



Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

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Deacon Thomas Martin

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 3, 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



Advent: A Season of Hope

We have just moved from Ordinary Time to Advent, the season of preparation for Christmas. The worship space looks different.

Our choirs are practicing music for upcoming Christmas and the Scripture readings are proclaiming God's promise of a Messiah. We are getting ready to celebrate Jesus' coming into the world as a little baby, born in Bethlehem. We are also preparing for His return, His second coming.

After considering various themes, our parish Liturgy Committee chose for this year a theme of hope. That's why on the back altar we read: "A SEASON OF HOPE". We understand hope as waiting for what is beyond the obvious, a hope that focuses on eternal joy. Our use of hope means the promise of the life and fullness that comes with Christ.

*Is my heart filled with hope?
Do I have a confident expectation of my tomorrow?
What happens when the road ahead filled with loss and stress weighs my shoulders down?
When confident expectation in life's tomorrow dwindles, what can I do?
How can I walk in hope when I feel hopeless inside?*

Christmas is coming! There are loved ones to see, gifts to give, baking to share. We will prepare our homes for the celebration. Yet, even more important than this outward preparation, is the preparation of our heart so we can truly celebrate the birth of Jesus who is our Hope.

Heavenly Father, You give us this blessed season of Advent as a gift of time to prepare for the coming of the Christ Your Son.

Too often, we turn this gift into a source of stress and anxiety; looking for a Christmas celebration perfect on the outside, but spiritually exhausting and without true meaning.

***Restore in us that inherent quest for quiet expectation and hope.
Show us the way to a more peaceful, prayerful disposition that makes us more open to a conversion of heart.***

Help us be good stewards of this Advent season, so that on the Feast of the Nativity, we will be ready with our own sacred space for the arrival of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

This week's Intentions

Sat	Dec 2	Ray Moral + Art & Pilar Ducanes 55th Wedding Anniv)
Sun	Dec 3	8:30 Eladio & Agustina Lunasco ++ 11:00 AM Nerry Valladares (BD) Jun Casanas & Family (Thanksgiving) Sr, Carmen Sarati + Oscar & Rose Orpiano ++ Pacita Malapira + Augusto Natividad Sr. + Leonilo Natividad + Noel Reveta +
Mon	Dec 4	Paul Evangelista (BD) Gloria Garcia (BD)
Tue	Dec 5	Filemon & Victorina Cruz + Ricardo Gulinao + Sergio Tumale +
Wed	Dec 6	Lionel Madeiros + John Gomez +
Thu	Dec 7	
Fri	Dec 8	Marie Cabrales (BD) Felife Gallega + Loretta Endaya + Alvin Macadangang (BD) Leo Toledo Pagtaconan + 40th day Anonymous (Special Intentions)
Sat	Dec 9	Corazon Gulinao (Thanksgiving)
Sun	Dec 10	8:30 Nelly Fausto (BD) Criselda Lunasco + Elmer Lunaco + BongLunasco + Bill Haggerty + 11:00 AM Nelly Fausto BD) Gerardo & Perfecta Marquez ++

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	First Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. John Damascene
Wednesday:	St. Nicholas
Thursday:	St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Friday:	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday:	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

**PLEASE HELP OUR LITTLE CHURCH
CLEAN INSIDE AND OUT**



PAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS

NOVEMBER 18 & 19

Sunday collection (for general operating expenses)
 Collected **\$2,343.00**

Restricted donations for: (Human Development) **\$537.00**

Sacramentals	150.00
Cursillo Group	384.00
Penafrancia (donation)	1,500.00
El Shaddai (Monthly donation)	700.00
Votive candles	153.00
Adoration Chapel	212.00
St. Anne (donation box)	38.00

NOVEMBER 25 & 26

Sunday collection (for general operating expenses)
 Collected **\$1,985.00**

Restricted donations for: (Grounds Maintenance) **\$817.00**


Thanksgiving Mass	970.00
Votive candles	115.00
Adoration Chapel	33.00
St. Anne (donation box)	22.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT! Next weeks 2nd collection: liability insurance

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Advent calendars appear now in many homes, and newfangled formats are even available on line. Children have fun opening the doors and windows keyed to the days counting down to Christmas. Behind each door is a picture related to the Christmas mystery, perhaps a scripture verse or saying, but more and more these days something totally unconnected to religious life, like a small toy or a chocolate treat, appears instead. The Advent calendar is not very old as traditions go. We can trace it back to German-speaking Christians, both Protestant and Catholic. Lutherans might have originated the custom by placing chalk marks on doors starting December 1, lighting candles every day, or placing a new religious picture on the wall each day during Advent. The oldest known hand-made calendar goes back to 1851, and the first printed ones appeared in 1908 in Germany with Bible verses behind the doors. By far the most interesting calendar is a building, the town hall (*Rathaus*) of Gengenbach in Germany's Black Forest. Every year the townspeople invite an illustrator of children's books to create twenty-four paintings or motifs for each of the twenty-four main windows of the building. Every night the people gather to see a new window opened and illuminated.

Very few commercial Advent calendars pay much attention to the core values of our liturgical calendar: the pivotal place of Sunday, the importance of Advent feasts like Saint Lucy and Saint Nicholas, and the clear shift in tone on December 17 from Advent longing and preparation toward imminent hope in Christ's coming. That kind of creativity is left up to you!




PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Thursday, December 14th, at 7:00PM

LIKE A CHILD

One who aspires to the grace of God must be pure, with a heart as innocent as a child's. —St. Nicholas

WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWER. PLEASE FIND FLOWER OFFERING ENVELOPE

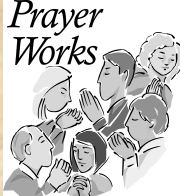




KNIGHT'S CORNER

Be a part of greater involvement in the renewal of parish and family life. Be a member of over a million Catholic fraternal brotherhood. Be a Knight of Columbus. Call the Parish Office for more information.

OLGC's K of C is sponsoring **E-Waste Program**. If you have any electronic items to contribute to the program; TV's, computer monitors, PCs, fax machines, cell phones, old phones, tape decks, boom boxes, stereos, video game consoles, etc. please call the parish office at 510-614-2765 during office hours.



Requesting Your Prayers

Gary Anderson, Erlinda Arrieta, Ed & Eliz Coyne, Leonor Yracheta, Erlinda Dizon, Priscilla Da Rosa, Belen Escondo, Mitchell Estrellas, Eddie Exevea, Nilda Falero, Arnel Flores, Mercy Gallardo, Arlene Goldsborough, Avelino Gapsin, Maria Perpetua Querubin, Erlinda Howard, Willie Orpiano, Pacita Macasieb, Geri Murchison, Tina Shaeffer, Bibiana Magat, Edward Mejia, Susan Nacu, Gail Ocasion, Frances Pangelinan, Rosy Pereira, Aida Pineda, Romeo Camantigue, Loreta Ramin, Peter Rosario, Maritess Sanchez, Rosa Maria Santos, Minda Santos, Ursula 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

