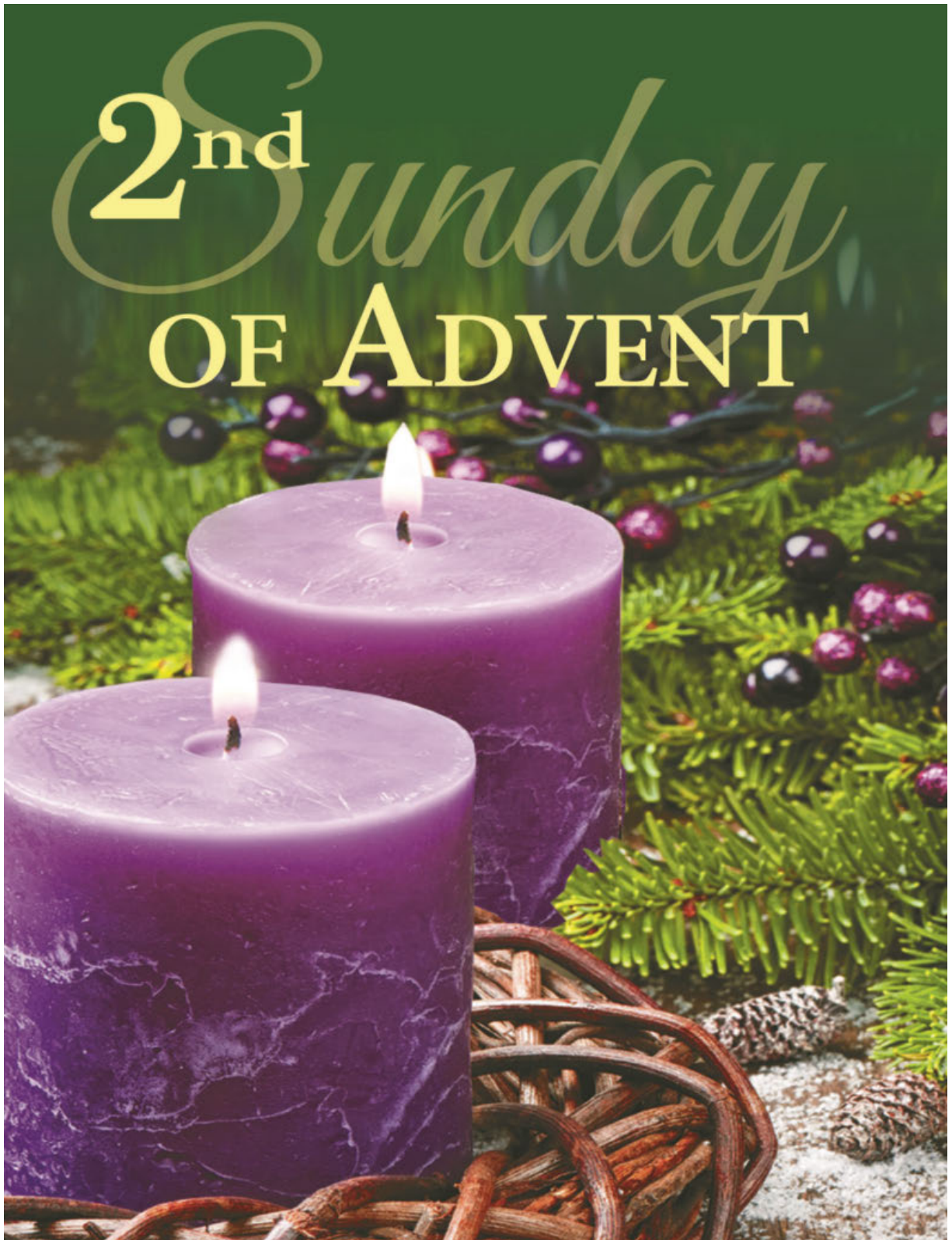




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DECEMBER 10th, 2023 | 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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We exist to be
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and we live out Christ's
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by worship and witness.

In prayer and sacrament
God enkindles our hearts
that we might bring
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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:15pm &
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Sunday Morning: 7:30am, 9:00am,
& 11:00am

WEEKDAY MASSES

8:00am - Monday-Saturday

All Masses Livestreamed

CONFESSIONS

IN THE CHURCH

Saturday 8:30am-9:30am &
4:00pm-5:00pm

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Friday 8:30am-Saturday
8:00am



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PASTOR'S NOTE

Dear Saints,

We're one week into Advent and only 15 days until Christmas. It's worth a gut-check: have I spent the season wisely so far? If so, keep going! If not, there's still time - begin now.

