



Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

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Catechists George Ybanes & Lisa Nario presenting Catechumen Namasivayam Anandasakaran (middle) to the OLGC community

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 10, 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



Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

December 10, 2017—Second
Sunday of Advent
*Catholic Stewardship
Consultants, Inc.*

IS 40: 1-5, 9-11; PS 85: 9-14; 2
PT: 3, 8-14; MK 1: 1-8

Our readings from Holy Scripture on this Second Sunday of Advent remind us of what we are supposed to be doing during Advent, in fact throughout our lives. The reading from Isaiah anticipates the coming of Christ and John the Baptist as it proclaims "... prepare the way of the Lord." This is a time of preparation for us.

That message is repeated in our Gospel from St. Mark. Today's Gospel is the absolute beginning of Mark's Gospel and it immediately gives us that same signal by declaring, "*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.*" Of course, we all realize that the path to the Lord may not always be straight for us, but now is a time to correct that.

God is waiting for us. St. Peter in his Second Letter, from which our Second Reading is drawn, indicates that God, however, "*is patient with you.*" You might say on this Second Sunday of Advent that the Lord is giving us a second chance to respond to His call. One of the basics of St. John the Baptist's messages was that we need to get ourselves right with the Lord, perhaps turn our lives in a different direction. We can change; now is the time to do that.

Pope St. John XXIII once stated during a homily in Advent, "*We are all part of an immense family. This is proven by what is in our hearts during Advent and Christmas.*" Now is the time to put love in our hearts and to truly prepare the way of the Lord.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT OLGC

December 14th (Thursday) - **Parish Advent Reconciliation - 7:00pm**

December 16th - 23rd (Saturday- Saturday) - **Simbang Gabi - 7:30pm**

December 17th (Sunday) - CCD Advent Confessions - 9:30am

December 23rd (Saturday) - Regular Sunday Vigil Mass - 5pm

December 24th (Sunday) - **Conclusion of Simbang Gabi Masses 6:00am**

Regular Sunday Masses (8:30am and 11:00am in English and 12:30pm in Polish)

Christmas Eve Family Mass - 5:00pm

Midnight Mass (12:00am)

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

This week's Intentions

Sat	Dec 9	Corazon Gulinao (Thanksgiving)
Sun	Dec 10	8:30 Nelly Fausto (BD) Criselda, Elmer, & Bong Lunasco + Bill Haggerty + Ricardo Linsangan + Nicanor Reyes Jr. + 11:00 AM Nelly Fausto (BD) Gerardo & Perfecta Marquez ++
Mon	Dec 11	Cecilia Rosario (Intentions) Nina Ricci Ricardo Linsangan + Nicanor Reyes Jr. +
Tue	Dec 12	Hermie Almonte (BD) Eduardo Castro + Ricardo Linsangan + Nicanor Reyes Jr. +
Wed	Dec 13	Daisy de Reyes (BD) Tony la Porla (Intentions) Ricardo Linsangan + Nicanor Reyes Jr. + All Souls in Purgatory
Thu	Dec 14	Ricardo Linsangan + Nicanor Reyes Jr. + All Souls in Purgatory
Fri	Dec 15	Mary Litvinchuck (BD) Baby Barulich (Intentions) Ricardo Linsangan + Nicanor Reyes Jr. + All Souls in Purgatory
Sat	Dec 16	Ricardo Linsangan + Nicanor Reyes Jr. +
Sun	Dec 17	8:30 Elnora Lunasco + Paschal Perreira + Araceli Gonzalez (healing) Nicanor Reyes Jr. + 11:00 AM Mark Rettig + Rinia Ponteres + Concepcion Asistido +

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Second Sunday of Advent; International Human Rights Day
Monday:	St. Damasus I
Tuesday:	Our Lady of Guadalupe; Hanukkah begins at sunset
Wednesday:	St. Lucy
Thursday:	St. John of the Cross
Saturday:	<i>Las Posadas</i> begins

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	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
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday collection (for general operating expenses)
Collected **\$2,152.00**

Restricted donations for: (Diocesan Assessment)
\$734.00

Parish Gift Shop	736.05
Christmas Flowers	215.00
Votive candles	149.00
Adoration Chapel	192.00
St. Anne (donation box)	30.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT!
Weeks' 2nd collection: **Retirement fund for the Religious**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many people think that Saint Francis originated the Christmas crèche, but its origins go far back. The Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome has housed what is said to be relics of the cradle of Jesus since the seventh century. In time, every year during the Christmas season the reliquary (container for relics) was surrounded by an increasingly grand three-dimensional scene of the place of Jesus' birth. Rocks and trees, houses, streams, figurines of villagers going about their daily tasks were all included. It was a very dramatic presentation. If you've ever seen an elaborate model train installation, you get the idea. The proper term for this depiction is *presepio*, from the Latin word for "surround" or "hedge."

Over the centuries, the custom spread first to churches, and then to aristocratic homes. In Italy, whole chapels are often set aside for the *presepio*, and it is not unusual to have hundreds of figures. It can sometimes be a challenge to locate the Holy Family amid the crowd, almost like a *Where's Waldo?* children's book. The oldest surviving *presepio* is in St. Mary Major and dates from the thirteenth century, although many pieces have been broken or lost. Saint Francis of Assisi took a decidedly creative step in 1233 in the village of Greccio, when he directed his followers to fill a manger with hay and tether an ox and ass nearby. He then invited the villagers to attend Mass outdoors near the crib, the worshipers themselves becoming a living *presepio*. By the seventeenth century, the tradition was well-established, particularly in Naples, and had a firm hold in Portugal, Spain, and in the Provence region of France



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.



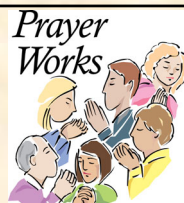
Q. What am I to make of stole fees-fixed amounts for Baptisms, weddings, and burials-and Mass stipends, when people ask for Masses to be said for special intentions? In Matthew 10:8, doesn't Christ forbid the acceptance of a gift for the performance of a holy act?

A. Let's begin with background. The Lord was making it clear that his disciples were not to think of their calling as a means of making a living or of amassing wealth, as it later turned out that Judas did. It is unlikely that stole fees or Mass stipends began with the clergy refusing to perform weddings or funerals unless they were paid. It is likely that they began when spontaneous offerings would be made by the recipients of various spiritual benefits. It is likely that eventually these offerings would be regulated by fixing the fee so that the munificence of the rich would not shame the poor out of asking for spiritual benefits. It is sadly likely that here and there the spirit of Judas would enter the picture, but not that that spirit would take over entirely.

In the case of Mass stipends, whether they go to the priest or the parish, there is the consideration that here is some cost involved in providing a place of sacrifice, such as a church, or a priest to perform the physical actions, but that consideration is secondary to the point that most people seem to miss about Mass stipends. That point is that by making a money sacrifice for the celebration of Christ's sacrifice, you make that Mass your own.

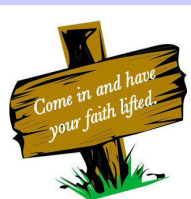
If the priest or the parish do it for nothing, the merit in justice should go to the parish or the priest, not to you. Most diocesan regulations urge that Masses be said upon request for those unable to afford the stipend or for those who offer less than the usual amount. The poor can in this way share the immense spiritual satisfaction of having initiated a re-enactment of Calvary, which comes to those who can and do offer the stipend.

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



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

