

Pastor

Fr. Thomas B. Shuler
706-820-0680, ext. 204
423-637-4850 (cell)
frtomshuler@olmcc.com

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.

Staff

Angelese Mackey,
Business Coordinator
amackey@olmcc.com

Mary Voges,
Pastoral Associate
mvoges@olmcc.com

Allyson Ford,
Director of Music
aford@olmcc.com

May 3, 2020



In Case of Emergency

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

MASSES SUSPENDED THROUGH MAY

All Masses and parish 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. We do not know when we will return to a normal Mass schedule. More than likely it will be a gradual phase-in. Please pray for a quick and positive end to this crisis.

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 | |

Mass Intentions for the Week

May 3 - People of the Parish

Pope Francis'

May Prayer Intention



For Deacons. We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

Readings for Next Sunday, May 10th

- First Reading Acts 6:1-7
 Second Reading 1 Peter 2:4-9
 Gospel John 14:1-12

We are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood" called to place our faith and trust in the Spirit of Jesus who guides the community of faith.

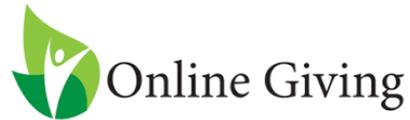


May 5 - Sydney Hopper

May 7 - Patricia Keller

May 8 - Keith Harling

May 9 - Michelle Viscomi



Our parish continues to operate during this crisis. Please help us continue to meet our financial obligations by using Online Giving at www.olmcc.com. It's fast, it's simple and allows you to make recurring or one-time gifts. For more information or for help setting up please contact Amy at aperry@olmcc.com.

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 aperry@olmcc.com to be added to our parish list.

To Gather & Grow: Building for Our Future Project Expense and Income as of 4/30/2020	
Total Project Cost	\$ 2,987,447
Total Pledged	\$ 2,750,607
Total Received	\$ 2,223,123
Total Needed to Raise	\$ 236,840

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Life in Abundance

Heavenly Father,
your Son, Jesus, is the Lamb
who models selfless love for others.
May we imitate his life-giving service.
Jesus is the Good Shepherd,
who guides and gathers your people, making
us one.
May we seek reconciliation and healing,

and strive to sustain the bonds of peace.
Jesus is the gate
through whom we enter eternal life with you.
May we seek salvation in him alone
and bring others to share in the life he offers
so that all people will have life in abundance.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, May 3, 2020

Heeding His Call



Today's Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36–41; Psalm 23:1–3a, 3b–4, 5, 6 (1); 1 Peter 2:20b–25; John 10:1–10. We find consolation in the Gospel passage as we identify with the sheep who recognize and follow the voice of Christ, our shepherd. Jesus praises his sheep for trusting him alone. We are further uplifted by the promise of enjoying a life of fullness with God.

Although Jesus speaks of his sheep in glowing terms, we know how easily sheep go astray. Our Second Reading reminds us that there are times we prefer to wander off. It is difficult to follow the example of Christ, the innocent Lamb who suffered for our sake. It is difficult to respond to insults with kindness and patience. It is difficult to act with justice

and integrity when we are dismissed for doing so. Sometimes it is easier to ignore God's voice and go our own way.

The reading from Acts assures us that our Good Shepherd keeps calling us, even if we stop listening. Even if we think we have wandered so far away we won't hear him, his voice will reach our ears. He calls because he wants us to have life in abundance, but also because there are others who are not yet part of his flock. As we heed our Shepherd's call, we may discover that we can shepherd others toward him. These people also need to hear his voice, to be welcomed into the fold, and to share in the gift of the Holy Spirit that brings us into eternal life with God.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, May 4 One Flock

The first big challenge the early Church faced was whether to admit non-Jews into the community. Since Jesus was Jewish, some people insisted that non-Jews who wished to follow Christ also had to follow Jewish laws, such as what foods they could eat. In response, Peter speaks of a vision in which God dispenses both Jews and Gentiles from such laws. The two groups can now come together to form one flock with Jesus as their shepherd. Pray for the grace to welcome all kinds of people into God's flock. *Today's Readings: Acts 11:1–18; Psalm 42:2–3; 43:3–4; John 10:11–18.*

Tuesday, May 5 Speaking to Them

The sheep who recognize the voice of their shepherd include the people of Antioch. At first, only the Jews in Antioch had the story of Christ proclaimed to them. No one talked with the Gentiles. When some people finally did, their preaching was so successful that a large number “was added to the Lord.” There are people who will welcome the Good News if we share it with them, and if we speak with compassion and sincerity. *Today's Readings: Acts 11:19–26; Psalm 87:1b–3, 4–5, 6–7; John 10:22–30.*

Wednesday, May 6 The Spirit Speaks

In a rare moment in Acts, the Holy Spirit speaks directly to the Apostles. If we long for the Holy Spirit to speak clearly to us, we should note that the Apostles heard the Spirit while they were praying and fasting. Moreover, they had dedicated themselves to God's work, just as Jesus had. Jesus spoke only as his Father commanded him and worked signs because of his perfect obedience. Our Lenten practices helped us listen to the Spirit and follow Christ. Do you have Easter practices that are helping you heed the Spirit's call? *Today's Readings: Acts 12:24–13:5a; Psalm 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8; John 12:44–50.*

Thursday, May 7 Salvation Continues

Jesus tells his disciples to imitate his life of loving service, but he also notes that not all of them will. He knows that Judas will betray him. In Acts, Paul and Barnabas travel with a fellow Christian, John, but he leaves them after a short while. It is difficult, sometimes even painful, when someone close to us turns away from us. Sometimes there is nothing we can do, but sometimes there is. Have you had a conflict with a family member or a friend that you can resolve? *Today's Readings: Acts 13:13–25; Psalm 89:2–3, 21–22, 25 and 27; John 13:16–20.*

Friday, May 8 His Way

As Paul continues his speech in the synagogue, he reminds his listeners that people rejected Jesus. What happens to people who reject Jesus? If we expect such people to be excluded from God's reign, we might be in for a surprise. Sometimes we forget that Jesus is “the way, the truth, and the life,” and we are not. Jesus alone decides who enters God's Kingdom. Such final judgments are not ours to make. Say a prayer of thanksgiving for God's great mercy. *Today's Readings: Acts 13:26–33; Psalm 2:6–7, 8–9, 10–11ab; John 14:1–6.*

Saturday, May 9 Light from Light

By asking Jesus to show them the Father, Philip reveals that he doesn't yet understand that by seeing Jesus, he sees the Father. Jesus is the light who reveals the eternal radiance of God. Therefore, by proclaiming Jesus to the Gentiles, people like Paul and Barnabas spread God's light across the world. They do great works, just as Jesus did. Spend time in prayer today asking Jesus what works you could do to further glorify God. *Today's Readings: Acts 13:44–52; Psalm 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; John 14:7–14.*

