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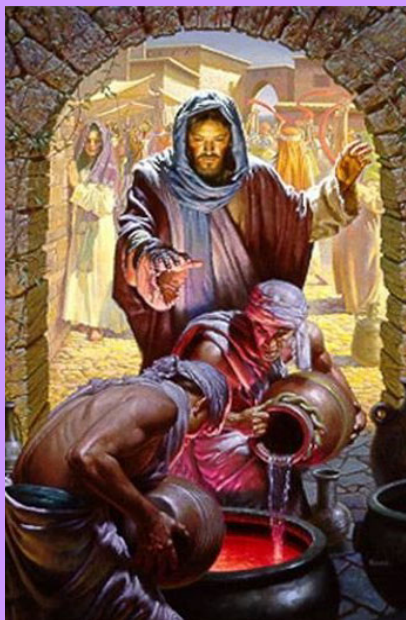
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First Sunday of Lent
February 14, 2016

World Marriage Day
Second Sunday in February
Photo: Wedding at Cana

World Marriage Day (WMD) occurs annually on the second Sunday of February. It is an observance sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Its purpose is to honor husband and wife as the foundation of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life. The theme for WMD has been permanently adopted as "Love One Another". This phrase is the commandment given to us by Jesus



in John 15:12. It speaks to us in a simple but challenging way of how our Father wishes us to live. Loving one another is a daily decision, simple but challenging. "The intimate community of life and love which constitutes the married state has been established by the Creator and endowed by him with its own proper laws....God himself is the author of marriage." The vocation to marriage is written in the very nature of man and woman as they came from the hand of the Creator. Marriage is not a purely human institution despite the many variations it may have undergone through the centuries. Today, more than ever, we need witnesses and support for the complementary union of man and woman that Christ raised to the dignity of a sacrament.

Schedule of Masses:

Saturdays (Vigil Mass): **5:00 PM**

Sundays: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM*, 12:00 Noon, 5:00 PM

* *Children's Liturgy of the Word* during 10:00 AM Sunday Mass
* *Child Care* (ages 2-5) during 10:00 AM Sunday Mass

Weekdays: 8:00 AM (Monday – Saturday)

Holy Days: See Mass schedule printed in Bulletin for each upcoming Holy Day of Obligation

Confessions: Saturdays: **3:30 - 4:30 PM**
or by appointment

Daily Rosary Devotion: Every morning at **7:30 AM**

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Weekday mornings after Mass

Day of Eucharistic Adoration:

Observed on the 23rd day of each month

Baptisms: By appointment on the Second Sunday of each month at 1:15 PM – following completion of Preparation Class.*

Infant Baptism Classes:* Tuesdays prior to 2nd Sunday of Month.

Marriage: Contact the Rectory at least six months in advance of the expected wedding date.

Marriage Preparation Classes: Conducted on four consecutive Wednesday evenings during the months of January, March, May, July, and September.

Please Note: For Baptisms or Weddings, you must be a practicing Catholic and a member of the parish. To be a Godparent, you must be a practicing and Confirmed Catholic and, if married, married in the Church.

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The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart.
— Romans 10:8



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36



THE RITE OF ELECTION: THE NEXT STEP IN THE (RCIA) RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS
As part of our parish's 26-week long RCIA process preparing adults

wishing to become **full members** of the **Catholic Church** by receiving the three **Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation)**, five adults made the next step this past **Friday evening** at **Our Lady Queen of Angels Church** by participating in the diocesan **Rite of Election** or the **Rite of Continuing Conversion** with **Bishop Kevin Vann**. The **Rite of Election** is for adults (called **CATECHUMENS**) *who have never been baptized*. The **Rite of Continuing Conversion** is for adults (called **CANDIDATES**) *who have been validly baptized in any Christian Faith tradition and now wish to become fully Catholic*. The Catechumens were **presented to the Bishop**, in the name of the Church, and declared that they are **ready** to complete the final preparation steps for the Sacraments they hope to receive during our **Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, March 26** (to which you are all invited). As part of the **Rite of Election** a priest or deacon from each parish presents their **Book of the Elect** to the Bishop with each catechumen's committed signature.

- Our CATECHUMENS are:**
- KELLY MARGARET KNIGHT
 - Mitra Mobasser
 - KASEY CATHLEEN REINITZ

- Our CANDIDATES are:**
- HEATHER DIANA BENNETT
 - ROBERT PATRICK McCracken

Please pray for all five of these adults as they continue through the final stage of preparation for entrance into the *fullness of the Church* on **Saturday evening, March 26**. Our **Book of the Elect** will be on display in the Sanctuary near Mary's Shrine.

SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 14
WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 18
OLMC WOMEN'S S.O.U.L. GROUP
9:00-11:00 AM...Bible study with Sister Christine Hilliard CSJ downstairs in O'Donnell Hall. All women are invited.

OLMC ADULT CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERIES:
7:30-9:00 PM Viewing and discussing Episode #2: "The Teachings of Jesus" from Bishop Barron's Catholicism Series. Downstairs in O'Donnell Hall. All adults invited. For information, call Greg Kelley.

FRIDAY – FEBRUARY 19
LENTEN DAY OF ABSTINENCE (FROM MEAT):
applies to everyone 14 and older (No upper limit.)

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS:
7:00 PM (Traditional Version).

SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 21
ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA/EASTERN EUROPE



RECENTLY BAPTIZED AT OLMC...
CHLOE ANTOINETTE FONG,
daughter of Kevin & Margaret Fong



COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA/EASTERN EUROPE
Next week, we will take up the **Collection for the Church in Latin America/ Eastern Europe**. Many unique challenges face the Church in those regions. A lack of priests and trained lay ministers, high emigration rates, and the alarming pace at which parishioners are leaving the faith make it difficult for the regions' Church to provide for the faithful. It is more important than ever that we keep faith with the Church in Latin America, the Caribbean and Eastern Europe.

There will be envelopes in the pews next weekend for this collection. Please use them and give as generously as possible.

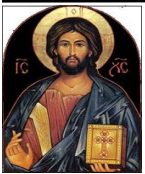


WEEKLY OLMC SUNDAY COLLECTION
Our parish's Sunday Collection last weekend totaled: \$10,309.87; from...
Regular collection: \$9,731.00;
Electronic Funds Transfers: \$578.87.

From the **previous weekend of Jan 31-Feb 1**, the Sunday collection totaled: \$11,850.05; from...
Regular collection: 11,189.00; and
Electronic Funds Transfers: \$661.05.



Please remember our Church in your Will or Trust. Contact Msgr. Baird for information on how you can accomplish this charitable remembrance.



OLMC CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERIES

THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS

Join us **this Thursday evening, February 18, from 7:30-9:00 PM** downstairs in O'Donnell Hall as we re-view and discuss

Episode #2 from **Bishop Robert Barron's** outstanding DVD Series on "Catholicism." Episode 2 is entitled: "**Happy Are We: The Teachings of Jesus.**" Bishop Barron journeys from Galilee to Krakow, Warsaw, New York City, Kampala, and beyond and presents throughout what it means to be a disciple of Christ. All adults welcome.

For more information, contact, Greg Kelley, Director of Adult Education/Faith Formation, at (949) 645-4540 or gkelley@olmc.net



SOUL – OLMC WOMEN'S GROUP

The Women's SOUL Group will meet **this Thursday** morning downstairs in O'Donnell Hall for Bible Study with **Sister Christine**

Hilliard, CSJ, from **9:00-11:00 AM**. All women are invited. For more information, email olmcsoul@gmail.com



OLMC CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GRADES 1-12

No classes for any Grades this week, February 14-16, during **Presidents' Day Holiday**.

For more information, or to get on our mailing list, contact program director, John Bruscia, at (949) 673-2719, or jbruscia@olmc.net



LENTEN RETREATS FOR ADULTS

Join the Sisters at the **Heart of Jesus Retreat Center** located at 2927 South Greenville Street, Santa Ana, either **Tuesday, February 16**, from 5:30-9:00 PM, with Mass and soup and salad dinner; or **Wednesday, February 17**, from 9:30 AM-12:00 Noon with Mass. For more details and to RSVP immediately, call (714) 557-4538 or email heartofJesusrc@sbcglobal.net



OLMC ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY – SATURDAY MARCH 12

Save the date! Our parish's annual **St. Patrick's Celebration Dinner Party** for the entire family is taking place on **Saturday evening March 12**. Pre-sale of tickets will begin on the week-end of **February 27-28!** For more information, contact Ted Barry at (949) 697-4533.



QUOTES ON THE EUCHARIST

"All the good works in the world are not equal to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass because they are the works of men; but the Mass is the work of God. Martyrdom is nothing in comparison for it is but the sacrifice of man to God; but the Mass is the sacrifice of God for man."
- St. John Vianney



OLMC PARISH LENTEN DEVOTIONS

DAILY MASS: Mass is celebrated each morning at OLMC at **8:00 AM**.

DAILY ROSARY DEVOTION: Our parish's **Rosary Devotion** begins a half-hour before morning Mass at **7:30 AM** Sunday-Saturday.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION: The *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* is prayed each weekday morning immediately following morning Mass. This a beautiful devotion during this Jubilee Year of Mercy.

FRIDAY "WAY OF THE CROSS" DEVOTIONS: **Each Friday evening** during Lent, the parish will celebrate the traditional devotion of the *STATIONS OF THE CROSS* at **7:00 PM**.



LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

To help each of us properly prepare for the reception of our *Easter Communion* and to fulfill the obligation to confess our sins at least once a year, mark your calendar for our annual **Lenten Penance Service** taking place on **Tuesday evening, March 22**, at **7:30 PM**.



OLMC PARKING LOT NOTICE:

We need **all** the parking spaces we have available: When arriving for any Mass: (1) **Please Do Not Park in the Aisleways and Block the Exits or any open spaces until all the regular spaces in the lot are filled.** This is a real problem each week, especially at the 5:00 PM Saturday evening Mass.

Everyone's help and consideration is appreciated. (2) If for some important reason you really need to leave early, park on the street!



THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYING TOGETHER AS A COUPLE

Does Prayer Matter in Marriage?

"FamilyLife" has surveyed thousands of Christian couples and found that less than 8% pray together on a regular basis. That is a shockingly low percentage. However, the **statistics show that of Christian couples who actively pray together, the divorce rate is less than one percent.** Less than one percent! This begs the question: How often do you pray with your spouse? Don't include the mealtime blessing, that doesn't count. The response to the question is enlightening because most couples very rarely pray together, with the exception of the mealtime blessing. So why don't we pray with our spouses? Probably because couples just don't realize the importance of prayer to their marital relationship. Most people acknowledge that prayer is very important to them but they simply fail to do it on any regular basis. The fact of the matter is that if we don't pray very much, then prayer must not really be very important to us.