



# Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 26, 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 Penafancia

### 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, PART II *James Akin*

**What are 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.

**Why is giving up something for Lent such a salutary custom?**

By denying ourselves something we enjoy, we discipline our wills so that we are not slaves to our pleasures. Just as indulging the pleasure of eating leads to physical flabbiness and, if this is great enough, an inability to perform in physically demanding situations, indulging in pleasure in general leads to spiritual flabbiness and, if this is great enough, an inability to perform in spiritual demanding situations, we when the demands of morality require us to sacrifice something pleasurable (such as sex before marriage or not within the confines of marriage) or endure hardship (such as being scorned or persecuted for the faith). By disciplining the will to refuse pleasures when they are not sinful, a habit is developed which allows the will to refuse pleasures when they are sinful. There are few better ways to keep one's priorities straight than by periodically denying ourselves things of lesser priority to show us that they are not necessary and focus our attention on what is necessary.

**Why are acts of repentance appropriate at this time of year?**

Because it is the time leading up to the commemoration of Our Lord's death for our sins and the commemoration of his resurrection for our salvation. It is thus especially appropriate to mourn the sins for which he died. Human have an innate psychological need to mourn tragedies, and our sins are tragedies of the greatest sort. Due to our fallen nature humans also have a need to have set times in which to engage in behavior (which is why we have Sundays as a set time to rest and worship, since we would otherwise be likely to forget to devote sufficient time to rest and worship), it is appropriate to have set times of repentance. Lent is one of those set times.

### THIS WEEKS MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	Mar 25	<b>5:00 PM</b>	Rolly Macasieb
Sun	Mar 26	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b> Angelo Belenson (BD) Rose & Oscar Orpiano + Pacita Malapira + Joseph Lozano +
Mon	Mar 27		Lou Antonio Murillo + Ninsa Cruz ( Thanksgiving)
Tue	Mar 28		Butch & Victor Caparas (BD)
Wed	Mar 29		Joseph Huynh + Gertrudes Corpuz
Thu	Mar 30		Charlie Uy + Damaso Lozares + Adelaida Labilles +
Fri	Mar 31		Charlie Uy + Damaso Lozares +
Sat	Apr 1		Nina Ricci +
Sun	Apr 2	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b> Joseph Pereira + Oscar & Rose Orpiano +/ Pacita Malapira + Travis Laughlin

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday of Lent
Friday:	Abstinence
Saturday:	First Saturday

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday:	Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

### APRIL 1

This is the day upon which we are reminded of what we are on the other three hundred and sixty-four.  
—Mark Twain

**Since Sundays are not counted in the forty days of Lent, does the custom of giving up something apply to them?**

Customarily, no. However, since the giving up of something is voluntary to begin with, there is no official rule concerning this aspect of it. Nevertheless, since Sundays are days of celebration, it is appropriate to suspend the Lenten self-denial on them that, in a spiritual and non-excessive way, we may celebrate the day of Our Lord's resurrection so that that day and that event may be contrasted with the rest of the days of Lent and the rest of the events of history. This heightened contrast deepens the spiritual lessons taught by the rest of Lent.



## LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS

**Sunday collection** (for general operating expenses)  
Collected **\$2,312.00**

**Restricted donations for:** (Catholic Relief Services)  
**\$585.00**

El Shaddai (donation for new Paschal Candlestick) 2,011.00  
Easter Flowers 115.00  
Votive candles 100.00  
Adoration Chapel 177.00  
St. Anne (donation box) 29.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT!**

**Next weeks 2nd collection is for: Diocesan Assessment**

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The church slowly developed customs of reserving some portion of the eucharistic sacrifice for the sake of the dying. Today's custom of placing this portion in a tabernacle for prayer and adoration by the faithful cannot be traced back much beyond the year 1,000, much to almost everyone's surprise. There is simply no historical evidence of the Blessed Sacrament being present in a church for the purpose of having the faithful visit it or pray before it earlier in the church's history. People did visit, of course, but the center of their attention was the altar, symbol of Christ's sacrifice and the touchpoint between heaven and earth. Shrines and devotional altars abounded in medieval churches, but anything we might describe as a Blessed Sacrament chapel would be hard to find.

Amazingly, the Eucharist was first kept in private houses for the purpose of Holy Communion at home. As for church, the custom gradually developed of suspending a vessel shaped like a dove somewhere in the church, often over the altar. In the hovering bird, a few hosts, enough to satisfy the pastoral needs of the dying, would be secreted. The priest would lower the dove on a pulley as needed, but it wasn't a focus of devotion by visitors to the church. It was simply a way of reassuring bishops who were nervous about safeguarding the Eucharist. The dove solution caught on in England and France after Crusaders came in contact with the custom in their travels in the Orthodox East.

**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. Was the Church ok with abortion in the past?

I recently saw a book, called 'Broken Words: The Abuse of Science and Faith in American Politics', in which it says that many great Catholics in history, like most Church Fathers, St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Alphonsus Liguori all said human life does not begin at conception and so they were fine with abortion up to a certain point. His citations are vague, so I don't agree with his claims, but it's also troublesome and hard to believe. I'd really like some clarification. God bless



**A.** This is only half true. Aquinas did say an unborn baby receives a soul 40 or 80 days after conception, depending on gender. But he also said abortion is a violation of natural law and is always wrong, no matter when a soul may be infused into the developing child's body.

### OLGC LENTEN RETREAT

On ALL MASSES of APRIL 1st & April 2nd and will continue till April 5th

Monday April 3 @ 7:00 PM  
Tuesday April 4 @ 7:00 PM  
Wednesday April 5 @ 7:00 PM

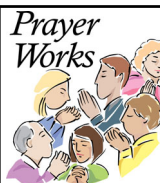
The last night of Retreat on April 5 will be dedicated to the Sacrament of Reconciliation



### CONFESSION

The confession of evil works is the first beginning of good works.

*St. Augustine*



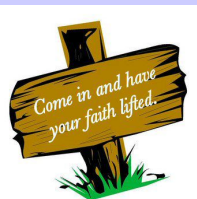
**Requesting Your Prayers**

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 Gapsin, 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

