



50 Years 1966 - 2016

Journey of Faith



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 18, 2016



Our Lady Of Good Counsel Church

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

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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

CONFESIONS:

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 5)

5. Forgive All Injuries

This is probably the hardest work of mercy on the list. In every other work, we are called to share what we have, but when it comes to forgiveness, we might find that our hearts are shut tight. And yet forgiveness is God's primary concern, and he wants it to become ours too.

Our Lord states categorically: "*If you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive yours*" (Mt 6:15). Jesus is very precise in what he demands. How often should we forgive? Peter thought he was generous in suggesting seven times, but Jesus responded, "*I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven*" (Mt 18:22). Can we "forgive but not forget"? Jesus says the Father will punish those who do not forgive from the heart (Mt 18:35). The stumbling block for many of us in this work of mercy comes in the adverb: forgive offenses *willingly*.

In the prayer that Jesus taught us, we ask God to forgive us our trespasses "as we forgive those who trespass against us." That is probably a prayer we would not want answered literally: so often we bestow forgiveness begrudgingly, with gritted teeth.

Our starting point should not be the forgiveness we are willing to extend, but the forgiveness we have received. St. Paul exhorted the Ephesians to be kind to one another, "*forgiving one another as God in Christ forgave you*" (Eph 4:32). Every time we look at a Crucifix we see how God has forgiven us in Christ – with a love that bears all things, endures all things, without coming to an end. God forgives generously, down to the last breath of his Son's body. The Fathers of the Church were fond of saying that God's forgiveness of our sins was an even greater miracle than creation, because it came at such a high price.

So we can start on the path of forgiving others by opening our hearts to God's mercy ourselves. When, by regular celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation, I have experienced the healing and liberating grace of divine mercy, then I will be freed up to let go of past hurts and be as willing to forgive as I am to receive forgiveness.

What if the person who offended us does not ask for forgiveness? Here we can learn from the behavior of the father in the parable of the Prodigal Son. On the one hand, he allowed the son to "come to himself" in his own time; on the other, the fact that he ran out to meet his wayward son as soon as he spied him on the horizon shows that he had long since forgiven him. The young man never even got to finish his carefully rehearsed apology. The older brother refused to forgive his wayward sibling, and Jesus ends the story with a question mark: does the older brother heed his father's appeal to rejoice because his brother was dead and is now alive?

The question mark stands over us, too. Are we willing to rejoice in God's limitless mercy toward others? St. Thomas called forgiveness "the perfection of charity." This work of mercy calls us to imitate our heavenly Father, because practice makes perfect.

THIS WEEKS MASS INTENTIONS	
Sat	Sep 17 Rita Viola & Fr. Andrews (healing) Sam Macasieb & Mamerto Macasieb ++ Thelma Dimalanta +
Sun	Sep 18 8:30AM Zenaida Herrero + Maria Lunasco +Elmer Lunasco +Bong Lunasco + 11:00 AM Walter Macea + Ireneo Marbella + Jun Regalo + / Honorina Regalo +
Mon	Sep 19 Thanksgiving to Jesus & Mary Rita Viola & Fr. Andrews (healing) Andrea Pangalinan All Souls in Purgatory
Tue	Sep 20 Rita Viola & Fr. Andrews (healing) Ma. Teresa Aguilera (healing) Benito & Pacita Macasieb (Wed Anniv) All Souls in Purgatory
Wed	Sep 21 Rita Viola & Fr. Andrews (healing) Ma. Teresa Aguilera (healing) Joe Oleveira + All Souls in Purgatory
Thu	Sep 22 Donald Mitchell (BD) Lee & Julia Moniz (Thanksgiving) Rita Viola & Fr. Andrews (healing) Maria Teresa Aguilera (healing) All Souls in Purgatory
Fri	Sep 23 Michael Ocasion (BD) Rina Suarez (BD) Rita Viola & Fr. Andrews (healing) All Souls in Purgatory
Sat	Sep 24 Rita Viola & Fr. Andrews *(healing) Ma. Teresa Aguilera (healing) Rustica Guevarra +
Sun	Sep 25 8:30AM Rudy Occasion + Ma. Teresa Aguilera (healing) 11:00AM Joseph Pereira +

