



First Sunday of Advent ~ December 3, 2017



Be watchful! Be Alert! You do not know when the time will come. ~Mark 13:33

Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Offered by: OLMC Parish
Offered by: Family

Offered by: children,
grandchildren & relatives
Offered by: Rose Krause

Offered by: Family
By: Christine Labollita

Offered by: Annette Esposito
Offered by: Sisters

Offered by: OLMC Parish
Offered by: Mary Guardiani

Offered by: OLMC Parish
By: daughters, Rosa & Margaret

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Offered by: Annette Esposito

Offered by: Family
By: Patricia Mezzacappa

Saturday – December 2

8:00am - † Louis & Gina Costa
5:00pm- † Mary Sardono
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – December 3

8:30am- † Mavis & Jacob Dollison
10:00am- † Concetta Pellecchia
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday – December 4

8:00am † Florence Forlenza
12:05pm- ~For All Souls Not Attending Church

Tuesday – December 5

8:00am -† Deceased members of DeSimone Family
12:05pm- † Rosendo Cintron

Wednesday – December 6

8:00am - † Philip & Anna Cordisco
12:05pm- † Vito “Bill” Roselli

Thursday – December 7

8:00am - † Colella & Gisondi Families
12:05pm- † Vincenzo Palumbo

Friday – December 8

8:00am - † Ana Maria “Kitty” Velazquez
12:05pm- ~ Special Intentions of Susan Ferris
and In Thanksgiving

Saturday – December 9

8:00am- † Pedro Julio “Bubu” Hilerio
5:00pm-† Jose Fernando Luciano Rozon

Sunday – December 10

8:30am-† Msgr. Augustin & Pat DiBlasi
10:00am- † Pasqualina & Antonio Mezzacappa

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

Memorial Candle



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Liturgical Minister's Schedule DECEMBER 2017

Saturday 5:00 PM

Lector: Linda Graves & Lindford Smith (carry Gospel Book)

E. M.: Lindford Smith, Nancy Velez & Cinderella Wonszewitz / Sub: Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Sunday 8:30 AM

Lector: Ceferino Albarracin & Samuel Torres (carry Gospel Book) / Sub: Joan Knighton

E.M.: Diane Carbonaro, Maria Oliveras & Samuel Torres / Sub: MaryAnn Ugbo

Sunday 10:00 AM

Lector: Alexis Crowdell (carry Gospel Book)



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

ADVENT

We begin this new liturgical year with the season of Advent. Once again the Church wants us to be alert with confident hope that the Lord is coming to save each one of us. Today's readings and the liturgy point to a future and a salvation that is about to come. Holy Scripture invites us to await Emmanuel, God's Incarnated Son. The mood of every believer, far from being passive, must be an active encounter with Christ that is incarnated in the people around us. That is, we must make Christ present in our lives in everything we do and say. The reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah was written during the time of the Babylonian exile. It is like a prayer and lament of the chosen people that are far away from home. The sacred writer acknowledges his sin and regrets it. Isaiah expects God will "tear the heavens and come down," to redeem his people from their sins. The Christian community has endorsed this prayer and recognizes in Jesus the Son of God who came down from heaven to dwell among us, the only one who can bring us salvation.

St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians encourages us to be faithful to the Lord because that is the vocation to which we are called. The emphasis seems to be that we are called to remain in the grace given by Jesus Christ as apparently the new Corinthian converts have lost sight in the only one that saves us, Jesus Christ. Indeed, as will be seen later in this same letter to the Corinthians, the gifts of knowledge and language are given for the benefit of the community of believers. The emphasis of this second reading is on free gifts that are and remain with us until the same Jesus returns in glory. In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus advised his disciples to be vigilant like servants who await their master's return. The best way to be ready for the imminent arrival of the Master is to always be prepared. It is important to remember that Christ not only comes in the holiday season or Advent but that Jesus Christ comes every day. Therefore, let us prepare our hearts in this Advent season to receive Jesus, the Savior of our lives.

