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**Mass Times**

Sunday 9:00 a.m.  
Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m.  
Thursday Novena 9:00 a.m.  
Saturday 8:30 a.m.  
Saturday 5:30 p.m.

**Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament**

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Confessions**

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

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### In the Hospital

If you or someone you know will be going in the hospital please call the office, or have a family member or hospital chaplain call for you. Federal privacy laws prevent hospitals from notifying us.

### In Case of Emergency

Please call Fr. Mark's cell phone directly at 770-365-5200 in emergency situations.

### 24-Hour Abuse Reporting

If you or a loved one has been hurt or abused by a member of the clergy, an employee, or volunteer of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, we are here to listen and take action. Please contact our Office of Child and Youth Protection during business hours at 404-920-7550 or our Archdiocesan 24-hour Abuse Reporting line at 1-888-437-0764. The silence must be broken for the healing to begin.

### Centering Prayer Group Continues

Our Centering Prayer group continues to meet on Mondays at an earlier time (4:00-5:00pm) via Zoom so we can stay connected and support each other in our practice. All are welcome to join us!

Please contact Susan Brace for the Zoom link: [susan.r.brace@gmail.com](mailto:susan.r.brace@gmail.com) or 423-681-8284.

### Winter Weather

 Lectors, greeters, altar servers and musicians are not expected to jeopardize their own safety or the safety of others by coming to Our Lady of the Mount or St. Katharine Drexel during inclement winter weather. If you feel unsafe driving due to heavy fog, snow or sleet, or due to slick road surfaces do not attempt to come to Mass. -Fr. Mark

### Pope Francis' January Prayer Intention



**Human Fraternity.** May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

### Mass Intentions for the Week

January 9 - People of the Parish

January 10 - Dave Coulter

### Readings for Next Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>

First Reading 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Gospel John 1:35-42

Though baptism we have been joined to the Lord who calls us to be his disciples. How well do listen to his voice? How willing are we to do his will?



January 11 - Judy Anderson

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January 12 - Dan Frierson

January 12 - Lisa Govan

January 14 - Shelane Barrett

January 14 - Margaret McGinness

January 15 - Susan Davenport

### Weekday Mass



Please join us in the Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 8:30 a.m. for morning Mass. Saturday Mass is celebrated 8:30 a.m. followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:00 a.m. until Benediction at 3:00 p.m.

### Online Giving Reminder

Please remember to update your Online Giving by choosing the "Offertory 2021" fund at [olmcc.com](http://olmcc.com). If you need assistance making this change please contact [aperry@olmcc.com](mailto:aperry@olmcc.com).

### Liturgical Minister Schedules

#### Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>

**Lector:** Judy Anderson

#### Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>

**Lector:** Arch Willingham

### OLMCC Food/Supply Pantry



The response has been overwhelming to our new food/supply pantry. Thank you for your support. Food insecurity is a growing problem in our surrounding

Tri-State area. We can also help other non-profits such as shelters and pregnancy assistance centers with items such as infant formula and diapers, winter coats and blankets, and the list goes on. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office on weekdays. If no one is in the office, leave donations in the hall outside the offices.

### Prayer List

Dottie Brock	Linda Neely
Richard Collins	Brit Oehmig
Patrick Crawley	Bob Red
Joe Endres	Jimmy Stewart
Haley Frierson	Richard Sullivan
Regina Gann	Eddie Tallent
Charlie Gilbreath	Lindsey Tinker
Vickie Gilbreath	Katherine Dann Ogden
Johnny Killebrew	Camilla Pollock-Flynn
Jeff Morgan	

### Prayer List Update

If you would like to keep your prayer requests on our list, please contact Amy, [aperry@olmcc.com](mailto:aperry@olmcc.com). Thank you for your cooperation.

### Second Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend the second collection is for all the Hispanic Ministries of the Archdiocese of Atlanta. The help we provide to our Hispanic brothers and sisters is accompanied by pastoral services as religious education, evangelization programs as well as the Sacraments and the Eucharist in their own language and culture, for their spiritual support and integration to the parish life. All contributions go directly to serve the Hispanic community of the archdiocese. Please be generous, the needs are great.

### Men's Bible Study



Men's Bible Study continues to meet Tuesdays in Fr. Shuler Hall at 6:00 A.M. Please note due to Men's Group Dinners on the first Tuesday of each month, there is no Bible Study the first Tuesday.

### Men's Group Dinner Resumes in February

Men's Group Dinner will resume Tuesday, February 2, 2021, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in Shuler Hall. All men are invited to join us. A sign-up genius will be released soon.

### Wednesday Bible Study at SKD

Starting January 20 and continuing through March 10, a Bible study program will be offered at St. Katharine Drexel in Nethery Hall on Wednesdays from 3:00-4:15 P.M.. Sign up sheets are available in the narthex at OLMCC and SKD.

