



Third Sunday of Advent ~ December 17, 2017



Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances. ~ 1 Thessalonians 05:16

Weekly Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions

Saturday – December 16

8:00am ~Special Intentions of Duanna Kempton

5:00pm~ Birthday Blessing Linda Torres

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

By: OLMC Parish Ministry

Sunday – December 17

8:30am~ Birthday Blessing Maryanne Ugbo

By: OLMC Parish Ministry

10:00am~ Birthday Blessing Dianne Murphy

By: OLMC Parish Ministry

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday – December 18

8:00am~Special Intentions of Duanna Kempton

12:05pm- † Michael Contardo

Offered by: wife, Theresa

Tuesday – December 19

8:00am ~Special Intentions of Duanna Kempton

12:05pm- † Margaret Ratchford

Offered by: Susan Ferris

Wednesday – December 20

8:00am - - †

Offered by: OLMC Parish

12:05pm- ~ For Healing & Deliverance
of Jaden Munoz

Offered by: Susan Ferris

Thursday – December 21

8:00am ~Special Intentions of Duanna Kempton

12:05pm- † Murat Renazile ~9th Anniversary~

By: daughter, Elva Renazile

Friday – December 22

8:00am ~Special Intentions of Duanna Kempton

12:05pm- †

Offered by: OLMC Parish

Saturday – December 23

8:00am- † Andrew & Ralph Frulio

Offered by: Frulio Family

5:00pm- † Jim & Gene Obermayer

Offered by: Family

Sunday – December 24 ~Christmas Eve~

8:30am- † Wanda Saldoña

Offered by: Santos Family

10:00am- † Dolores Elizabeth Zukowski

Offered by: Garay Family

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

Memorial Candle



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~ † Joseph Fortunato

Offered by: Angie McLaren

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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)

E.M.: Theresa Contardo, Emmanuel Fode & Thelma Washington / Sub: Crescencia Pascua



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

"Rejoice Always"

(1 Thessalonians 5:16)

This Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday. These are the two words that come in the second reading from St. Paul to the

Thessalonians. Paul invites this community to "rejoice always in the Lord." However, the joy to which Paul refers is not a simple changing moods but living in the joy that comes from the spirit of prayer and that always leads to the Lord. The Church joyfully celebrates the closeness to the birth of our Lord. The first reading gives us the tone of what should be

the joy of every believer. Christianity has endorsed these words of the Prophet Isaiah to Jesus Christ from its beginning. We confess that Jesus Christ, the Anointed of God, is the servant who comes to "proclaim the good news to the poor, to bind up the brokenhearted, to release to the prisoners he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to comfort all who mourn."

The Church sings on the responsorial psalm "the joy of the Virgin Mary that is to be the Mother of Jesus. Indeed, Mary rejoices in God her Savior because he has looked down on the humility of his handmaid. Pope Francis, as a good Jesuit, invites us distinguish the spirits of God and the evil one. This is nothing but the admonition from St. Paul to distinguish the spirits and to stay only with the spirit of God. Our vocation as believers who are preparing the birth of our Savior is to create places of joy, peace and hope. The figure of John the Baptist merely reflect as a mirror the figure of the One that is about to come. John doesn't consider himself neither the Christ (Anointed) nor the great prophet Elijah but a crying voice in the wilderness.

John the Baptist only prepares the way for the One that is about to come. The Church wants us to prepare for Jesus' birthday with the same humility of Mary and John the Baptist. Moreover, the Church wants us preparing the way to Jesus by carrying the good news to the poor and banding up the broken hearts. "I repeat, rejoice always in the Lord."

Fr. Hernán, S.J.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

December 17: Third Sunday of Advent

Isiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
2 Theresia 5:16-24
John: 1:6-8, 19-28 (8)

December 24: Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38 (11)



LAST CALL FOR ADVENT PREPARATION - Fr. Marc J. Roselli, S.J. will offer a final session series on Thursday morning from 10:30am to 11:30am on December 21st. "Praying with advent themes: FAITH, HOPE, LOVE and JOY." Join us as we come together in anticipation of Christ's coming. Even if you have missed the prior Thursdays, you may still attend the remaining session. Let us recapture the original purpose of Advent so that we can receive the gift that the Lord wants to give us at His Nativity.

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, with your intentions, will be placed on the altar until the day of Epiphany of the Lord.

CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE - By Archdiocesan decree, Monday, December 18th is designated "Reconciliation Monday." The meaning of that is that every parish in the Archdiocese offers confessions from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. Therefore, confessions will be available in O.L. Mt. Carmel - St. Benedicta - St. Mary of the Assumption from 4pm to 8pm on Monday, December 18, 2017. We invite you to come and please tell your family members, neighbors and friends about this special Penance Day so that everyone may receive this beautiful sacrament of healing. "To celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation means to be wrapped in His warm embrace." -Pope Francis

EDUCATION BASED FAITH - Our school offers an education based on faith and a focus towards a high quality education. The admissions application for 2018-2019 is now open for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel-St. Benedicta School. If you are interested in offering a Catholic education to your child, we invite you visit us. For more information visit olmcsb.org or call 718-981-5131.

LET US SING TO THE LORD - A Children's Choir will be forming in order to sing at the 4:30 pm 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 in the Church from 2:30p.m. - 4:30p.m. A permission slip is required for each child and these are available in the parish office.

LAS POSADAS - is a traditional Hispanic advent tradition of "Pastorela" celebration where all are welcome! The Hispanic community invites us to join them beginning on December 16th at 7:30pm in the school back cafeteria. Every night is hosted by different families or groups. Las posadas will end on December 24th. We're excited to see you and look forward to your company.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE - Sunday, December 24th (Christmas Eve) at 8:30am, 10:00am and 4:00pm; Monday, December 25th (Christmas Day) at 10:00am; Sunday, December 31st (New Year's Eve) at 8:30am and 10:00am; Monday, January 1st (New Year's Day) at 10:00am. **Please note:** The Rectory Office will be closed for business on both Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th. Regular business hours will resume on Wednesday, December 27th.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Christmas recess will begin Saturday, December 23, 2017 until Saturday, January 6, 2018. ! Wishing you and your family at Christmas blessings and peace in the new year!

GORETTI GROUP EVENT - On Friday, January 5th from 6:30PM to 9:30PM Join us as Brian and Pam share with us their story of living a pure courtship and marriage after Brian lived the homosexual lifestyle for years. Music and confessions at 6:30PM, followed by 7PM Mass, Dinner, and Talk. Holy Family Church, 366 Watchogue Rd, 10314.

COLLECTIONS: December 10: \$3,849; Immaculate Conception: \$589; O.L. Guadalupe: \$5,942. *Thank you for your continued generosity!*

KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS - We have heard Advent being referred to as a pregnant season. A time of waiting and preparing for the Christ Child to come into our lives yet again. If you think about it Christ cannot be born to us enough, can he? As Christians, there is a great need for him to be made known to us in so many ways. Not the least of which, being through each other. The hope for us this year is that in all the bustle, and business, and commercialism of the season, there will be times when we are able to find Christ being the center of it all. Each of us recognizing why we become so caught up in the season. "Making ready our homes" as the song says. Because Christ comes to us in song, in celebration, in the gathering of friends and family but most importantly, in His very self; The Eucharist. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



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