Today we encounter the colorful character of John the Baptist. John was what you might call a boundary pusher, and for good reason: he came with a message that utterly obliterated the boundaries. Up till then, sin and death had pinned people into small and servile lives, but those limits were about to be demolished forever, and John's job was to ready the people for the revolution.

John foretold the coming of the prince of peace; it's perhaps particularly unjust, then, that he met with such a violent end. But we can honor his sacrifice by heeding his message. Let's spend the next 15 days deliberately dismantling the boundaries of selfishness and fear we've set up around our own hearts. With gratitude for the messenger who first alerted us to his coming, let's prepare the way of the Lord into our lives.

Christ's Peace,

Father Daniel
δοῦλος Χριστοῦ Ἰησοῦ



We must consider how to rouse one another to love and good works.
- Hebrews 10:24

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Welcome New Members!

Join us

Are you ready to light up the world with God's love? Please stop by the Parish Office during the week or register online at www.olmc.church.

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PRAY

December 10th, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023

- 8:00am Mario DeMarco, Patricia Anne Uygur, Jomae Mary Georgeanne Garcia-Benstead, Michelle Bucher
- 5:15pm People of the Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

- 7:30am Deceased Members of Anthony Dandrea Family
- 9:00am Angelo Virginia LaSalandra
- 11:00am Catherine Petrunti

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023

- 8:00am Ben Conca

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023

- 8:00am Frank Crocetti

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023

- 8:00am Living Int. Megan Johnson

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023

- 8:00am Deacon John Hubley

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023

- 8:00am Robert MacDonald and Geradina Marino, In Honor of St. Paul, Liv Int Nick Lacey, Ihsan John Uygur

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023

- 8:00am John and Gertrude Hrenko, Zeltner Family, Dorothy Albert Maraziti Wedding Anniv, Daniel Paporello
- 5:15pm Robert Bentley

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

- 7:30am People of the Parish
- 9:00am Paul Ruffin
- 11:00am May Cerchione

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS...

...FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE SICK:

Adriane Selesky-Eoga, Tim McCormick Family, Daniel Paporello, Edward Bochinski, Jose Oliveira, Marion Gentile, Lois Tirrell, Tiffany Barnish, MacKenzie Navarro, Bob Peideia, John O'Leary, Barbara Ann Burton, Joseph Paulose, Bonaventure Joseph Rodeiro, Michelina Guiliano, Ginny Dolce, George Gayet, John Patin, Adrian Navarro, Nancy Hahn, Hahn, Campos, & Fonseca families, William Amend, Connie Barnish, Tom Davis, Elisa Warganz, Edith Aquino, Mike Sabloff, The Fehsal family, Margaret Ellis, Kayla Norvis, Charlie Zarzecki, Lauren Lewis, Sueli Campos, Patrick Glennon, Albert J. DiCarlo, Hannah Cerullo, Joyce Ramirez, Avery Miller, Lisa Evans, Victoria Gormley, Patrick DeMare, Denise Doty Cabezas, Andrea Case, Elaine Mazurek, Lindsey Lampach, Paul Picconi

...FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN THE MILITARY:

Molly Webber USMA, Annalise Webber USAFA, Joseph S. Filippello USAF, Captain Mark Vogel USMC, Captain Robert Beagen, SPC. Raymond McCormick, LT Anthony John Kline, LTC Matthew Pride

...FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Jerry Lundqvist

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 10:

The Bread and Wine & Vigil Light are offered for the People of the Parish



READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun
10

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Mon
11

Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26

Tues
12

Zec 2:14-17, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wed
13

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thurs
14

Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

Fri
15

Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Sat
16

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sun
17

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

ADVENT OFFERINGS

LITTLE BLUE BOOKS

Now Available

The Little Blue Book of Advent and Christmas readings is available at the back of the Church. These 6 minute reflections are a great way to pray and meditate through the Advent and Christmas seasons. Please take one home.

ORNAMENTS

OLMC's Annual Christmas Ornament is now available for purchase and will be sold after all Masses this weekend. The cost is \$20 and makes a wonderful gift for you or your loved one.

LESSONS & CAROLS

DEC 17 | 3:00PM

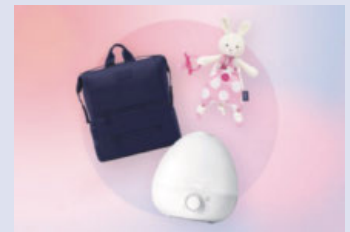
Join us for our Lessons and Carols service to experience the joy and beauty of this Advent season, held on Sunday, December 17th at 3:00pm in the Church.



