



# Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

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OLGC ALTAR SERVERS HONORED DURING BISHOPS VOCATIONAL DINNER MARCH 11, 2017

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 19, 2017

### MASSES:

Saturday Vigil : 5:00 pm

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

Weekdays: (Monday - Friday ) 9:00 am

First Saturday—8:00 am

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

Second Sunday: 3:00 pm - El Shaddai

Third Sunday: 2:00 pm - Virgin of Penafrancia

### 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



## ABOUT LENT

*James Akin*

### *Why is Lent forty days long?*

Forty days is a traditional number of discipline, devotion, and preparation in the Bible. Prior to undertaking his ministry, Jesus spent forty days in wilderness praying and fasting (Matthew 4:2). He used a forty day period of prayer and fasting to prepare for his ministry, which culminated in his death and resurrection, and thus it is fitting for Christians to imitate him with a forty day period of prayer and fasting to prepare for the celebration of his ministry's climax, Good Friday (the day of the crucifixion) and Easter Sunday (the day of the resurrection).

### *Which days of Lent are the days of fast and abstinence?*

The first day of fast and abstinence is Ash Wednesday. In addition all Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. Finally, Good Friday, the day on which Christ was crucified, is the last day of both fast and abstinence.

### *What is a day of fast and abstinence?*

Under current canon law in the Western Rite of the Church, a day of fast is one on which Catholics who are eighteen to sixty years old are required to keep a limited fast. In this country, one may eat a single, normal meal and have two snacks, so long as these snacks do not add up to a second meal. Children are not required to fast, but their parents must ensure they are properly educated in the spiritual practice of fasting. Those with medical conditions requiring a greater or more regular food intake can easily be dispensed from the requirement of fasting by their pastor.

A day of abstinence is a day on which Catholics fourteen years or older are required to abstain from eating meat (under the current discipline in America, fish, eggs, milk products, and condiments or foods made using animal fat are permitted in the Western Rite of the Church, though not in the Eastern Rites.) Again, persons with special dietary needs can easily be dispensed by their pastor.

### ***Ware appropriate activities for ordinary days during Lent?***

Giving up something we enjoy for Lent, doing of physical or spiritual acts of mercy for others, prayer, fasting, abstinence, going to confession, and other acts expressing repentance in general.

### ***Is the custom of giving up something for Lent mandatory?***

No, it is not. However, it is a salutary custom, and parents or caretakers may choose to require it of their children to encourage their spiritual training, which is their prime responsibility in the raising of their children.

## THIS WEEKS MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	Mar 18	Iluminado Tuazon +(40th) Emil Ponteres + Jessie Gonzalez ( healing)
Sun	Mar 19	<b>8:30 AM</b> Benjamin Labilles + Luisa Silva + <b>11:00 AM</b> Antonio Murillo + Juan Basiliso Caliso + Oscar Orpiano +
Mon	Mar 20	Lou Rosario +\nAll Souls in Purgatory
Tue	Mar 21	
Wed	Mar 22	Joaquin Figueroa +
Thu	Mar 23	
Fri	Mar 24	Rudy Ocasion + Adelaida Labilles +
Sat	Mar 25	
Sun	Mar 26	<b>8:30 AM</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Angelo Belenson (BD) Rose & Oscar Orpiano + Pacita Malapira +

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Third Sunday of Lent
Monday:	St. Joseph; Spring begins
Thursday:	St. Toribio de Mogrovejo
Friday:	Abstinence
Saturday:	The Annunciation of the Lord

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

## LENT 2017

### STATION OF THE CROSS

Every Friday ( 9 AM & 7 PM inside the Church)

#### Sponsors

March 24	Leo & Isabel San Agustin Devotees of Penafrancia Taize—Prayer for the Priests ( Led Cursillo Group)
April 7	Confirmation group

**SPRING** The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month.

—Henry Van Dyke

## LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS

**Sunday collection** (for general operating expenses)  
Collected **\$2,153.00**

**Restricted donations for:** (Parish Liability Insurance)  
**\$831.00**

El Shaddai (collection at Mass)	152.00
El Shaddai (monthly donation)	700.00
Funerals (2)	600.00
Easter Flowers	191.00
Votive candles	120.00
Adoration Chapel	266.00
St. Anne (donation box)	43.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT!**  
Next week's 2nd collection is for: **Ground Maintenance**

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Long ago, the custom of sending some pieces of consecrated bread from the Lord's table began to take hold. Originally it was a way of assuring the sick and imprisoned of their bonds of faith and affection with the community from whom they were separated. By the third century, at least in Rome, we have evidence that the bishop would consign some of the sacred elements to presbyters or deacons.

There was a crisis in the unity of the church early on, called the quartodeciman controversy, since some people wanted to celebrate the Pasch on the fourteenth day (quartodecima) of the Jewish month Nissan, even if it didn't fall on a Sunday. The debate so fractured the church that the historian of the era, Eusebius, reported a new development to the pope. He wrote that the churches holding to the Lord's Day sent out consecrated bread to the disgruntled people of the quartodeciman pastors with whom they were quarreling. Meanwhile, bishops complained about people taking the Eucharist home. St. Cyprian told a cautionary tale of a sinful woman who tried to open the "casket" containing the consecrated bread in her home. She was deterred from receiving, he said, by flames erupting from the box. Clearly, he wanted people to think twice before bringing Communion home!

The Council of Nicaea defined the "old rule of the church" as allowing for reserving the eucharistic bread for the sake of the dying. The same council could foresee circumstances of persecution when people might have the Eucharist on hand to administer to one another in a time of great danger, literally, at the point of a sword. The first and enduring purpose for reserving the Eucharist is viaticum for the dying.

**Join our OLG Weekday Devotions after 9AM Masses: St. Anthony -Tuesdays / Mother of Perpetual Help Wednesdays / St. Jude - Thursdays La Pieta—Fridays / Divine Mercy Chaplet In Song every second Saturday of the month at 3:00 PM at the Church.**

**Q.** Do we worship the cross with the same worship as almighty God?

I'm having difficulty understanding the Good Friday service of the Adoration of the Cross. Do we worship the cross with latria or do we just venerate it? Also since the Good Friday service is called the "Adoration of the Cross" are there different degrees of "adoration"? I've always heard that the word adoration is the worship reserved for God, and the word veneration signified the reverence given to saints and sacred images and relics. I am concerned because to me it seems that to worship the cross itself with latria is like a type of idolatry. I do not doubt the authority of the Church, instituted by Christ for our salvation.

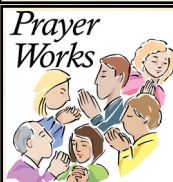


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**A.** If the word 'adoration' is used regarding the cross, it is used as a matter of hyperbole. It cannot be used literally with regard to anyone or anything other than God. Certainly, the cross, apart from the Lord's self-donation on it, would not be seen as anything other than an instrument of execution such as the way we look at the gas chamber or electric chair. It is only His love that has transformed the cross into the holy symbol that it is for us.

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**Requesting Your Prayers**

Gary Anderson, Erlinda Arrieta, Leonor Yracheta, Priscilla Da Rosa, Belen Escondo, Annie Estrella, Mitchell Estrellas, Eddie Exevea, Nilda Falero, Arnel Flores, Mercy Gallardo, Arlene Goldsborough, Avelino Gapasin, Bill Haggerty, Erlinda Howard, Willie Orpiano, Pacita Macasieb, Bibiana Magat, Edward Mejia, Susan Nacu, Gail Ocasion, 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.



### 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

