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**Fourth Sunday of Lent
"Laetare Sunday"
March 6, 2016**

Today is traditionally known as Laetare Sunday. Most Catholics today are used to the Mass being conducted in English, and we hardly ever think about the fact that Latin remains the official language of the Catholic Church. But occasionally, Latin reasserts itself, as it does in the case of Laetare Sunday, which is the popular name for the Fourth Sunday of Lent. *Laetare* means "Rejoice" in Latin, and the entrance antiphon in today's Mass is Isaiah 66:10-11, which begins "*Laetare, Jerusalem*" ("Rejoice, Jerusalem"). Because the midpoint



of Lent is the Thursday of the third week of Lent, Laetare Sunday has traditionally been viewed as a day of celebration, on which the austerity of Lent is briefly lessened. The passage from Isaiah continues, "Be joyful, all who were in mourning," and on Laetare Sunday, the purple vestments and wall hangings of Lent may be set aside, and rose colored ones may be used instead. Laetare Sunday is also known as Rose Sunday and it has a counterpart in Advent: *Gaudete Sunday*, the Third Sunday of Advent, when purple vestments are also exchanged for rose ones. The point of both days is to provide us encouragement as we progress toward the end of each respective penitential/preparation season.

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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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



Fourth Sunday of Lent
Laetare "Rejoice" Sunday
 March 6, 2016

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. — 2 Corinthians 5:17



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

- Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
- Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday:** Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

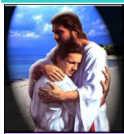


PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL
PROUD TO BE CATHOLIC
KNOW • LOVE • SERVE

As disciples of Jesus we are called to put our gifts at the service of the Lord. Please give prayerful thought to your donation this year which supports needed diocesan programs as well as benefitting our parish church.

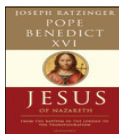
PSA Pledge Envelopes and Informational Flyers may be found in the pew racks and by the exit doors of the Church.

Your *2016 PSA Pledge Envelope* and payments may be returned any time (1) by U.S. mail, (2) in the regular Sunday Collection or (3) placed through the mail slot in the Rectory Door.



LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

To help everyone properly prepare for the reception of their *Easter Communion* and fulfill their obligation to confess their sins at least once a year, our annual **Lenten Penance Service** is **Tuesday evening, March 22, at 7:30 PM.**



SPIRITUAL READING BOOKS

Looking for some good spiritual reading during Lent? Check our **Parish Book Rack** at any time, located in the church vestibule.



"WAY OF THE CROSS" DEVOTIONS:

Join us on Friday evenings during Lent as we celebrate the traditional devotion of the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** at **7:00 PM.**



QUOTES ON THE EUCHARIST

As John the Baptist recognized Jesus hidden in the womb of Mary, the first tabernacle of the Lord, so now we recognize Jesus hidden in the Blessed Sacrament, the mystery of our faith.
 — From the book *"Come to Me"*

SUNDAY – MARCH 6

MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE AND MONTHLY DIAPER DRIVE

TUESDAY – MARCH 8

INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS: Meets in the church at 7:00 PM in preparation for March 13 baptisms. For information, call Deacon Steve Mutz.

THURSDAY – MARCH 10

OLMC WOMEN'S SOUL GROUP: Meets from 9:00-11:00 AM in O'Donnell Hall for Mid-Lent Retreat. All women are invited.

ADULT EDUCATION – MONTHLY SPEAKERS PROGRAM: 7:30-9:00 PM in O'Donnell Hall. Guest speaker: Fr. John LeVecke. Subject: "Mercy: Let's Get Real." All adults welcome. No Admission Charge. Open to the public.

FRIDAY – MARCH 11

LENTEN DAY OF ABSTINENCE (FROM MEAT): Applies to everyone 14 and older.

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 7:00 PM

SATURDAY – MARCH 12

ANNUAL OLMC ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION PARTY: 6:00-9:00 PM in O'Donnell Hall. Dinner, Live Music. Family Members of all ages invited. Tickets required. Available at the door.



THANK YOU FROM SPIN

Serving People In Need (SPIN) would like to thank all the Parishioners who participated in the recent jacket and blanket drive.

SPIN's Street Service Program is currently looking for male volunteer van drivers to help distribute sack meals to the homeless in the Santa Ana area on Thursdays. For more information, contact **Kim Frazier**, kimf@spinoc.org



OLMC SUNDAY COLLECTION

Our parish's Sunday Collection last weekend totaled: \$16,866.87; from... Regular collection: \$16,288.00; Electronic Funds Transfers: \$578.87 .



OLMC PARISH LENTEN DEVOTIONS

DAILY MASS: Make participation at Mass and Holy Communion a frequent habit during Lent. Mass is celebrated each morning at OLMC at **8:00 AM.**

DAILY ROSARY DEVOTION: Join us for our **Rosary Devotion** beginning at **7:30 AM** seven days a week.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION: The "5-10-minute" *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* is prayed each weekday morning immediately following morning Mass.

