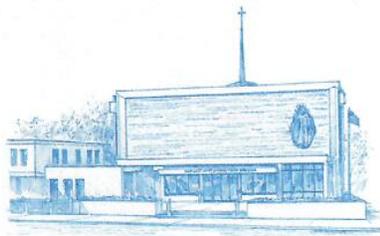
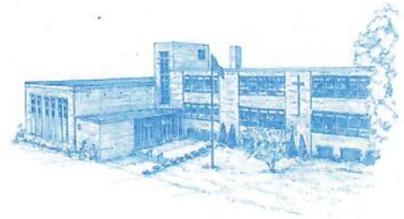


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Eucharist

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.



Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – November 20

- 8:00am- † John Catania
- 5:00pm- † Susan Obermayer
- 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Loyola School
Offered by: Family

Sunday – November 21

- 8:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
- 10:00am- † Barbara Aruta
- 11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
- 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
- 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Jerry & Josephine Cocozello

Monday – November 22

- 8:00am- † Joseph Kenny
- 12:05pm- Special Intentions Kevin Gillespie
- 7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Family
Offered by: wife, Gidget

Tuesday – November 23

- 7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Wednesday – November 24

- 8:00am- Special Intentions Kevin Gillespie
- 12:05pm- † Rev. Michael A. Barry, S.J.
- 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: wife, Gidget
Offered by: Society of Jesus

Thursday – November 25

Thanksgiving Day Bilingual Mass

10:00am~ IN THANKSGIVING

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Church

Friday – November 26

- 8:00am- Special Intentions Kevin Gillespie
- 12:05pm- † **NO MASS**

Offered by: wife, Gidget

Saturday – November 27

- 8:00am- † Charles Pommerenk
- 5:00pm- † Anne Marie Brown
- 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Family
Offered by: Linda Graves

Sunday – November 28

- 8:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
- 10:00am- † Jose Nazario
- 11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
- 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
- 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Jerry & Josephine Cocozello

WEEKLY CANDLE MEMORIALS

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



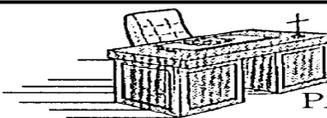
- ~ † **Sandro Espinoza**
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COLLECTIONS: November 13 & 14: \$ 5,464.

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"At the end of life we will be judged by love, by proximity and by tenderness towards others. This will determine our entry or not into the kingdom of God. Jesus, with his victory, opened his kingdom to us, but it is up to each of us to decide to enter it, already from this life - the kingdom begins now - making us concretely close to our brothers and sisters who ask for bread, clothing, hospitality and solidarity."

(Pope Francis)



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

CHRIST THE KING

"You say I am a King." (John 18: 33-37)

"Let us adore Christ our Father, Let us adore Christ our King" said a popular song that I used to sing as a child on the feast of Christ the King. I have to admit that this celebration did not attract my attention due to the civic influences of my school teachers. Little by little I began to realize the liturgical importance of today's solemnity with which the Catholic Church ends the Liturgical Year. The Church wants to highlight the role of Jesus Christ as Lord of the Universe who is capable of bringing all humanity together in his heavenly kingdom.

Western history has presented Jesus Christ as a King.

Even before his birth from the Virgin Mary. Daniel prophesied that one like a Son of Man would come from heaven to rule the earth. For its part, the Book of Revelation or Revelation calls him **"the faithful witness of the Kingdom."** In the Gospel we hear him witness to the kingdom in front of Pilate. That scene gives us an insight into his kingship, which is anchored in the truth, and to which he testified during his entire time on earth. For this reason, as we celebrate this solemnity, let us ask the Lord of the Universe to open our hearts to his truth.

Jesus tells Pilate that if his kingdom were of this world, his followers would have fought to prevent his persecution. But his kingdom is not of this world. His only weapon to combat this terrible injustice is truth. **Jesus came to testify to the truth.** As his disciples, we belong to the truth, so we are called to listen for his voice, seek the truth and fight against injustice. Today more than ever, witnesses of Jesus are required in the fight for justice.

We know that Pilate refused to accept the truth, but a few hours earlier another weak man also failed to face the truth. That man was Saint Peter. Peter's fear of what might happen to him won out over his love of Jesus, his loyalty and the truth. Pilate's desire for power prevented him from accepting the truth, but fear also made him ignore the pursuit of truth and justice. He feared that the mob could lead to his downfall with his superiors. We talk of speaking the truth to power as if it would change minds, but it does not always succeed. Peter eventually was able to repent, weeping in remorse, but Pilate chose to ignore it to the end.

Since this week we will celebrate THANKSGIVING, with our minds on today's Solemnity; let us be grateful for so many gifts from God that we have received and let us ask for the grace to be witnesses to the truth. Let us embrace the consequences that may arise from being Jesus' followers to the end of our lives. That is, more than seeking glory and power, **let us be faithful to the service of the poor** and needy, just as Jesus did. Jesus passed through this world doing good.

Let us adore Christ who is our Father, let us adore Christ who is our Lord. Long live Christ the King!

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Fr. Hernán, S.J.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

November 21: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Solemnity)

Daniel 7:13-14
Psalms 93:1-2, 5
Revelation 1:5-8

November 28: First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalms 25:4-5, 8-10, 14
1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS 2021

Join us for a bilingual Mass on Thanksgiving Day; **Thursday, November 25th at 10:00 AM** and the Day after Thanksgiving; **Friday, November 26th only at 8:00 AM** (English).

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.

The rectory will be closed on Thursday 11/25 and Friday 11/26.

Normal mass schedule and rectory hours will resume on Saturday, November 27th.

A very happy and blessed Thanksgiving to you and your families. Thanks be to God and to you ALL!

THANKSGIVING RAFFLE – Last chance to get you tickets for this year's Thanksgiving Raffle 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.

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 **\$10** and you can sign up in the Parish Office. For more information, feel free to speak with Fr. Gannon.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE "ADOPT-A-FAMILY" – ***The tree and it's angels will be in display next week!*** We celebrate the true meaning of Christmas by sharing gifts with families in our parish community who are less fortunate. Participation can be as simple as removing an angel tag with the family information and the gifts to the church. Join our parish families that give generously with their time and resources, to bring a few more blessings to others during the Christmas season. A family may be sponsored/adopted by one or more people. Our deepest appreciation for your outstanding generosity!

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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