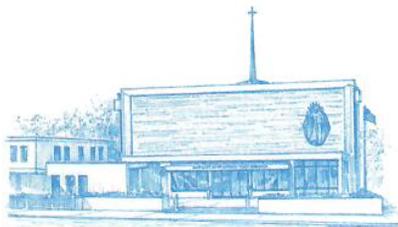
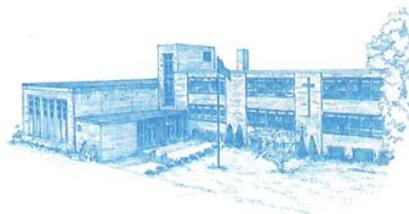


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Saturday: 8:00 am & 5:00 pm (English),
7:30 pm (Español)
Sunday: 10:00 am (English)
Sunday: 8:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm
& 6:00 pm (Español)
Weekdays: 8:00 am & 12:05 pm Mondays,
Wednesdays & Fridays (English)
7:00pm Monday thru Friday (Español)

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 Natalia at 475-295-2293.

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.

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Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ April 3, 2022



Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday– April 2

8:00am- † Fernando Vicoli
 5:00pm- † Alberta Lloyd
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – April 3

8:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
 10:00am- † Kathleen Delaney
 11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday – April 4

8:00am- † John DeSimone
 12:05pm- † Mr. & Mrs. Samuel BiFalco
 7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Tuesday – April 5

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Wednesday – April 6

8:00am~ For the people of Ukraine
 12:05pm- † Kathleen Delaney
 7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Thursday – April 7

7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Friday – April 8

8:00am~ For the people of our Parish
 12:05pm- † Peter Daley
 7:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Saturday – April 9

8:00am~ For the people of our Parish
 5:00pm- † Margaret Latanzio
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – April 10 ~Palm Sunday~

8:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
 10:00am- † Frank & Jozefa Siuzdak
 11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions



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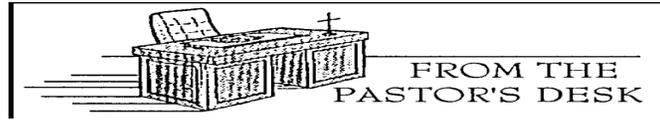
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5th Sunday of Lent

**“No one is without sin except our merciful judge.”
 (John 8:1-11)**

Lent is running out for us and ,when we already count the days to immerse ourselves in Holy Week, we could well say that we are not running out of the Mercy of God. Eight days ago the Gospel celebrated with a party the miracle of the prodigal son who received forgiveness from his merciful father. Today the readings take us by the hand to look at God as a judge full of mercy, *dives in misericordia*.

God's mercy has always been active as we could see in the history of salvation. God created us out of love and out of his own love He has forgiven and recreated us over and over again. Divine mercy is made manifest in the Passion of Christ as God resurrects Christ. In some way, each of us has been transformed by his grace, since on the day of our baptism we died to sin and were risen to eternal life. God creates and re-creates. The same would be said of the sacraments of penance and the Eucharist which not only restore our friendship with God but also strengthen the bonds of love that produce fruits for eternal life. If we add to the above our experience of being forgiven and of forgiving, then we can say that God is rich in mercy.

Our parish has raised the awareness of your children to unite with the wounds of Christ in so many young people who have fallen into the world of addictions during this Lenten journey. Without being those implacable and righteous judges who ask for revenge, let us be like our Heavenly Father who is rich in mercy. Let us not judge harshly and condemn those who are victims of drugs. Pope Francis has shown us with his closeness to the poor, destitute and incarcerated that we all have a right to dignity beyond the frailty of our lives. That is why we want to be apostles of mercy who, like the grace of God, are capable of lifting those who stumble in the mud. “Behold, I make all things new” says the Lord on the lips of the prophet Isaiah. God's promises continue to be fulfilled every time we bring hope and the light of Christ to those who live in loneliness and darkness.

