



50 Years
1966-2016

Celebrating Our 50 Years
Journey of Faith



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 11, 2016

Our Lady Of Good Counsel Church

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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



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AND CUSTOMS

Advent is that special time given to us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus, to show kindness to others, to give to those in need, and to share our time and memories with family

and friends. Different countries around the world have unique celebrations and customs.

The Feast of Saint Nicholas is celebrated on December 6th all over the world. Children leave their shoes outside their bedroom door the night before and awaken the next day to find a surprise treat in their shoes. Saint Nicholas was a fourth century bishop in Lycia, a province in Turkey. He became well known for his generosity. He is also considered the patron saint of brides and children and the precursor to Santa Claus.

Simbang Gabi or Misa de Gallo is a Novena of Masses celebrated in the Philippines at dawn starting on December 16th and ending on Christmas Eve. Every year Filipino communities around the world gratefully celebrate this important tradition. It is considered a way to prepare for the coming of Jesus with fervor, joy and thanksgiving which is expressed in their faithfulness to attend the full Novena Masses. After each Mass, participants share a meal with traditional holiday sweets and desserts.

Midnight Mass

Why would sensible people go to church in the middle of the night? Historically, Catholics believed Christ was born at midnight, and therefore thought they should celebrate his birth at his birth time.

Christmas Tree

Sometime between 1710 and 1830, the first Christmas trees came to the United States from German immigrants. It reminded them of the Paradise tree (Tree of Knowledge in the Garden of Eden). Highly decorated with colored lights and different ornaments, it is a symbol of the birth of Christ as the Light of the World.

Poinsettia Plants

The legend comes from Mexico, where people were leaving gifts for Jesus on the church altar. There was a poor little boy who was very upset that he did not have a gift to leave Jesus. Therefore, he sat outside that window where he prayed, and he prayed harder than he had ever prayed in his life, and after his prayer was done he got up and walked away. Later, in that spot where he prayed quickly grew a beautiful plant, which we now call the Poinsettia.

Christmas Presents

It is very important to keep Christ at the center of gift giving, and guard against getting swept up in the materialism and consumerism of our culture. Christmas is really about a big Present that God gave the world - Jesus Christ who is our Lord and Savior.

THIS WEEKS MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	Dec 10	Nelia Fausto BD) Pura & Romeo de la Vega Sr.++ Felix Marimla +
Sun	Dec 11	8:30 AM Pura & Romeo de la Vega Sr.++ Felix Marimla + 11:00 AM Joseph Pereira + Nina Ricci +
Mon	Dec 12	Thanksgiving to Jesus and Mary Teresita Resley + Aurelia Camantigue + Pura & Romeo de la Vega Sr.++ Felix Marimla +
Tue	Dec 13	Pura & Romeo de la Vega Sr.++ Felix Marimla +
Wed	Dec 14	Rose Da Silva + Saturnina Padilla +
Thu	Dec 15	Alice Salvado +
Fri	Dec 16	Juner Valencia (BD)
Sat	Dec 17	Mark Rettig +
Sun	Dec 18	8:30 AM Cesar Tunay + 11:00 AM Rudy & Terrie Arrieta ++ Adoracion Velasco +

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Third Sunday of Advent
Monday:	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday:	St. Lucy
Wednesday:	St. John of the Cross
Friday:	Las Posadas begins

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday:	Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
Friday:	Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36
Saturday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Sunday:	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24



- December 15th** (Thursday) - Parish Advent Reconciliation Service - **7:00pm**
- December 16th - 23rd** - Simbang Gabi Masses **7:30pm.** (Christmas Pageant on Dec. 16th after Mass in the parish hall)
- December 24th** (Saturday) - Concluding Simbang Gabi Mass - **6:00 in the morning**
- December 24th** (Saturday) - Christmas Eve Family Mass with Caroling - **5:00pm**
- December 24th/25th** - **Midnight Mass (12:00am)**
- December 25th** (Sunday) - Christmas Day Masses - **8:30am and 11:00am**

LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday collection (for general operating expenses)
Collected **\$2,955.00**

