# *Welcome to*
# *OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL CHURCH*



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**Email: office@olmm.org**

**Knights of Columbus**-Contact Luis Ramos (239) 560-6380

**Baptisms**-Parents must meet with the Pastor for instructions and a date for the ceremony*

**Marriages**-Couples must see the Pastor at least six months before the intended wedding date*

**Visits to the Sick**-Please call the Parish Office

**Religious Education**-Sundays, Sept.-May from 9:30 to 11 am. Pre-K through secondary grades

**RCIA**- (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) - Please contact the Pastor for more information

**New Parishioners**-Registration forms are located in the entrance of the Church, at the Parish Office and on our website

**Bereavement Support Group-**No meetings scheduled at this time

***Registered parishioners only**

## MASS SCHEDULE

- **Daily Mass** Monday—Friday 8:30 am
- **Saturday Vigil** 4:30 pm—Year Round
- **Sunday Masses**
  - **September through May**
    8:30 am & 10:30 am
  - **June through August**
    9:30 am
- **Spanish Mass**
  5:00 pm Sunday—Year Round
- **Holy Days of Obligation** 8:30 am & 6:00 pm unless otherwise noted

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- **Confessions** Fridays after the 8:30 am Mass, Saturdays 3:30 to 4:30 pm or by appointment
- **Rosary** A half hour prior to daily Mass. Wednesdays the Rosary is dedicated for the protection of our area against disasters. Rosary begins 45 minutes before the first Sunday Mass
- **Miraculous Medal Novena** Monday following the 8:30 am Mass
- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** First Friday of every month beginning at 9:00 am concluding with a brief prayer service and Benediction at Noon
- **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** First Fridays after the opening of Adoration

**MARCH 10, 2019—FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**



## Mass Intentions for the Week

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| **Mon. Mar 11** | **+Leo Hage** |
| 8:30 am | *Requested by Edna Way* |
| **Tues. Mar 12** | **+Lisa Barniak** |
| 8:30 am | *Requested by Mom & Dad* |
| **Weds. Mar 13** | **Members of the Parish** |
| 8:30 am | |
| **Thrs. Mar 14** | **+Jim Smith** |
| 8:30 am | *Requested by Rose Smith* |
| **Fri. Mar 15** | **+Colleen Curtis** |
| 8:30 am | *Requested by Marge & Don Scott* |
| **Sat. Mar 16** | **+Mr. & Mrs. Peter McKeown** |
| 4:30 pm | *Requested by Pete & Gloria McKeown* |
| **Sun. Mar 17** | **+Dennis Gruber** |
| 8:30 am | *Requested by Carol Ann & Bill Peterson* |
| 10:30 am | **+Ken Kline** |
| | *Requested by Mary Lee Somheil* |

## This Week

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**Monday, March 11, 2019**

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**Tuesday, March 12, 2019**

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**Wednesday, March 13, 2019**

- **Choir Practice 5 pm**

**Thursday, March 14, 2019**

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**Friday, March 15, 2019**

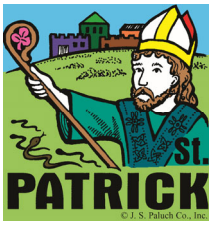
- **Stations of the Cross—5 pm**

**Saturday, March 16, 2019**

- **Vigil Mass at 4:30 pm**

**Sunday, March 17, 2019**

- **St. Patrick**
- **Masses at 8:30 & 10:30 am and 5:00 pm (Spanish)**
- **NO Religious Education**
- **COFFEE SOCIAL-9:30 am**









## PARISH CALENDAR

March 17-St. Patrick's Day
March 19-Ladies' Guild Spring Luncheon /Fashion Show
April 4-Lenten Penance Service
April 14-Palm Sunday
April 19-Good Friday
April 21-Easter
April 28-Divine Mercy Sunday
May 6-First Communion
May 12-Mothers' Day
May 27-Memorial Day
May 30-The Ascension of the Lord
June 2-Summer Mass Schedule Begins
June 9—Pentecost Sunday
June 16—Fathers' Day

## Weekly Collections

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**WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 23-24, 2019**
**ATTENDANCE – 757**
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## DONATION STATEMENT

If you need a printout of your yearly donations, please contact the Parish Office and we will email it or print it and mail it to you

## ???QUESTION OF THE WEEK???

Where do I encounter temptation? When do I give in? How do I withstand it?




