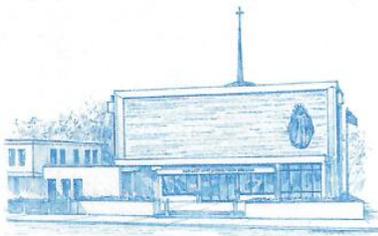
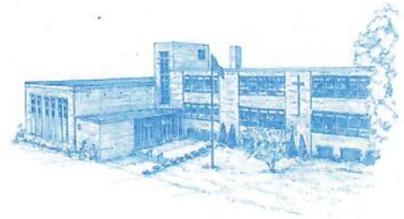


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Eucharist

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.



Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 5, 2021



Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday – December 4

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



Mass Intentions

Offered by: Ed Johnson
By: Peg & Tom Ventruedo

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

Monday – December 6

8:00am- † Russell Davenport & Jack Field
12:05pm~ Birthday Blessings
Kassandra Hernandez
7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

By: Cinderella Wonsewitz
Offered by: Lucila Reyes

Tuesday – December 7

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Wednesday – December 8

8:00am-† George & Julia Krieg
12:05pm~ Intentions of Raymond Zukowski
7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Frank Peters
Offered by: Family

Thursday – December 9

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Friday – December 10

8:00am-† Rev. William Barry, S.J.
12:05pm- † John Bruno

Offered by: Society of Jesus
By: daughter, Barbara grandchildren, Petronella-Nolan

Saturday – December 11

8:00am- † Rev. John F. Curran, S.J.
5:00pm- † Tomasina Hawkins
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Society of Jesus
Offered by: Kay Pommerenk

Sunday – December 12

8:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
10:00am-† Catherine Cappucci
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Family

WEEKLY CANDLE MEMORIALS

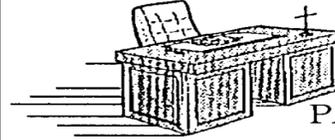
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Memorial Candle



~ † Sandro Espinoza
~ † Rafael Almonte
Offered by: wife, Milagros Almonte

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Second Sunday of Advent "Prepare the way of the Lord" (Luke 3: 1-6)

Last week we began Advent as the season that brings us **hope, courage and love**. Today the Prophet John admonishes us to **"prepare the way of the Lord and make his paths straight."** This is a program of life that we cannot help walking even though our society fills us with a list of gifts and activities to complete in the three weeks before Christmas. Today's Gospel could not be more countercultural since it demands from each believer the predisposition to **"repent for the forgiveness of their sins."** That is why today we are gathered to prepare ourselves spiritually for the three comings of Christ of which I spoke to you last week.

The prophets **Isaiah** and **Baruch** remind the People of Israel of their obligations to God. Thus, Baruch invites them to return to Jerusalem where they will find the Lord clothed with righteousness. Isaiah comforts his people as he calls them to experience the Lord's salvation in their own lives. Hence, Advent is a time of preparation for **Christmas** that must be lived as a **time when God's justice and salvation are abundantly experienced**.

Luke, the Evangelist, describes in great detail, the names and places of what was or happened before the birth of Christ and his manifestation to all people. **The coming of Christ** is the event that must mark the life of every believer with a **BEFORE** and an **AFTER**.

The perspective of the Advent season is and always will be towards the future (**living in hope**). For Baruch it will materialize when Jerusalem is clothed in glory. For John the Baptist it will be when **salvation is manifested to all peoples**. Whereas the Apostle Paul dreams of "the day of Christ Jesus" or his Second Coming (Philippians 2: 6). Let us ask the Lord for courage to live in the love for others that will lead us to mature in the vocation to which each of us has been called. **Let us not put obstacles to God** with our sins or indifferences but rather be ready to pave His ways with works of love for the needy of today and tomorrow. In the words of Scripture "through repentance we will reach grace."

Fr. Hernán, S.J.

"Advent is the time to remember the closeness of God, who has descended upon us ... It is also a time to realize that God is near, and to say to him: 'Come closer!' (Jesus) wants to approach us, but he offers himself, he does not impose himself. Advent reminds us that Jesus will return at the end of time and that it is important to be vigilant, because a failure in life is getting lost in a thousand things and not realizing that God is near" (Pope Francis).

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

December 5: Second Sunday of Advent

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

December 12: Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-18
Psalms 12:2-6
Philippians 4:4-7



ADVENT REFLECTION SERIES – As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, the Prince of Peace, Fr. Gannon is offering 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 Fr. Miguel Room. 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 8th**. 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 11th: 7:00PM Car Procession; 8:15PM Apparitions; 9:00PM Mass: Midnight Serenade.

Sunday, December 12th: 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.

50/50 WINNER - Congratulations to Roberto & Cynthia Gonzalez on being the winners of our 50/50 raffle for the month of November and **WINNING \$330**. You can be part of next month's 50/50 raffle and possibly be our next winner, simply by using your collection envelope or any envelope marked 50/50 and returning it with your \$5.00 donation.

2021 ADORATION SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S

FRIDAY, December 24 (**Christmas Eve**) 8:00 AM y 4:00 PM (English); 7:30 PM (Spanish)

Everyone is welcome to bring their Baby Jesus to the Mass for a special blessings.

SATURDAY, December 25 (**Christmas Day**) 5:00 PM (English); 7:30 PM (Spanish)

FRIDAY, December 31 (**New Year's Eve**) 8:00 AM (English); 7:30PM (Spanish)

SATURDAY, January 1 (**New Year's Day**) 5:00 PM (English); 7:30 PM (Spanish)

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed on the following dates:

December 24, 25, 27 & 31, 2021. January 1, 2022.

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POPE FRANCIS AT ANGELUS: BE VIGILANT AND PRAY ALWAYS

At the Angelus on the First Sunday of Advent, Pope Francis calls on us to "be vigilant" and to persevere in prayer, which "reawakens the soul from sleep" and helps us focus on what is most important in life. Reflecting on the Gospel reading for this First Sunday of Advent, which speaks to us about the Lord's coming at the end of time, Pope Francis says we are invited to be hopeful as the Lord comes to save us and "we await Him with joy", even in the midst of life's trials and tribulations. The Lord invites us to "stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand". "The secret to being vigilant is prayer," the Pope stressed, saying that prayer always keeps the lamp of our heart lit, bringing us back to God, reawakening the soul from slumber and focusing it "on what matters, on the purpose of existence". We must never neglect prayer, he underscored, and to avoid that we can consider prayer of the heart, repeating brief invocations. The Pope suggested that during Advent we make a habit of saying "Come, Lord Jesus" through the day. He invites everyone to repeat this invocation three times.



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