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The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

May 24, 2020

Mass Times

Public Masses are limited to fewer than 10 people at a time currently. Mass can be viewed on our YouTube channel at bit.ly/olpyoutube

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday (Drive-up Confession)
1:30 - 3:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of the Month
9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Rosary Devotion

Public gatherings are currently suspended.

Weekly Readings

Saturday-Sunday:

Acts 1:1-11 • Eph 1:17-23 • Mt 28:16-20

Monday:

Acts 19:1-8 • Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday:

Acts 20:17-27 • Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday:

Acts 20:28-38 • Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday:

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 • Jn 17:20-26

Friday:

Acts 25:13b-21 • Jn 21:15-19

Saturday-Sunday:

Acts 2:1-11 • 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 • Jn 20:19-23

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 5/23 • Trudy Stuckman †

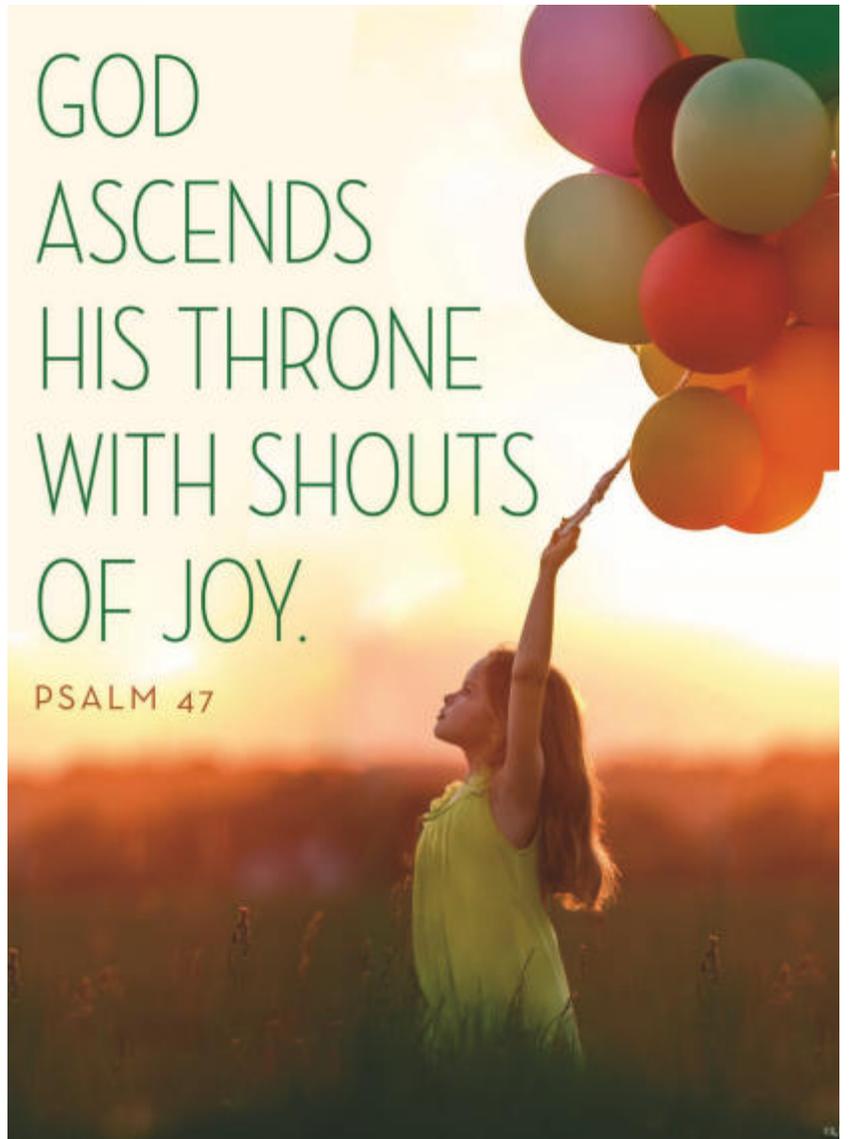
Sunday, 5/24 • OLP Parishioners

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Tuesday, 5/26 • Eric Fish, Mark Berg, & Dan Berg

Wednesday, 5/27 • Bill Nelson

Friday, 5/29 • Fr. James Herrmann †



Reflections on the Ascension of the Lord

The Gift of Wisdom

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 1:8

Adults: Jesus promises to be with us always. How do you experience his presence most?

Kids: What good news about Jesus could you share with someone?

From Fr. Ellis

First Steps Returning to Public Masses

I recently read an article written by Bishop Barron, in which he reflected on how our Church is (among other things) inescapably Eucharistic and incarnational. This is a big part of what has made the suspension of public Masses so painful. We had hoped that we could return to quasi-normal public Masses on May 18, even if doing so would require some additional procedures. However, the governor's recent Stay Safe order only allows for groups of 10 to gather in church settings. While we are disappointed by this decision, we are not deterred by it. So starting this past Wednesday, I started offering Masses with at most nine parishioners in attendance (I count as #10).



In order to make this work, we are asking that you use the form at bit.ly/olpmass to indicate your availability, or call us at 612.223.8107. Then, we will schedule you for a Mass that you are able to attend. Please do not just show up for Mass; we need to know who is coming in advance so we can stay within our 10-person limit. It's important that we stick to this, since if we want these restrictions eased we need to show that we both have and observe procedures to keep people safe and limit the spread of disease.

This means that not everyone who wants will be able to come on the weekend, unfortunately. To help with this, we have temporarily increased the number of Masses on weekdays. Once the limitation on the size of the congregation is eased, we will discontinue those extra Masses and return to our usual schedule. And if, by chance, those limitations have been changed by the time you read this, then everything I have said up to this point won't apply anymore! Such uncertainty and quick changes are hard for all of us, but unfortunately, there's not much we can do about that right now. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

Memorial Day

Monday is Memorial Day, and the unofficial start to summer! Like so many things, for many of us, this holiday will probably be very different than it usually is. As plans change, traditions are modified, and sacrifices made, let us remember that these things are small compared to the sacrifices of those who gave their lives in the service of our country and of their fellow citizens. Besides remembering them, let us pray for them as well, that God would grant them eternal rest and reward for their labors in His Kingdom. Praying for the dead in this way is a spiritual work of mercy.

Ordination Anniversary

This year, Memorial Day also happens to fall on the anniversary of my ordination. I have been a priest for 7 years now! Despite challenges and things I never could have imagined (like not having public Masses for two months) these years have been fulfilling and have brought many blessings. I am grateful to be serving all of you here at OLP and ask for your continued prayers.

Digital Worship

Even though we cannot come together *en masse* in person to worship together presently, we invite you to join us in our prayer of the Mass Monday through Friday and on Sunday on our YouTube channel: bit.ly/olpyoutube

For other digital prayer events such as Stations of the Cross and the Rosary join us on our Facebook page at: bit.ly/olpfacebook

Laudato Sí

The Annunciation/OLP Peace & Justice Committee and the OLP Global Solidarity Committee are still working to identify basic needs in the community as seen through Catholic Social Teaching and referenced by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and the Vatican.

We are keeping an eye on issues related to some of the things we have focused on in the past during this pandemic, including immigration and detention, sustainable living/Earth Day, race issues, caring for God's creation, etc.

Speaking of caring for God's creation, the fifth anniversary of the release of Pope Francis's encyclical Laudato Sí: On Care for Our Common Home was celebrated this past week.

Laudato Sí is usually thought of as a treatise on climate change; it is much more than that, incorporating care of God's creation into an entire way of living and serving the Lord that the Pope terms "integral ecology."

This captures the "interconnectedness of all things;" even though the week is virtually over, there are a ton of links on justice issues on the web site devoted to it, available here: bit.ly/olplaudato.

Assuming we can return to some sort of "norm" by the end of the summer, watch for the "Season of Creation" celebration beginning September 1 with Pope Francis's World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and running through early October when we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis with our annual Blessing of the Animals.

Experiencing a global pandemic has put into focus the fact that we are all connected.

If you would like to learn about social justice issues please consider joining our group of parishioners as we plan educational events and offer opportunities to serve others in our community.

We wish you the best as summer progresses and look forward to connecting with you in the fall.

How Can I Keep From Singing: Suspension of Communal Song

Written by Elizabeth Pike, Director of Music and Liturgy

As we prepare to return to Mass, without a doubt among the things that I was most looking forward to was singing with all of you and making music with our wonderful musicians here at OLP.

However, in recent weeks, I had been seeing research that talked about the increased risk of spreading the coronavirus when we sing together.

So, I was not surprised when the directives from the Archdiocese about public Masses stated congregational or choral singing is prohibited for the time being.

I would attempt to explain some of the science briefly.

As you have probably heard, the coronavirus is best spread through droplets of saliva that are released whenever we talk (and breathe).

They are believed to travel about six feet (more on some occasions).

However, when we sing, the same saliva is released as an aerosol (a very, very fine mist).

Because the force of gravity is not as great on an aerosol as on a droplet, aerosol can spread greater distances and also lingers in the air for a substantially longer time.

In turn, this increases the risk of contracting the virus.

It is my hope that new solutions will be reached or the virus resolved in such a way that we can make music again together soon.

As I was sharing with the choir, I personally feel that singing in a choir or as part of the large assembly is a special experience of being one body, Christ's body, each taking part, working as one.

It is so powerful and a tremendous gift.

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Prayers

To receive and pass on prayer requests, please call the parish office at 612-824-3455 or visit olpmn.org/prayer.

(Prayers remain on prayer line for 30 days.)

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Stewardship

Giving for April

	YTD	YTD	Previous
	Giving	Budget	YTD
Sunday &			
Electronic Giving	43,287	389,449	428,000
Plate Offering	<u>0</u>	<u>15,820</u>	<u>19,100</u>
TOTALS	43,287	405,269	447,100
			435,586

This Week at OLP

Sunday, May 24 - The Ascension of the Lord

MASS ON-LINE

**Monday, May 25 - St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII;
St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi**

MASS ON-LINE

Tuesday, May 26 - St. Philip Neri

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Wednesday, May 27 - St. Augustine of Canterbury

MASS ON-LINE

Thursday, May 28

MASS ON-LINE

Friday, May 29 - St. Paul VI

MASS ON-LINE

Saturday, May 30

Sunday, May 31 - Pentecost Sunday

MASS ON-LINE

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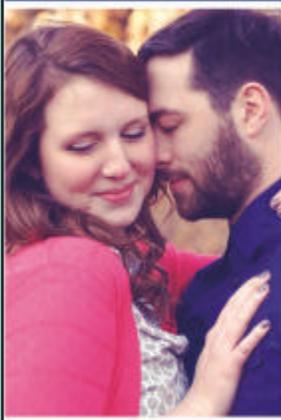



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