**OLMM 2019 CFA STATUS**

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| Parish Goal | $ 85,000.00 |
| Pledged | $ 13,957.00 |
| Total Paid | $ 7,007.00 |
| Balance Due | $ 77,993.00 |

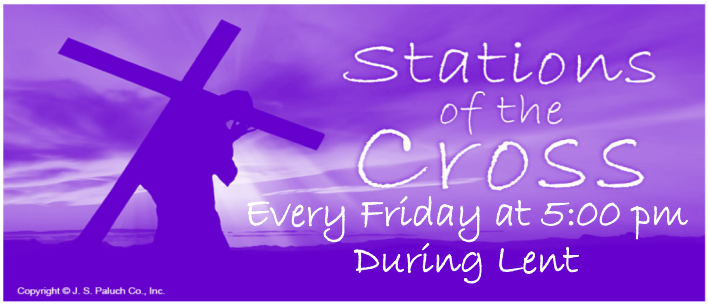
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## ✝SAINTS/FEASTS OF THE WEEK✝

**March 17-St. Patrick**-Known as the "Apostle of Ireland," he is the primary patron saint of Ireland. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was 14 he was captured by Irish pirates and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. He escaped when he was 20 after having a dream from God. After he returned home, he received another vision which prompted him to study for the priesthood. He was later ordained Bishop and sent to bring the Gospel to Ireland. He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message. Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461.
*-Catholic.org*

Connie Taft from St. Mary Academy in Sarasota will be at all Masses on March 9th and 10th to sell Drawing Tickets. Only 1000 tickets will be sold and they are $50.00 each. There will be two drawings of $5,000 each on March 23, 2019 at their 8th Annual Golf Tournament at Misty Creek Country Club. Please support this much needed school for students with special learning needs. **This is a great way to support Catholic Education!** Checks, cash an credit cards accepted! Need not be present to win. *THANK YOU!*




## *PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED*

Alice Ambrose, Sal Anastasio, Ed Anderson, Joe Arcuri, Pat Auge, Mary Lou Beck, Wally Bermingham, Roger Bolduc, Colleen Curtis, Al Doerman, Jo Ann Grabenstetter, Gerry Green, Mary Hagan, Leo Hage, Daniel Higgins, Helen Holfelner, Lil Honc, Dave Humme, Ed Hughes, Pat Jock, James Kennedy, Betty Licari, Edward Lodema, Sandra Marcil, Kathryn McGuineas, Vincenzo Miceli, Sr., Leo Miller, Wes Morris, Maureen Murphy, Jim O'Neill, Volker Oelze, Mark Rodgers, Fred "Fritz" Schoenbaechler, Jeanette Smith, Muriel Urrico, Melanie Voris, Victor Zawadski

***"Eternal rest grant unto them Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they Rest in Peace."***

## A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Lord Jesus, you have chosen your priests from among us and sent them out to proclaim your word and act in your name. For so great a gift to your Church, we give you praise and thanksgiving. We ask you to fill them with the fire of your love, that their ministry may reveal your presence in the Church. Since they are earthen vessels, we pray that your power shines out through their weakness. In their afflictions let them never be crushed, in their doubts never despair, in temptation never be destroyed, and in persecution never abandoned. Inspire them through prayer to live each day the mystery of your dying and rising. In times of weakness send them your Spirit and help them to praise your Heavenly Father and pray for poor sinners. By your same Holy Spirit put your word on their lips and your love in their hearts, to bring good news to the poor and healing to the brokenhearted. And may the gift of Mary, your Mother, to the disciple whom you loved, be your gift to every priest. Grant that she who formed you in her human image, may form them in your divine image, by the power of your spirit, to the glory of God the Father, ***Amen.***
*Saint Teresa of Calcutta Vocation Society*

***Pope Francis Prayer Intention for March***
That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

## REGULATIONS ON FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

**FASTING:** To be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 years (inclusive). On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed, If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil 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 (USCCB).

