of him. Let us all give thanks to the Lord!

One in Christ,

Fr. Alain



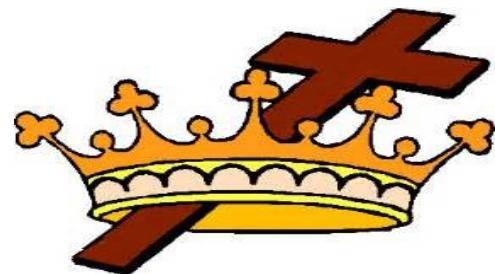
ABRAHAM ESTA EN CASA! BENDITO SEA DIOS!

Que alegría para Abraham, sus padres y hermanas: Volver a casa justo antes del Dia de Gracias! Ha estado en el Hospital y rehabilitacion en Washington por aproximadamente por tres meses. Sus padres iban diariamente y asegurarse de que uno de ellos estuviera con el las 24 horas del dia, siete dias a la semana. Por dos de estos meses, Abraham estaba totalmente paralizado y el unico movimiento que podia hacer era mover sus ojos. Recuerdo la primera vez que Abraham pudo hablar; me saludo diciendo, "Padre Alain". No podia creer lo que escuchaba. Lo habia estado viendo cada domingo en la tarde. Supe que era un milagro. Cuando le pregunta que queria que le dijera a sus amigos en Waldorf, respondio sin duda: "volvere a casa pronto!" Le tomo otro mes progresar a traves de rehabilitacion intensiva y ahora volvio a casa. ! Demos Gracias! Como agradecer a Dios cuando cura milagrosamente como el caso de Abraham de 13 años? He hecho esta pregunta a muchos parroquianos, incluso desde el pulpito hace una semana. He obtenido varias sugerencias, como 13 horas Santas continuas en la Fiesta de la Immaculada Concepcion, una Misa especial de Accion de Gracias por Abraham, invitar a musicos populares para que den un concierto aqui en Maria Auxiliadora durante el Adviento. Estaba intrigado por la propuesta del concierto lla acucall vino de uno de nuestros musicos, Rick. Al final, menciono sobre un Gran Concierto de Adviento con Steve Angrisano y Sarah Hart (musicos famosos). Estaban disponibles el Miercoles, 13 de Diciembre. Se ajusta bien con nuestro propio programa de Adviento, y ahora lo tendremos! Los padres de Abraham me han pedido que agradezca a todos por orar por su

hijo—Dios ha escuchando! si, es un milagro. Ademas nuestras oraciones, muchos han estado orando a traves de la intercesion de Padre Martin quien estara sonriendo desde el cielo, igual que los demas Santos a quienes se les ha suplicado su interseccion. Sus padres han pedido que continuemos orando por Abraham en los proximos dias. Necesita fortalecerse, adaptarse para volver a la escuela. Aprecian la idea del Concierto de Adviento para darle gracias a Dios. Estan confiados de que Abraham asistira al Concierto de Adviento con Steve Angrisano y Sarah Hart el 13 de Diciembre. Sera una alegría para el, sus padres, y todos nosotros. Oremos por la intercesión de Padre Martin para que Abraham disfrute de un tiempo de Adviento y Navidad lleno de bendiciones! Oremos para que Dios le concede la Gracia a Abraham de duplicar los muchos talentos y dones que le ha dado como cita en la Parabola de los Talentos del Domingo pasado, su Maestro, Jesus le podra decir: "*Bien hecho mi servidor fiel y bueno, Ya que has sido fiel en asuntos pequeños, te dare grandes responsabilidades, Ven, comparte la alegría de tu Maestro.*" Abraham tiene un gran futuro delante de el. Demosle gracias al Señor!

Uno en Cristo,

Padre Alain



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*We are asked to pray for:
 George Gallagher
 D'Vaughn Webster
 Lynette Washington
 David Mesler
 Ken Housewright
 Tiffany Chase
 Monica Halloran

Kathryn & David Newman
 Andrea Lewis
 Carolyn Briscoe
 Father Alain
 Theodore Danneico Hall
 Tess Franch
 Margaret Ferguson
 Mary Ott

Mirna Eugofoama
 Ollie Johnson
 Mike Sofield, Sr
 Titus Thomas
 Catalina del Cid
 Matthew Batiste
 Phyllis Batiste
 Michael Duncan