The forgiveness that the adulterous woman receives is another manifestation of the merciful love of the just judge. Jesus gives this woman who is experiencing public shame and fear of death a second chance. Jesus is the Just Judge who did not experience in himself the power of sin, but who was able to teach others the power and richness of forgiveness. Humans want revenge and breathe death, but Jesus teaches them that the best path is repentance and forgiveness. Let us ask Jesus, the just judge, that we be capable of forgiving in order to proclaim that his mercy is everlasting and salvation is an option for all, including those who still live in the shadow of death.

Fr. Hernán, S.J.

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WEEKLY CANDLE MEMORIALS

Bread & Wine ~ †
Tabernacle Candle ~ †
Memorial Candle ~ †
Memorial Candle ~ †



COLLECTIONS - March 26/27: \$ 5,862.

We truly appreciate your abundant generosity and continued support.

**“Parents, on some occasions, must correct their children. In those moments we know how to correct what is wrong and at the same time leave the door open to love, forgiveness, and reconciliation.”
 (Pope Francis)**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

April 3: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalms 126:1-6
Philippians 3:8-14

April 10: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalms 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24
Philippians 2:6-11



RECONCILIATION MONDAY - "Experience the power of forgiveness this Easter." We invite everyone for the Lenten Sacrament of confession on **Holy Monday, April 11th** from **3:00pm to 7:00pm**. A priest will be available to hear your confession. Cleanse your heart and soul before Easter. Pope Francis tells us "every time we go to confession, God embraces us."

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES WITH AN EASTER FLOWER DONATION - Every Easter you have an opportunity to honor your loved ones with a donation that will help decorate the church with flowers on Easter. On these special envelopes you can print the names of those you wish to honor and these remembrance envelopes will remain on the altar for the Easter Season. Envelopes are available at the church entrance, in your envelope packet or at the rectory.

PARISH EASTER EGG HUNT

How many will you find? Your children are invited to a scavenger hunt on Easter **Sunday, April 17th**. Colorful Easter eggs will be hidden with prizes throughout the parish's small parking lot. All children from 3 years to 6 years of age are welcome to participate from **12:30pm to 2:00pm!** To register your children just fill out a form located in the Church entrance and return it to the rectory before April 6th.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - This devotion helps us understand God's love for each one of us, who gave us his own Son for our liberation. We will pray the stations **EVERY FRIDAY** during Lent after the **12:05 PM (English)** and 7:00 PM (Spanish) Masses.

MY EASTER GIFT TO THE CHURCH - Once again, we would like to encourage all our parishioners to make a special Gift to the Parish for Easter. Our suggestion is \$100 per family. ****Please know how critical your financial support is to our ministries doing God's work. The goodness of your heart helps all of us in our parish family see God's presence in our midst. We pray to God every day that His blessings be upon you more abundantly, as we all continue His work more cheerfully in our community.***

GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION - We will have a living Stations of the Cross in Spanish on April 15th. The procession will depart from Veterans Park (Park Ave & Bennett St) at 5:30pm and walk along Castleton Ave to the church. The procession we be followed by veneration of the cross.

LENTEN COIN COLLECTION

As a Jesuit Parish and following the mandate of our Father General "to walk with the excluded", we are having a coin collection to help the Jesuit shelters for drug addicts in Argentina. "Pray, fast and give alms."

NEVER MISS A BULLETIN AGAIN - Sign up to have our weekly parish newsletter emailed to you by calling the rectory or signing up on our parish website: www.olmcsi.org. Stay connected & informed with what's happening in your parish.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED MOTHER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

"O Mother, may your sorrowful plea stir our hardened hearts. May the tears you shed for us make this valley parched by our hatred blossom anew. Amid the thunder of weapons, may your prayer turn our thoughts to peace. May your maternal touch soothe those who suffer and flee from the rain of bombs. May your motherly embrace comfort those forced to leave their homes and their native land. May your Sorrowful Heart move us to compassion and inspire us to open our doors and to care for our brothers and sisters who are injured and cast aside".

50/50 MONTHLY DRAWING - The 50/50 drawing is held on the last week of every month. 50/50 envelopes are provided in your envelope package and also located at the back of the Church. \$5.00 is needed to win, please be sure to get your entry in soon! Good Luck to all. Congratulations to our March 50/50 Winner: **Raul & Ligia Lopez for winning \$328.00!**

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