



# 50 Years

1966 - 2016

## Journey of Faith



**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 21, 2016**

### Our Lady Of Good Counsel Church

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Administrator: **FR. JAN RUDZEWICZ** Deacon **Thomas Martin**

Parish Office hour : 9:30 AM—2:30 PM Monday to Friday

Secretary: **LINO POBLETE**



#### MASSES:

Saturday Vigil : 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 11:00am & 12:30 pm (in Polish)

Second Sunday: 3:00 pm - El Shaddai

Third Sunday: 2:00 pm - Virgin of Penafrancia

Holy Days: 9:00 am & 7:30 pm

Weekdays: (Monday - Friday ) 9:00 am

First Saturday—8:00 am

#### CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 4:00 —4:45 pm

First Friday— 8 pm

#### BAPTISMS AND WEDDING

By appointment : (510) 614-2765

#### ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL

Monday—Saturday—9:30am—7 pm

First Friday— 8pm-9pm—at the Church

9pm-12mn—at the Chapel

#### PARISH HALL INFORMATION

Call: (510) 501-4894 -Tuesday & Thursday

#### FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/ CCD

Sunday morning – All grades after 8:30 Mass



## Spiritual Works of Mercy (part 3)



Pope Francis, in announcing the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, calls each one of us to reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Spirituality is not simply the things we do when we are at church, but the way we let God seep into every aspect of our lives so that we can be channels of divine mercy flowing out to the world.

### 3. Admonish the Sinner

*Who am I to judge?* These are probably the most famous words of Pope Francis. And of course the Holy Father is right. Our Lord himself teaches: *“Judge not, that you be not judged”* (Mt 7:1).

And yet this spiritual work of mercy – perhaps the most delicate one – encourages us to admonish the sinner. If we see someone heading toward an open manhole in the street while distracted by reading their mobile device, we have an obligation to get their attention and warn them that they are in danger. This is true for the moral manholes of life, too. If someone we love is developing habits that are self-destructive, we would be failing in love if we did not intervene. But how can we do this in a way that will have positive results?

First, admonishment, like charity, begins at home. The first sinner I should be cautioning is me. When speaking of not judging others, Jesus admonishes us to deal with the plank in our own eye before attempting microsurgery to remove the speck from another’s eye. We should develop the habit of examining our conscience often and receiving the Lord’s forgiveness in the sacrament of reconciliation regularly. If we are honestly aware of our own shortcomings, we will approach another person with compassion and sympathy.

Second, fraternal correction should be truly fraternal: it is aimed at helping the other person improve, not at making me feel better because I’ve gotten something off my chest. The Letter of James urges us to *“be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger, because human anger does not work God’s righteousness”* (Jas: 1:20). Finger-pointing and scolding do not help the other person (or ourselves, for that matter). We should only offer counsel after mature reflection, and never in the heat of anger.

Third, we should speak to our erring brother or sister about the matter, and not to anyone else. Our Lord directs us: *“If your brother or sister sins against you go and tell them their fault, between the two of you alone”* (Mt 18:15). When we gossip about a person’s perceived or real failings we are guilty of the sins of detraction or calumny, which, according to the Catechism, *“offend against the virtues of justice and charity”* (CCC 2479). There may be circumstances in which a person’s behavior is so damaging to themselves and others that we might need to ask one or two others to assist us, but the right to a good reputation demands that the matter still be treated confidentially.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	Aug 20	Nick & Josie Casanas (BD) Hilda Abar
Sun	Aug 21	<b>8:30AM</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Joseph Pereira + Sherwin Casanas ( Thanksgiving) Nemesio & Corazon Sardillo ++ Edward Mejia ( healing) Albert Ramos + Josephine Souza + Paulo Frando Sr. +
Mon	Aug 22	Eugenio Lesperance + Maria & Joseph Pham ++
Tue	Aug 23	Adolfo de la Paz (BD) Antoinette Lesperance +
Wed	Aug 24	Rudy Ocasion + Pedro Galicia +
Thu	Aug 25	Ignacio Huynh +
Fri	Aug 26	Edward Mejia ( healing)
Sat	Aug 27	Florencia Figueroa +
Sun	Aug 28	<b>8:30AM</b> Salve Alfredo (BD) Alejandro Pangelinan + <b>11:00 AM</b> MJ San Felipe (BD)

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday:	St. Rose of Lima
Wednesday:	St. Bartholomew
Thursday:	St. Louis of France; St. Joseph Calasanz
Saturday:	St. Monica

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Thursday:	1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday:	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

**Join our OLGC Weekday Devotions  
After 9AM Masses  
St. Anthony - Tuesdays  
Mother of Perpetual Help -Wednesdays  
St. Jude - Thursdays  
La Pieta—Every Friday**

Fourth, we should make it abundantly clear that the concern we raise does not diminish our love for the other person. If even God, who is justice itself, sends rain on the just and the unjust (Mt 5:45), who are we sinners to withhold our love from another person because of their failings? God does not love us because we are good; we are good (and become better) because God loves us. Our final word of admonishment should be a word of unconditional love.



# LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS

**Sunday collection** (for general operating expenses)  
Collected **\$2,085.00**

**Restricted donations for:** (Parish Liability Insurance)  
**\$796.00**

Fatima Mass	270.00
El Shaddai (Mass collection)	212.00
Sacramentals (Memorial Gift)	200.00
El Shaddai (Monthly donation)	700.00
Votive candles	217.00
Adoration Chapel	179.00
St. Anne (donation box)	46.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT!**  
**Next Week's Second Collection: Ground Maintenance**

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent decades, attention has shifted away from headgear as a symbol of a bishop's authority to a more substantial symbol: the chair, called the *cathedra*. The word comes from the Latin word for a chair with armrests. It is exactly the reason why dining room sets were marketed in this country a few years ago with only one chair with armrests, the captain's chair. In many rectories of a certain vintage, you will see only one chair with arms at the dining table, a sign to the assisting priests of their proper place in the constellation. For us, as with most Anglicans and some Lutherans, the *cathedra* is a sign of the teaching authority of the bishop. We inherited the symbolism of the chair from Roman civil life in the fourth century. A church that houses a *cathedra* is called a cathedral, and the chair may be used only by the bishop of that diocese. Priests who preside at liturgy there must use a different presidential chair.

You may find the *cathedra* in its most traditional place at the head of the apse, or against a side wall as was favored in medieval times, but increasingly bishops are locating the *cathedra* in the midst of the assembly of the faithful. In the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, visitors will find no barrier to their trying out the *cathedra*, an expression of hospitality that helps the archbishop be mindful of those whom he serves.

### Execution Alert

August 23	Robert Pruet	Texas
August 24	Jeffrey Wood	Texas
August 31	Rolando Ruiz	Texas

Let us pray for the souls of those scheduled for execution as well as their families.

As we pray for peace and end of violence let us pray for members of our community serving as missionaries and those in the military.

## Q. Why do I have to be Christian?

What is your best response to : "Why do I have to identify as Christian or a follower of Jesus? Can't I just live a good moral life and love others?"



Catholic Answers apo2

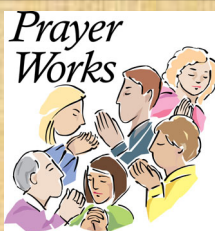
**A.** No one HAS to follow Christ. He doesn't force Himself on us. Even a sincere atheist needs the help of Jesus Christ (whom through not fault of his own, has no faith in) to live to some degree, a morally good life. Without His help there is no hope for anyone. He is God and yet He suffered and died for us. He shows us that love is measured by sacrifice. We know how much we love by how willing we are to put ourselves out for the ones we love. What more could we want Him to do? He is the ultimate good that everyone desires, even if one is not aware of it. God designed us for union with Him. As St. Augustine tells us, He created us for Himself and our hearts are restless until they rest in Him.

## Q. Can I help with the building of a prayer garden for a Protestant church?

My friend is building a prayer garden as an Eagle Scout project for a Protestant church. I want to help, but I don't know if it's ok to help build a prayer garden for a church that professes a faith that I believe is wrong. What should I do?

**A.** If doing so would upset you, then don't do it. But building a Protestant place for prayer does not compromise our faith as Catholics. Encouraging Christians to pray, whoever they are, is a good thing.

**WORTHY TEACHERS** All who undertake to teach must be endowed with deep love, the greatest patience, and, most of all, profound humility. The Lord will find them worthy to become fellow workers with him in the cause of truth.—St. Joseph Calasanz



### Requesting Your Prayers

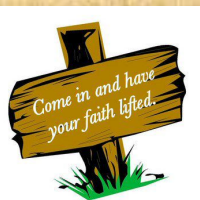
Gary Anderson, Erlinda Arrieta, Leonor Yracheta, Andy Dangca,

Priscilla Da Rosa, Belen Escondo, Annie Estrella, Mitchell Estrellas, Eddie Exevea, Nilda Falero, Mercy Gallardo, Arlene Goldsborough, Avelino Gapsin, Bill Haggerty, Erlinda Howard, Lina Jose, Billy Lelina, Willie Orpiano, Pacita Macasieb, Bibiana Magat, Soledad Martinez, Edward Mejia, Betty Miralles, Susan Nacu, Gail Ocasion, Frances Pangelinan, Aida Pineda, Romeo Camantigue, Loreta Ramin, Peter Rosario Danilo Rubio, Maritess Sanchez, Rosa Maria Santos, Minda Santos, Linda Silverio, Raul Valecruz, Augusto Uy, George Ybanez. Let us thank God for what doesn't need healing. Let us know if somebody wishes to receive Holy Communion at home or call Beth Mayor 510-483-1078.

## Welcome New Parishioners !

If you are not currently registered, please take a moment to fill this out and return it to the parish office, or you may drop it in the collection basket.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  New Parishioner  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_  New Address  
 Updating Parish Information  Send Sunday Envelopes  Put on mailing list





# OLGC THROUGH THE YEARS

