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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.

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.

Community Outreach at OLMCC

Please visit <u>olmcc.com</u> to learn how to get involved with community outreach opportunities including:

OLMCC Food/Supply Pantry
Hot Meals Ministry
Supporting Local Tent Communities

Online Giving

Did you know can use Online Giving to not only make contributions to Offertory but also special funds such as Second Collections, Altar Flowers, and Capital Campaign? Please consider signing up at www.olmcc.com for Online Giving. It's fast, it's simple and allows you to make recurring or one-time gifts.

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.

Pope Francis' March Prayer Intention



Sacrament of Reconciliation. Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

Mass Intentions for the Week

March 13 - People of the Parish March 14 - People of the Parish

Readings for Next Sunday, March 21st

First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34
Second Reading Hebrews 5:7-9
Gospel John 12:20-33

The grain of wheat must die to produce fruit. Such dying must be cultivated by obedience and by our covenant with God, rooted in love and forgiveness.



Mar 15 - Elliott Davenport Mar 17 - Michael Corley

Mar 16 - Carrie Gallant Mar 18 - Caro Weissman

Mar 16 - Gus Glascock Mar 20 - Huxley Brown

Mar 17- Bill Brown Mar 21 -Ann Epps

Holy Week Schedule

Please see the bulletin insert for the Holy Week Schedule. Fr. Mark will attend the Chrism Mass at Christ the King Cathedral in Atlanta on Tuesday, March 30. The Mass begins at 4:30 P.M., and will be livestreamed at archatl.com.

Easter Lily Campaign

Keeping with tradition, this Easter our altar will once again feature large lilies. Contributions are welcome and forms are available in the Narthex to honor or remember



friends and loved ones. A list of names provided by contributors will be included in the bulletin Easter weekend. The suggested donation per remembrance is \$25 and forms should be submitted to the office by Monday, March 29th. An order form is included as a bulletin insert. Additional forms are available in the narthex and online at olmcc.com.

Liturgical Minister Schedules

Saturday, March 20th

Lector: Jimmy McGinness

Sunday, March 21st

Lector: Andy Stockett

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.



Lenten Fish Fry at SKD

The Lenten Fish Fry continues at St. Katharine Drexel Fridays during Lent from 5-7 P.M. Dine in and to go orders available. Proceeds benefit various Dade County charities.

Prayer List

Dottie Brock Jeff Morgan
Richard Collins Linda Neely
Patrick Crawley Andy Nolan
Joe Endres Brit Oehmig
Haley Frierson Bob Red

Regina Gann Jimmy Stewart
Charlie Gilbreath Richard Sullivan
Vickie Gilbreath Eddie Tallent
Franklin Haney Lindsey Tinker

Chris Healy Katherine Dann Ogden Kelly Hutchison Camilla Pollock-Flynn

Johnny Killebrew

Prayer List Update

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

Second Collection This Weekend



This weekend, March 13 & 14, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people

here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



Lenten Penance Services

We will have our Lenten opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Our Lady of the Mount from 6:00-8:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 18. Fr. Mark and at least one other priest will be available that evening.

St. Katharine Drexel will also have a Lenten opportunity for Confession on Wednesday, March 24. Fr. Mark will be available to hear confessions from 3:00-4:45 P.M., and again, after the evening Mass, from 5:45-7:30 P.M.

Stations of the Cross



Our Lady of the Mount will have Stations of the Cross every other Friday during Lent start-

ing at 6:00 P.M. (not 7:00 as previously announced). The remaining dates for Stations at OLMCC are March 12 and March 26.

Stations of the Cross will be held at SKD every Friday during Lent at 5:00 P.M. to coincide with the Knights of Columbus Lenten fish dinners. Fr. Mark will lead Stations at SKD on March 19. The other Fridays, SKD parishioners will lead Stations of the Cross.

