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Mass Times

Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Monday - Thursday 8:30 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.

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

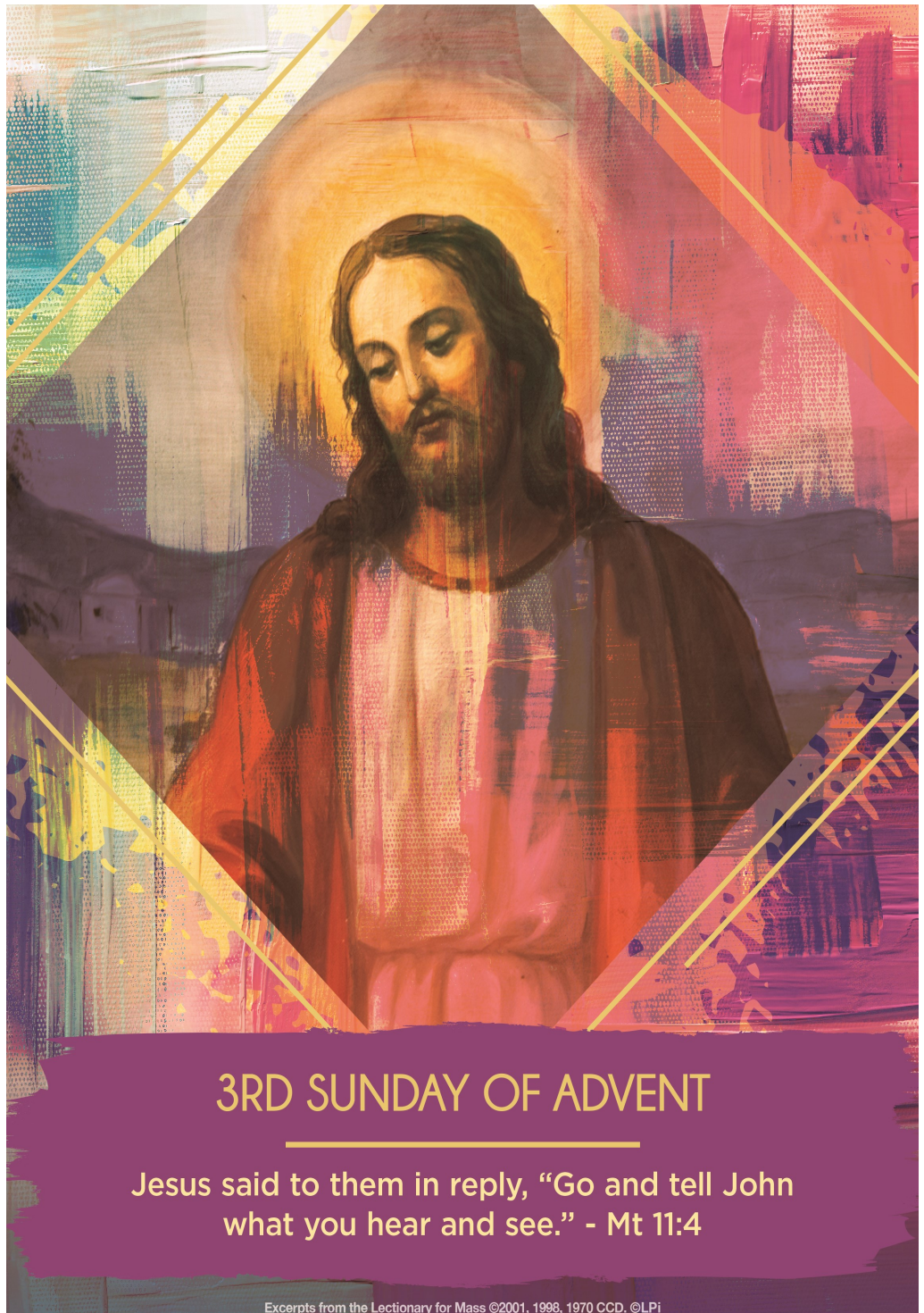
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December 11, 2022



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jesus said to them in reply, “Go and tell John
what you hear and see.” - Mt 11:4

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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.

