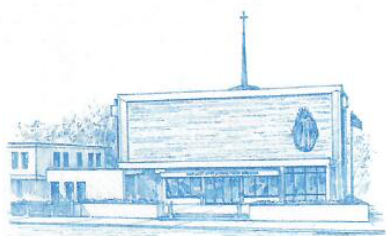
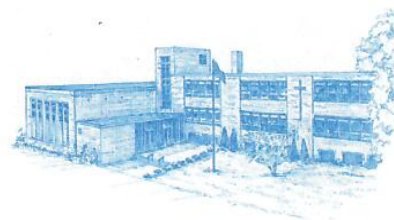


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Saturday: 8:00 am & 5:00 pm (English),
7:30 pm (Español)
Sunday: 8:30 am & 10:00 am (English)
Sunday: 11:30 am, 1:30 pm & 6:00 pm (Español)
Weekdays: 8:00 am & 12:05 pm Mondays,
Wednesdays & Fridays (English)
7:00pm Monday thru Friday (Español)

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.

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.

Religious Education

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

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.

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.

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.



Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday – November 6

8:00am~ Special Intentions Sherene & Baby Carmelo

5:00pm- † Frank & Jozefa Siuzdak

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – November 7

8:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

10:00am- † Michael Kenny

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday – November 8

8:00am- † Jennifer Esposito

12:05pm- † Frank & Gerda Peters

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Tuesday – November 9

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Wednesday – November 10

8:00am-† Steven Yaccarino

12:05pm-† Javier Pineda

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Thursday – November 11 ~Veteran's Day~

7:00pm- † NO MASS

Friday – November 12

8:00am- † Ciro Frulio ~Birthday Anniv.~

12:05pm- † Lourdes Awn

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Saturday – November 13

8:00am- † John Joe Smith

5:00pm- † Bryan Graves

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – November 14

8:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

10:00am-† Lauriano & Guillerma Cabico

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions



Mass Intentions

Offered by: Friends

Offered by: Frank Peters

Offered by: Family

Offered by: Annette Esposito

Offered by: Frank Peters

By: Joyce & Ted Coletti

Offered by: Ana Sanabria

Offered by: Frulio Family

Offered by: Kathleen Delaney

Offered by: Loyola School

Offered by: Linda Graves

By: Filomena Manzano

WEEKLY CANDLE MEMORIALS

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

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~ † Edward & Nell Siuzdak

~ † Mary Peters

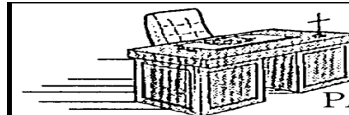
~ † Vincent & Marianna Raducha

~ † Frank & Gerda Peters

COLLECTIONS: October 30 & 31: \$ 4,968.
All Souls: \$ 1,925.

We truly appreciate your abundant generosity and continued support.

"The widow of the Gospel, like that of the Old Testament, gives everything, gives herself, and puts herself in God's hands, for the good of others. This is the perennial meaning of the offer of the poor widow, which Jesus exalts because she gives more than the rich, who offer part of what is left over, while she gives everything she had to survive, and thus gives herself." (Pope Francis)



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"This poor widow put it more than all the others"
(Mark 12: 38-44)

November and the wintertime hours that we changed today bring to my mind the novel *"Wuthering Heights."* The shorter days and winter shadows could be the cause of unhappy feelings that we may experience at this time of the year. Adding to that, on **November 2**, we just remembered the countless victims of the pandemic and our beloved faithful departed. However, it is normal to doubt our faith when we are consumed in the anguish and despair that grief and death produce. **Death comes to us as a trauma that questions us multiple times for something we are unable to answer.** Why did my mother have to die so soon? Why did God allow so much suffering from my brother? How will my family get through all of this? Let us ask the God of Life that we be able to clear up some doubts and grow in our faith in the **God who comforts us.**

Today's readings focus on two women whose deep faith sustains them in their pain and sadness. Although we know little about their lives, we identify them as two widows who have lost their husbands and thus have become part of the group of the financially and emotionally deprived. One of these widows has no food but just a little flour and oil. The other only has a couple of coins. Yet each of them is willing to offer what little they have for the service of God. In some way the sacrifice of these women is a preview of the **sacrifice that Jesus made on the cross for the salvation of many.**

