



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord ~ March 27, 2016



“This is the day our LORD has made. Let us rejoice and be glad! Alleluia! Alleluia!” ~Psalm 118:24

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday March 26 *Holy Saturday*

8:00pm- † Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday March 27 *Easter Sunday*

8:30am-† Pancrazio LaMorte

10:00am- † Eddie Santiago

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday March 28

8:00am- † NO MASS

12:05pm- † Andrew Schron

Tuesday March 29

8:00am- † Mr. & Mrs. Giuseppe Vitiello
& Mr. & Mrs. Alfredo Segreto

12:05pm- † Isa Maude Derby ~*Birthdays Mass*

Wednesday March 30

8:00am- † Janine Esposito

12:05pm- ~For Ralph Frulio’s Health

Thursday March 31

8:00am- †

12:05pm- †

Friday April 1

8:00am- †

12:05pm- † Alice & Gerald Cosgrove

Saturday April 2

8:00am- †

5:00pm- † Patricia May

Sunday April 3

8:30am-† Msgr. Agustin J. DiBlasi & Pop

10:00am-~ In Thanksgiving for

Christina Paradiso ~100 years old~

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions



Mass Intentions

Bilingual Liturgy

Offered by: wife, Rafaella LaMorte

Offered by: Victoria & Wilfredo Garay

Offered by:

Offered by: Mary & Libby Guardiani

Offered by: Frulio Family

Offered by: Family

Offered by: Annette Esposito

Offered by: Frulio Family

Offered by:

Offered by:

Offered by:

Offered by: Kathleen Kliesch

Offered by:

Offered by: Matt & Emily

Offered by: Family

Offered by: Caterina Vitale

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

Memorial Candle



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Liturgical Minister's Schedule APRIL 2016

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Lector: Linda Graves & Tom Ventrudo (*carry Gospel Book*)

E. M.: Linford Smith, Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Joan Knighton & Linda Torres (*carry Gospel Book*)

E.M.: Maria Oliveras, Linda Torres & Samuel Torres

Sub: Ceferino Albarracin

Sub: Delmeter Carey

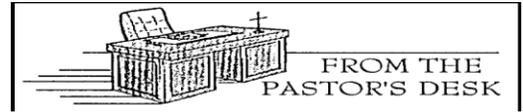
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Sharely Manuel (*carry Gospel Book*)

E. M.: Alexis Crowdell, Emmanuel Fode & Beverly Marryshow

Sub: Valerie Cappucci

Sub: Thelma Washington



Today is the day that defines us as Christians. This is the day that we proclaim the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Jesus has shattered the power of sin and death forever. This is the central truth of our faith. If you do not believe in the reality and possibility of the resurrection then you are not a Christian.

It is important to remember that the first witnesses to the resurrection were the women disciples. This is not surprising because they showed greater fidelity to Jesus through his suffering and death than did the male disciples. The male disciples were not profiles in courage! Just remember the first leader of our church – St. Peter. He betrayed Jesus three times! The women, however, persevered in their faithfulness to Jesus. It is not surprising, therefore, that they were the first to visit his tomb and receive the joyous news of his resurrection. These women then became apostles – ones who are sent – as they were sent to the other disciples to share with them the good news of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It was not just this testimony that is our proof of the resurrection of Jesus. A more important proof is that the experience of the resurrected Christ transformed the fearful disciples, the fearful apostles, into fearless witnesses to Jesus Christ and to his Gospel. The courage with which the apostles preached the Gospel of Christ in spite of the violence they suffered and the hostility that they endured is powerful proof of the truth of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In the resurrected Christ, they found the strength and courage to give witness to Christ and to his Gospel.

If we truly believe that Jesus Christ rose from the dead, and that we participate in his Risen life here and now through baptism, then we should give fearless proclamation of our faith in him by embodying in our lives his values – compassion and mercy for all, generosity in service, a genuine concern for the poor and the powerless, faithfulness to God. In this Easter season, may we be fearless in the witness we give to Christ and to the values of his Gospel!

Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

TODAY: Easter Sunday

Acts of the Apostles 10:34., 37-43
Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Cor. 5:6-8
John 20:1-9

Next Sun: 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16
Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
John 20:19-37



THE SWEET SMELL OF SYRUP and THE SAVORY AROMA OF BACON! Buy your tickets for our pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 3, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Adults: \$8.00. Children 12 years and under: \$4.00. This is a great way for your family to be together on a Sunday.

BLESSING FOR WOMEN WHO ARE PREGNANT - Next Sunday, April 3rd, at the 10 a.m. Mass. Simply stop in the sacristy at least 10 minutes before the start of Mass to give your name to the priest. We offer this blessing in this Mass every first Sunday. We also offer a blessing to the fathers.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THE CARDINAL'S APPEAL! – Your response has been excellent. We need just \$3,000 more in pledges or gifts to meet our goal. Thank you to all who have made a gift or pledge! Envelopes are available in the vestibule and in the office if you would like to contribute to the Campaign. Remember, our parish benefits from this Campaign every day so your support is greatly appreciated.

MONTHLY COLLECTION IN SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH – We had a collection on the first Sunday of every month, *Companions in Christ*, to help our parish meet its significant monthly expenses. Unfortunately, there was often a conflict with collections that our universal Church asked us to support. Starting on April 9/10, we will have our second collection for the support of the parish every second Sunday of the month. Why do we need a second collection for the support of our parish every month? Our normal Sunday collection only raises enough revenue to pay the salaries for our lay employees for that week. It does not raise the money needed to pay our electric bill (\$1200 this month), gas bill (\$700), our payment for Archdiocesan services including employee benefits and property insurance (\$2,500 per week), the salary and benefits of our two priests (\$7,000 monthly), and all of the other expenses associated with running a small business that our parish is. I know that most of you struggle to meet your monthly expenses as well so I am deeply appreciative of your generosity. Please understand that I raise money not because I enjoy it but because I have to! Thank you for your patience and generosity with our numerous appeals for help! Fr. Hallinan.

VENDORS GET READY! – On Sunday, May 22nd, we will offer persons in the parish, and outside the parish, the opportunity to sell hand-crafted items (knitting, crocheting, pottery, jewelry, paintings, etc.). The sale will be in our school gym from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. If you want to reserve a table, please visit the parish office. Each table requires a \$10 donation. This is a great chance for those looking to sell their hand-made items and for our parishioners to find hidden treasures!

EASTER PRAYER - Christ is risen and with him all creation! Light replaces darkness, joy replaces sadness, life replaces death. There is no failure the Lord's love cannot reverse, no humiliation he cannot exchange with blessing, no anger he cannot dissolve, no routine he cannot transform. All is embraced by the victory of his cross and resurrection.

May we always be good stewards of Easter's light, see Resurrection as a daily event, and yearn for Jesus' love as intensely as he yearns for ours. We pray this in Jesus' name. *Amen*.

COUPLES CELEBRATING 50 YEARS of MARRIAGE – Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2016 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Saturday, June 25th at 1:30 p.m. or Sunday, June 26th at 2:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Please register in the parish office. **The closing date to register for the Mass is Tuesday, May 24th, 2016.** If you cannot attend either date but would like a certificate from the Archdiocese, you may also register in the parish office.

SALE OF PALM CROSSES – We thank all of you who supported the sale of palm crosses on Palm Sunday. The Hispanic community raised \$4,117 from the sale of the crosses! They worked extraordinarily hard to create the volume of crosses that they did and then worked long hours selling them. We are richly blessed!

WEEKLY OFFERING: March 20: \$6,735. – Thank you for your generosity!

EASTER IS FOR REJOICING! - May the remembrance of Christ's Resurrection be an occasion of joyful celebration by Christians all over the world. His Resurrection is a cause for joy and gladness because by His death and resurrection He has redeemed our souls and guaranteed our salvation. Alleluia! In this Easter season and Jubilee Year of Mercy let us pray for one another. Let us renew our faith in the power of Christ's Resurrection to bring God's renewing mercy to a world in need.

May God bless you and your loved ones this Easter!