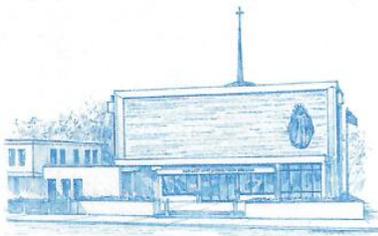
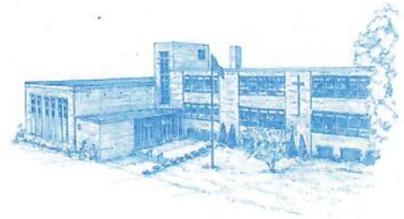


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Sunday: 11:30 am, 1:30 pm & 6:00 pm (Español)  
Weekdays: 8:00 am & 12:05 pm Mondays,  
Wednesdays & Fridays (English)  
7:00pm Monday thru Friday (Español)

**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.

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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.



# First Sunday of Advent ~ November 28, 2021



## Weekly Mass Intentions

### Saturday – November 27

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

### 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

### Monday – November 29

8:00am- † Ed & Nell Siuzdak  
12:05pm- † Flo Festa  
7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Tuesday – November 30

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Wednesday – December 1

8:00am- † Dr. John J. Mikos  
12:05pm- † Flo Festa  
7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Thursday – December 2

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Friday – December 3

8:00am- † Rev. George Restrepo, S.J.  
12:05pm- † Flo Festa

### Saturday – December 4

8:00am- † Angela Gilbride  
5:00pm- † Rosalia Patterson  
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Sunday – December 5

8:30am- † Parish Community Intentions  
10:00am- † Josephine & Ralph Palumbo  
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions  
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions  
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions



*Offered by:* Family  
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*Offered by:* Jerry &  
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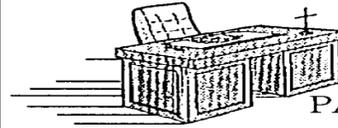
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*Offered by:* Ed Johnson  
*By:* Peg & Tom Ventruado

*Offered by:* Family



FROM THE  
PASTOR'S DESK

## First Sunday of Advent

**"Be vigilant"**

*(Luke 21: 25-28)*

Advent is a time to prepare for the coming of the Lord, whom we portray as a precious infant in a simple manger at the end of this season. The liturgy prepares us to see him in his double coming; first, two thousand years ago in the humble stable of Bethlehem and second, in all his majesty when he will descend from heaven at the end of time. If we add that Advent prepares us today for our personal encounter with the Lord of History, we might well speak of his **three comings**. Let us make this season an opportunity to receive the one who is the suffering Servant, the God with us and who wants to reveal himself in our lives.

Both the Prophet **Jeremiah** and the Apostle **Paul** offer words of hope to the people who are waiting for the Lord's promises to be fulfilled. For Paul in his Letter to the Thessalonians this is the time when believers should act lovingly and without asking for anything in return. That is why we can well say that from the beginning of this Advent journey, we are all called to live in **hope, courage and love**. Let us put into action our faith as we prepare for this holy season of expectation.

There are some parishioners that are afraid of today's Gospel. According to some of them, its message is dark and its ending is almost horrifying: "**Be prepared and vigilant to escape the tribulation and stand firm before the coming of the Son of Man.**" The Gospel of **Matthew** enlightens us about the way we present ourselves in the so-called final judgment. This gospel helps us to reflect on our actions in favor of the hungry, prisoner, sick and needy. In this way and being aware of the second coming of the Savior; let us embrace the suffering and also a real possibility that some will be condemned for their lack of love and action in favor of those most in need. Saint Augustine said: "**We will be judged by love.**"

Rather than succumbing to the frenzy of this pre-Christmas season in which the media encourages us to buy, buy and buy more, let's get ready for our final encounter with our Lord now! I think that the best way to be ready for these three comings is embracing the Lord in our poor brothers and sisters. Let us not miss this opportunity to look beyond our needs and interests to make it possible for Christ to be born again not for the happiness of a few but for the joy of the whole world.

**Let's be prepared!**

**Fr. Hernán, S.J.**

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## WEEKLY CANDLE MEMORIALS

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



~ † **Nell & Ed Suizdak**  
*Offered by:* Frank Peters  
~ † **Stanley & Marcella Mikos**  
*Offered by:* Mikos Family

**COLLECTIONS:** November 20 & 21: \$ 5,769.

*We truly appreciate your abundant generosity and continued support.*

*"Advent is the time given to us to welcome the Lord who comes to meet us, to verify our desire for God, to look forward and prepare for the return of Christ" (Pope Francis).*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

### **November 28: First Sunday of Advent**

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

### **December 5: Second Sunday of Advent**

Baruch 5:1-9  
Psalms 126:1-6  
Revelation 12:1-6



**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 2<sup>nd</sup>**. 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.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** - The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be on **Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**. We will have Mass in our church at 8:00am & 12:025pm (English) and 7:00pm (Spanish).

**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE "ADOPT-A-FAMILY"** – ***The tree and it's angels are here!*** 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!

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST** - We are all invited to celebrate, with the Spanish Community, a Celebration in Honor of Our Virgin of Guadalupe! **Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**: 7:00pm Car Procession; 8:15pm Apparitions; 9:00pm Mass.  
**Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**: 5:00am Serenade; 10:30am Procession; 11:30am Mass.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS MEMORIAL ENVELOPES** - We have a nice tradition in which our parishioners donate for the Christmas Flowers that decorates our church every Christmas Season. These envelopes are available now in the envelope packet mailed to your homes or in the church vestibule. The envelopes with your intentions will be placed on the church altar throughout the Advent season.

**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.

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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.

**THANK YOU!** A HUGE thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Thanksgiving Raffle! Thanks to your tremendous support, we feel so blessed. Congratulations to ALL 8 winners!

### **ADVENT PRAYER**

O, come Emmanuel. Come into our world and bring Your peace. Come into our lives and grant us Your favor.  
Come into our homes with Your love. Stay with us, Lord Jesus, Throughout these days of Advent.  
Be with us wherever we go, Be with us in whatever we do. Prepare us for Your birth. May Your birth enlarge our hearts.  
May we prepare a place for You there. Jesus, make room within our hearts for others.  
May Your birth awaken us to the Good News. Jesus, make us worthy of You, O, Lord, Emmanuel, God-with-us. Come.



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