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Mass Times

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

Confessions

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

Religious Ed

Sunday 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

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In Case of Emergency

Please call Fr. Tom's cell phone directly at 423-637-4850 in emergency situations.

Masses & All Parish Activities Suspended

All in-person Masses and events are suspended through May. The church and chapel remain closed but there are numerous Masses streamed live daily within the archdiocese. Visit olmcc.com for a list. Please pray for a quick and positive end to this crisis. The parish is continuing to operate. Our financial obligations are continuing as they normally do so please continue to contribute via [Online Giving](#), by mailing a check to the parish office each week, or later making a one-time gift to make up the shortfall.

Readings for Next Sunday, May 3rd

First Reading Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Second Reading 1 Peter 2:20b-25
Gospel John 10:1-10

God has made Jesus both Lord and Messiah. Through his wounds, we have been healed and have returned to our shepherd. Let us listen for his voice and follow him.



May 1 - Anna Lawler

Prayer List

Richard Collins	Tara McGinness
Patrick Crawley	Luke Morin
Marie Crimmins	Le Jo Nix
Trisha Crittenden	Neal Oehmig
Jay Jay Davenport	Sue Pflug
Joe Endres	Bob Red
Elaine Erwin	Jimmy Stewart
Roy Exum	Richard Sullivan
Haley Frierson	Eddie Tallent
Regina Gann	Lindsey Tinker
Charlie Gilbreath	Katherine Dann Ogden
Vickie Gilbreath	Camilla Pollock-Flynn
Johnny Killebrew	

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Second Collection - Please Give Online

This week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Please remember you can give to this and other Second Collections via Online Giving at olmcc.com.

Mass Intentions for the Week

April 26 - People of the Parish

Participate in Mass via Live Stream

Join us each Sunday at 10:00 a.m., via Live Stream as Father Tom celebrates Mass. Join by following the link at olmcc.com. If the stream freezes/buffers please refresh the page.

Not receiving parish emails? Stay connected to receive schedule updates. Contact apery@olmcc.com to be added to our parish list.

To Gather & Grow: Building for Our Future Project Expense and Income as of 3/31/2020	
Total Project Cost	\$ 2,987,447
Total Pledged	\$ 2,750,607
Total Received	\$ 2,148,241
Total Needed to Raise	\$ 227,507

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Stay with Us

Lord of Glory, Risen One,
you have begun to recreate our world.

Stay with us
when we feel sorrow and need
your consolation.

Stay with us
when we need your wisdom and guidance,
and when we study and reflect on your Word.
Stay with us

when we gather at table
to meet you and one another in fellowship
and love.

And stay with us, Lord,
as we go forth to tell others
that you are with us always,
and that you want us always to be with you.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, April 26, 2020

