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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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July 26, 2020



Mass Intentions for the Week

July 25 - Haley Frierson

July 26 - People of the Parish

MASSES RESUME W/ GUIDELINES

Face masks are to be worn by all attendees and maximum capacity in the church will be 100 attendees. Please see the website for full guidelines and help us continue to protect our most vulnerable parishioners by complying with the rules.

Change to Office Hours

Effective Friday, July 17th, there is no longer any in-person office business on Fridays. Our Business Coordinator, Angelese Mackey, will work from home on Fridays from 8:00 A.M. until 1:30 P.M. You may continue to reach her during Friday business hours, amackey@olmcc.com or 706-820-0680.

Teen Pizza Night with Fr. Mark



Attention all 9th-12th graders! Fr. Mark would like to have a social distancing pizza night with you! Please come on Sunday, July 26 at 6 P.M. to Shuler Hall. We will be using our outdoor space. See you there!

Prayer List

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| Dottie Brock | Vickie Gilbreath |
| Richard Collins | Johnny Killebrew |
| Patrick Crawley | Brit Oehmig |
| David Dando | Bob Red |
| Joe Endres | Jimmy Stewart |
| Elaine Erwin | Richard Sullivan |
| Haley Frierson | Eddie Tallent |
| Regina Gann | Lindsey Tinker |
| Charlie Gilbreath | Katherine Dann Ogden |
| | Camilla Pollock-Flynn |

Saturday Morning Mass Begins in August



Starting August 8th, we will have Mass at 8:30 A.M. on Saturday mornings. We hope you find this a welcome addition to your weekend routine.

Readings for Next Sunday, August 2nd

First Reading Isaiah 55:1-3

Second Reading Romans 8:35, 37-39

Gospel Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus has pity on the crowd and miraculously feeds them. In his compassion, the Lord answers all our needs, thus renewing his covenant of love with us. Nothing can ever separate us from the love of Christ.



July 27 - Nini Davenport

July 29 - Michelle Coakley

July 30 - Dewey Lawler

July 31 - Caroline Estes

Thank You From Fr. Tom

I wish there were words adequate for me to express my most sincere thanks for the seven great years, the beautiful send-off, the gift, and the honor of having the parish hall named in my honor. There are not, so I will do the best I can.

I have been exceedingly blessed my entire life, not the least of which were the seven years at Our Lady of the Mount! It seems that every day brought new surprises and new blessings - always in the most unexpected ways. I will always be grateful for your warm welcome, your support and your encouragement. I'll refrain from going down "memory lane" as there are just too many memories. How can I possibly thank you for the departing gift and the great brunch on Sunday, June 28th? Truly, words are simply inadequate to express my thoughts.

As for the naming of the hall and the charcoal portrait, it was a complete surprise! How can so many people keep such a secret? Actually, my role in the hall was rather insignificant. Were it not for several parish leaders and the support of the parish at large, the hall would never have become a reality. I am very proud of the small role I played. Again, thank you. I'll look forward to seeing you whenever Fr. Mark needs a vacation. - Fr. Tom

Fr. Mark's Vocation Story (Part II)

As I began my 9th year as a public high school history teacher/coach in the Atlanta area, I was beginning to feel a sense that I needed to get away. I have always thought of it, in retrospect, as a year of self-imposed sabbatical. This led to an interview to go to Japan to teach English to adults at business offices. While in Japan, I enjoyed learning about a new culture and feeling that sense of being the outsider. I spoke no Japanese but took some limited lessons to help me get by. When I got off the train to go home each day to my tiny apartment I was quite alone, for in three months I never encountered a single neighbor who spoke English. I communicated with lots of smiles and bows. During working hours, I would teach the corporate workers basic English and customs, for example how to properly shake hands when greeting an American during a business trip. The only times I would interact with other English speakers was at the office of the company I worked for and in occasional social gatherings with the other English teachers. As God's Providence would have it, one of the teachers asked me if I might like to attend a Catholic Mass (in English). She knew how to get to a church called St. Patrick's. I had previously mentioned to her that I was baptized and confirmed a Catholic but had been mostly away from the Church since my teenage years (I was now 34 years of age!). I agreed to go to Mass that day not out of any sense of religious desire, but simply because I knew there would be people with whom to converse in English during coffee and donuts after Mass. Well, when I entered through the Church doors that day, I immediately felt something, some power, come upon me and overwhelm me with a sense of peace as I gazed upon the altar and the stained glass windows. What I heard clearly in the depths of my very being was God saying to me, "Welcome Home, Mark. I've been waiting for you." For the first time in my adult life I realized that no matter where I was in the world, the Catholic Church was HOME.

Next week: The Appalachian Trail and the Raleigh years.

In Christ,

Fr. Mark Thomas



Saint Martha

FIRST CENTURY

FEAST DAY: JULY 29

Martha and her siblings, Mary and Lazarus, are Jesus' friends in Bethany. In Luke 10:38-42, while Mary sits at Jesus' feet, Martha is busy serving. When she complains to Jesus, he says: "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. ... Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." Just before Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead (John 11:1-44), Martha confesses: "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God." She is the patron of cooks and servers.



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