



## Weekly Mass Intentions



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#### Saturday – January 23

8:00am-† Walter K. Adam III  
 5:00pm- † Fausto Rodriguez  
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

*Offered by:* Mt. Carmel Parish  
*By:* Estela Hernandez

#### Sunday – January 24

8:30am-† Patricia Ellen Lane  
 10:00am-† Edith & Junior Carunungan  
 11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions  
 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions  
 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

*By:* Nancy & Marcella Mikos  
*Offered by:* Fely Manzano

#### Monday – January 25

8:00am-† Rev. Donald B. Gollinge  
 12:05pm-† Mary Spragne  
 7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

*Offered by:* Frank Peters  
*By:* Kathleen Delaney

#### Tuesday – January 26

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

#### Wednesday – January 27

8:00am~ For Healing, Guidance & Protection  
 of Isaiah Roland  
 12:05pm- † Mario Mezzacappa  
 7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

*By:* mom, Susan Ferris  
*Offered by:* Nellie Laureano

#### Thursday – January 28

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

#### Friday – January 29

8:00am~ For Healing, Guidance & Protection  
 of Ralph Muñoz  
 12:05pm-† Suzanne Hynes  
 7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

*By:* mom, Susan Ferris  
*By:* Robert Jr. & Cynthia  
 & Bobby Hynes

#### Saturday – January 30

8:00am~ For Healing, Guidance & Protection  
 of Jaden Muñoz  
 5:00pm-† Robert, Virginia & David Hallinan

*By:* mom, Susan Ferris  
*Offered by:* Linda Graves

#### Sunday – January 31

8:30am-† Mary Ellen McCullough  
 10:00am~ For Healing, Guidance & Protection  
 of Mr. & Mrs. Muñoz

*By:* Nancy & Marcella  
 Mikos & Family  
*Offered by:* Susan Ferris

## Weekly Memorials

**Bread & Wine**  
**Tabernacle Candle**  
**Memorial Candle**  
**Memorial Candle**



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 ~ † **Frances & Edward Baker**  
*Offered by:* Frank Peters

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### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

#### “Repent and believe in the Gospel.” (Mark 1:14-20)

For those who come to church on Ash Wednesday this quote from the Gospel of Mark sounds familiar. However, we still have a few weeks until we begin the Lenten season. Today the Gospel scene takes place in the sea of Galilee where Simon and his brother Andrew are fishing. Somehow this daily and routine scene of the fishermen reminds us of our own life that occurs in our homes, our work, and our schools. It is an ordinary life that is paired with the season of Ordinary Time that is with us when we have left behind the parties of the New Year. However, the proposal of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark is that each one of us is called to change our lives: “Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.”

This Sunday we are presented with stories where God calls people, and ultimately us, to repentance, conversion, and discipleship: “Repent and believe in the Gospel.” Therefore, the message of the Scriptures and the Liturgy is that we may be able to hear and to follow the One who created us out of love. It is interesting to note that the prophet Jonah only preaches once, and the entire town of Nineveh converts. Jonah, someone who has come to be called the “reluctant prophet,” denounces the sin of the Ninevites and announces that the town will be destroyed in forty days. The Ninevites heard the message, they repent, and it will no longer be destroyed. In the same way, the Gospel proclaims the necessity of repentance and conversion. But for Jesus, his mission calls him to create a team or a group of men who commit to his message in order to change the world. It is surprising that Simon and Andrew hear Jesus, follow him, and leave everything *immediately*.

In the middle of those stories, we have the story of St Paul whose life changed on the Road to Damascus. We can say with total certainty that God does not tire of waiting for us, and that it is never too late to change. From war we can move to peace. The stories of the Ninevites and Paul prior to their conversions are stories that bred persecution, hatred, and even death. It is almost impossible to imagine these possible conversions and yet the sacred authors lead us by the hand so that we may imagine them. A few years ago, the then Archbishop of Buenos Aires used to visit a prisoner in jail and no matter how much his head said that he was in front of a murderer, his heart told him that he was in front of Christ. Christ lets himself be seen today and every day in the poor, the foreigner, and, however difficult it may seem, in those deprived of liberty. God wants to always give us an opportunity to repent and convert, but he waits for us to accept it or not.

“Repent and believe in the Gospel.”

