



Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ March 11, 2018



God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. ~John 3:17

Weekly Mass Intentions



Saturday – March 10

8:00am- ~ For Ofelia Tello's Health

5:00pm-† Charlie & Zoraida May & Julia Buckley

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

By: Mary Guardiani

By: Barbara Miscione

Sunday – March 11

8:30am- † Wanda Saldaña

10:00am- † Maria Negri ~Anniversary~

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Santos Family

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Monday – March 12

8:00am- † Andrew Frulio

12:05pm-† Leonard Henry Wonszewitz
~Birthday in Heaven~

Offered by: Frulio Family

By: wife, Cinderella

Tuesday – March 13

8:00am- † Collella & Gisondi Families

12:05pm- † Concetta Pellecchia

Offered by: OLMC Parish

By: Antonio & Family

Wednesday – March 14

8:00am- †

12:05pm- † Elizabeth Decker ~1 month Anniv.~

Offered by: OLMC Parish

Offered by: Vautrinot

Thursday – March 15

8:00am- †

12:05pm- † Joseph Ziroulo

Offered by: OLMC Parish

By: Mr. & Mrs. Cocozello

Friday – March 16

8:00am- †

12:05pm- † Rose Trivelas

Offered by: OLMC Parish

By: Joe & Virginia Yaccarino

Saturday – March 17

8:00am- † In Thanksgiving for all Blessing's
Isiah Roland's 9th Birthday

5:00pm-† Deceased Members of Prendergast Family

Offered by: Susan Ferris

Offered by: Family

Sunday – March 18

8:30am-† DiBlasi & Yaccarino & Frabotta Families

10:00am- †

Offered by: Family

Offered by: OLMC Parish

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

Memorial Candle



~ † For All Souls

~ † in Purgatory

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Liturgical Minster's Schedule MARCH 2018

Saturday 5:00 PM

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

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

Sunday 8:30 AM

Lector: Cefereino Albarracin & Linda Torres (carry Gospel Book)

Sub: Joan Fortunato

E.M.: Delmeter Carey, Joan Fortunato & Linda Torres Sub: Diane Carbonaro

Sunday 10:00 AM

Lector: Thelma Washington (carry Gospel Book)

E.M.: Alexis Crowdell, Dianne Murphy & Crescencia Pascua

Sub: Emmanuel Fode



Laetare Sunday {4th Sunday of Lent}

The 4th Sunday of Lent is called "Laetare Sunday".

"Rejoice" is the first word of today's entrance antiphon, and we rejoice because we know that the love God bears for us is stronger than any trials, hardships, or sufferings we may endure, even death. We know that the suffering and death of Jesus we are preparing for holds the greatest victory imaginable: our salvation.

The boundless love of God is on full display in the readings today. Although the chosen people "added infidelity to infidelity", God showed His forgiveness and mercy again and again. The Lord of History shows his compassion through King Cyrus of Persia who put an end to the Exile and deportation of the people, and even restore the holy city of Jerusalem. Paul testifies that our salvation comes from the great love God has for us. The Gospel gives us the joy of knowing that "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son".

On March 1 Archbishop Luis Ladaria, S.J., Director of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith made public a document concerning salvation. This document in line with the tradition of the Church reaffirms that salvation is a gift freely given by God and it is given through the Church. That is, we cannot achieve salvation on our own, not matter how good we are. It is because we are sinful that we have been given the gift of redemption. Jesus died for our sins. Since ancient times as the Book of Chronicles tells us, people "added infidelity to infidelity"; Paul also testifies when he says that "even when we were dead through our trespasses, God made us alive together with Christ." We can't understand our lives except by the great merciful love of God.

Reflecting on these same texts Pope Francis states that "God's love knows no limits." Since we were created in the image and likeness of God, God himself has rescued us from the consequences of sin and evil. Through his Son, God has given us the greatest gift: our salvation. Hence we are called to be "people of hope" because the merciful love of God has saved us.

Although Nicodemus was not yet a believer but curious, he approached Jesus in the middle of the night. Jesus meanwhile took the opportunity to speak of faith and a new birth. Significantly, this passage ends with a lesson about living in the light. In approaching Jesus, who is "the light of the world," Nicodemus comes to the light and is not only enlightened, but also is led gently to true faith. As we approach the celebration of Holy Week, may the encounter with the merciful love of God lead us to the salvation that is given in the Church.