Persuading

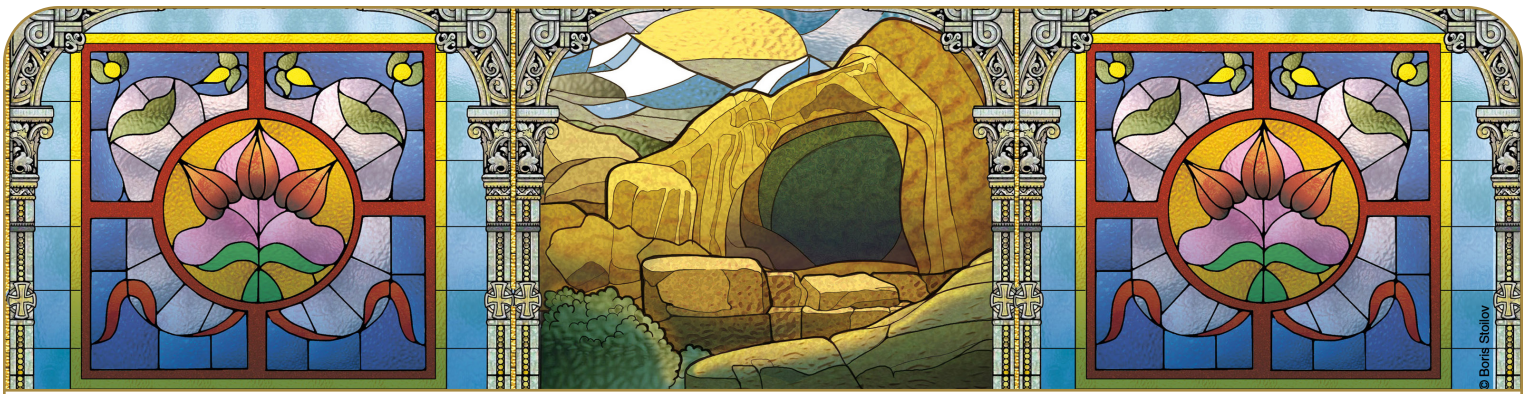


Today's Readings: Acts 2:14, 22–33; Psalm 16:1–2, 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11 (11a); 1 Peter 1:17–21; Luke 24:13–35. When the Risen Christ appears to the disciples who are leaving Jerusalem, he gets them talking—about his ministry, crucifixion, and even the reports that he was alive. He then helps them to interpret these events with reference to their shared Scriptures, which we call the Old Testament. With their hope renewed, Christ then breaks bread with them, and they finally recognize him and understand that Christ is in communion with them.

In his speech in Acts, Peter uses different techniques to persuade his hearers of the truth of what he says. He appeals to what they themselves witnessed during the min-

istry of Jesus. He quotes the Scriptures and what they know about King David. He speaks of his encounter with the Risen Lord. Finally, he refers back to the unmistakable presence of God's Spirit, which is enabling Jews of every language to understand his words.

The Second Reading tells us what we already know and believe about Jesus, but in language that is rich and eloquent, thereby reinvigorating our faith. We might not be as eloquent as St. Peter, but there are other ways to persuade people of the life-giving power of the cross. By conducting ourselves "with reverence" and following the guidance of God's Spirit, we will open people's eyes to the presence of the Risen Christ.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 27

Signs

When the people ask Jesus how to do God's will, Jesus tells them to believe that God sent him. In Acts, we hear how Stephen so utterly believed in Jesus that he shared Christ's power to work "great wonders and signs." Such signs were meant to help people believe that God sent Jesus for the salvation of the world, but many people struggled to accept the meaning of the signs as well as Jesus' identity. Read John 6:1–15 and reflect on all that this sign means. *Today's Readings: Acts 6:8–15; Psalm 119:23–24, 26–27, 29–30; John 6:22–29.*

Tuesday, April 28

Always

After eating the bread that Jesus gave them, the crowd asks to have "this bread always." Jesus clarifies that he himself is their bread—and those who believe in him will have this bread always. Even during death, a death that resembled Jesus', the apostle Stephen experiences the enduring presence of Christ. In what ways have you seen that Christ is always with you? *Today's Readings: Acts 7:51–8:1a; Psalm 31:3cd–4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; John 6:30–35.*

Wednesday, April 29

St. Catherine of Siena

Jesus declares that he will welcome everyone who seeks him, for God wills that people find life through his Son. The Samaritans find life in the Son because of Philip, who preaches, expels demons, and heals people in their midst. St. Catherine, who also wanted Christ to have all that his Father entrusted to him, passionately and persistently advocated for reforms within the Church. Her work was quite different from Philip's, but both labored in fidelity to Christ and his Father. Learn a little more about St. Catherine of Siena today. *Today's Readings: Acts 8:1b–8; Psalm 66:1–3a, 4–5, 6–7a; John 6:35–40.*

Thursday, April 30

Drawn by God

Before Jesus, God revealed himself in events, through the prophets, and in his laws. Now God draws people through the fullest revelation of himself possible: his Son. The man in the passage from Acts first encounters God through the prophet Isaiah. When Philip, led by the Holy Spirit, explains the meaning of the text and tells him about Jesus, the man believes and is baptized. We cannot know God all by ourselves. Thank someone today who helped draw you to God. *Today's Readings: Acts 8:26–40; Psalm 66:8–9, 16–17, 20; John 6:44–51.*

Friday, May 1

Seeing and Believing

When Jesus continued talking about how he is the bread of life, people became more resistant to his claims. Saul rejected Jesus' claims so completely that he attacked Jesus' followers. Then Saul had an encounter with Jesus that left him as physically blind as he was spiritually blind. Saul, now St. Paul, only recovered his sight when he accepted that Jesus truly did come from heaven, sent by his Father. How have you failed to see Christ? What helped you to see him? *Today's Readings: Acts 9:1–20; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; John 6:52–59.*

Saturday, May 2

St. Athanasius

When others turn away from Jesus, Peter remains, saying that Jesus has "the words of eternal life." Filled with faith in Christ, Peter later heals people and even raises a woman from the dead. During the fourth century, people vigorously debated whether Jesus was truly one with his Father. St. Athanasius insisted that he was, because only then would God have fully revealed himself and his saving love for the life of the world. Reflect on and pray with the words of the Nicene Creed. *Today's Readings: Acts 9:31–42; Psalm 116:12–13, 14–15, 16–17; John 6:60–69.*