**P. Hernán, S.J.**

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*Human consciousness evolves and circumstances change. Without denying the existence of an objective morality, but rather precisely for this reason, what could be a legitimate solution in the past (as it was to operate without anesthesia) is no longer acceptable in our day. That is why Pope Francis is clear: “it is very difficult nowadays to invoke the rational criteria elaborated in earlier centuries to speak of the possibility of a “just war”. Never again war!” (CNN, Fratelli Tutti 258, Papa Francisco).*

## 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 24: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
Psalms 25:4-9  
1 Corinthians 7:29-31

### January 31: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
Psalms 95:1-2, 6-9  
1 Corinthians 7:32-35



**MAGNIFICAT MAGAZINE** - This magazine offers a special Lenten edition each year. In it, the parishioners are invited to meet Christ again and to help them live a Lent full of God's grace. This simple tool plants the seed to keep us all connected to Jesus and his Church this season. In this edition you can find the readings of the Mass and new and original reflections to live Lent. If you want a copy of Magnificat this Lenten Season; sign up at the parish office and deposit \$5 so we can buy them in bulk. The deadline is February 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you all!

**FEAST of the PRESENTATION of the LORD** - **Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day which means "the identification of the light with Christ". It was prophesied 'a light has come into the world'. Join us! **SPECIAL MASS SCHEDULE: 12:05pm (English) – 7:00pm & 8:00pm (Spanish).**

**FEAST OF ST. BLAISE** - Blessing of throats will take place after all daily Masses on **Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**. St. Blaise is given special recognition not only with a feast day, but with a unique ceremony that parallels the practice of anointing the sick. The timing for his feast is perfect as we're in the midst of cold/flu season and a pandemic, so take advantage of his intercession and receive a blessing for protection against illness. Mass times: 8:00am & 12:05pm (English) and 7:00pm (Spanish).

**ASH WEDNESDAY; FEBRUARY 17, 2021** - Each year, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is a 40-day season marked by repentance, fasting, reflection, and ultimately celebration. The 40-day period represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and where Satan tempted him. Lent asks us to set aside a time each year for similar fasting, marking an intentional season of focus on Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice, and resurrection. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." It is during this time that we begin a period of reflection and repentance. **MASS SCHEDULE: 8:00am & 12:05pm (English) – 6:30pm & 8:00pm (Spanish).**

**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)**

**2021 MASS BOOK** - Our 2021 mass book is open and with plenty of masses available for your family intentions. Masses are a nice way to send a blessing to someone or remembering a loved one. Please call the rectory or mail-in a list with your mass request.

**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 can receive a sponsor certificate from the Rectory by calling ahead and making this request. Please have your parish envelope number available.

**COLLECTIONS** - January 16/17: \$ 5,278. Thank you for your abundant generosity and continued support.

**FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE** - Monday, January 25, 2021; Turn things around. It is arguably the biggest about-face in history: Paul goes from passionately persecuting Christians to converting to Christianity and becoming one of its most important champions. And it's a hard-to-beat conversion story: falling off a horse and encountering the risen Lord. But it's a story that happens in the hearts of Christians all the time: Life knocks you down while going the wrong way, and you're not ready, willing, or able to see the truth—and then somehow Jesus changes everything. By the grace of God, it happens to you again and again. Paul is proof that it's never too late, that you've never made too many mistakes, that you're never too far gone to keep turning yourself around.

**MEMORIAL OF TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS** - Tuesday, January 26, 2021; *Seeking good companions for the journey.* We honor Timothy and Titus one day after the conversion of Saint Paul. For Paul, once converted, wasted no time in spreading the gospel and relied on many to help with his missionary work. Few of his companions were as key—or as beloved—as Timothy and Titus. Paul gave them the toughest assignments, and his letters to them are the only ones addressed to fellow missionaries that are included in the Bible. In those epistles, Paul refers to them as "my dear child" and "my true child in our common faith"—reminders that all become brothers and sisters through Christ.

**MEMORIAL OF THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH** - Thursday, January 28, 2021; Let your light shine. How apt that the gospel on today's memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas encourages us to let our light shine. This saint's light was his powerful intellect, and it still shines brightly today. His theological writings, particularly *Summa Theologiae*, continue to have tremendous impact on the church. One of his lasting insights is that faith and reason both come from God, and Christian doctrine is not at odds with rational thought. In honor of this doctor of the church with his relentlessly probing mind, take time to sharpen your own understanding of a faith-related issue.