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
Monday:	St. Januarius
Tuesday:	Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gön and Paul Chöng Ha-sang and Companions
Wednesday:	St. Matthew
Thursday:	Autumn begins
Friday:	St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Thursday:	Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday:	Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday collection (for general operating expenses)
Collected \$2,326.00

Restricted donations for: (Parish Liability Insurance)
\$1,014.00

El Shaddai (Monthly donation)	700.00
Votive candles	201.00
Adoration Chapel	118.00
St. Anne (donation box)	64.00

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Next Weeks 2nd collection" Ground Maintenance



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Saturday, October 29, 2016, 7:30 PM (Doors Open 6:30 PM)
OLCG Hall: 2500 Bermuda Avenue, San Leandro, CA
Ticket Donation: \$25.00

For ticket information, please call Beth Garcia at 510-861-1753
or the Parish Office at 510-614-2765

Join our OLGC Weekday Devotions
After 9AM Masses

St. Anthony - Tuesdays

Mother of Perpetual Help -
Wednesdays

St. Jude - Thursdays

La Pieta—Every Friday



Divine Mercy Chaplet In Song
every second Saturday of the
month at 3:00 PM at the Church.

Q. Was Mary really sinless her entire life?

I was raised in a Protestant home, but I feel myself really being called to Catholicism (after some years of being unaffiliated and wrestling with some serious doubts). A struggle I have is how does the church validate the idea that Mary was perpetually sinless? Catholic friends have told me that it deals with her having to have been sinless in order to have mothered Jesus, who was sinless (of course). But by that same logic (and I'm not being disrespectful, I genuinely want to understand), wouldn't Elizabeth, and her mother, and her mother before her also have had to be sinless?

A. No, Elizabeth and Ann would not have to be sinless as well; only Mary's womb held the Son of God. Only she was His mother. Her mother and her cousin were holy women, but they were not called to be the mother of Jesus. It is Mary's close proximity to the person of her Son that makes her unique.

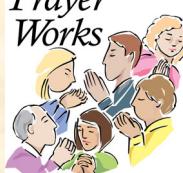
You may be close to your grandmother and your mother's cousins, but your relationship with your mother begins with the fact that she is the place where you came to be. For all eternity there will never be a relationship for you that is more unique. Your mother is where God created you!

Even though in His divine nature, Jesus created His mother; in His human nature, his relationship with his mother is like yours with your mother. The big difference is that Jesus is God and therefore, infinitely good. An infinitely good incarnate God deserves to have a mother that is at least sinless throughout her life. See; Mary is so special to us Catholics because her Son is God! She is all about Him. If she were not; she would not be special to us at all. The attention we give her does not diminish our reverence for Jesus; it is the direct result of how highly we regard Him. He is THAT special to us!!!

RIPPLES There is a ripple effect in all we do. What you do touches me; what I do touches you.

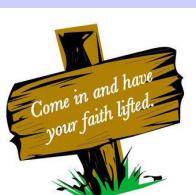
—Anonymous

Prayer
Works



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 Gapasin, Bill Haggerty, Erlinda Howard, Willie Orpiano, Pacita Macasieb, Bibiana Magat, Soledad Martinez, Edward Mejia, Betty Miralles, Susan Nacu, Gail Ocasio, Frances Pangelinan, Aida Pineda, Romeo Camantigue, Loreta Ramin, Peter Rosario, Maritess Sanchez, Rosa Maria Santos, Minda Santos, Linda Silverio, 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.



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Address _____
____ Updating Parish Information

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.

Phone _____ New Parishioner _____
City _____ ZIP Code _____ New Address _____
____ Send Sunday Envelopes Put on mailing list _____

OLGC THROUGH THE YEARS

