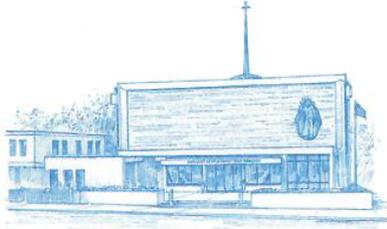
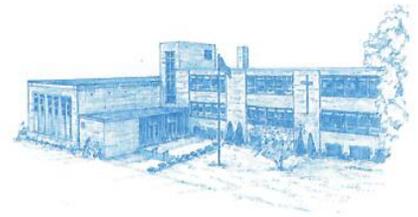


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Eucharist

Saturday: 8:00 am & 5:00 pm (English),
7:30 pm (Español)
Sunday: 8:30 am & 10:00 am (English)
Sunday: 11:30 am, 1:30 pm & 6:00 pm (Español)
Weekdays: 8:00 am & 12:05 pm Mondays,
Wednesdays & Fridays (English)
7:00pm Monday thru Friday (Español)

Holyday Masses Times, language and places will be published in the Sunday bulletin.

Misas Festivas El tiempo, el idioma y el lugar será publicado en el boletín del domingo.

Reconciliation/Reconciliacion: Saturday: 4:15- 4:45 pm; 6:45 pm-7:15 pm (Español). Priest is available upon request or by appointment. El sacerdote estará disponible con cita también

Marriage/Boda: Arrangements should be made at least (6) months in advance. Only parish members will be allowed to register. Los arreglos deben de hacerse al menos (6) seis meses por adelantado. Solo parroquianos se pueden registrar.

Sweet Sixteen/Quinceañeras: Please register with Rosie at 347-318-2110 at least (6) months in advance. Favor de registrarse con Rosie al 347-318-2110 por lo menos (6) meses por adelantado.

Baptism

You must register at the Parish Office and present the birth certificate. You will then be guided through the process. Preparation includes establishing affiliation, attending class and reflecting on how to choose Sponsors. The process will take about 3 months. Baptism Ceremony: Third Saturday of the month at 11:00am.

Bautismo

Hay que inscribirse en la oficina y presentar la acta de nacimiento. Un miembro del Equipo Bautismal se comunicara para visitarte. La preparación incluye saber si eres miembro de la parroquia, asistir a dos clases y reflexión sobre como elegir a los Padrinos. El proceso demora tres meses. Ceremonia del bautismo; Cada primer y tercer sabado del mes a las 12:00pm.

Religious Education

If you would like information regarding our Religious Education Program for children or adults, please call Mrs. Nina at 347-559-1566.

Educación Religiosa

Si usted desea información sobre nuestro programa de Educación Religiosa para niños o adultos, por favor llame a la Senora Nina al 347-559-1566.



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15, 2021



Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – August 14

8:00am~ In Thanksgiving to O.L. Mt. Carmel
 5:00pm-† Mom & Family
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Suzane Dorvily
Offered by: Lucy DePeppo

Sunday—August 15 ~St. Mary Assumption~

10:00am- † Louis Cappucci
 11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Family

Monday – August 16

8:00am- † Michelle Romano 100th Anniv.
 † Anne Zarelli 70th Anniv.
 † Mary Romano 57th Anniv.
 12:05pm~In Thanksgiving to O.L. Mt. Carmel
 7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Romano Family
Offered by: Suzane Dorvily

Tuesday – August 17

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Wednesday – August 18

8:00am- † Michael Curry
 12:05pm- † Frederick Palumbo
 7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Annette Esposito
Offered by: Family

Thursday – August 19

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Friday – August 20

8:00am- † Ralph Frulio ~Anniversary~
 12:05pm~In Thanksgiving to O.L. Mt. Carmel
 7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Frulio Family
Offered by: Suzane Dorvily

Saturday – August 21

8:00am- † John Feury
 5:00pm-† James Obermayer
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Loyola School
Offered by: Family

Sunday – August 22

10:00am- † Sebastian Crino
 11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Family

Weekly Memorials

**Bread & Wine
 Tabernacle Candle**



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 ~ Special Intentions
Requested by: Mary Lou

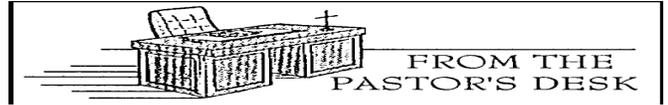
Memorial Candle

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COLLECTIONS: August 7 & 8: – \$4,647.

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“Let us let ourselves be attracted by true beauty, let us not let ourselves be absorbed by the little things in life, but let us choose the greatness of heaven. May the Holy Virgin, Door to Heaven, help us to look at each day with confidence and joy there, where our true home is.” (Pope Francis)



**“Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 “The Almighty has done great things for me”
 (Luke 1:39-56)**

As a gift from heaven this year the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary falls on Sunday. What happiness and what a blessing! Celebrating Mary is celebrating with Mary "the greatness of the Lord." As Pope Francis says "the Virgin Mary never focuses on herself but always leads us to Jesus." This celebration is a reminder of the love that Jesus, the Son of God and son of Mary, has for his Mother whom he assumes into heaven. We rejoice because Mary from her heavenly home blesses us and intercedes for us the "exiled children of Eve."