### Dispensation Continues

Everyone is reminded not to come to any liturgy if not feeling well, or if one has been around someone who is experiencing symptoms or has recently tested positive for COVID 19. Because of the pandemic, the dispensation from Sunday Mass is still in place for all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Please note Ash Wednesday, February 17, is **NOT** a Holy Day of Obligation.

Why do we say the following at every Mass? *“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.”* This is also called the “Sanctus,” which is Latin for “Holy.” When we say “Holy, Holy, Holy” we are joining with the heavenly choir, with Angels and Archangels, Thrones and Dominions, all the Hosts and Powers of heaven, with whom we participate in worship together (heaven and earth together!). “Hosanna” comes from the Greek and means “save, we ask.” This is what the people cry out when Jesus enters Jerusalem in glory before the events leading up to His crucifixion. (see Mark 11:9-10). This is our response, our perpetual joy, as we worship God who has done great things for us. We can see certain passages in Scripture that make it fitting that the Sanctus (the “Holy, holy, holy”) be a part of the liturgy of the “Holy” Mass. In Isaiah 6:1-3, the prophet relates this vision: “I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne, with the train of his garment filling the temple. Seraphim (angels) were stationed above; each of them had six wings: with two they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they hovered. One cried out to the other: ***“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!”*** The phrase “Lord of Hosts” is mostly found in the Old Testament. It expresses the majesty and power of God. He is Lord of all. There are various theological understandings as to who, or what, constitutes the “hosts”. Perhaps they are the multitude of angels in heaven, the angelic armies; some theologians suggest that “hosts” simply refers to all creation. Every Sunday, We lift up our hearts to heaven and give thanks to God. The heavenly hosts join us as earth and heaven come together whenever we celebrate the Mass. Together with all the hosts and powers of Heaven we proclaim God’s glory! It is truly “right and just” to do so!

In Christ,

Fr. Mark



## THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

### The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

During Ordinary Time this year we will hear most often from the Gospel of Mark. However, the Gospel passage for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time is always from John. Matthew, Mark, and Luke present Jesus' identity through the lens of his ministry, but John's focus is mostly on Jesus' identity as God's divine Son.

The Christmas season is filled with feast days that highlight Jesus' divinity. The passages from John's Gospel that we hear on the Second Sundays in Ordinary Time transition us from an emphasis on Jesus' identity to his public ministry. As we accompany Jesus in his ministry, today's passage reminds us to stop and spend time with the Lord so as to discover and rediscover all that he is.

### Gospel/Ignatian Contemplation

Popularized by St. Ignatius of Loyola, Gospel contemplation is a way to pray with the Scriptures. It works best with passages in which there is some action, such as a healing. Because Mark's Gospel is filled with short passages in which people are doing something, it is well suited for Gospel contemplation.

To begin, read the passage you have chosen several times. Note the people, setting, and any dialogue. Let the scene take ever clearer shape in your mind. Then imagine that you are there, in the story. You might be one of Jesus' disciples, a person in the crowd, or someone who seeks healing. Notice who is with you, what you say and do, and, most especially, how you interact with Jesus and how he interacts with you. Gospel contemplation is one way to meet our Lord in our sacred texts. It might be helpful for those who are hesitant to try it to remember that the Gospels were written so that we, like generations before us, may encounter Christ and find salvation in him.

### The Gospel of Mark

Since it contains very little teaching and few parables, the Gospel of Mark is the shortest and most fast-paced of our four Gospel accounts. It is also the darkest. The shadow of the cross looms from the first chapter as we hear Jesus begin his ministry right after John the Baptist has been arrested (1:14). Jesus' first miracle is casting out a demon, a symbol of the evil he must confront (1:21–26). Chapter 2 consists entirely of stories in which people challenge Jesus and object to his or his disciples' actions. By chapter 3 people are already plotting his death (3:6). As the Gospel continues, Jesus will face opposition from his family, the villagers of his hometown, and his disciples.

The portrait of Jesus that emerges from this threatening narrative is a Jesus who struggles and suffers. He is the messiah, but he is a suffering messiah. "Suffering messiah" is a contradiction, an oxymoron. No one expected the messiah, God's chosen one, to suffer and be killed. Christians today are so familiar with the story of Jesus' passion and death that we forget how shocking it was, how horrible and horrifying. St. Mark reminds us.

As we move through the Gospel of Mark and hear how Jesus is challenged, misunderstood, ridiculed, and physically attacked, we're reminded that true discipleship has costs. Seeking the reign of God brings us into opposition with others who either don't understand how we're trying to live or who downright reject the kingdom of God that we seek. Jesus knows this. He has been through it. He now stands with us as we continue striving for his kingdom, confronting evil in all its forms until at last he raises us up to life with him in his kingdom forever.

