

Parochial Administrator

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Mass Times

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Confessions

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

Staff

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December 6, 2020



In the Hospital

If you or someone you know will be going in the hospital please call the office, or have a family member or hospital chaplain call for you. Federal privacy laws prevent hospitals from notifying us.

In Case of Emergency

Please call Fr. Mark's cell phone directly at 770-365-5200 in emergency situations.

24-Hour Abuse Reporting

If you or a loved one has been hurt or abused by a member of the clergy, an employee, or volunteer of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, we are here to listen and take action. Please contact our Office of Child and Youth Protection during business hours at 404-920-7550 or our Archdiocesan 24-hour Abuse Reporting line at 1-888-437-0764. The silence must be broken for the healing to begin.

Additional Christmas Vigil Mass Added

Good news parishioners! We are adding a second Christmas Eve Mass at Our Lady of the Mount. Archbishop of Atlanta Gregory John Hartmayer has given permission this year for Christmas Vigil Masses to begin earlier than 4:00 p.m. Parish families will now have a choice to worship at either Christmas Eve Mass (2:00 p.m. or 5:30 p.m.). A Christmas concert will begin one hour prior to each Mass. Let me emphasize that the previously published holiday liturgy schedule is still completely accurate. Simply add this newly scheduled Mass (2:00 p.m. on Dec. 24) to the schedule which has already been running in our weekly online bulletin for the past several weeks. May all of you have a blessed Advent season.

Tuesday Morning Men's Discussion

Men's Bible Study will **not** meet during the month of December. Discussions will resume Tuesday, January 12, 2021 from 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. in Shuler Hall.

Pope Francis' December Prayer Intention



For a Life of Prayer. We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Mass Intentions for the Week

December 5 - Haley Frierson

December 6 - Alan Voges (D)

December 7 - Special Intention

December 8 - Tammy Bellville (D)

Readings for Next Sunday, December 13th

First Reading Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28

John witnesses to one who is to come, one far mightier than he, one who will proclaim freedom and deliverance from sin and death. As we await his coming again in glory, let us join with Mary in singing the praises of God.



December 9 - Andy Barrett

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December 10 - Troy Scroggins

December 12 - Gwin Tugman

December 13 - Tully Brock

December 13 - Vince Viscomi

Second Collection Next Weekend



Help our elders. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated them-

selves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous next weekend.

Liturgical Minister Schedules

Saturday, December 12th

Lector: Julie Jackson

Sunday, December 13th

Lector: Rich Boschi



Advent Penance Services

Mark your calendar and join us for this opportunity during the beautiful season of Advent. Choose a date that works for your schedule.

December 15th at 7:00 P.M. - Our Lady of the Mount

December 16th at 7:00 P.M. - St. Katharine Drexel

December 17th at 7:00 P.M. - St. Gerard Majella

Prayer List

Dottie Brock Linda Neely Richard Collins Brit Oehmig Patrick Crawley Bob Red

Joe EndresJimmy StewartHaley FriersonRichard SullivanRegina GannEddie TallentCharlie GilbreathLindsey Tinker

Vickie Gilbreath Katherine Dann Ogden Johnny Killebrew Camilla Pollock-Flynn

Jeff Morgan

Prayer List Update

If you would like to keep your prayer requests on our list, please contact Amy, aperry@olmcc.com. Thank you for your cooperation.

Holy Day of Obligation



Tuesday, December 8, 2020, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a holy day of obligation. There will be a Vigil Mass Monday, Decem-

ber 7th at 6:00 p.m. at St. Katharine Drexel. December 8th Masses will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Mount at 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Poinsettia Remembrances



Honor or remember your loved one this Christmas season by contributing to the Our Lady of the Mount Poinsettia Fund. The suggested cost begins at \$20 per remembrance. The order form is includ-

ed as a bulletin insert and may also be found online. Donations may also be made via Online Giving at <u>olmcc.com</u>. In order to be included in the Christmas bulletin, all names and payments must be received no later than Wednesday, December 16th.

OLMCC Food/Supply Pantry

Dear OLMCC family:

Thank you all for the many warm birthday wishes you sent my way. I have a new catchphrase for the upcoming year, "Fifty-nine and feeling fine!" On a more serious note, as we continue through pandemic times, Advent and the month of December, I am encouraging each family to donate one bag of groceries to the new food/ supply pantry which we are now stocking. Food insecurity is a growing problem in our surrounding Tri-State area. We can also help other non-profits such as shelters and pregnancy assistance centers with items such as infant formula and diapers, winter coats and blankets, and the list goes on. My goal is to begin stocking food and other items at OLM for redistribution to larger food banks/ nonprofits as we go forward together building up God's kingdom on earth. Donations can be dropped off in the narthex at weekend Masses or at the parish office on weekdays. If no one is in the office, leave donations inside by the Christmas tree.

God Bless all of you, Fr. Mark

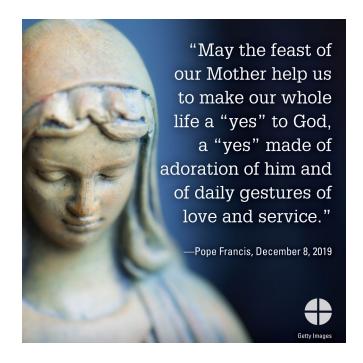
The Second Sunday of Advent DECEMBER 6, 2020

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Tuesday, December 8th, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

An essential part of God's plan for the mother of his Son was that she be conceived free from Original Sin. "Through the centuries the Church became ever more aware that Mary, 'full of grace' through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception" (CCC, no. 491).

In anticipation that she was to bear the Son of God, Mary was preserved from the time of her conception from Original Sin.



We call this the Immaculate Conception. No sin would touch her, so that she would be a fitting and worthy vessel of the Son of God. The Immaculate Conception does not refer to the virginal conception and birth of Christ, but rather to Mary's being conceived without inheriting Original Sin.

In the course of time, the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception became more precisely enunciated, as its truth—long supported by the universal popular devotion of the faithful—was better understood by deepening theological inquiry.

In 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed this dogma infallibly: that is, in his role as supreme teacher of the Church, he declared that this doctrine is divinely revealed and must be accepted with faith by the entire Church.

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Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, we fly unto you, O Virgin of Virgins, our Mother. To you we come. Before you we kneel, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your clemency, hear and answer them. Amen.—St. Bernard of Clairvaux





Holiday Schedule 2020

December 7

Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass at SKD 6:00 p.m.

December 8

Immaculate Conception Mass at OLMCC 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

December 15

Advent Penance Service at OLMCC 7:00 p.m.

December 16

Advent Penance Service at SKD 7:00 p.m.

December 24 - 25

Offices Closed

December 24

Christmas Concert at OLMCC 1:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass at OLMCC 2:00 p.m. Christmas Concert at OLMCC 4:30 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass at OLMCC 5:30 p.m.

December 25

Christmas Day Mass at OLMCC 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass at SKD 11:30 a.m.

December 26

No Saturday Morning Mass or Adoration

December 28 - January 1

Normal Mass Schedule except January 1
Offices Closed

January 1

Mary Mother of God Mass at OLMCC 9:00 a.m. Mary Mother of God Mass at SKD 11:30 a.m.

January 2

No Saturday Morning Mass or Adoration



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Please mail this form with a check to:
Our Lady of the Mount Catholic Church
1227 Scenic Highway
Lookout Mountain, GA 30750
or place it in the Collection Basket.

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In Honor of:
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Given by Name:
Address:
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Additional forms are available in the narthex and online at olmcc.com.