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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.

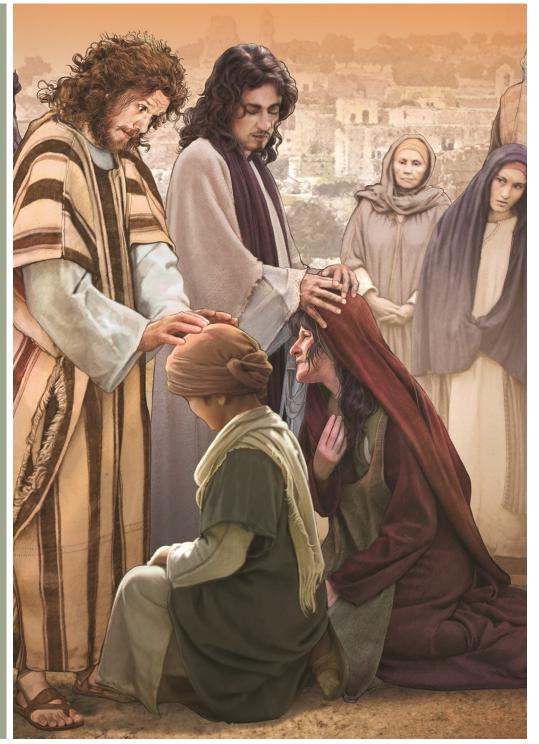
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In Case of Emergency

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

MASSES 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

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 <u>olmcc.com</u>.

Mass Intentions for the Week

May 17 - 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 24th

First Reading	Acts 1:1-11
Second Reading	Ephesians 1:17-23
Gospel	Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in his name, reminding them that he is always present through his Spirit. Having ascended to his Father amid cries of gladness, we are to be his witnesses for we have been gifted with his Spirit of wisdom and revelation. Let us, therefore, live in a manner worthy of the call we have received.



May 21 - Kaitlin Allison May 21 - Rhonda Brown May 22 - Beth Daugherty

Happy Anniversary!

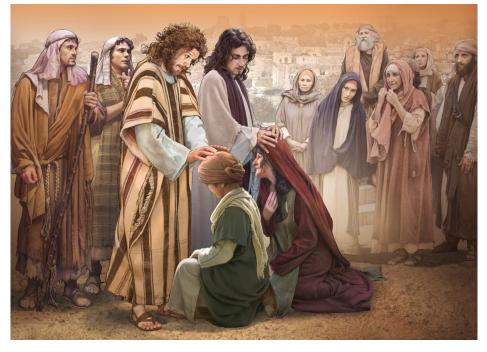
29 yrs. on May 18th - Susan & Chris Crimmins 28 yrs. on May 23rd - Michelle & Vince Viscomi 33 yrs. On May 24th - Farell & Jimmy McGinness



Catholic Communication Campaign

Next week, our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ in the United States and in developing countries around the world through the Internet, television, radio, and print media. Fifty percent of the money collected remains here in the Archdiocese of Atlanta to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit <u>www.usccb.org/ccc</u>. You can give to this collection online at <u>olmcc.com</u>.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



The Advocate

Heavenly Father,
Sanctify our hearts with the gift of your Spirit.
Empower us to continue the ministry of Jesus—
to speak the truth with joy and gentleness,
to comfort others in their sorrow and suffering,
to withstand evil in all its forms.

Reveal your Son's enduring presence within and around us.Help us reveal him to others in all that we do so that your love may be known and embraced by everyone and the world brought to new life in your Spirit.Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, May 17, 2020 For the Family

Today's Readings: Acts 8:5–8, 14–17; Psalm 66:1–3, 4–5, 6–7, 16, 20; 1 Peter 3:15–18; John 14:15–21. In John's account of the Gospel, Jesus refers to multiple commandments, but he gives only one: love one another. To love people—and we would add, to cherish all of God's creation—is to love the Risen Lord and, through him, the Father. That love first flowed the other way, from the Father, through the Son, to the world. Love for and from God pulls the world back together. The Advocate, God's own Spirit, unites people and assures them that they are and always will be God's children.

The Advocate also empowers believers to act as Jesus did. Philip fulfills this commissioning perfectly: he pro-

claims Christ, expels demons, and heals people. Then, when the Samaritans accept the Gospel, centuries of enmity are overcome as Jews and Samaritans are bound together by Baptism and the Holy Spirit. They become sisters and brothers of Christ and part of the new family of God, the Father.

Our Second Reading urges us to act as Christ did, both for our sake and for the sake of others. People will not always be as receptive to us as the Samaritans were to Philip. Only by responding intelligently but peaceably will we persuade people of the enduring joy that comes from following Christ. By speaking and acting with gentle and patient persistence, we will be brought to life in the Spirit.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, May 18 Journeys

The Advocate that Jesus promised has unmistakably filled St. Paul. For the rest of the Easter season we will hear about Paul's extensive travels and missionary work. Paul takes every opportunity to tell others about Christ and to enter into fellowship with them. Make a map of your Christian journey. What significant moments are on that map? *Today's Readings: Acts 16:11–15; Psalm 149:1b–2, 3–4, 5–6a and 9b; John 15:26–16:4a.*

Tuesday, May 19 Revealing Righteousness

Jesus promises to send an Advocate who will reveal whether a person is ultimately righteous or sinful. In Acts, the jailer recognizes that Paul and Silas are righteous despite their imprisonment. The jailer is so impressed by their behavior that he listens to them and is baptized. Are there people you don't listen to because you are certain they are wrong? Do they have some words of truth to offer you? *Today's Readings: Acts 16:22–34; Psalm 138:1–2ab, 2cde–3, 7c–8; John 16:5–11.*

Wednesday, May 20 A Gospel for All

Jesus helps his disciples prepare for his death. He also promises that the "Spirit of truth" will give them insight into future events so that they can act in his name. This Spirit is active in Paul as he preaches in Athens, a city renowned for its diversity. Paul's ministry in that city anticipates the spread of the Gospel to the wider and still more diverse world. Today, the Gospel is lived and expressed in countless ways. What are some Catholic practices unique to your area or culture? *Today's Readings: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Psalm 148:1– 2, 11–12, 13, 14; John 16:12–15.*

Thursday, May 21 The Ascension of the Lord

In ancient texts, revered people were sometimes shown being taken up into heaven. Their ascension was a metaphor for divine approval. Luke draws on this imagery to show that God approves of Jesus but also that Jesus shares God's power. Having ascended, Jesus is no longer physically constrained but is spiritually and sacramentally present in those who are baptized. *Today's Readings: Acts 1:1–11; Psalm 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9; Ephesians 1:17–23; Matthew 28:16–20.*

Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter

In Acts, we're reminded that Paul did not work alone but counted on other people for material and emotional support. When the disciples learned of Jesus' forthcoming death, they also would have turned to one another for support. Who is a source of strength and comfort for you? *Today's Readings: Acts* 18:1–8; *Psalm* 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; John 16:16–20.

Friday, May 22 Everlasting Joy

Jesus insists that his disciples will soon be filled with a joy from God that no one can take away. This promise seems to clash with the passage from Acts where Paul is unjustly treated by a mob and those in authority don't care. Paul, however, compelled by love and gratitude for Christ, continues his ministry. *Today's Readings: Acts 18:9–18; Psalm 47:2–3, 4–5, 6–7; John 16:20–23.*

Saturday, May 23 Our Every Need

Jesus tells his disciples that soon God will give them whatever they ask. Often, however, we receive without asking. Apollos receives much needed instruction about the Christian faith. The Christian community then receives in Apollos a well-formed and compelling preacher. Surprise someone by doing something helpful but unexpected for them today. *Today's Readings: Acts 18:23–28; Psalm 47:2–3, 8–9, 10; John 16:23b–28.*

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