**ABSTINENCE:** Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays during Lent.

**FASTING, ALMSGIVING AND PRAYER** are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

***NOTE:*** *If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self denial that are suitable to their condition.*

# *SAVE THE DATE*

## St. Katharine Drexel Parish

## March 23, 2019, 9 am—1 pm



On Saturday, March 23rd, we are happy to announce that Peter Herbeck, Vice President of Renewal Ministries, will be at Saint Katharine Drexel Parish for a Lenten Reflection. The morning reflection will be from 9:00-1:00 and you won't want to miss it!

Peter oversees the work of lay mission teams throughout the world who work to equip Catholic lay people, bishops, priests, and religious to respond to Blessed Pope John Paul II's call for a new evangelization. He has traveled extensively in the U.S., Canada, Africa, and Eastern Europe for the past thirty years, assisting and training local churches in proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ and ministering through the exercise of spiritual gifts. Peter is the co-host of the weekly television show The Choices We Face, and the host of the daily radio show Fire on the Earth.

Peter also is a co-host on "Crossing the Goal", the popular show for men broadcast weekly on EWTN. He is a frequent conference speaker, and the author of books and audio tapes about disciple ship and life in the Spirit. He has authored a book entitled When the Spirit Comes in Power and co-authored "When the Spirit Speaks, Touched by God's Word", with his wife Debbie. Peter holds a B.A. in Philosophy from St. Thomas University in St. Paul, Minnesota and an M.A. in Theology from Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit, Michigan.

## *Suggested Reading for Lent*

# *DIES DOMINI*

**Apostolic letter of the Holy Father, John Paul II, to the bishops, clergy and faithful of the Catholic Church on keeping the Lord's Day Holy**

If you're looking for a way to increase your understanding of the Catholic Church, this letter from St. Pope John Paul II is an excellent way to help prepare yourself for Easter. A link to the letter is provided below and on our website.

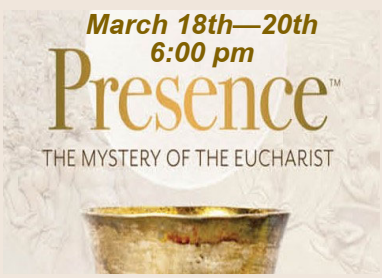
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## *OLMM LADIES' GUILD FASHION SHOW*

***Tuesday March 19th***
***at Noon***
***Linkside Café***
***Burnt Store Marina***

**This year's event will once again feature a luncheon buffet at the Linkside Café, Burnt Store Marina. Tickets are $20 and are available after all weekend Masses or at the Parish Office.**




***Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life. Join Fr. Jacek as he leads us in an exploration of the truth and beauty of Christ's REAL PRESENCE in the Eucharist. We will meet in the Parish Life Center and each session will last approximately an hour with a different presentation each evening. Come explore the mystery of the Eucharist in a Parish-wide Lenten study!***