Nursery

Sheron Williams is available to provide care for children whose parents wish to drop them off at the nursery before Mass. The nursery is open 8:45 - 10:15 A.M. Please remember that the nursery is open year-year round and is available this summer.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2022

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal continues throughout 2022 and donations and pledges may be made online at www.archatl.com/appeal/make-a-gift. Every donation counts. Be certain you choose Our Lady of the Mount in Lookout Mountain as your home parish so we are credited with your donation amount.

Hot Meals Ministry

Hot Meals Ministry is always in need of more volunteers. Please consider signing up on SignUpGenius via olmcc.com for a slot anytime from 1:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M. on Mondays, or you can show up at Shuler Hall to see what it's all about and assist as needed. Thanks to your generous support both physically and financially.

Pope Francis' December Prayer Intention

Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations. We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



Mass Intentions

December 10 - People of the Parish

December 11 - People of the Parish

Readings for Next Sunday, December 18th

First Reading Isaiah 7:10-14

Second Reading Romans 1:1-7

Gospel Matthew 1:18-24

Jesus is Emmanuel, "God with us", risen from the dead. He is the king of glory.



December 12 - Gwin Tugman

December 13 - Vince Viscomi

December 13 - Tully Brock

December 14 - Evelyn Towns

December 16 - Sherry Pollock

2022 Holiday Schedule

The holiday schedule for 2022 is available online now so please begin marking your calendars for upcoming events.

Help Those in Need

The church office is now accepting donations of the following items to assist those living in tent communities served by our Hot Meals Ministry: blankets, coats, tarps, and tents.

Donations to the food pantry are always accepted at the church office or in the narthex before or after daily or weekend Mass.

Birthday Party for Jesus

Join us for a birthday celebration for Jesus on December 24 after the 4:00 P.M. Mass in Shuler Hall. All kids ages 1-99 are invited!

Liturgical Minister Schedules

Saturday, December 17th

Lector: Jimmy McGinness

Altar Server: Sophia Huelskamp

Sunday, December 18th

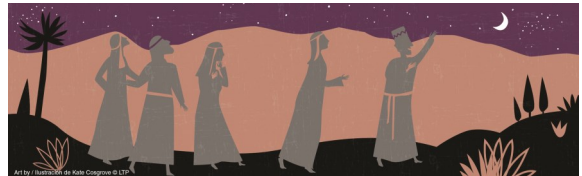
Lector: Nick Wilkinson

Altar Server: Niko Wilkinson

Poinsettia Remembrances Due by Thursday



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 \$25 per remembrance. The order form is included as a bulletin insert and may also be found online. In order to be included in the Christmas bulletin, all names and payments must be received no later than Thursday, December 15.



To Gather & Grow Update

The Archdiocese of Atlanta has waived our assessment on Capital Campaign contributions through June 30, 2023. Here is the current status:

Authorized amount incl HVAC: \$ 3,190,826

Collected to date: \$ 2,829,284

NEEDED by 06/30/2023: \$ 361,542

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.

Our Lady of the Mount

December 13 - 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

St. Gerard Majella

December 14 - 7:00 P.M.

St. Katharine Drexel

December 21 - 6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Collection Last Week

Offertory, December 3 & 4: \$ 3,204

Second Collection This Weekend

Our second collection this weekend is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.

Prayer List

Mark Anderson Jack McDermott

Wendell Burns Jeff Messinger

Bob Coleman Samra Mims

Richard Collins Eddie Parks

Chip Corley Joseph Shramko

Wynn Eady Jim Thomas

Haley Frierson Sheron Williams

Franklin Haney

Please contact aperry@olmcc.com, to request names be added or removed from the Prayer List. Thanks for your cooperation.

