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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.

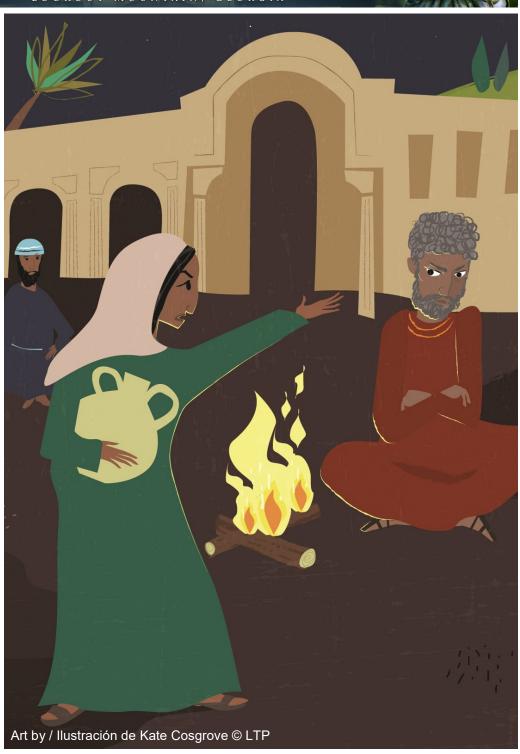
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March 28, 2021



Dear Parishioners,

Beginning with Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, and continuing through Holy Week this year, there will be a few changes in the liturgies from past years due to the ongoing pandemic. The Archdiocese of Atlanta has instructed priests to wait until the end of the Palm Sunday Mass to distribute palms. Therefore, I will invite you to face the narthex before I process into the church as I bless the palms which you will receive on your way out of the church at the end of the Mass.

On Holy Thursday, the usually optional washing of the feet of 12 parishioners, representing Christ's Twelve Apostles, will not be an option this year.

On Good Friday, the adoration of the Cross by kissing it will be limited to the priest alone. Everyone else will be invited to reverence the Cross by a bow or genuflection.

At the Easter Vigil Mass, there will be no Sprinkling Rite. Holy water fonts will continue to remain empty. Holy water is available for you to take home in your own container. Holy water always available at the side entrance area near the confessional.

Have a blessed Holy Week,

Fr. Mark

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



The Archbishop's Annual Appeal continues throughout 2021 and donations and pledges may be made online at www.archatl.com/appeal/make-a-gift. Every donation counts. **No donation is too small!** Be certain you choose Our Lady of the Mount in Lookout Mountain as your home parish so we are credited with your donation amount. Remember, once we meet the goal set for us by the archdiocese, \$44,800, all remaining funds are returned to the parish.

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 27 - People of the Parish

March 28 - Ray C. Lauten (D)

Readings for Next Sunday, April 4th

First Reading Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel John 20:1-9

On this day of days we offer a joyful sacrifice of praise to the Father who raised his Son from the dead. Let us be intent upon the life Christ offers us, Christ our Passover who has been sacrificed.



March 30 - Susan Brace

April 2 - John Tugman, Jr.

April 4 - Jerry Daugherty

Happy Anniversary

50 yrs. on Apr 3 - Suzanne & Andy Nolan

Holy Land Collection This Weekend

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Palm Sunday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through this collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land.

Easter Lily Campaign Ends March 29

Contributions are welcome for Easter lilies 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 29**th. 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, April 3rd

Lector: Cissy Coleman

Tony Towns

Sunday, April 4th

Lector: Ramona Glascock

No Men's Bible Study Tuesday

Men's Bible Study will NOT meet this Tuesday morning, March 30th. Men's Bible Study will resume on Tuesday April 13 at 6:00 A.M. in Fr. Shuler Hall. All men are invited.

Men's Group Dinner



Our next Men's Group First Tuesday dinner will be Tuesday, April from 6:00-8:00 P.M. in Fr. Shuler Hall. All men are invited. Please RSVP at olmcc.com.

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.



Stations of the Cross

Our Lady of the Mount will have Stations of the Cross at 6:00 P.M., Friday, March 26.

Stations of the Cross will also be held at SKD Friday, March 26 at 5:00 P.M. to coincide with the Knights of Columbus Lenten fish dinner.

CRS Rice Bowls



Rice Bowls will be collected at Masses, Saturday, March 27, and Palm Sunday, March 28. Please consider converting your collected coins to bills or checks prior to collection weekend. This will reduce our contact with count-

ing coins. If you choose to write a check, it should be made payable to Our Lady of the Mount with "CRS Rice Bowls" on the memo line. Thank you for your continued support.

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 livestream.com/ctk.

Second Collection Next Weekend

As Pope John Paul II said, "The responsibility for the seminary belongs to the entire Christian community". We are blessed in this Archdiocese with almost 50 men who are responding to a call for priestly service to the people of God in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Though this generous gift of God is a blessing for this Archdiocese, it does pose a challenge to us. These men need both our financial support and our prayers. Please provide a sound future for the seminarians here in the Archdiocese of Atlanta by giving generously to the Archdiocesan Seminarians' Collection next weekend.

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of the Mount and St. Katharine Drexel,

Thank you for your generous contributions to the parish food pantry. We have made significant donations thus far to the "Blessings Box" at the public library in Trenton. I stop by there often on Wednesday afternoons and make a donation on behalf of all of you.

Your donations have also been a great help to people living in the tent communities in Chattanooga, whom we are assisting through the Hot Meals ministry. Hot Meals ministry is now in the process of establishing a relationship with two major local grocery stores willing to allow us to have some of their excess produce. We are still looking for a good place to donate some diapers and baby formula we have accumulated. Let us know if you are aware of any non-profit organization that will accept these items. I am especially grateful to see the outpouring of support coming from both Our Lady of the Mount and St. Katharine Drexel. We are truly all in this together! Donations are always accepted at OLM in the church narthex or at the parish office anytime. SKD donations can be dropped off before or after Mass in Nethery Hall.