Restricted donations for: (Diocesan Assessment)
\$674.00

Parish Gift Shop	531.50
Votive candles	156.00
Adoration Chapel	237.00
St. Anne (donation box)	16.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT!
Next week's 2nd Collections : Religious Retirement

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When the ties of affection and authority that bound Europe's Catholics unraveled in the sixteenth century, many cultures lost time-honored customs of faith. Some customs proved to be especially difficult for the reformers to wrest away from the people, especially those celebrated in the home. This week in Sweden, a country where the Catholic Church was disestablished four hundred years ago, a Catholic martyr from Sicily is the most beloved figure. St. Lucia, Lucy, is celebrated on December 13. The long-story-short is that Lucy was a Christian whose father wanted to marry her off to a pagan fellow, and she rejected her father's authority. To make an example of her, her father had her killed. In the course of the brutal martyrdom, Lucy lost her beautiful eyes, but her vision was miraculously restored. The candles worn today by the eldest daughter of the family are tokens of the fire that refused to harm the saint. So this patroness of light and clear vision is revered on the shortest, darkest days of the Nordic winter. Before the reform of the Gregorian calendar in the sixteenth century, December 13 was the winter solstice.

Today, young girls appear in the morning wearing lighted candles on their crowned heads (battery-operated now after many mishaps), and serve sweet rolls and coffee to everyone in the house. For the Swedes, who are not churchgoers, the "Lucias" are the official heralds of the holiday season and a sign of everyone's yearning for more light in this world. Europe once abounded with customs like this; the survival of this custom in Scandinavia is a sign of God's grace, and how fertile the soil is to receive the true message of Advent.

Join our OLG Weekday Devotions After 9AM Masses

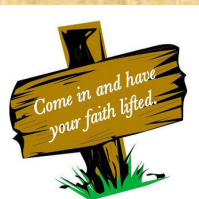
St. Anthony - Tuesdays

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.



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 _____

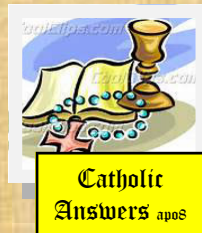
_____ New Address

_____ Updating Parish Information

_____ Send Sunday Envelopes

_____ Put on mailing list

Q. Do the rules permit the foot washing of women on Holy Thursday? What is the position of the Church on women participating in the foot washing ceremony on Holy Thursday?



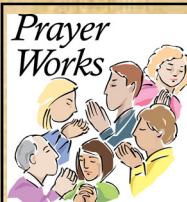
A. Hear it is: The CDA, Congregation for the Discipline of the Sacraments in "Paschales Solemnitatis (Preparation and Celebration of the Easter Feasts) in # 51 states:

"The washing of the feet of chosen men (viri) which, according to tradition, is performed on this day, represents the service and charity of Christ, who came "not to be served, but to serve" (Mt. 20:20). This tradition should be maintained, and its proper significance explained."

The rubrics themselves state: "Depending on pastoral circumstances, the washing of feet follows the homily. The men (viri in Latin) who have been chosen are led by the ministers to chairs prepared in a suitable place. Then the priest (removing his chasuble if necessary) goes to each man. With the help of the ministers, he pours water over each one's feet and dries them."

Q. Can Catholics pray using icons? I'll be coming into the Church this Easter, and I have been looking forward to this for a whole year now. Is it all right for Catholics to pray using icons in the same fashion Orthodox Christians do? I come from a Protestant background, so I'm obviously not familiar with icons; but I'm very willing to pray in front of them because I'm well aware that it is not ido

A. Yes, of course, Catholics may pray using icons. In fact, many Catholics in the Eastern rites of the Church -- which are fully in union with Rome -- do use icons to facilitate their prayer.



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, Willie Orpiano, Pacita Macasieb, Bibiana Magat, Edward Mejia, Betty Miralles, Susan Nacu, Gail Ocasion, Frances Pangelinan, Aida Pineda, Patrick Posadas, 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.

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.

OLGC THROUGH THE YEARS