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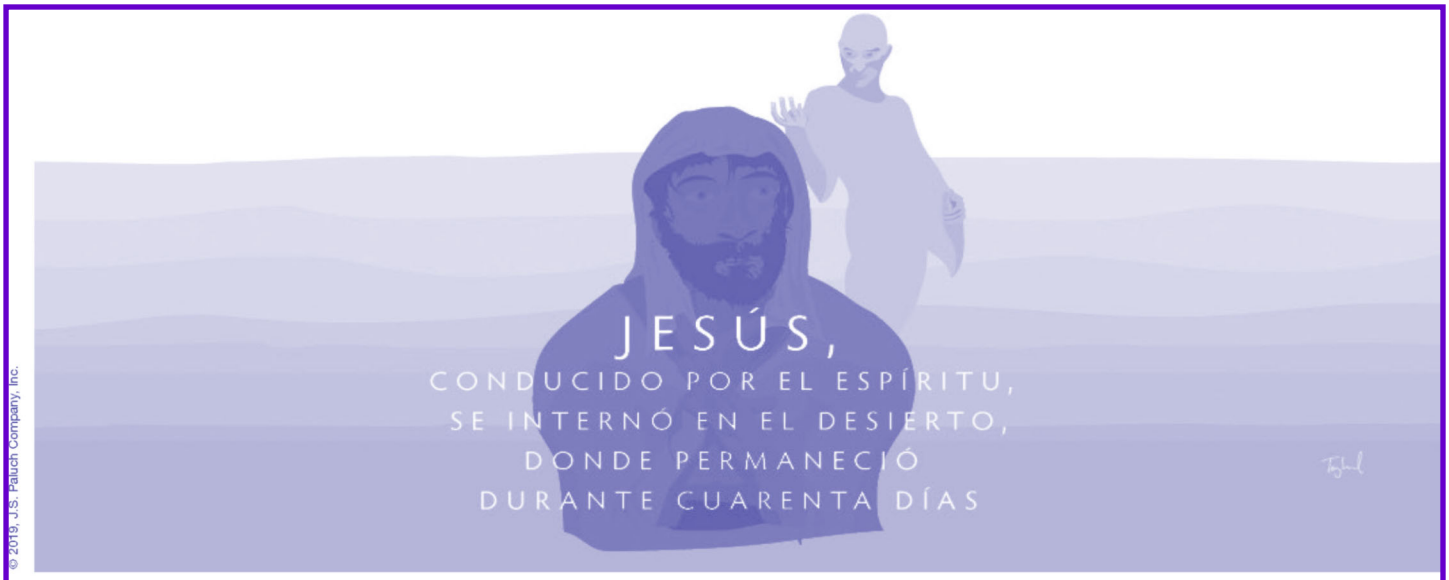
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## 10 de marzo de 2019 • Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

Puede que sea difícil para nosotros imaginar a Jesús ser tentado. Él es Dios, después de todo. Pero también él era plenamente humano, y enfrentaba las tentaciones y pruebas de la vida, así como el resto de nosotros. De hecho, esto es uno de los aspectos claves de nuestra fe. Jesús vino a ser uno como nosotros, menos en el pecado. Él comprende nuestras debilidades y las dificultades que algunas veces pasan en la vida, y él está con nosotros, fortaleciéndonos para permaneces firmes en la fe, así como él lo hizo en el desierto, durante su ministerio terrenal y en la cruz.

### CONFÍA EN DIOS

Cuando Moisés y los israelitas estuvieron en el desierto, algunas veces se quejaron. Asustados y preocupados, pusieron en duda si Dios estaba realmente con ellos, a pesar de los muchos signos y prodigios de la fidelidad de Dios hacia ellos. Gradualmente, aprendieron que confiar en Dios siempre los guiaría y estaría con ellos. Se hicieron más conscientes de la presencia de Dios y estuvieron agradecidos por los dones de Dios en medio de ellos. Al celebrar la primera cosecha en la Tierra Prometida, ofrecieron sus primeros frutos a Dios como un signo de su agradecimiento. ¿Alguna vez te has quejado de Dios durante un tiempo de preocupación o angustia? En ocasiones, podemos estar tentados a alejarnos de la vida a la que estamos llamados. Es justo en esos momentos en los que podemos conocer a Jesús, quien responde ante la tentación volviéndose a Dios y confiando completamente en la voluntad de Dios. Mira a tu alrededor. Se atento a las muchas bendiciones en tu vida, y ten claro que todas las cosas buenas vienen de Dios. La Cuaresma es un tiempo de gracia cuando nuestras vidas cambian de dirección, abriendo nuestros corazones y vidas para ver la bondad de Dios y responderle con nuestras vidas. Sigamos a Jesús fuera del desierto, listo para darle nuestros primeros frutos, los frutos de nuestras vidas, talentos, recursos y fe.