FRIDAY "WAY OF THE CROSS" DEVOTION: Each **Friday** during Lent join us for the traditional devotion of the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** at 7:00 PM:



SOUL – OLMC WOMEN’S GROUP
Meets **this Thursday** morning from **9:00-11:00 AM** upstairs in **O’Donnell Hall** for a **Mid Lent Retreat** featuring an excerpt from **"Best Lent Ever"** by Matthew Kelly. All women are invited. For information: olmcsoul@gmail.com



IN PREPARATION FOR HOLY WEEK... THE OLMC ADULT EDUCATION SERIES invites you to join us for our annual Lenten DVD viewing of Mel Gibson’s **"THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST"** on **Thursday evening, March 17, from 7:00 to 9:15 PM (St. Patrick’s Day)** downstairs in **O’Donnell Hall**. This **127-minute** critically acclaimed film chronicles the last 12 hours in the life and crucifixion of Jesus Christ, and spiritually is a great way to prepare for Holy Week, especially Good Friday. There is no admission charge. All adults are welcome.
For more information, contact Greg Kelley, Director, OLMC Adult Education and Faith Formation, at **(949) 645-4540** or gkelley@olmc.net



OLMC CHILDREN’S & YOUTH MINISTRY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GRADES 1–12 **Grades 1-10** meet at their regularly scheduled days and time this week

Grades 11-12 (Anchorage) meets next Sunday, March 13, for Miniature Golf and Laser Tag starting at 4:00 PM at Boomers in Irvine!

CONFIRMATION "ELECTION CEREMONY"
Grades 10+ Enrolled Confirmation Candidates preparing for the Sacrament this Spring will participate in a special **"Election Ceremony"** **this Sunday evening** during our **5:00 PM Mass**. Sponsors (or parents) are expected to stay for dinner and a meeting in O’Donnell Hall after Mass. For more information, contact program director, John Bruscia, at **(949) 673-2719**, or email jbruscia@olmc.net



Sacred Heart Sisters’ Profession of Vows
The **Sisters of the Society Devoted to the Sacred Heart** invite you to witness the Consecration of Sister Laura Bradford as she makes her Perpetual Profession of Chastity, Poverty, and Obedience on **Saturday April 2** at 10:30 AM at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Huntington Beach. Join us for the Mass and Reception. For more information visit: www.sacredheartsisters.com



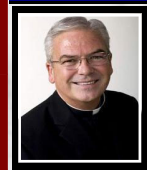
OLMC ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARTY NEXT SATURDAY MARCH 12
Next Saturday evening the **Knights of Columbus** are hosting our annual parishwide **St. Patrick’s Day Party** in O’Donnell Hall from **6:00-9:00 PM**. Pre-sale of discounted Tickets continues after all Masses this weekend in the Plaza. \$15 per adult; \$5 per child; or \$35 per family, if all children are under 16. All parishioners of all ages are invited.

OLMC Monthly Speaker Series 2016
Catholic Continuing Education for all Adults

Jubilee Year of Mercy: Dec 8, 2015 - Nov 20, 2016

"Mercy: Let's Get Real"

Might this *Year of Mercy* be an opportunity to allow God to become even more *Real* with us? Could this *Year of Mercy* be an opportunity for us to become even more *real* with his Son, our Companion? Can we embrace the opportunity of being more honest and *real* with our own human condition, created out of a most generous Love? Let’s get More Real!



With guest speaker ...
Rev. John R. LeVecke
Parochial Vicar,
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

This Thursday evening March 10
7:30 - 9:00 PM O’Donnell Hall

Doors open at 7:15 PM All Adults Invited
No admission charge Free-will offering at the door

For details and information contact Greg Kelley at (949) 645-4540

LITURGIES OF HOLY WEEK AND THE EASTER TRIDUUM ~ 2016

- + PALM SUNDAY ~ MARCH 20**
Regular Schedule of Masses
Each Mass with Blessing of Palms 
- + MONDAY–WEDNESDAY~MARCH 21-23**
8:00 AM: MORNING MASS
- + HOLY THURSDAY ~ MARCH 24**
(No Morning Mass on Holy Thursday)
7:30 PM: MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER
(Beginning immediately after Mass & until 9:30 PM, Eucharistic Adoration and Silent Prayer will take place in O’Donnell Hall where the special *Altar of Repose* will be located on Thursday evening.) 
- + GOOD FRIDAY ~ MARCH 25**
(Mass is not celebrated on Good Friday)
12:00 Noon: STATIONS OF THE CROSS 
1:00 PM: CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S PASSION
INCLUDING DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION
7:30 PM: CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S PASSION
INCLUDING DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION
- + HOLY SATURDAY ~ MARCH 26**
(No Mass at 8:00 AM or 5:00 PM)
7:30 PM: THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL MASS
(Help us welcome our newest members into the Church) 
- + EASTER SUNDAY ~ MARCH 27**
Masses: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM*, 12:00 Noon
(*At 10:00 AM, Masses will be celebrated both in the Church and in O’Donnell Hall.)
(There will be no 5:00 PM Easter Sunday Evening Mass) 