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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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Mass Intentions for the Week

- August 1 - Haley Frierson
- August 2 - Daniel Dando
- August 6 - Bruce Short (D)



- August 4 - Sherma Dorsey
- August 7 - Vikki Mills
- August 8 - Ramona Glascock
- August 8 - Kendrick Mills
- August 9 - Gerald Chevalier

Men's Club Resumes This Tuesday



The Men's Club will resume our monthly social event this coming Tuesday, August 4th in Shuler Hall from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. with beers and brats. We are looking forward to a safe and social night. Please wear a mask. BYOB. Food

will be provided. Kindly RSVP at olmcc.com.

Happy Anniversary!

- 36 yrs. on Aug. 4th - Susan & Glen Brace
- 8 yrs. on Aug. 9th - Lindsey & Robert Parks

Readings for Next Sunday, August 9th

- First Reading 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
- Second Reading Romans 9:1-5
- Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

In the midst of our trials and tribulations, the Lord extends his hands to us and saves us. He calms our frightened hearts through his quiet presence. May our faith in the Lord draw God's chosen people to the new covenant in Christ.

**Saturday Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament**



Beginning Saturday August 8th, there will be a Mass celebrated every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. in Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:00 a.m. until Benediction at 3:00 p.m.

I have decided against having guardians responsible for specific time slots, however, it is my hope that many of you will feel called to be present at a certain time, at least on most Saturdays, for half an hour, or an hour, so that there will usually be someone in the chapel during the six hours of Exposition. When I was a seminarian in New Orleans (2009-2015), I received many graces from prayer before the Blessed Sacrament during the hours of 12:00 a.m. until 1:30 a.m., once weekly, the first hour and a half of every Sunday morning. This was my time with Jesus at Holy Name of Jesus Parish (near the seminary). The seminary Rector graciously allowed me to do this, dispensing me from curfew, so long as I was not late to Sunday morning prayer in the seminary chapel. The importance for my discernment to the priestly vocation of those hours spent in front of Our Lord cannot be overstated. What graces might be awaiting you when you spend a little time in silence with Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament?

- Fr. Mark

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 |

Pope Francis' August Prayer Intention

The Maritime World. We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

Fr. Mark's Vocation Story (Part III)

Upon returning from Japan in late April, 1996, and planning to resume my teaching career in the Fall, I found myself with some time to get out and hike along the Appalachian Trail. I had been fascinated for years with the AT and had even volunteered several weeks over three summers in the 1980s as a trail maintainer. I gathered gear and guidebooks and began my hike in early May. I enjoyed the slow pace of life on the trail, and was alone much of the time, but had plenty of great interactions with other hikers I met along the way. Everybody had a story about what brought them to the trail. There is something about being in the woods that calms us and helps us rediscover a healthy perspective about life. I stayed out there on the trail for about ten weeks. Towards the end of July, I had slowly made my way to the southern end of Shenandoah National Park and decided that was enough. I relocated to Raleigh, NC. I had met someone on the trail who lived and worked there, and she encouraged me to come there to look for a teaching job. The two of us were "a thing" for a couple of months when I first arrived in Raleigh. The relationship did not last, but I did get a job and enjoyed living in Raleigh. The best thing about my eight years there was my Church home, Sacred Heart Cathedral. It is there that I first encountered thoughts of the priesthood. I served in a few ministries and joined a Bible study group. I even went through RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) even though I was already a baptized and confirmed Catholic. I needed to be re-catechized after having been away from the faith so many years. Later, I served as an RCIA sponsor to others, one of whom is still one of my best friends today, along with His wife and children. You may be wondering where this vocation story is heading next. Would you believe Highlands, North Carolina and New Orleans, Louisiana?

In Christ,

Fr. Mark Thomas

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

AUGUST 2-8, 2020

open wide our hearts

the enduring call to love
a pastoral letter against racism

Prayer to Overcome Racism

Mary, friend and mother to all,
through your Son, God has found a way
to unite himself to every human being,
called to be one people,
sisters and brothers to each other.

We ask for your help in calling on
your Son,
seeking forgiveness for the times when
we have failed to love and respect
one another.

We ask for your help in obtaining from
your Son
the grace we need to overcome the evil

of racism and to build a just society.

We ask for your help in following your Son,
so that prejudice and animosity
will no longer infect our minds or hearts
but will be replaced with a love
that respects
the dignity of each person.

Mother of the Church,
the Spirit of your Son Jesus
warms our hearts:
pray for us.

Amen.

Our faith calls us to speak out against racism and work to transform structures that continue to disregard the equal dignity of all people. Find resources below to help pray, learn, and act together to transform our hearts, our policies, and our country.

For more resources on combatting racism including Practical Steps for Eradicating Racism visit <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism> Or scan this code with your mobile phone camera:

