

# ***OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT***

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## **SUNDAY MASSES**

**SATURDAY 5:00PM**

**SUNDAY 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 NOON**

**WEEKDAY MASS 8:45AM, Monday-Saturday**

**HOLYDAY MASSES 6:45 AM, 8:45 AM; 12:05 and 7:00 PM**

**CONFESSIONS Following the 8:45 AM Mass; Other times by appointment**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS Monday—Friday: 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM**

**For BAPTISM and WEDDING inquiries, please contact the Rectory, 973-226-7288.**



This Sunday's reflection is from Fr. Timothy A. Iannacone:

Sermon for Passion Sunday

It is this dialogue from the gospel of John that I always choose as the gospel for a funeral Mass. For in so many ways, this gospel is the foundation of our faith as Catholics. Martha goes out to meet Jesus on His way to see her and her sister Mary after their brother, Lazarus, has died. Martha begins: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." What an amazing statement of faith. And Jesus responds: "Your brother will rise again." Jesus tells her: "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die." Jesus cuts through both a fuzzy belief in "life after death" and the sectarian Jewish belief in a resurrection on the last day when He states clearly and starkly: "I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live."

This astounding statement lies at the heart of our faith, that the man Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life, that He is the source of life itself, for He is the Son of the Father, He is the incarnation of God, and that faith in Him is the source of eternal life and this not only after death, but in the present time.

Then the question. One of the most important questions Martha will ever be asked. Jesus asks Martha: Do you believe this?" This is no question about religion. It is a question that refers only to Himself. And Martha answers the answer of faith: "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God." This is the most important question for every Catholic of every age and time. This is the question asked of everyone living in this present age. And the answer to this is the answer of faith, of a personal faith in Jesus Christ as the Resurrection and the Life. And the question is never answered once and for all, for faith must always be renewed.

Jesus is not only telling us to believe, but is asking, do you believe this? The answer to this question by every individual is demanded by Jesus, for it is the essential question, and its answer is the key to, as St. Paul says, the sure hope that our death will open up into eternal life with God in that place we call heaven.

And what draws us close as Catholic's is our answer to this question. And our answer once was and hopefully still remains, Yes. And it is our Yes that resounds in our world today, that Yes that is not a once and for all thing, but rather a whole life, for we understand that the Catholic faith is not merely a set of things to be believed, but rather a way of life founded on and nourished by Jesus Christ. And so, we offer the holy sacrifice of the Mass in response to that "Yes."

We offer the holy sacrifice of the Mass to the greater glory of God and for those who have died, for those whose faith was imperfect as their lives were imperfect, but who had some idea, not a presumption, but who had some real idea that their Catholic faith pointed to the possibility of redemption by the Cross of Jesus Christ, which sacrifice is represented in the Mass and offered to the Father.

This is the mercy of God: to have some idea, yes, not in some sentimental way, but to have an honest idea that how we live our lives within the moral law of God, how we live our lives as always asking whether or not it is in the purpose of love: that this can be engraced by God in the Cross of Jesus Christ so that we can die with the sure hope that we will be embraced by Christ and that we will allow ourselves to be brought to the point where we can, can in the deepest moral sense, see God face to face, and this "can" is not our action, but the action of God. This is the faith that continually draws us together.

We thank God that in this time and space that Christ's priests are continuously able to offer the holy sacrifice of the Mass throughout this global pandemic. But there will be a time when we are once again united, priest and faithful. Therefore, we must never go back to our "traditional" understanding of what we perceived as "Mass." This must never again be understood as a club event, as something sponsored by organizations, however Catholic they are. What we will once again offer together, priest and faithful, is the real antidote to the acid of sentimentality that threatens the Church and society. Jesus said: I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in me will not perish but have everlasting life. Do you believe this? It is this question and its answer that echoes through 2000 years and to this place and time in this church. And our answer to this question: my answer and your answer; has infinite consequences.

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**Saturday, April 4**  
**Lenten Weekday**  
**8:45 am** **Special Remembrance Mass**  
**5:00 pm** **Dr. Alexander Cacciarelli**

**Sunday, April 5**  
**Palm Sunday Of The Passion Of The Lord**  
**8:00 am** **Agnes M. Dentee**  
**10:00 am** **Clara & John Sexton**  
**12:00 pm** **Michael Kotla 11th Anniversary**

**Monday, April 6**  
**Monday of Holy Week**  
**8:45 am** **Jim & Loretta Mullen**  
**12:05 pm** **Doris Miller**

**Tuesday, April 7**  
**Tuesday of Holy Week**  
**8:45 am** **Allan Nyitray**  
**12:05 pm** **Paul Shalvoy**

**Wednesday, April 8**  
**Wednesday of Holy Week**  
**8:45 am** **Steven Napolitano**

**Thursday, April 9**  
**Holy Thursday**  
**7:30 pm** **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**Friday, April 10**  
**Good Friday**  
**9:00 am** **Morning Prayer**  
**3:00 pm** **Liturgy of the Lord's Passion**