Jennifer Forsythe
 Barbara Jean-Noel
 Junior Thomas-Sally-Ann
 Ligia Lam

Names will remain for three months or until healed

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Saturday, November 25,
9:00 AM: Denise Rivera(+)

5:00 PM: Gilles Bambara

Sunday, November 26,
8:30 AM: George & Fe Cronin
10:00AM: OLHOC Parishioners

11:30 AM: Evelyn Viets (+)
1:00 PM: Etamane Michel & Deceased Family members (+)

7:00 PM: Carmen & Lidia Lam (+)
Monday, November 27,
9:00AM: Anthony Andrews

Tuesday, November 28,
9:00AM: Mabel O'Malley (+)

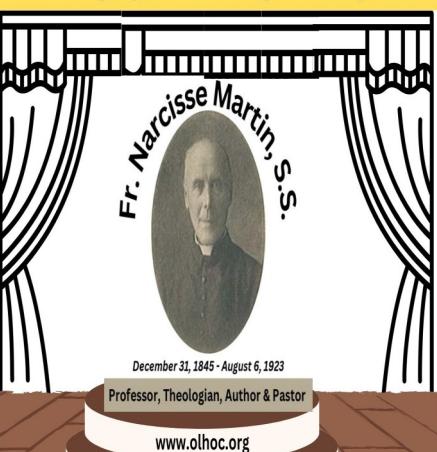
Wednesday, November 29,
9:00 AM: Cesar Peñaflor (+)

7:00 PM: Connie Leseman

Thursday, November 30,
9:00 AM: Vivian Senaya

Friday, December 1,
9:00: AM: Mary Dorsey

Join us Sunday, December 10th
11:30 AM Mass with special celebrant
 Cardinal Wilton Gregory followed by the Play on the Life of



Fr. Narcisse Martin, S.S.
 December 31, 1845 - August 6, 1923
 Professor, Theologian, Author & Pastor
www.olhoc.org

Tuesday Scripture Study - Join us on Tuesday mornings after the 9 am Mass to study the readings for the next Sunday.

Friday Scripture Study - The Friday night scripture study is now online. Please call the office for information on how to join us.

First Friday - The first Friday of each month the evening Mass in Latin is dedicated to promoting the Priesthood. Following evening Mass, Prayer group in Spanish.

First Saturday - Join members of the Marian Group on the first Saturday of the month after the 9 am Mass. Learn more about consecrating your life to Jesus through Mary.

Divine Mercy - Join us on the first Saturday of each month as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet as a community at 3 PM.

OLHOC Prayer Chain

Mass Intentions this Week



Advent Penance Service

Servicio Penitencial de Adviento



Monday, December 11th

Junes, 11 de diciembre

6 PM Fr Dan Leary

(Talk on Eucharist)

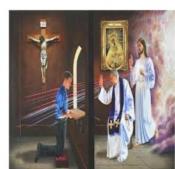
7 PM Fr Dan Leary

(Talk on Reconciliation) followed by

Penance Service

Several priests will be available to hear confessions.

Prepare the Way of the Lord



6 PM P. Dan Leary

(Presentacion- La Eucaristia)

7 PM P. Dan Leary

(Presentacion - Reconciliacion y despues

Servicio Penitencial

Varios sacerdotes estarán disponibles para escuchar confesiones.



Preparad el camino al Señor

Mass Readings for December 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

*First Reading

Isaiah 63:16b-17,64:2-7 (2B)

*Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

*Gospel

Mark 13:33-37

www.usccb.org

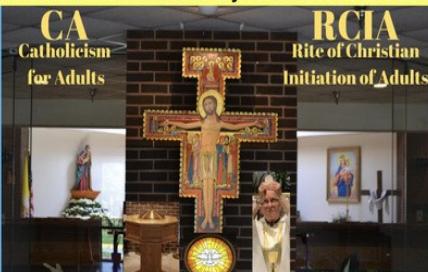


Interested in joining & learning about the Catholic Church for the first time?

Want to complete a Sacrament (Baptism, Eucharist and/or Confirmation)?

Want to learn and understand your Catholic Faith better?

For more info. or to sign-up please contact Deacon Rich deacon@olhoc.org



The Rite of Christian Initiation is designed for adults who seek to learn more about God, our Faith & desire to enter the Christian faith!

Classes Meet on Wednesdays at 7 pm
Location - Fr. Martin Hall

All parishioners are welcome and invited to join us!