Holy Week Schedule

March 28th
9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday *OLMCC*11:30 a.m. Palm Sunday *SKD*

March 29th - March 31st 8:30 a.m. Mass in Our Lady of Rosary Chapel *OLMCC*

> March 31st 3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Confessions *SKD* 5:00 p.m. Mass *SKD*

April 1st 7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday *OLMCC*

April 2nd

3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross *SKD*5:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross *OLMCC*7:00 p.m. Celebration of the Passion of the Lord *OLMCC*

April 3rd 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil *OLMCC*

April 4th 9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday *OLMCC* 11:30 a.m. Easter Sunday *SKD* Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of the Mount and St. Katharine Drexel,

As we continue our Lenten journey of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer in repentance of sins, and, especially, as we live out our faith through Christian witness in assisting others, that their souls might be converted through God's grace, I want to continue moving us farther in the direction and spirit of Archbishop Hartmayer's recent urgings for the faithful of the Archdiocese to "come back to the sacraments," to return to the Eucharistic Feast that is the Sunday Mass, the most essential aspect of Christian life. Here are a few items I would like for us to begin thinking about in earnest:

First, I am calling on all trained altar servers who are interested in remaining as altar servers and making the commitment to be present at liturgies according to a schedule, to come to a meeting on either Saturday, March 13 or Saturday, March 20. Please be at the Church at 1:00 p.m. on one or the other of these two dates. At some point in April, I will put out the call for anyone who wants to become a **new** altar server.

Second, please prayerfully consider whether you, or perhaps you and your spouse together, might be called to serve as catechists for our parish children and youth. Some people underestimate their ability to serve as catechists because they have no "formal training." If you love God, God's Church and children, and you are willing to go through a "Safe Environment" training/background check, then this could be a wonderful way for you to serve our parish. We will plan to get the Sunday morning classes started again in the late Summer or Fall. All teaching materials will be provided.

Finally, thanks to all of you for making our initiative to help the local tent communities a wonderful success. Our "Hot Meals" ministry is off to a great start. It is always the right time to serve those in need. Go to SignUpGenius on the parish website if you would like to help with this ministry. No long-term commitment is required. Hot Meals ministry meets weekly in Fr. Shuler Hall from 2:00-4:30 p.m. on Monday afternoons.

Yours in Christ's Redemptive Love,

Fr. Mark

Our Lady of the Mount Catholic Church

2021 Easter Lily Fund

Honor or remember your loved one this Easter by contributing to Our Lady of the Mount Easter Lily Fund. The suggested cost begins at \$25 per remembrance.

Please mail this form with a check to:
Our Lady of the Mount Catholic Church
1227 Scenic Highway
Lookout Mountain, GA 30750
or place it in the Collection Basket.

PLEASE PRINT!
In Honor of:
In Memory of:
Given by Name:
Address:
Telephone:

In order to be included in the Easter bulletin, all names and payments must be received by Monday, March 29th.

Additional forms are available in the Narthex and online at olmcc.com.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Live in the Light

Loving Father, in love you created the world, and in love you sent its redeemer. Early and often you called to our ancestors. Early and often you call to us too. Be merciful to us. We were made in your image and likeness. You saw that we were very good. We had all that we needed, yet you wanted to give us more. This gift, which we cannot merit, is the gift of your Son's life. Help us to live in your light. Guide us away from the darkness, that we, new creations, might do the good works to which we are called. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, March 14, 2021 Called to the Light

Today's readings: 2 Chronicles 36:14–16, 19–23; Psalm 137:1–2, 3, 4–5, 6; Ephesians 2:4–10; John 3:14–21. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." This Scripture's beauty, simplicity, and truth inspire people to answer the call of Jesus to spread the Good News.

Though we know that God made the world and everything in it and saw that it was good, we also see that the world is filled with darkness and difficulty. How can this be? Each of us can think of world events that break our hearts. We do not want to think about how our actions contribute to what breaks the hearts of others. In Chronicles, we hear that

God sent messengers early and often to call the people away from their destructive decisions. In the Gospel, we hear that the people preferred darkness to light.