The Gospel not only tells us about the Angel Gabriel's visit to the Virgin Mary, where he announces that she is going to be the Mother of God, but it also tells us the response of the simple young woman. In effect, Mary responds: "Let it be done to me according to your Word." This last statement has led theologians to affirm that Mary is the first believer because she believed just by listening.

Therefore, we are not surprised that another woman praises her motherhood and that Jesus spontaneously responds: "Happy are those who, listening to the Word of the Lord, fulfill it." This represents an entire life program so that we too can listen to his Word and fulfill it in the here and now of our lives.

We know that the Angel Gabriel not only visited the Virgin Mary since the same holy gospels tell us that six months before he also visited Elizabeth, wife of Zacharias.

Curiously, Gabriel also announced that she would conceive a child, but her husband did not believe her and as a consequence he was speechless. It is simply human nature that sometimes the word helps us or prevents us from believing. In ancient times the word given was a pledge. For Elizabeth and Zacharias their non-belief led them to the silence of waiting that only with the birth of Juan would their speech and joy return. We can call Mary the "Lady of Amen" because she said yes to God's plan. She is the Lady of Joy who accepts, although she does not stop thinking about what that responsibility so early assumed implied.

Without exhausting the glories of Mary, “De Maria nunquam satis,” let us return to the person of Christ whose victory over death and sin we celebrate in each Eucharist. With Jesus let us think that her joy was complete in heaven the day that Mary was assumed into heaven. As a Son, he could not let his mother know the corruption of the flesh and that is why Tradition tells us that "Mary was Assumed body and soul into Heaven."

In this sense, the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary is a reminder of the victory of Jesus and also the promise that awaits all those who believe in his Word and fulfill it.

← CONTINUED

Fr. Hernán, S.J.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

August 15: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)

Revelation 11:19, 12:1-6, 10
Psalms 45:10-12, 16
1 Corinthians 15:20-27



August 22: Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18
Psalms 34:2-3, 16-21
Ephesians 5:21-32

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – Please join us for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Celebrated each year on **August 15th**, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts and a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses in her honor will be celebrated at 10:00am (English); 11:30am (Spanish). After the 10:00am mass join us in the school gymnasium for fellowship. All are welcome to come join us! This feast day allows participants to reflect on the divine nature of the Virgin Mary and serves as a reminder that there is a place in heaven for God's truly faithful.

Prayer for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Almighty and everlasting God, You have taken up body and soul
into the heavenly glory the Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of Your Son: Grant, we beseech You,
that, ever intent upon heavenly things, we may be worthy to be partakers of her glory.
Through Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever. Amen

VACCINE POP-UP SITE – We will be providing the COVID vaccine this **Sunday August 15th**, between 10:00am-1:00pm. Vaccines will be administered at our church basement. The vaccine is safe, effective and FREE and is the best way to protect yourself and others from COVID-19. No appointment is needed, just bring a form of identification.

ALTAR SERVERS - We are always looking for boys and girls to become altar servers. If your son/daughter is in the fifth grade or older, is a practicing Catholic and has received his/her First Holy Communion, THEY CAN JOIN. If anyone is interested, please contact the rectory. Being an server not only increases one's spiritual experience at mass but also is a great way to get involved in the parish.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The faith formation of our children is important to the future of our Church. We invite you to share the gift of faith by volunteering in our Religious Education Program. We need bilingual teachers, catechists, class assistants, and office assistants. We will give the necessary training.

We are accepting registrations for the 2021-2022 school year for Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation. Any child entering first grade in a public school in September should be preparing for First Communion. Any child entering sixth grade should be preparing for the confirmation. Please do not delay in registering your child on our website or in person.

2021 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL APPEAL – We are close to our parish goal of **\$35,000** for this year's Cardinals Appeal. There is still time to make a pledge, please go to www.cardinalsappeal.org or make your donation at the rectory. Any donation would be greatly appreciated. A huge **THANK YOU** to all those who have already donated to this year's appeal.

RCIA – Stands for the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults. Through this journey of exploring and growing in faith, adults receive formation leading to the reception/celebration of the sacraments. But it must first be a journey of faith; a desire to grow in the faith and have an adult relationship with God. If you or someone you know is a candidate for RCIA, please let us know. If you have a child who is older than the usual Religious Education age, also let us know. We will journey with you on how to help him/her complete the sacraments.

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.

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; click on the Donate link; select the collection of your choice; set up your donation amount and form of payment.

UPDATE TO OUR MASS SCHEDULE - Due to large attendance at the 11:30am Spanish Mass on Sundays, we will be adding an additional Spanish Mass on Sunday mornings at 8:30am. In following the teachings of Jesus Christ, our Parish lives and radiates the love of God through prayer and action. We strive to accomplish this mission by fostering our Catholic identity, joyfully celebrating the sacraments together as a diverse community, and recognizing and promoting social justice.

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