

50 Years

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Celebrating Our 50 Years

Journey of Faith



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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, (CHRISTMAS) DECEMBER 25, 2016



Our Lady Of Good Counsel Church

2500 Bermuda Ave., San Leandro, CA

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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



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This is that wonderful time of the year again when we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. With so much to do, and the excitement of seeing family and friends, it is easy to forget why we celebrate Christmas. Let us encourage one another to recall the wonder that took place on that night so long ago in Bethlehem.

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; upon his shoulder dominion rests. And He will be called Mighty God and Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:5)

Our troubled world is looking for peace. People of our country need true healing and reconciliation. Many families struggle with unity and other difficulties. And Jesus brings peace, hope and joy to all.

May our hearts be touched again by God's love shown in the miracle of the Incarnation.

As we conclude our Parish Golden Jubilee Year, let us be grateful to God for all the blessings received over the last fifty years. At the same time let us put our future into the Lord's hands trusting that Mary, Mother of Jesus and Our Lady of Good Counsel, will continue to show her motherly care for us her faithful children.

Wishing your Christmas and the New Year be filled with hope, peace and love.

*Fr. Jan Rudzewicz
Deacon Thomas Martin
Parish Staff*

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Vigil Mass with Children - Saturday, **December 24th**, at **5:00PM**

Midnight Mass - **December 24th**, at **12:00AM**

Christmas Day Masses - Sunday, **December 25th**, at **8:30am** and **11:00am** (in English) and **12:30pm** (in Polish)

THIS WEEKS MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	Dec 24	
Sun	Dec 25	8:30 Anna Lippi + 11:00 Joseph Pereira + Shannon & Mykel Vallar (BD) Thanksgiving to Jesus and Mary Jimmy Cruz & Family Juan Lapenias Sr.
Mon	Dec 26	Rafael da Rosa ++ Albina Lozares +
Tue	Dec 27	Juanita Estrellas (healing)
Wed	Dec 28	Inocentes Gregorio + Maria Ma +
Thu	Dec 29	Benito Macasieb +
Fri	Dec 30	
Sat	Dec 31	Dave Perry +
Sun	Jan 1	8:30 11:00 Thanksgiving to the Holy Family Alice Salvado +

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Monday:	St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins
Tuesday:	St. John
Wednesday:	The Holy Innocents
Thursday:	St. Thomas Becket; Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Friday:	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Saturday:	St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday:	1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40
Friday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Sunday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

From Staffs and
Volunteers of
**Our Lady Of
Good Counsel**

**Merry
Christmas !!!**

**WISHING ONE AND
ALL PEACE AND JOY
OF THE SEASON**



LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday collection (for general operating expenses)
Collected **\$1,873.00**

Restricted donations for: (Retirement Fund for Religious)
\$452.00

Simbang Gabi Masses	1841.00
Votive candles	168.00
Adoration Chapel	169.00
St. Anne (donation box)	48.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT!
Next Weeks 2nd collections: Diocesan Assessment

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An old joke asks, "What time is Midnight Mass?" The answer is not really obvious, since Christmas is unique in having several distinct celebrations. The readings and prayers vary greatly from hour to hour. The Vigil Mass hinges on the family heritage of Jesus and his origins. The concept of "midnight" predates clock time, and really has to do with a celebration in the hours of darkness. Years ago, it was not possible to receive Communion without fasting for a full day, so the late hour of this Mass made it possible for the people to receive. The first Mass after sunrise, the Mass at Dawn, was once known as "The Shepherds' Mass," and later Masses set aside stories of Jesus' birth to focus on the key to the day's celebration: John the Evangelist's majestic theology of Christ's identity as the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. One feast, four separate Masses. Only monasteries manage the whole round. Parishioners typically take just one entry point into the mystery. Yet there is much to savor and celebrate in the coming of Christ into the world. Christmas is not a day, but a season. You still have two weeks to send those Christmas cards before you're officially late!

Join our OLG Weekday Devotions After 9AM Masses

St. Anthony - Tuesdays

Mother of Perpetual Help Wednesdays

St. Jude - Thursdays

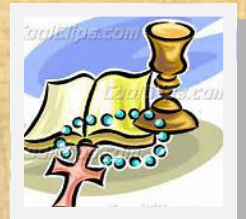
La Pieta—Every Friday

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



Q. How was the original sin so sinful that it is said to be passed on to human generations?

A. Apart from disobedience of God's command there is nothing which seems sinful? ALL SIN is disobedience of God. That the human race was so tainted by that act of disobedience, should tell us something of how good God is and that disobeying Him would be so serious an evil. We live in a world that is so completely insensitive to how good God is. People tend to think of God as just a bigger version of us. But God's goodness is so great that it is beyond our ability to fathom. It is the passion and death of Jesus that shows us something of God's goodness that He would endure such for our benefit. That God would do such a thing is beyond our ability to ever think of on our own. Certainly, the Jews, His chosen people, never dreamed that God would love us that much! And yet His death does not exhaust His love for us. But only in heaven will we be able to fully appreciate it. We will then know Him as He knows us. But we will never know Him as He knows Himself.



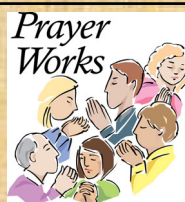
Catholic Answers apost of

Q Is the soul immortal? The Church teaches that the human soul is immortal.

However, Matthew 11:28 says "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell."

Does this mean that the soul can be destroyed in hell?

A. When we say that someone has destroyed his life, we usually mean that he has ruined his life--not that he has committed suicide. He still exists, but in a very sorry state. This is the way Our Lord is speaking in that passage. To choose hell is to destroy one's life in Christ. The soul still exists, but in the sorriest condition.



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.

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 _____

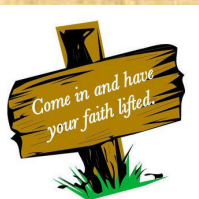
City _____ ZIP Code _____

_____ New Address

____ Updating Parish Information

____ Send Sunday Envelopes

____ Put on mailing list



OLCC THROUGH THE YEARS