Suspicious Emails

If you receive a suspicious email purporting to be from Fr. Mark and you are not sure it seems authentic; it may not be. If you are not sure, simply contact the office to verify. You may also contact Fr. Mark directly at 770-365-5200.

November 21, 2022

Dear Fellow Parishioner:

In spite of the economy the good news is we can be thankful people are slowly returning to church and regular giving has increased in recent months, but it is still not at pre-pandemic levels, meaning our monthly operating costs are not being covered on a continuous basis.

We are all proud of Shuler Hall, completed just a few months before the Pandemic with a bridge loan from the Archdiocese. We have nearly fully paid back the bridge loan to the Archdiocese having only a balance as of October of \$172,856 (originally \$2,700,000). Adding the building's remaining debt, approximately \$165,000 for the new, and much needed HVAC system in the 38 year old building, we find ourselves with total debt of **\$ 362,415** as of October 31. Good progress on debt reduction has occurred this year and we are grateful to everyone who helped.

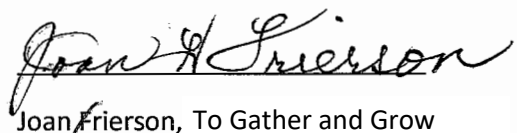
Now, with year end approaching, we ask that you prayerfully consider **a tax deductible gift, over and above normal giving to help reduce the debt. Any gift now and before June 30, 2023 is assessment free which effectively is a bonus of as much as 10 % to the church's bottom line.**

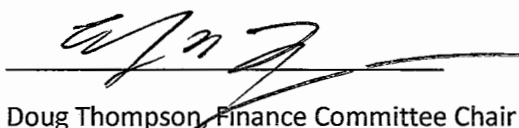
- Appreciated stock can be gifted directly avoiding your paying capital gains but still taking the full value of the deduction.
- If you are over 70 ½ years old, you can give any portion of your required minimum distribution straight to the church with no tax hit.
- Both of these actions take someone with knowledge of your tax situation, and following the prescribed process but are excellent ways you can help your church and quite possibly reducing your income tax liability.

We close saying ask your tax advisor and/or feel free to call any one of us below for more information or to further explain how you can help. The church office can also give you help on how to make a stock or minimum distribution contribution.

Sincerely,


Michelle Coakley, Parish Council


Joan Frierson, To Gather and Grow


Doug Thompson, Finance Committee Chair


Larry Parks, Finance Committee

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord,
“plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you HOPE and a future.”*



A HAND UP MINISTRY is proud to introduce our community to **THE HOPE HOUSE.**

The Hope House is a 12-month, Christ-centered, residential recovery facility for women dealing with drug or alcohol addiction. Our ministry applies Biblical truths from the principles of Celebrate Recovery to create a lasting transformation from the bondage of addiction. We place focus on providing spiritual guidance by incorporating Christian values and teachings. Our ministry's goal is to help everyone renew their thinking through the power of God's word and the support of our community. Christian discipleship is combined with critical life skills such as food preparation and meal planning, financial training, parenting classes, relapse prevention, co-dependency, and developing positive communication skills.

HELP US HELP OTHERS

“This is my commandment; love each other just as I have loved you.” John 15:12

*What gifts and graces has God given you
that you are willing to share?*

Name _____

Preferred method of contact :

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Availability - please check all that apply

Mornings

Afternoons

Evenings

Weekdays

Weekends

Please check any and
all that apply:

Prayer

Financial

Tutoring

Transportation

Cooking

Sewing

Gardening

Parenting

Mentoring

Decorating

Painting

Tile

Flooring

Plumbing

Electrical

Other _____

Special Skills _____

As our residents grow in number, we need continued support.
Every life that is changed is credited to everyone who has helped.

Thank you in advance for your outpouring of love and support!

If you would like to make a donation, make your check out to
Our Lady of the Mount, and note "Hope House" in the memo line. You may
drop your check in the collection basket, or mail to the office at OLMCC,
1227 Scenic Hwy, Lookout Mountain, GA 30750.