In the story of **Elijah**, the prophet is taught by God to trust the generosity and acceptance of those who are **strangers** or foreigners in order to survive. In the Gospel story as well as in Elijah's, the widows want to be a reflection of what will be the last and eternal sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. They have no one to support them, they are destitute in the face of religion and the government. Both depend on the generosity of others. Interestingly, it is the generosity of these two women that makes it possible for them to be models of the generosity of Jesus' sacrifice. **Each one is free to give God everything they had to live.** That is why today more than ever these widows teach us the value of life when we seem to immerse ourselves in the culture of having and possessing. Their sacrifice would seem crazy and for that reason it is countercultural. God is not afraid to sacrifice his only begotten Son for the salvation of many, so we can trust in his providence. The destruction of the Temple in a metaphorical way tries to announce the **sacrifice**, that in Jesus death and resurrection, offers us eternal life. As believers we are called to give our lives so that others can live.

Fr. Hernán, S.J.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

November 7: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 17:10-16
Psalms 146:7-10
Hebrews 9:24-28

November 14: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daniel 12:1-3
Psalms 16:5, 8-11
Hebrews 10:11-14, 18



ADVENT REFLECTION SERIES – As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, the Prince of Peace, we would like to offer a group reflection series on Marshall Rosenberg's classic *Nonviolent Communication: A language of Life*. At a time of so much conflict and division in the world, we think this book could add a special dimension to our Advent prayer. We will meet on **Thursdays at 10:30am** in the Padre Miguel Room **starting December 2nd**. The cost of the book is \$15 and you can sign up in the Parish Office. For more information, feel free to speak with Fr. Gannon.

HOLIDAY CLOSURE - Our Parish Office will be closed on **Thursday, November 11th, 2021** for the Veteran's Day Holiday Commemoration. We will resume normal rectory hours the following day. **THERE WILL BE NO MASSES THAT DAY.**

THANKSGIVING RAFFLE – We are excited to have a Thanksgiving raffle this year with a variety of beautiful baskets as prizes. You can obtain your chance to win before or after each Mass. **3 tickets for \$5 or 7 tickets for \$10.** Drawing will be Tuesday, November 23rd. Show your love and support by purchasing and inviting your family and friends to buy as well. We truly need and appreciate your amazing generosity to help build the Kingdom of God.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS 2021

Join us for a bilingual Mass on Thanksgiving Day on **Thursday, November 25th at 10:00 AM.**
All are welcome to come and begin your day with the Eucharist (Greek for Thanksgiving) as we give thanks to God from whom comes all our blessings.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP – Membership in our Parish is open to all Catholics who reside with-in our borders as well as others who wish to worship with us and support our mission. All adult Catholics should officially register as members of the Parish in which they reside. Registration is a condition for any Sacramental Programs including Baptism and Marriage. Being registered for at least six months as an active parishioner is required before we can testify to your eligibility to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation. Please visit the Parish Office or our Parish website to register and register today. Whether you live in our area or just visiting or are of other religion persuasions, know that you are always welcome here. We have a long history of serving our community.

ONLINE GIVING – Like other parishioners, you may wish to consider supporting our parish with online 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. You can also call WeShare 800-950-9952 and have them set it up for you. Other ways of submitting your weekly contributions include mailing your envelope to the parish or dropping them off at the rectory.

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2022 MASS INTENTIONS - Offering a Mass is a meaningful part of our Catholic tradition. It is usually considered that special graces are obtained for whom the Mass is said. The Mass book for the year 2022 is open for your intentions. A request may be made for: a person who is living, in remembrance of a deceased, for someone who is ill, for members of a family, in Thanksgiving, etc. You may visit or call the Parish Office to arrange it.

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BINGO – Sponsored by SI Columbiettes 1662 (22 Hillside Terr.) Friday, November 5, 2021 12, 2021. Doors open 30 minute prior to the session: 4:00pm or 8:00pm. Admission is a \$15 gift card and \$5 per BINGO board. There will be raffle baskets and a 50/50. RSVP to: columbiettes1662@gmail.com BYOB and snacks. Water, coffee and dessert will be provided.



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