BABY GEAR DRIVE

This Weekend

LGA's Prolife Club will be holding a baby gear drive this weekend, benefiting the Lighthouse Pregnancy Resource Center. Donations of diapers and gently used baby items can be brought to the narthex at all masses.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MON 12/11	TUES 12/12	WED 12/13	THURS 12/14	FRI 12/15	SAT 12/16	SUN 12/17
Mass: 8:00am followed by the Novena Prayer to our Lady of the Miraculous Medal followed by Rosary	Mass: 8:00am followed by the Rosary Opus Dei Mom's Morning of Recollection 9:30am—11am Bible Study 1:00pm— 2:00pm Women's Group 7:00pm— 8:30pm	Mass: 8:00am followed by Rosary Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 9:00am AA Meeting 8:00pm-9:30pm	Mass: 8:00am followed by the Rosary	Mass: 8:00am followed by the Rosary Eucharistic Adoration: Exposition, 8:30am Adoration continues until Benediction, just prior to 8:00am Mass on Sat.	Mass: 8:00am followed by Rosary Confessions: 8:30-9:30am and 4:00- 5:00pm Vigil Mass: 5:15pm and 7:00pm (Spanish)	Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am, & 11:00am Lessons & Carols, 3:00pm

MORE ON WWW.OLMC.CHURCH/EVENTS

December 10th, 2023

ADVENT: ORDINARY AND EXTRAORDINARY

During December, our students' mounting excitement and impatience for Christmas can make regular routines and activities challenging! Through all the anticipation, classes still take place, assignments need to be completed, tests studied for and taken. Our students—and faculty and staff—must carry on with ordinary responsibilities, even as we help one another to remember the true source and focus of our excitement.

In our Advent prayers and practices at school, we recognize ways in which the extraordinary events of Christmas are interwoven with these ordinary daily events. When students construct a Jesse tree, they learn about those men and women whose participation in God's plan—in big ways and small—brought salvation to the world. As students perform and receive acts of kindness as "secret saints," they become bearers of God's love to one another. And as they remember the "piercing cold" of the stable in the Saint Andrew novena, they can see how God truly draws near to the difficulties and hardships of our lives. Our journey together through Advent leads us to worship God in a humble stable in Bethlehem, and to see the ordinary ways we are called to follow him each day: in prayer, in our work, in our play, and in our care for one another.

To share in our preparation for Christmas, we invite our parish community and friends to attend Lessons and Carols, one of our most beloved Advent traditions. The service alternates between Scripture readings, or "lessons," and carols, sung by the choir and congregation together. Join us in lifting our voices and readying our hearts to receive God's love this Christmas!

"Savior of the nations, come;
Virgin's Son, make here your home.
Marvel now, O Heaven and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth."

—Saint Ambrose of Milan

UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us!

LESSONS AND CAROLS

December 17th
3pm

CHRISTMAS BREAK—NO SCHOOL

December 22nd-January 1st



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As the end of 2023 approaches, we invite you to consider making a year-end charitable contribution to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal, which serves tens of thousands of people in need. God calls each of us by name to be a light in our communities where giving to the Appeal is a blessing to both the contributor and the recipient. Please make our Diocesan Ministries Appeal a priority in your year-end philanthropy. Gifts can be made by check, through gifts of securities, or credit card or online. May God bless you for your support!

Please consider a donation to the 2023 Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Scan the QR code or visit www.2023appeal.org to make an online gift today.



BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICHOLAS

Sunday, Dec. 10th | 8am-1pm | OLMC Gym

Our TrailLife group is hosting Breakfast with St. Nicholas this Sunday, December 10 from 8am-1pm. Free Will Donations Accepted. Walk-Ins are welcome, but seating is limited. Reserve your spot at: www.olmctrailife.com.

Join us for a special breakfast filled with pancakes, prayer, and pictures. We will be serving unlimited mancakes (large pancakes with an optional candy infusion) and sausage made by our TrailLife dads.

We hope to gather in prayer every hour to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of the Lord. Finally, we look forward to welcoming a very special guest, St. Nicholas, for pictures with our young ones.

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Religious communities in the United States do not have sufficient income and savings to provide for retired women and men religious. Many religious nuns, sisters, priests, and brothers worked for years for small stipends and now leave their religious communities with a tremendous gap in retirement funding. Please visit olmc.church/monthly-appeals for more information or to make an online donation.



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