**Saturday, April 11**  
**Holy Saturday**  
**9:00 am** **Morning Prayer**  
**8:00 pm** **Easter Vigil Mass**

**Sunday, April 12**  
**Easter Sunday**  
**8:00 am** **Brian Lawless**  
**10:00 am** **Frank & Cathy Capella**  
**12:00 pm** **William & Ann Ronca**




**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL.** Julia Soroko, Msgr. Peter J. McHugh, Michael Mingari, Erin Kate Reagan, Anna Marie Versacio, Chris & Stephanie DeMark, Alberta Parisi, Skip Hess, Miguel DeCastro, Linda Fullerton, Lucas Villarosa, Susie, Alain, Elie, June, Roger, Patrick, Louis Saporito, Jr, Andrew Boyle, David, Anne Murray, Ann Miola, Annemarie Magnoppi, Special Intention, Jeff, Christine Patton, James Caldwell, Terance Glynn, Peter C., Clara H., Lessie G., Barbara L., Cindy Michalowski, Ceclia, Robert, Sammy, Barbara R., Eileen, Dorothy, J.V., Fr. Jerry Orbos, Ernesto DeGuzman, Kosta Tsanakos, Catherine Bertero, Sr. Therese Ganly, Rosalee Tortoriello, Edmund Gerard Sherry, Brielle, Bernice Baker, Inez Leone, Theresa R, Rebecca Cox, Joanne J., Joanne M, Harold Engelke, Jacob Berard, Marie, Michael McHenry, Guy, Betty E, Bobbi Dugas, Michael, Dana, Melanio Villarosa Jr., Mel Gulfin, Tina Caluag, Cathy Bianco, Lynn Murray, Bill Murray, Aiden, Ceil, Richard, John, Richard Terranova, Denis, Fred, Antoinette Rogers, Zenaida Bautista, Gerry Nolan, Dale, Joyce, Claire.



**WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN THE ARMED FORCES:** Capt. Joseph Thomer, USAF; Airman Michael Traynor; USAF, CPL Joseph M. Venutolo (LaRiccia), US Marine Corps; Matt Tolliver, US Coast Guard; Lt. John Werner, US Army; Capt. Bill Morgan, LCPL; CPL. Michael Festa, US Marine Corps; LCPL Daniel Veltre, US Marine Corps; Ensign Dylan Pennell, US Navy; Stephen, US Navy; Capt. Aaron Farley, USAF; Lt. Calan Farley, USAF; and for all those involved in conflicts throughout the world and their families.



**Sanctuary Memorials**

Parishioners can offer a donation of  \$15 for the Sanctuary Candle – the candle near the tabernacle - to burn in memory of a loved one, in honor of a special event, such as a 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary or simply in the name of a family in the parish. You can also memorialize the bread and wine for a week in the same way as the Sanctuary Candle. The donation for the bread and wine for one week is \$25.00. Please come to the rectory office and speak to Debbie or Patty for more information. These remembrances will be listed in the bulletin, directly below the list of those remembered at parish Masses. **Many dates still available for 2020.**

**This week the Sanctuary Candle is for Thomas & Rose Reed** 

**God's Plan for Giving** – *“The measure of your free-will offering shall be in proportion to the blessing the Lord, your God, has bestowed on you .”(Deuteronomy 16:10)*

**Collection for March 24 - 25**  
**\$ 4,430.60**

**N.B.** *The amount that we receive from Parish Giving, our electronic giving company, will be listed once at the end of each month rather than each week. Each weekly collection in a given month would be increased by one-fourth of the monthly electronic collection amount.*

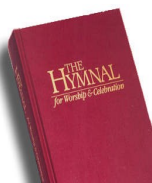
### **Electronic Giving**

There are flyers at the doors of the church regarding the use of electronic giving for our parishioners to support OLBS. This is an easy and deliberate way for parish families to decide their weekly offering. Then they no longer will have to use envelopes each week. *We ask that our parish families consider electronic giving. Please contact Patty Braga at the rectory – [patty@olbs.org](mailto:patty@olbs.org) – if you have any questions.*



### **New Hymnals**

We have had 370 hymnals donated in memory of a loved one or in the name of a donor. Thanks to those who have already donated one or more hymnals. There are still more hymnals that can be memorialized. The cost is \$25.00 per hymnal. *The donation form for hymnals can be found on our website – [olbs.org](http://olbs.org).*



### **Do You Need Prayers?**

We have a **Prayer Chain** here at OLBS. What is a **Prayer Chain**? It's a group of parishioners who have committed themselves to pray for people in our parish or their families who have a special need for prayer, e.g., out of work and need a job, a serious illness, surgery, etc. **What do you need to do?** It's very simple. Call the rectory and tell us the first name **ONLY** of the person who needs prayer and, if you wish, what the reason is for the prayer. **(That last part is not required.)** We are waiting to pray for all those who need our prayers; so, call the rectory and let us know what your prayer need is (973-226-7288).

### **2020 LENTEN REGULATIONS**

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence. On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, **and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.** Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. On a day of abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.
2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially,” or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice voluntary self-denial as penance.
4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, March 1, 2020 to the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 7, 2020.

\*Canon 920,1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.