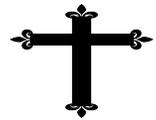




# Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## January 20, 2019



### Weekly Mass Intentions



#### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday – January 19

0am-† Martha B. Sorensen

0pm-† Robert, Virginia & David Hallinan

0pm- † Parish Community Intentions

*Offered by:* OLMC Parish

*Offered by:* Linda Graves

#### Sunday – January 20

30am-† Monserrate Velazquez Colon

00am-† Joan E. Raisley

30am- † Parish Community Intentions

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#### Monday – January 21

00am-† Stanley Mikos

05pm-† NO MASS

*Offered by:* OLMC Parish

#### Tuesday – January 22

00pm-† Michael Romero, Jr.

05pm-† Carmine Torchio

*Offered by:* OLMC Parish

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#### Wednesday – January 23

00pm-† Kenneth A. McCauley, Sr.

05pm-† Stephen Fedorcik

*Offered by:* OLMC Parish

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#### Thursday – January 24

00pm-† John H. Wynne, Esq.

05pm-† Mario Mezzacappa

*Offered by:* OLMC Parish

*Offered by:* Nellie Laureano

#### Friday – January 25

00am-† Carmela Albanese

05pm-† Christina Paradiso

*Offered by:* OLMC Parish

*By:* daughter, Antoinette Loffreno

#### Saturday – January 26

00am-† John V. Mezzacappa, Sr.

00pm- † Pasquale Loffreno

*Offered by:* OLMC Parish

*Offered by:* wife & children

#### Sunday – January 27

30am- † Marie Flynn

00am-† Rafael Contreras

*Offered by:* Pat & Sazzy Wynne

*Offered by:* OLMC Parish

### Weekly Memorials

#### Bread & Wine

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*The candles will burn this week for the following intentions*

Tabernacle Candle

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Memorial Candle

~ **FOR ALL LORD**

Memorial Candle

~ **SAVIOR**



Just as tomorrow we will celebrate Martin Luther King Day, let us remember that his words did not please everyone. Perhaps the words of St. Paul did were not liked by some of the Corinthians. The action of the Holy Spirit may inconvenience some believers who see the changes as a threat. But the Holy Spirit is not reified or allowed to be possessed by a privileged group of people but always transforms reality into a community that makes God's salvific action possible. God strengthens the forgotten, gets involved with our human condition and fills our lives with good wine. So let yourself be transformed by the Spirit of Jesus who is always capable of doing the impossible for our good and praying that our nation will be a place of freedom for all. **Fr. Hernan, S.J.**



#### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

#### Jesus Transforms Water into Wine (John 2:1-11)

Once the Christmas celebrations are over with the baptism of the Lord, we begin ordinary time. We as baptized are members of the Body of Christ which is the Church. This teaching can be "ordinary", but it is not because through baptism we have been begotten by the spirit. That just as we begin to celebrate Ordinary Time, we are able to understand the extraordinary effects of God's grace.

Today's readings tell us about marvelous events such as the radiance of Jerusalem, the first Christian communities and the gift of tongues and, if not enough, the first miraculous sign of Jesus that transforms water into wine. All these facts the Scriptures invite us to contemplate them as the salvific action of God that protects and is compassionate with his people. So it is worth remembering that since we are sons and daughters of God by baptism, we have a God who is our merciful father and full of mercy for all.

Last week we heard St. Luke recounting the Holy Spirit's descent on Jesus on the day of his baptism. Today St. Paul tells the believers who lived in the community of Corinth that it is the Spirit who is behind the phenomena and charisms that manifest themselves in the community of the first believers. God is behind everything that is new and wonderful as described by today's readings;

Thus, the new names given to Jerusalem, the new wine in Cana of Galilee and the new spiritual gifts manifested in the community of Corinth. With God, not everything is as it always has been done, but "God does all things in a new way". God is recreated in the graces that is given abundantly to his people.

Today's gospel ends with the declaration of St. John who observes that "the disciples began to believe in Him." However, it is curious to note that a person already believed in Him even before executing the miracle; that is, Mary, His Mother. That is why we call Mary the first believer. It is Mary the first to realize that there is no wine and tells her Son.

Although she suffers a slight rejection, Maria is able to insist on her purpose and alert the servers to get in touch with Jesus. This event at the wedding at Cana in Galilee is not only a sign of Jesus' power but also of the customs of human families. Ideally, every mother believes in the abilities of her children and in all the things that they can do. Sons or daughters obey their parents in the best way. The Holy Family is a model for families today.

