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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

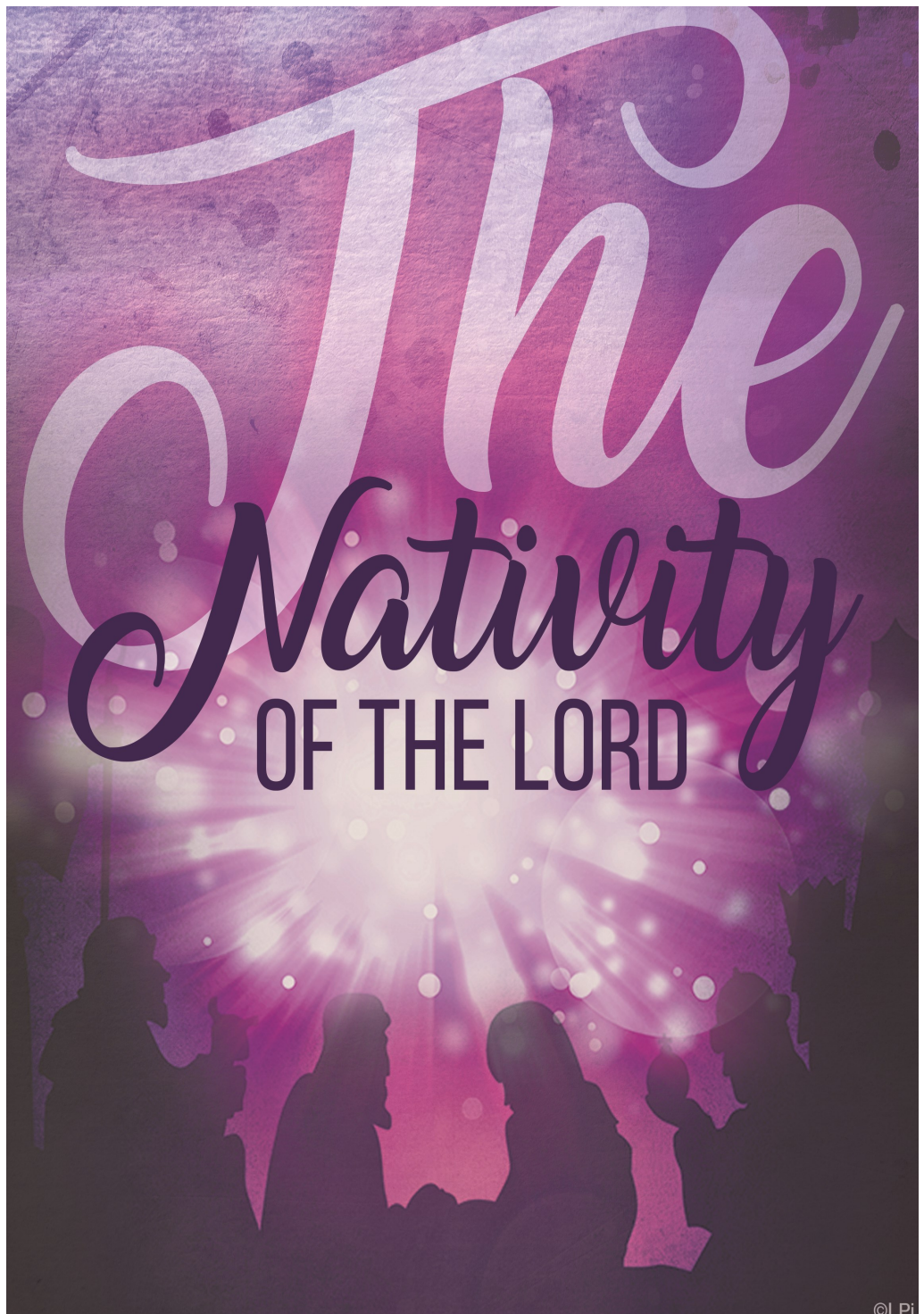
Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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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 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 24 - Lanny Haynes (d)

December 24 - Juanita Long (d)

Readings for Next Sunday, December 29

First Reading Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Second Reading Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel Luke 2:41-52

Family life is rooted in the unconditional love of God as witnessed by the Holy Family.



December 27 - Catharine Richieri

December 27 - Keely Hungate

December 29 - Baker Parks

December 29 - Clyde Parks

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.

Christmas Second Collection

The Second Collection this Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will benefit Catholic Charities Atlanta. Your gift will enable a family to finally break the cycle of poverty and become self-reliant. Last year, Catholic Charities served nearly 12,000 individuals. Please give generously so they can continue to extend love and the light of Jesus as they serve our neighbors in need. Your gift to Catholic Charities will allow them to continue to share the gift of hope this Christmas season. Every donation—large or small—nourishes the hope of those most vulnerable and helps families get back on the road to independence.

Liturgical Minister Schedules

Saturday, December 28

Lector: Judy Anderson

Altar Server: Volunteer Needed

Sunday, December 29

Lector: Bill Brown

Altar Server: Mariel Huelskamp
Sylvia Huelskamp

Collection Last Week

Offertory, December 9-15: \$10,769

Prayer List

Mark Anderson	Angie Morelock
Jeff Breeden	Margaret Nelson
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, 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.

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 or Father Mark Thomas at mthomas@archatl.com.

Free Book for Spiritual Book Clubs

The Three Ordinary Voices of God, by Matthew Kelly, is available in the narthex for each family to take home. We hope to form parish-wide "Spiritual Book Clubs" and this will be the book to get us started. We plan to begin with small groups meeting in homes during Lent in 2025. The parish hall may be used as a small-group meeting area as well as the youth room downstairs.

Ideally, all will be invited to a small group, including your friends and neighbors, Catholics and non-Catholics, and non-Christians. Prayerfully consider opening your home to a small group for three weeks during Lent. There is no need to prepare food or beverages for your guests for three sessions of an hour or less for discussion of the book. More details will follow in the New Year.

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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