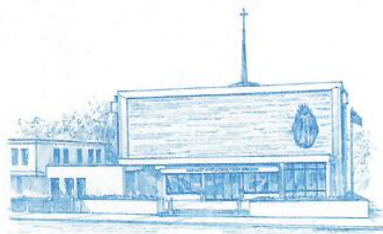
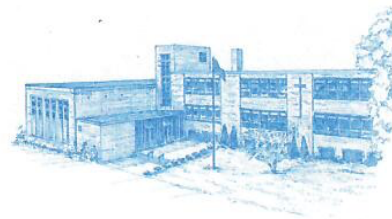


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7:30 pm (Español)
Sunday: 8:30 am & 10:00 am (English)
Sunday: 11:30 am, 1:30 pm & 6:00 pm (Español)
Weekdays: 8:00 am & 12:05 pm Mondays,
Wednesdays & Fridays (English)
7:00pm Monday thru Friday (Español)

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/Reconciliación: 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.

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Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday– January 15

8:00am~ Special Intention Sean Gillespie
5:00pm- † Ed & Nell Siuzdak
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions



Mass Intentions

Offered by: mom, Gidget
Offered by: Frank Peters

Sunday – January 16

8:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
10:00am- † Reynato Bugarin
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: wife, Amelia

Monday – January 17

8:00am~ Special Intention Kevin Gillespie
12:05pm-† NO MASS
7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: wife, Gidget

Tuesday – January 18

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Wednesday – January 19

8:00am-† Msgr. Ferninando Donato Berardi
12:05pm~In Thanksgiving & for protection & health of Esther Damus & Lorcy R. Darline
7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: OLMC Church

Offered by: Esther Damus

Thursday – January 20

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Friday – January 21

8:00am~ Special Intention Sean Gillespie
12:05pm~ Special Intention Kevin Gillespie
7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: mom, Gidget

Offered by: wife, Gidget

Saturday – January 22

8:00am~ Special Intention Sean Gillespie
5:00pm- † Mary Barone
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Mom, Gidget

Offered by: Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Sunday – January 23

8:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
10:00am- † Bernabe & Trinidad Cabico
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

By: Filomena Manzano

WEEKLY CANDLE MEMORIALS

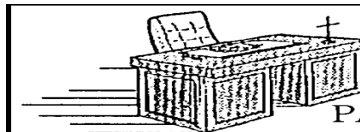
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“Joy is orienting oneself to Jesus. Joy must be the characteristic of our faith. Even in dark moments, that inner joy must remain and we must know that the Lord is with us” (Pope Francis).



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"Jesus transforms water into wine"
(John 2: 1-11)

Just as we've begun the New Year, the liturgy proposes the Marriage at Cana as a reminder that the feast continues. Every Sunday we remember Jesus' gift of his own life as food and drink for eternal life. Today's Gospel wants to remind us that Jesus came for our salvation, so let us drink his wine and eat his body happily and in community. I think that the attitude of every believer, without falling into hedonism, should be a of true feast where there is no lack of wine and food because Jesus is with us. We should listen to the words of Pope Francis who does not want believers whose faces look like they've eaten bitter cucumbers. For Francis, every believer must show a face of joy as proof of our faith. Somehow this first **SIGN** of Jesus according to John's Gospel seeks to be a symbol of what it is to have the fullness of life with Jesus. Let us ask the Lord to grant us a year where our faith would motivate us to live in hope regardless of circumstances.

Celebrating Christ every Sunday supposes celebrating Him with the same enthusiasm and **joy** that every miracle of his **love** provokes in us. Do not forget about this message when we immerse ourselves in the daily routine. For this reason, rather than returning to the temptation to look at the past, let us focus our attention on the miracle of love that each Eucharist strives to be. We are all invited to eat and drink the Body and Blood of the Lord until he comes.

Today's readings reveal to us the **transformative effect** of God in our world. **Isaiah** prophesies that God will transform the Israelites and their land from “forsaken” to “espoused,” as a suitor rejoices in his bride. **Saint Paul** extols the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which transform each person differently, but all to serve the same Lord and for the **benefit of the community**. The transformation of water into wine at a wedding in Cana of Galilee seeks to be a symbol of his glory and majesty that inspires his disciples to believe more in him. Curiously, at the Last Supper Jesus will once again transform not simple water but wine into his own Blood for the salvation of many. Today, as yesterday, we identify ourselves as his people to the extent that we believe in the power of his salvation and we allow ourselves to be transformed by his grace. Today is the time to **live for others** as Jesus did. Let the beginning of this new year be a time for God to transform us and to make us witnesses of his love and a time for the power of his Body and of his Blood.