Lecturas de hoy: Dt 26:4–10; Sal 91 (90):1–2, 10–11, 12–13, 14–15; Rom 10:8–13; Lc 4:1–13

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**Wednesday March 13, 2019, 11:30am-1:30pm**

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# MARCH 10, 2019
# FIRST SUNDY OF LENT

**The word is near you,
in your mouth
and in your heart.**
*— Romans 10:8*

**La palabra está
cerca de ti,
En tu boca y en
tu corazón.**
*-Romanos 10:8*

## ALMSGIVING, PRAYER, FASTING, AND TEMPTATION

As we begin our season of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, the reading from Deuteronomy reminds us of our duty of almsgiving, that we "set [our offerings] before the Lord, [our] God, [and] shall bow down in [God's] presence" (Deuteronomy 26:10). The reading from Romans refers us to our prayer, reminding us that "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart . . . For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:8, 13). These are comforting words, and encourage us to ask God for what we need and to aid us in our prayer. Finally, the Gospel of Luke shows us a fasting Jesus, who was tempted as we are, and who knows what it means to be human. Someone once said that temptation arises when you're tired and weary, and the devil comes along and makes a perfectly reasonable suggestion. Jesus shows us that, with his help, we too can overcome our temptations, reasonable as they may sound.Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — God brought us into this land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

**Psalm** — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

**Second Reading** — The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (Romans 10:8-13).

**Gospel** — Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led into the desert for forty days (Luke 4:1-13).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Weds: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thurs: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

## ILL HABITS

Ill habits gather by unseen degrees—As brooks make rivers, rivers run to seas.—Ovid




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## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Often, when a family keeps vigil around a person who is preparing for death, they may notice three interwoven activities. First, the dying person may become more prayerful and reflective than ever before, reviewing life's journey in gratitude to God, or seeking forgiveness and making amends for wrongs. Second, as death approaches, the need to eat and drink is lessened until even an ice cube brushed against the lips is satisfying. Third, persons who are dying often make plans to give their possessions away, making bequests, handing treasures down, providing for favorite charities.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: with these three "pillars" of Lent, we rehearse our death every year in this season, and anticipate the final work we will do in this life. And every year, at the end of our journey, is the joy of Easter and the experience of the victory of Christ over death's darkness and power. Annually, we remind ourselves that the Christian experiences the same power and presence at the end of life's journey: Christ to the rescue and the lasting joy of heaven.—James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## EXPEDIENCY IS NO JUSTIFICATION

No one is justified in doing evil on the ground of expediency. —Theodore Roosevelt

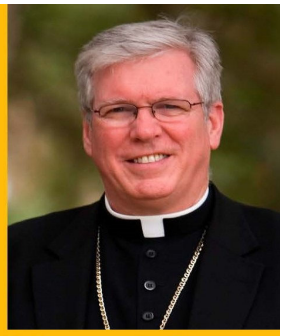
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There is no saint without a past—and no sinner without a future.—Anonymous

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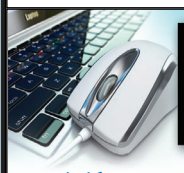


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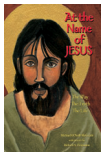

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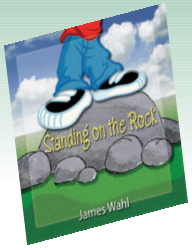
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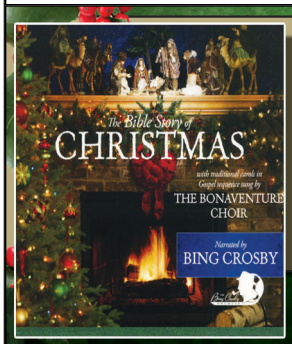
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