Fr. Hernan P., S.J.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

March 11: Fourth Sunday in Lent

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23
Psalm 137:1-6
Ephesians 2:4-10

March 18: Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jeremy 31:31-34
Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15
Hebrews 5:7-9



PASTOR'S ADVISORY MEETING – To be held this coming Monday, March 12th at 5pm in the Meeting Room. You are called to reflect and consider pastoral issues for our common good and for our future. Everyone is invited.

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES WITH AN EASTER FLOWER DONATION - This Easter, honor your loved ones with a donation that will help decorate the church with Easter flowers. Any donation is certainly welcomed and gratefully received. On the donation envelope, please print the names of those you wish to honor and the envelopes will remain on the altar for the month of April. There are more envelopes available in the church entrance.

LENTEN SERIES – Deepen your experience of prayer and faith with our six-week series during Lent. Meetings will be held every Thursday in Lent. Join us on the next date; March 15th Participants need not worry if they cannot make every meeting. Sessions begin at 12:45 PM immediately after the 12:05 PM Mass, and will last at least one hour. Please call the parish office to register. Presenter is Fr. Marc Roselli, S.J.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – We continue having Stations of the Cross on **Fridays** during Lent after the 12:05pm mass. The Stations of the Cross is a Lenten devotion that offers witness to Jesus' Passion and Death. At each station we use our senses and our imagination to reflect prayerfully upon Jesus' suffering, Death, and Resurrection, and to simply experience the visual images to reflect on Christ's love for us.

A CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR ALL – TOURING TUESDAYS; Come visit at the next Open House on Tuesdays, March 13 & April 24 from 9am to 11am. Registration is open for the new 2018-2019 school year. Financial assistance available for qualifying families. At OLMC-SB, we offer a diverse educational experience for students of all ethnic and economic background, an education that prepares and sustains students in the real world. Please call 7187-981-5131 for more information.

FREE PRE-K PROGRAM AT MT. CARMEL – ST. BENEDICTA SCHOOL: The application for pre-kindergarten will open on Monday, February 5th. Children born in 2014 are eligible to register to this free full-day program that is also offered in Our School offers this wonderful program. The application period will close on March 30th. For more information, call 718-981-5131.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK - Palm Sunday: Normal Sunday schedule; Procession: 10:30am (Park veterans); Holy Thursday: Mass 7:30pm (bilingual); Friday: Mass 3pm (English), Procession: 5:30pm (180 Park Ave), seven last words: 6:30pm, 7pm Mass (Spanish); Saturday: Mass 8pm (bilingual); Easter Sunday: Mass 8:30am and 10am (English), 11:3 am and 1:30pm (Spanish). There will be no mass at 6PM. Next week we will have a more detailed schedule. We look forward to seeing you!

PAUL, APOSTLE OF CHRIST FILM - The Daughters of St. Paul are hosting a pre-screening of the new film PAUL, APOSTLE OF CHRIST on March 20th at the Regal theater on Forest Avenue at 7pm. All are invited. Tickets are \$12 each. To purchase tickets or for more information, go to www.pauline.org/paulNY, email hrupprecht@paulinemediacom, or call Sr. Hosea at (310) 890-8226. Advanced ticket purchase required.

WAY OF THE CROSS OVER THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE - On Good Friday, March 30, 2018, Communion and Liberation will sponsor the Way of the Cross over the Brooklyn Bridge. Participants will congregate for the first station at St. James Cathedral, Brooklyn, at 10:00 am. After a station on the Brooklyn Bridge, the procession will follow the cross to a third station at City Hall Park in Manhattan, and a fourth station near Ground Zero. The final station will be at St. Peter's Church, on Barclay Street, concluding at 1:30 pm. At each station, there will be readings from the Passion, a meditation, a reflection and hymns. All are invited. For more information, please call Communion and Liberation at (212) 337-3580 or visit its website at www.wocbrooklynbridge.org.

EASTER EGG HUNT - Port Richmond Library (75 Bennett Ave) invites you on Friday, March 23, 2018 to their Annual Easter Egg Hunt. "Bring your own basket." 0 to 4 years @ 12pm-12:30pm, 5 to 9 years @ 3:30pm-3:45pm, 10 to 15 years @ 4pm-4:15pm. One winner from each age group will win a goody basket. Please call 718-442-0158 for more information.

COLLECTIONS: March 4: \$4,490; Debt Reduction: \$1,241. *Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish!*



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