Clothing items that you have donated have been distributed as needed to the men and women in the tent communities. We have been able to help make a difference for those living outdoors in the winter cold.

May God Bless you all, Fr. Mark

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me." (Matthew 25:35-36)



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*



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.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



Make Us a Gift

Father,
through the gift of your Son,
you have continued the work begun
at creation,
drawing all you have made to yourself,

redeeming the world, bringing all into the light of your love through your own self gift.

Help us to enter into the mysteries of these holy days.

Give us the strength to follow where the Shepherd leads, embracing our cross, relinquishing all that is not love, offering all we have received back to you, that we might participate in the world's re-creation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, March 28, 2021Seeing Ourselves in the Story

Today's readings: Procession: Mark 11:1–10 or John 12:12–16; Mass: Isaiah 50:4–7; Psalm 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24; Philemon 2:6–11; Mark 14:1—15:47. As Holy Week begins, we herald Jesus as he triumphantly enters Jerusalem. We cry, "Hosanna!" The excitement of his coming reaches us across time and space. Jesus is the one for whom Israel has been waiting. He will bring about the longed-for kingdom of justice and peace.

From jubilant welcome, the mood shifts quickly, and before long the crowd shouts again, this time not "Hosanna," but "Crucify him!"

One way that we can reflect upon the events of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection is to imagine ourselves in the

story. If you were part of the crowd, what might have made you excited about Jesus as he entered? What might you have felt as public opinion changed, and people became fearful of him? Are you one of the disciples? How do you feel in the garden as Jesus prays? What is it like when he is arrested? Another perspective you might take is that of the women. They had come with Jesus to Jerusalem and were witnesses to all that had happened. What would it be like to see the passion through their eyes?

Entering into Holy Week, make space for silence, prayer, and reflection. Prepare yourself to celebrate the greatest of all mysteries, the moment that redeemed all of history: the resurrection.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 29 Perfumed Oil

Jesus uses Mary's actions, anointing his feet, to again discuss his burial; like the grain of wheat, his death will bring about much fruit. Everything in Jesus' life at this time is pointing toward the laying down of his life. Look online for paintings of Mary anointing Jesus' feet and use them to enrich your reflection today. *Today's readings: Isaiah 42:1–7; Psalm 27:1*, 2, 3, 13–14; John 12:1–11.

Tuesday, March 30 Light to the Nations

In Isaiah we hear about the servant whose role is to restore Israel and be a light to the nations. This was the great hope of the people. Even those closest to the one we recognize as that servant reject him. Judas begins the work of his betrayal, and Jesus predicts Peter's denial. Because he was fully human, Jesus knew the sting of rejection. He models the kingdom of peace and justice that he inaugurates. *Today's readings: Isaiah 49:1–6; Psalm 71:1–2, 3–4a, 5ab–6ab, 15 and 17; John 13:21–33, 36–38.*

Wednesday, March 31 Betrayed

Jesus knew Judas would betray him but did not seek to protect himself. Isaiah's servant gives his back to those who beat him and his cheeks to those who pluck his beard, trusting that God will vindicate him. Throughout the passion, Jesus accepts what is coming because of this same trust. The evil and injustice in the world are disturbing. Jesus recognizes the brokenness and does not struggle against those who hurt him. But the entirety of his life is bringing about the kingdom of justice and peace, doing the work that will heal the world of its brokenness. How can we follow in this path? Today's readings: Isaiah 50:4–9a; Psalm 69:8–10, 21–22, 31 and 33–34; Matthew 26:14–25.

Thursday, April 1 I Have Given You a Model to Follow

Time and again, Jesus upended the expectations of the people around him. "You call me 'teacher' and 'master,' and rightly so, for indeed I am," he says. Those words convey power and authority. What does the master and teacher do? He empties himself of all that the world values. At the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the priest washes feet. If you do not usually attend this Mass, try to do so. The beauty of this moment strikes even young children. *Today's readings: Exodus* 12:1–8, 11–14; Psalm 116:12–13, 15–16bc, 17–18; 1 Corinthians 11:23–26; John 13:1–15.

Friday, April 2 By His Wounds We Were Healed

Because Jesus was fully human, he knew all aspects of the human experience, including rejection, suffering, and death. If we jump from this moment to the resurrection, we fail to appreciate that Jesus is with us in our darkest times, waiting with us while we hope in God's ability to transform even those moments. Take time in quiet prayer, reflecting on the cross and Jesus' merciful love. *Today's readings: Isaiah* 52:13—53:12; *Psalm* 31:2, 6, 12–13, 15–16, 17, 25; *Hebrews* 4:14–16, 5:7–9; *John* 18:1—19:42.

Saturday, April 3

At the Easter Vigil, the readings take us through salvation history, from creation to the discovery of the empty tomb. We see how God prepared the world for its redemption. Today's readings: Genesis 1:1—2:2; Psalm 104:1–2, 5–6, 10, 12, 13–14, 24, 35 or Psalm 33:4–5, 6–7, 12–13, 20–22; Genesis 22:1–18; Psalm 16:5, 8, 9–10, 11; Exodus 14:15—15:1; Exodus 15:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 17–18; Isaiah 54:5–14; Psalm 30:2, 4, 5–6, 11–12, 13; Isaiah 55:1–11; Isaiah 12:2–3, 4, 5–6; Baruch 3:9–15, 32—4:4; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ezra 36:16–17a, 18–28; Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Isaiah 12:2–3, 4bcd, 5–6 or Psalm 51:12–13, 14–15, 18–19; Romans 6:3–11; Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23; Mark 16:1–7.



