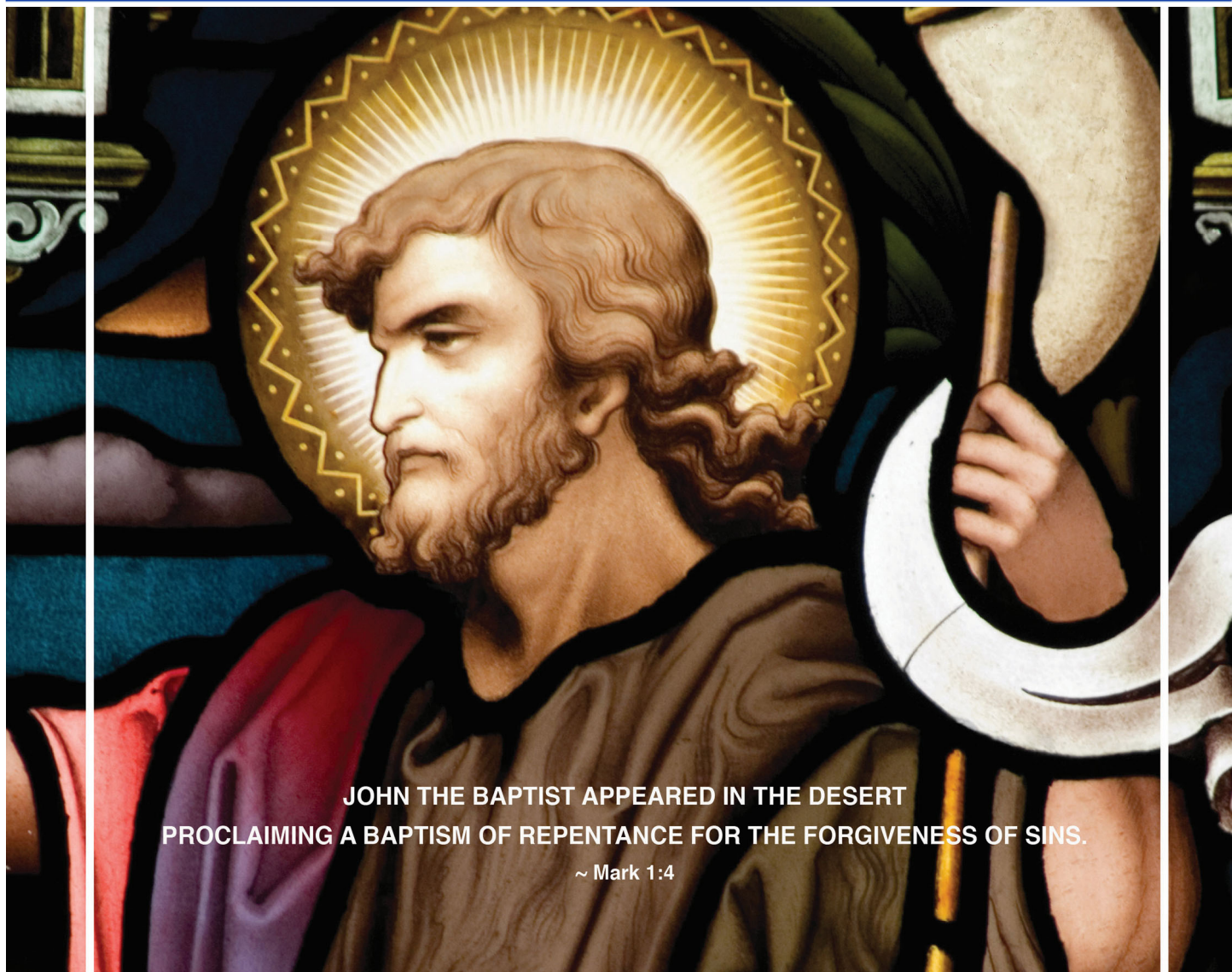


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Second Sunday of Advent

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December 6, 2020 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

Mass and Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 pm Confessions; 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday: 8:00 am Mass, 10:00 am Mass, 2:00 pm Mass (en Español), 5:00 pm Mass

Weekdays:

Monday - 7 am Mass

Tuesday - 9 am Mass for those in a vulnerable category

Wednesday - 5:00 pm Adoration and Confessions, 6:30 pm Mass

Thursday - 8:05 am (Mass for school children, teachers and staff only)

Friday - 7 am Mass



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 5, 2020

5:00 – Mattie Phillips Jack & Ann Svelan

Sunday, December 6, 2020

8:00 – Arnold Kraus Jack & Ann Svelan

10:00 – Patrick T. Boyle Bob & Nancy Curran

2:00 – The People of the Parish

5:00 – Colleen Bach St Veronica Guild

Mon – (7am) Linda Ellis Bob & Nancy Curran

Tuesday, December 8, 2020, Immaculate Conception

9:00 – Noreen Avery John & Adrienne Hilt

2:00 – Int's of Cory Barton Cristy Barton

6:30 – Maria Newton Marvin Newton

Wed – (6:30pm) Consuelo Medalla Family

Thur – (8:05am) Cal Cox Bob & Nancy Curran

(this Mass is for the school children, teachers, & staff only)

Fri – (7am) Addison Jayne Edwards The Allen Family

(7pm) María Luisa Cueva Arias Cristy Barton

Saturday, December 12, 2020

5:00 – Linda Ellis Carolyn Gréaud

Sunday, December 13, 2020

8:00 – Robert & Dorothy Boughamer Michale Weaver

10:00 – Steve Svelan Jack & Ann Svelan

2:00 – The People of the Parish

5:00 – Ron Ponzo Family

Please note: Many Masses were canceled earlier in the year. The intentions for those Masses were rescheduled to later dates at either public or private Masses. All intentions were or will be prayed for at a Mass.

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This Christmas Season, remember your loved ones by sponsoring a poinsettia used to decorate our Church. Please bring your check or cash donation of \$15 to the Parish Office along with a note telling us who the plant is in memory of.

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**Donations must be received
by Wednesday, December 23rd.**



The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, December 8th is The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass times are as follows:

9:00 am

2:00 pm (*this Mass is for the school children, teachers, & staff only*)

6:30 pm

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24

4:00 p.m.	Mass in Church (English)
4:00 p.m.	Mass in School Gymnasium
6:00 p.m.	Mass in Church (English)
8:00 p.m.	Misa en Español
10:00 p.m.	Mass in Church (English)

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25

10:00 a.m. Mass in Church (English)

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

January 1st 10:00 am Mass in Church (English)

After Christmas Office

Parish Offices will be closed Christmas Eve through Monday, December 28 and Thursday, December 31 through January 3. Offices will reopen on Monday, January 4.

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Social Ministry

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Food Pantry Needs: Pancake Mix/Syrup, Tuna and Chicken Helper, Canned Pasta (Chef Boy R Dee), Canned Vegetables - Peas, Carrots, Crackers, and Soups. **Personal Care Items:** Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Deodorant (men/women), Shampoo (family size), Lotion (family size), Soap or Body Wash (family size)

PORT Breakfast To Go Bag Needs: granola or protein bars, fruit cups, small packages of raisins or fruit snacks, little muffin packs, single serve chicken or tuna (flip top can or pouch), juice pouches

PORT Winter Shelter: OLMC is preparing and serving dinners for PORT Winter Shelter on December 18 and 30. Both of the dates will have a team leader and menu already planned. Each of the dates will involve social distancing, a small team, and extremely limited contact with the guests we will serve. In many cases you will have no contact with those we serve. Please contact Tina twandersee@olmc.org to assist or visit olmc.org website to sign up. We need you, please step out in faith if you are able.

Christmas Angels, Stars, and Tree Tags: We still have less than 12 tags needing to be picked up before Dec 12/13 to fulfill the needs for the children we are serving this year. Sign-ups for tags are online this year. Visit olmc.org and click on the Outreach Christmas Tags box at the bottom of the page. Any questions please contact Tina twandersee@olmc.org. Thank you so very much for your continued support! Remember gifts and gift cards are due back next weekend Dec 12/13 - items are picked up and delivered that Monday Dec 14.

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Second Sunday of Advent December 6, 2020

Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill
shall be made low.

— Isaiah 40:4

Youth & Young Adult Ministries

For information on middle school, high school or young adult faith formation, please contact Ken White kwhite@olmc.org.

Children's Faith Formation

Please see the parish-wide email for registration or contact Christy Barton cbarton@olmc.org.

Commemorative Book

The Diocese of Richmond has created a beautiful commemorative Catholic Diocese of Richmond book, *Shine Like Stars*, which highlights our two-hundred-year history with text, pictures, and profiles of our nearly 150 parishes. As we celebrate our 200th anniversary - a milestone that only six other dioceses in our country have reached, you are invited to purchase a copy from our Parish Office for \$40. It will be a keepsake for you to enjoy for many years. Contact Eileen at 595-0385 or emazary@olmc.org to purchase one of these commemorative books.



Initiation Programs and Adult Formation

Becoming Catholic

The RCIA process is one of conversion and spiritual formation for individuals interested in living the Christian life in the Catholic tradition. It is a time of prayer, reflection, study, faith sharing, discernment and participation in the life of the parish. This process is for those who have never been baptized, those who were baptized in another faith tradition, or those who were baptized Catholic and seek full initiation.

RCIA Sponsors

Parish sponsors accompany those in the RCIA process of conversation and faith formation as companions on the journey. Sponsors support those in RCIA with prayers and their own witness to the Christian way of life. Serving as a sponsor fulfills the necessary ministry envisioned by the RCIA process, but it is also an incredibly enriching experience.

Adult Confirmation

Are you an active practicing Catholic adult who "missed" participating in the Sacrament of Confirmation? We invite you to enter the process of preparation at the parish.

Small Groups: Faith and Fellowship

Life is better CONNECTED. Join a Small Group in 2020!

Life is all about relationships. Small groups deepen our relationships with Christ and one another. The New Year is a great time to consider trying a small group! These small groups are a place to grow spiritually, find support and encouragement, face challenges together and share fellowship.

There are no teachers in small groups. Trained parishioners facilitate conversations. The groups will discuss life and faith, reflect on God's Word together, seek God together and pray for and with one another.

If you have not participated in the past, give it a try this season! Groups are forming for men, women and young adults.

Jesus was in a small group with the twelve; let's do what he did!

Interested? Fill out the short interest form on our website at olmc.org.

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20

To learn more, visit olmc.org or contact Christa at the parish office at extension 107 or email cblomstrom@olmc.org.

MINISTERIO HISPANO

Segundo Domingo de Adviento

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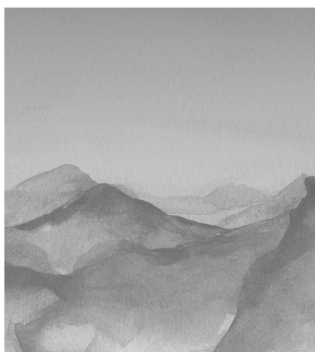
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December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

With COVID-19, much time is spent wondering “where did it start?” or “who passed it on to whom?” Though science can tell us much there are many unanswered questions. Today’s Gospel is about as concrete as sacred scripture gets. We know this is the beginning of the Gospel of Mark, which was the first Gospel to be written down in about 70 AD. Unlike Luke and John, Mark does not begin with an infancy narrative of Jesus. He starts by proclaiming the prophecy of Isaiah. This section was written six hundred years before Christ, in another time of great upheaval, as the Israelites were displaced from their homeland during the Babylonian Exile. The first words of Isaiah 40 are “Comfort, comfort, my people.” John the Baptist starts by explaining he is the go-between, sent to “Prepare the way.”



6 de diciembre de 2020

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DON'T SHOOT THE MESSENGER

While proclaiming the coming Christ is a thing of joy, John’s words are also harsh, reminding us to repent and prepare. People were threatened by them two thousand years ago, and some still are today. People can hear them and be turned off by “fire and brimstone,” and none of us like to be told what to do. But think about it. This year, we have all engaged in social distancing and endured hardships to protect our families and others.

Similarly, when you have company coming, you do house cleaning, meal prep, and lots of things to make the place ready for the arrival of your guests—necessary preparation. So we as individuals must make ourselves ready for the coming Christ to reside in us. This may mean repenting for sins, seeking the sacrament of penance, or taking time with a spiritual director. Perhaps it means carving out more times and places for Christ to be born in our hearts or taking on another spiritual practice. Maybe it means simply doing what the psalm asked and using our eyes and ears and mind and heart to seek Christ.

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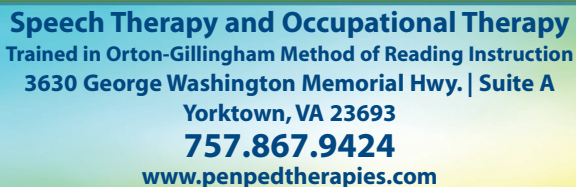
Si bien proclamar la venida del Cristo es una cosa de alegría, las palabras de Juan también son duras, nos recuerdan que nos arrepintamos y nos preparemos. Hace dos mil años, para algunas personas esas palabras fueron una amenaza y también lo siguen siendo para otras hoy en día. Las personas pueden escucharlas y ser apagadas por “el fuego y el azufre”, y a ninguno de nosotros nos gusta que nos digan qué hacer. Pero piensen en ello. Este año, todos nos hemos involucrado en el distanciamiento social y hemos soportado dificultades para proteger a nuestras familias y a otros.

Del mismo modo, cuando tienes compañía, limpias tu casa, preparas una comida y haces muchas otras cosas para preparar tu casa para la llegada de tus invitados, la preparación es necesaria. Así que como individuos debemos prepararnos para la llegada de Cristo a vivir en nosotros. Esto puede significar arrepentirse de los pecados, acudir al Sacramento de la Reconciliación o dedicar un tiempo con un director espiritual. Tal vez signifique desear más momentos y lugares para que Cristo nazca en nuestros corazones o buscar otra devoción espiritual. Quizá significa sencillamente hacer lo que el salmo nos pide y usar nuestros ojos, oídos, mente y corazón para buscar a Cristo.

Today’s Readings: Is 40:1–5, 9–11; Ps 85:9–10, 11–12, 13–14;
2 Pt 3:8–14; Mk 1:1–8

Lecturas de hoy: Is 40:1–5, 9–11; Sal 85:9–10, 11–12, 13–14;
2 Pe 3:8–14; Mc 1:1–8

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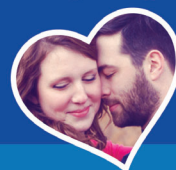


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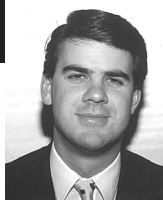
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