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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."

### January 20: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62:1-5  
Psalm 96: 1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10  
1 Corinthians 12:4-11

### January 27: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nehemiah 8:2-4A, 5-6, 8-10  
Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15  
1 Corinthians 12:12-30



**RECTORY CLOSED** – Please note that this **Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**, the Parish Office and the school will be closed in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. day holiday. There will be **NO** 12:05pm mass that day (only the 8am). Have a nice and blessed holiday.

**FOOD PANTRY** - The next distribution date for our food pantry will be on **Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019** from 9am to 11am and 4pm to 7pm. (In front of the church.) For more information, call the rectory. *Because I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, a stranger and you welcomed me. ~ Matthew 25:35.*

**PRE-K FOR ALL Children born in 2015** - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - St. Benedicta School has a **FREE** full day pre-k program. If your child was born in 2015, they are eligible to attend pre-k for the 2019-2020 school year. Registration opens in early February. For more information, please call the school office.

**OLMC TOURING TUESDAY - January 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 11:00am.** Come visit our school and get information regarding registration. Pre-k for all full day program (free). Kindergarten - 8th grade (financial aid information available). For more information, call the school office 718-981-5131 or visit our website [olmcsb.org](http://olmcsb.org).

**OPEN COMMUNITY FORUM** - "Helping Our Children to Be Safe and Healthy" "Obesity: Next Steps for a Better Future". Join pediatrician, Dr. Vladimir Barayev, for an open conversation on obesity. Join us to find out how you can combat its effects on your health. Where: our Parish Meeting Room. When: **Tuesday, January 29, 2019**. Time: 5pm to 6:30 pm. Free refreshments and free giveaways. Sponsored by Richmond Community Health Action (long-standing advocate for health care needs for the Staten Island community). Open to the public, All welcome!! For more information, contact Jessica Yandun at 718-442-2254 or email: [jyandun@chcrichmond.org](mailto:jyandun@chcrichmond.org).

**BIBLE STUDY** - Join us for our parish Bible Study, meeting Sundays: **February 3 & 17**, March 3, 17 & 31. All dates we will start at 1:00pm and run until 3:00pm. If you do not have a bible, one can be provided for you.

**2019 MASS INTENTION BOOK** – Dates are available for announced masses in the 2019 Mass Intention Book. The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition. Please contact or visit the rectory at 718-442-3411 for more information.

**OUR SANCTUARY LAMP** - The Sanctuary Lamp, which is next to our Tabernacle, is a sign of the Real Presence of Jesus, the Light of the World, in our Parish Church. 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 is a small customary offering for this weekly dedication. There are many dates available for dedication in 2019 Book. Anyone who would like to plan for dedicating the Sanctuary Lamp should contact the Parish Office.

**BREAD AND WINE** - We also are accepting offerings for the Bread and Wine for the week in memory of your loved ones. There is a small customary offering for this weekly dedication. Any questions, please call the Parish office 718-351-1093.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** - January 18-25 marks the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, regardless of which days of the week those dates happen to fall. Christians around the world join in prayer for the unity Christ intended for his Church. Prayer services, programs, and activities offer opportunities for fellowship as we share a common bond in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Scripture tells us that on the night before Jesus died for our sins, he prayed, "...so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one ..." (John 17:22-23). With each prayer service, program, or activity we share, we are moving closer to Christ's call to be one.

**PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, As Christians we are united in you, our Heavenly Father, in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and in your Holy Spirit, three persons in the same God of all. Help us to find strength in our similarities and to overcome our differences with your grace. This we pray with hope in our hearts. *Amen*

**TO ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH** - The Sisters of Life invite you to a *Feminine Genius Brunch* on **Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00AM at Nicotra's Ballroom at the Hilton Garden Inn Staten Island. This brunch borrows its name after those amazing God-given attributes endowed to you as women—receptivity, sensitivity, generosity, and maternity—all of which make up *the feminine genius*!! In addition to a lovely brunch at a beautiful location, Sr. Virginia Joy, the director of the Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese will give a talk on the beauty of the feminine heart and these distinct attributes as women. Discover God's plan for your ultimate flourishing! Invite a friend, mother, or daughter (in-law)! RSVP by February 11<sup>th</sup> at <https://adnyfemininegeniusbrunch.eventbrite.com>. Any questions, please contact [sr.virginia.joy@archny.org](mailto:sr.virginia.joy@archny.org).

**COLLECTIONS:** January 13: \$4,352; Companions in Christ: \$1,520. *Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish!*