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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 15, 2024**



### 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 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. On Sundays when PRE is held, Ms. Sheron is available until 11:15 a.m.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION	
	Fiscal Year July - October
Envelopes and Loose	89,869
Online Giving	<u>31,189</u>
Total	121,058
YTD Funds (Budget) Required	130,000
Year to Date Variance	(8,942)

### Online Giving

Our parish offers Online Giving as an additional option to support our ongoing mission, ministries, and programs. Your generosity and support make our church's work possible! Use the QR code to the left or visit [olmcc.com](http://olmcc.com) to give today. You may also contact the church office if you need assistance with enrollment or have questions.



### Pope Francis' December Prayer Intention



**For pilgrims of hope.** We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

### Mass Intentions

December 14 - Donald Hill (d)

December 15 - People of the Parish

### Readings for Next Sunday, December 22

First Reading Micah 5:1-4a

Second Reading Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel Luke 1:39-45

From Bethlehem shall come one who will rule Israel. Born of Mary, the servant of the Lord, he will protect and save us, offering himself once and for all in doing the Father's will.



December 16 - Sherry Pollock

December 20 - Lindsey Parks

December 22 - Delin Brown

### Happy Anniversary!

50 yrs. on Dec. 15 - Barbara and Steve Golder

14 yrs. on Dec. 19 - Sydney and Andrew Hopper

### Men's Bible Study

There will be no Men's Bible Study during December.

### Hot Meals Ministry

Please consider volunteering with our Hot Meals Ministry on Mondays, from 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., in Shuler Hall. Sign up at [olmcc.com](http://olmcc.com).

### Children's Christmas Pageant

Join us for our Children's Christmas Pageant next Sunday, December 22, at 9:00 a.m., with Mass to immediately follow.

### Liturgical Minister Schedules

#### Saturday, December 21

Lector: Cissy Coleman  
Altar Server: Volunteer Needed

#### Sunday, December 22

Lector: Arch Willingham  
Altar Server: John Boschi

### Collection Last Week

Offertory, December 2-8: \$34,273

### Prayer List

Mark Anderson	Angie Morelock
Jeff Breeden	Margaret Nelson
Clara Callahan	Laura O'Callaghan
Bob Coleman	Eddie Parks
Sharon Collins	Ryan Petty
Lyndia Crotteau	Marilyn Shelton
Haley Frierson	Mary Thomas
Franklin Haney	Bob Thornton
Larry Hudspeth	Hector Varela
Nyla Johnson	Sara Varela
Susan Johnson	Lynn Waters
Julia Jones	Sheron Williams
Shelia Kesler	Ann Wilson
Allen Lupton	Grant Wortman
Ellie Mahoney	Mackenzie York
Jeff Messinger	Greg Zent
Samra Mims	
Margaret Ann Bentley	
Margaret Mebane Zent	

Please contact [aperry@olmcc.com](mailto:aperry@olmcc.com), to request names be added or removed from the Prayer List.

### Pray for Our Sick

Everyone is invited to pray The Divine Mercy for all those who are sick. Meet in the Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel each Saturday at 5:10 p.m. prior to the Vigil Mass.

### Advent Penance Services

During this season of Advent, please take advantage of this opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as we prepare for the Lord, at Our Lady of the Mount, on Thursday, December 19, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### Hot Meals Giving Tree

A Hot Meals Giving Tree is now up in the narthex. You are invited to take an envelope from the Christmas tree, purchase the gift, and return the gift by December 21. The unwrapped gifts should be returned to the narthex before December Masses or dropped off at the church office during the week.

### O.C.I.A. is Coming in January 2025 (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Would you or someone you know like to learn more about the Catholic faith?

-Perhaps your spouse or fiancé is thinking about becoming a Catholic?

-Maybe you were raised Catholic, but never received the sacrament of Confirmation?

-Maybe you have never been baptized by any Christian church or maybe you have never belonged to a faith community?

-Maybe you've drifted away from the Church and want to renew your connection to Catholicism by refreshing your knowledge of the Church's teaching?

-There is never any commitment to become Catholic. That is a personal decision to be made by each individual participant.

- Participants who decide to become Catholic will be brought into full communion with the Church (Confirmation) at the Easter Vigil, Saturday night, April 19, 2025.

O.C.I.A. will meet weekly on Sundays in Shuler Hall after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. The course, led by Deacon Mark Mitchell, will begin Sunday, January 5 and conclude Sunday, April 13. If you have any questions you can email Deacon Mark Mitchell at [deacon-mark@olmcc.com](mailto:deacon-mark@olmcc.com) or Father Mark Thomas at [mthomas@archatl.com](mailto:mthomas@archatl.com).

# Hot Meals Ministry Update



“Jesus goes into the desert to bring “comfort” (Is 40:1), to seek the lost, to transform the desert into a place of hope. Just as God was present for forty years with the Israelites in the desert, giving them manna from heaven to eat and miraculous water to drink, so Jesus, the Rock, followed His people in the desert (1 Cor 10:4), nourishing and protecting them. He calls us to likewise comfort those in deserted places. We go where He goes, in search of lost sheep and Jesus transforms the desert and makes it bloom.”

(One Bread, One Body, courtesy of Presentation Ministries © 2024)

“Hot Meals” really isn’t about food. We wish to take hope and maybe a tiny, little bit of comfort to those in the desert.

This year, we have prepared and delivered over 1,600 meals, spending less than \$6000 total. With your generous contributions, we have handed out “easy to open” soup cans, jars of peanut butter and jelly, noodles, canned meat....several tents, coats and tarps....and many other small, but necessary items to the most grateful recipients.

I want to thank you for your kindness and generosity; your service in the kitchen, your food pantry donations, your fresh made desserts, your financial contributions, and maybe mostly, for remembering this work and those we “meet in the desert” in your prayers. You make possible the hope we take out each Monday. Thank you...and God bless you.

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