A bright light can dazzle our eyes. It can reveal things that were not visible in the dark. We might prefer to sit in the dark. But because of God's great love, Ephesians states, we have been given a gift we do not deserve. Brought to life in Christ Jesus, we might live. We must turn away from our discomfort, our feelings of exposure and vulnerability, and go forth to do the work that we have been called to through our baptism. Is there something in your life that makes you prefer the darkness? How can you take away its power by exposing it to the light?



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 15 Life-Giving Word

Jesus' second sign in Galilee, the healing of the official's child, occurs from a distance. Jesus' word provides healing and life to the boy, who is near death. We even hear that the fever left him at the time Jesus spoke. Jesus' word gives new life. We hear in Isaiah the prophecy of the new heavens and the new earth. "No longer shall the sound of weeping be heard there." How is this healing word of Jesus a sign of what is to come? What do you think the coming kingdom will be like? *Today's readings: Isaiah 65:17–21; Psalm 30:2 and 4*, 5–6, 11–12a and 13b; John 4:43–54.

Tuesday, March 16Take Up Your Mat

Once again, Jesus' word brings healing and life. After encountering the healing word of Jesus, a man who has been ill for many years is able to pick up his mat and walk, with all the possibilities this new life suggests. Jesus' word gives life. It has power. Choose a phrase that Jesus states in Scripture and copy it three times. How is Jesus' word inviting you to new life today? *Today's readings: Ezekiel 47:1–9*, 12; Psalm 46:2–3, 5–6, 8–9; John 5:1–16.

Wednesday, March 17 St. Patrick

St. Patrick was a bishop in Ireland in the fifth century. He was responsible for the peaceful conversion of Ireland to Christianity. Kidnapped and sold into slavery in Ireland, he returned as a missionary to use his knowledge of Irish language and culture to evangelize. Celebrate St. Patrick, patron of Ireland, by living as a loving witness to Jesus, so that others might be brought to Christ through your love. *Today's readings: Isaiah 49:8–15; Psalm 145:8–9, 13cd–14, 17–18; John 5:17–30.*

Thursday, March 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem

St. Cyril of Jerusalem was a bishop and a Doctor of the Church who lived in the fourth century. He wrote for those who were in the process of becoming Christians and also against heresies that were causing divisions within the Church. St. Cyril was a great catechist. Is there an opportunity for you to teach others about the faith? *Today's readings:* Exodus 32:7–14; Psalm 106:19–20, 21–22, 23; John 5:31–47.

Friday, March 19 St. Joseph

St. Joseph's vocation was one of the most important in history. God speaks to St. Joseph in dreams, but Joseph has no trouble distinguishing God's voice from other voices. He acts in accordance with the words he receives. And in so doing, he protects Mary and Jesus from the forces that wish to harm them. We can surmise that his awareness of God's voice might originate in a lifetime of attentiveness to God's presence and action in his life. In our time, just as in St. Joseph's, other voices vie for our attention and response. Ask St. Joseph to intercede for you, to ask God to help you to listen as he does. Then spend some time listening for God's voice in silent prayer, with Scripture, or in the voice of a trusted friend. Today's readings: 2 Samuel 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16; Psalm 89:2–3, 4–5, 27 and 29; Romans 4:13, 16–18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18–21, 24a or Luke 2:41–51a.

Saturday, March 20 Who Are You, Jesus?

As Jesus taught about the kingdom of God and did many signs, people who listened were divided about his identity. If Jesus is the messiah, raised from the dead, there is a reason for our hope. The ground of all reality is a love stronger than death. Yet often hope and trust are put in other things, and decisions are based on fear rather than love. How can you reorient your life so that your choices are guided by love, not fear? *Today's readings: Jeremiah 11:18–20; Psalm 7:2–3*, 9bc–10, 11–12; John 7:40–53.