"In this time of Advent we are called to extend the horizon of our heart, to let ourselves be surprised by our own lives that are presented each day with our own good news." (Pope Francis)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

December 3: First Sunday of Advent

Isiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
1 Corinthian 1:3-9
Mark 13:33-37 (2)

December 10: Second Sunday of Advent

Isiah 40:1-5, 9-11
2 Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8 (5)



ADVENT PREPARATION - Fr. Marc J. Roselli, S.J. continues offering a four-week series on Thursday mornings from 10:30am to 11:30am on December 7, 14 and 21. "Praying with advent themes: FAITH, HOPE, LOVE and JOY." Join us as we come together in anticipation of Christ's coming. May you truly find His hope, peace, joy, and love this advent season.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - On December 8th, the Church celebrates one of the most important feasts of Our Lady, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is the day when we remember and celebrate that God chose Mary to be the Mother of Jesus from the very first moment of her being; the moment of her conception. Join us on this Holy Day of Obligation. We will have a normal mass schedule; 8am and 12:05pm.

COME VISIT OUR SCHOOL! - We invite you to experience Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - St. Benedicta School in action by visiting us on this Tuesday, December 5th between 9:00am and 11:00am. See the classrooms, meet with the principal and learn how to enroll. Our school offers classes from pre-kindergarten (4 year-olds born in 2014) through 8th grade. For any questions, please call the school office at 718-981-5131.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - You are invited to take a Christmas Flower envelope and make a donation for poinsettias and decorations for our church this Christmas. The donation will act as a reminder to all of us of those who have gone home to the Eternal Lord as well as those who are unable to be with us this Christmas. The envelopes will be placed on the altar during for the remainder of the Advent Season.

PASTOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Our pastor invites you to attend a Pastor's Advisory Committee meeting to be held this coming Tuesday, December 5th at 7pm in the Fr. Flynn meeting room. The Pastor's Advisory Committee is a committee to the pastor for advice on the planning of parish functions, the setting of the yearly calendar, and in general the well-being of the parish. We hope you will be able to join us.

LET US SING TO THE LORD - A Children's Choir will be forming in order to sing at the 4:30 p.m. English Christmas Eve mass on December 24th at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - St. Benedicta - Mary of the Assumption Parish. Rehearsals will be held every Saturday during the month of December beginning Saturday, December 2nd at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - St. Benedicta - Mary of the Assumption Church from 2:30p.m. - 4:30p.m. A permission slip is required for each child and these are available in the parish office.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE - Come and celebrate this joyous feast day with our Hispanic community on Monday, December 11th & Tuesday, December 12th. The festivities begin with a marathon on Monday the 11th initiating at 6:30pm at the ferry. If anyone is interested in participating in the marathon, please contact the parish to register, mass will follow at 9pm. On Tuesday the evening begins with a 6pm procession from Veterans Park up Castleton Ave and a mass following at 7pm. After mass join us for fellowship in the Parish School hall. *Everyone is welcome!*

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR RETIRED RELIGIOUS - Next Weekend, December 9-10 - The Annual Collection to support the retirement fund for Religious will be next weekend. For many years the religious men and women, especially sisters and brothers, served in parishes, schools, hospitals and other ministries in our country, often receiving a minimum stipend. Many of us remember the numbers of religious. **Their stipends provided for their daily lives but did not allow many congregations to provide for the retirement needs.** The work of the younger members was able to support the care of elderly and infirm members. The reality is different now. Many religious are older. The average age is late sixties. Many are still serving in new ministries in their senior years. They depend on us to support them both for health care and retirement. We were blessed by their faithful ministries.

COLLECTIONS: November 26: \$5,129. *Thank you for your continued generosity!*

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Prepare the Way of the Lord - We light this candle to proclaim the coming of the light of God into our darkness. With the coming of this light there is hope. Because of Christ we not only have hope, but believe that good is stronger than evil. God wants us to work for good in this world.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS - Risen Lord Jesus, You love priests with all your priestly heart. Hear my heartfelt prayer for all our priests. I pray for faithful and fervent priests; for unfaithful and tepid priests; for priests who labor at home and abroad; for lonely and desolate priests; for souls of priests in purgatory. Merciful Heart of Jesus, remember all our priests; give them a deep faith, a bright and firm hope and burning love. I ask that in their loneliness, You comfort them; in their sorrow, You strengthen them; in their frustration, You show that it is through suffering the soul is purified. Eternal High Priest, keep all priests close to your Sacred Heart and bless them abundantly in time and eternity, Amen.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL - CAR PURCHASE - St. Vincent de Paul will purchase used vehicles (cars, trucks, vans), whether they are running or not, and make a donation to our parish. The number to call is 718-491-2525