OLLC Early Learning Center Giving Tree

Please visit our Giving Tree across from the office to help the Early Learning Center.



Giving Tree/Supplies:

Tissues

Paper Towels

Napkins

Kitchen Trash Bags for the classroom

Unscented Baby Wipes

Zip Lock Bags

(snack, sandwich, gallon, 2 gallon)

Glue Sticks



Rito de Iniciacion Cristiana para Adultos (RICA)

Esta interesado en unirse o aprender sobre la Iglesia Catolica por primera vez? Desean completar sus Sacramentos (Bautismo, Eucaristia y/o Confirmacion) Quiere aprender o entender mejor la Fe Catolica El Programa del RICA (Rito de Iniciacion Cristiana) diseñado para 18 años y adultos.

Informacion con Milton Galvan/ Maria Lam 240-551-3295 Las Clases son los Domingos a las 4:30 pm Salon 103 y los martes a las 7:30 pm



Parish School of Religion (CCD) 2023-2024

CCD Registration is Open for 2023-2024

Please visit the website www.olhoc.org/re

(?>s, contact Sr Rosario sister@olhoc.org)



NEW CCD Sessions for 2023-2024

- Sundays** Session 1 (8:45 AM - 9:45 AM) (for students in 1st & 7th grade, RCIC 1A & RCIC 2A)
Session 2 (10 AM - 11 AM) (for students in PK/K, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th & 8th)
- Mondays** Session 3 (5:45 PM - 6:45 PM for students in RCIC 1B & RCIC 2B)
Session 4 (7 PM- 8 PM) for students in PK/K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th)

Registration for First Holy Communion 2023-2024 is open
visit www.olhoc.org/1communion

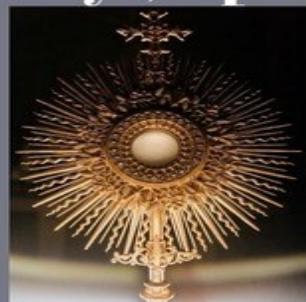


Registration for Confirmation 2023-2024 is open visit
www.olhoc.org/confirmation-1



Holy Hour of Reparation Thursdays, 8 pm - 9 pm

Spend some time with Jesus and pray for priests!



Hora Santa
jueves, 8 pm - 9 pm

New Format:

Evening prayer

Silence

*Litany of Prayer for Priests
Benediction*



Join Fr Alain & Fr Jan pray for priests who are struggling & those who don't pray.
Invite other priests and lay people to join.

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Preparation for Total Consecration

Begin Sunday, November 5th and finish on
Friday, December 8th

(The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception)



33 Days

To Give Your Life Totally
To Christ Through Mary

**'True devotion to MARY leads
us closer to JESUS.'**

St Louis de Montfort

www.olhoc.org/33day-consecration



Mary's Helping Hand
BAKE SALE
December 3rd
after all Masses

Save your appetite!



Christmas Food Drive

Merry Christmas

OLHOC Outreach Committee is collecting food items to fill the Christmas Food Baskets for 50 needy families in our community.

Containers are located in the Narthex until Dec. 9th
for the Christmas Food Drive.



Items needed:
Canned Corn
Canned Peas
Apple Sauce
Mac N Cheese
Potatoes Au Gratin
Stove Top Stuffing (chicken or cornbread flavor)
Cash donations are also welcome to cover shortfalls.

Volunteers also needed to help deliver the baskets on December 16 after the 8:30 AM Mass.



In celebration of the Thanksgiving Holiday,
the church office will be **CLOSED** on
November 22nd - 24th &
lightly staffed November 27th - 29th!



Happy
thanksgiving



Regular
Mass
Schedule



I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart...
Psalms 111:1



Walk with Mary

DECEMBER//DICIEMBRE 9, 2023

Basilica of the National Shrine
of the Immaculate Conception



The Roman Catholic
Archdiocese of
Washington

Las Posadas

(the reenactment of Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem
and their search for safe refuge for the birth of Jesus)



**Begin/Comienzan
6:30 PM**

**December/diciembre
14, 17 & 22
at OLHOC/en la iglesia**

**December/diciembre
15, 16, 18, 19, 20 & 21
volunteer homes/hogares**

**Call the church office or speak to Maria Lam to learn more details.
Llame a la oficina de la iglesia o hable con María Lam para más detalles.**

**11th Annual Christmas Novena Masses
Simbang Gabi
December 14-22, 2023
7 PM**



More details coming soon!