Fr. Hernán, S.J.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

January 16: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalms 96:1-3, 7-10
1 Corinthians 12:4-11

January 23: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nehemiah 8:2-4, 5-6, 8-10
Psalms 19:8-10, 15
1 Corinthians 12:12-30



MONDAY'S HOLIDAY SCHEDULE - In observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King national Holiday, the Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, January 17th** and the ONLY Parish Mass will be celebrated at **8:00 AM**.

MUSIC NOTES FROM BVM

Dear Parishioners ... It is so great to be able to return to my Music Ministry at OLMC after my 3 month sick leave due to heart problems. Although it sometimes feels like an uphill battle to get everyone on board with the Bishop's mandate from the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy for "**full, active, conscious participation**" by ALL members of the Parish Assembly, I still love making sacred music at Mt. Carmel. I hope and pray that we can all move forward in 2022 to "making a joyful noise unto the Lord"! God bless!

OUR CONDOLENCES - It is with a very heavy heart that we share that **Monsignor Ferdinando Berardi** (Pastor, Blessed Sacrament Church) died peacefully in his sleep. Please keep his family and his loved ones in your prayers as we all begin to mourn this great loss. May he rest in the sweetest peace of The Lord. The family is encouraging the public to please attend the service on SUNDAY, JAN. 16th at the church. They are a very large family and Monsignor Berardi had many friends and fellow clergy members that they are expecting on Saturday. Due to the ongoing pandemic, they would like to reduce a large crowd. They are so thankful to the entire community for the love and support during this difficult time.

2022 MASS BOOK - Our 2022 mass book is open and with plenty of masses available for your family intentions. Masses are a nice way to send a blessing to someone or remember a loved one. Please call the rectory, mail or email your desired dates and we will confirm with you once received.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES - Certificates attesting to the fact that an OLMC parishioner is a practicing Catholic are often required when they are asked to sponsor someone at the time of Baptism or Confirmation. Registered parishioners can receive a sponsor certificate from the Rectory by calling ahead and making this request. Please have your parish envelope number available.

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TODAY'S READINGS



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WONDROUS CHILD - In the Gospel scene at Cana, we see Mary turning to her own child, Jesus. Perhaps she recalled the power of the Spirit that had flowed in her womb at his Incarnation, leading her to discern that surely he must have Spirit-given gifts that could help with the impending crisis at the wedding. As at her Annunciation, she may not have been completely certain, at first, exactly how this would come about, but in faith at Cana she turned to Jesus. In faith, her words, "do whatever he tells you," echoed her reply to Gabriel: "Let it be done to me as you say." In faith, she knows whatever words the Word will speak are bound to bring another inbreaking of the Spirit, another manifestation of God's reign. And she is right. Her wondrous child, John the Evangelist tells us, performed his first wonder there, and signaled the presence of the divine in the everyday.

ORDINARY TIME - Begins on the Monday after the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus, and ends on the day before Ash Wednesday. As we enter into the liturgical period known as Ordinary Time, the Church tells us that the "ordinary" of Ordinary Time is the celebration of the "**mystery of Christ in its entirety**." In other words, the normal life of the Church is the entire mystery of Jesus Christ, which Christ himself pours forth into our lives by the liturgy. **The mystery of Christ** is the revelation of the Father's plan to save us through the incarnation, death, resurrection and ascension of His Son. We must strive to follow and fulfill in ourselves Christ's plan. **How can we follow Christ?** Accept God's love. Confess and repent of our sins. Experience the miracle of a changed life. Obey God's commandments by His grace and power. Maintain this victory through the daily study of scriptures, prayer and witnessing. Join God's true church.

The Beginning of Ordinary Time ... Ordinary time is represented by the liturgical color of green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of repairing the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of the glorious resurrection. Thus for Catholics, Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, transforms our lives. There's nothing "ordinary" about that!



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