



Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 17, 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 AND CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AND CUSTOMS

Advent is a special time given to us to get ready for Christmas. Different countries around the world have their unique celebrations and customs.

Simbang Gabi or Misa de Gallo

It is a Novena Masses celebrated in the Philippines at dawn starting on December 16 until Christmas Eve. Every year Filipino communities around the world gratefully celebrate this important tradition. It is considered a way to prepare for the coming of Jesus with fervor, joy and thanksgiving which are expressed in their faithfulness to attend the full Novena Masses. After each Mass, participants share the meal.

Midnight Mass

Why sensible people would go to church in the middle of the night? The Roman Catholics thought, Christ was born at midnight, and therefore they thought that they should celebrate his birth at his birth time.

Christmas tree

A custom of decorating Christmas trees was introduced to the United States sometime between 1710 and 1830 by German Immigrants. Most homes that celebrate Christmas have a tree in them. These trees are highly decorated with colored lights, tinsel, bulbs, and many other ornaments.

Poinsettia Plants

The legend goes in Mexico, where people were leaving their gifts for Jesus on the church altar. There was a poor little boy who was very upset that he did not have a gift to leave Jesus. Therefore, he sat outside that window where he prayed, and he prayed harder than he had ever prayed in his life, and after his prayer was done he got up and walked away. Laying in that spot, where he prayed quickly grew a beautiful plant, which we now call the Poinsettia.

Christmas Presents

It is very important to keep Christ at the center of gift giving, and guard against getting swept up in the materialism and consumerism of our culture. Christmas is really about a Big Present that God gave the world - Jesus Christ who is our Lord and Savior.

REMAINING ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT OLG

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

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

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 16	Ricardo Linsangan + Nicanor Reyes Jr. +
Sun	Dec 17	8:30 Elnora Lunasco + Paschal Perreira + Araceli Gonzalez (healing) Nicanor Reyes Jr. + 11:00 AM Asrsy & Danelle Go (BD) Mark Rettig + Rinia Ponteres + Concepcion Asistido +
Mon	Dec 18	Mario da Rosa + deceased members Da Rosa Family
Tue	Dec 19	Rafael da Rosa +
Wed	Dec 20	Isaias Emmanuel (BD) Huynh & Pham Family (Thanksgiving & healing)
Thu	Dec 21	Domingo Labilles + Colin Suarez (BD)
Fri	Dec 22	Catalina Esmeria + Cornelio Moran + Alejandro Pangelinan+ Teresita &n Frances Pangelinan (intentions)
Sat	Dec 23	Vickie Currier (Intentions) Joseph Pereira +
Sun	Dec 24	8:30 Rudy Ocasion + 11:00 AM

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Third Sunday of Advent
Thursday:	St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins
Saturday:	St. John of Kanty

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday:	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Friday:	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Saturday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Sunday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38, 19-28

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



KNIGHT'S CORNER

OLG'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.

LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday collection (for general operating expenses)
Collected **\$2,469.00**

Restricted donations for: (Liability Insurance)
\$752.00

Polish Community (Facilities rental)	1,250.00
Funeral	300.00
El Shaddai (Mass)	188.00
Christmas Flowers	58.00
Votive candles	125.00
Adoration Chapel	177.00
St. Anne (donation box)	25.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT!
Weeks' 2nd collection: **Ground Maintenance**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Last week, we looked at a form of nativity scene called a *presepio*, characterized by framing the crèche of Jesus with a vast array of personalities and a rich geographical context. The tradition was carried to the New World, and finds very rich expression in Latin America today. While in Europe the *presepio* was reserved mostly to the homes of wealthy nobles and great churches, in Latin America it was claimed by the poor and expressed the skills of native artisans. In Mexico, you can still find clay figures in every village market. In a way, the native people took the religion of Spanish rule and baptized it with their Indian culture by surrounding the crib of Jesus with local geography and people. In Brazil, where Christmas falls in summer, the figure of the baby Jesus is wrapped in gold and gems, and set on a hillside surrounded by flowers and animals of all kinds. Sometimes there is a double *presepio*, presenting both Nativity and Crucifixion.

In some places in Latin America, even non-religious people take care to have a *presepio* in the home, sometimes dedicating one whole room in the house or apartment to the scene. Some cities have markets where people from the countryside sell plants and figurines. In Cuzco, churches and families provide hot chocolate for the children of the poor who come down to help create the nativity scenes. In Paraguay, the baby Jesus grows—the small infant who arrives on Christmas Eve is replaced at New Year with a toddler Jesus who holds in one hand the globe and in the other a cross. Few Christmas traditions have the vitality and variety of *presepios* and crèches honoring the Nativity.



Please remember in your prayers during this Christmas Season the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of a loved one.

ARLENE GOLDSBOROUGH

And all the victims of violence and catastrophe



Welcome New Parishioners !

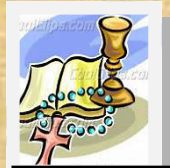
If you are not currently registered, please take a moment to fill this out and return it to the parish office, or you may drop it in the collection basket.

Name _____
Address _____
 Updating Parish Information

Phone _____
City _____ ZIP Code _____
 Send Sunday Envelopes

New Parishioner
 New Address
 Put on mailing list

Q. What is the idea behind the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament? Is it taken from the Scripture text about the agony in the garden?

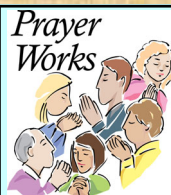


Catholic Answers

A. You are referring to a form of prayer which took its first inspiration from the words of Christ to the Apostles who fell asleep while He prayed during His agony in the garden of Gethsemane. He asked them "Could you not watch one hour with Me?" It is sentiment rather than theology which applies this text to the custom of praying in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. In the first ten centuries of the Church's existence, Christians considering the Eucharist thought of it as a sacrifice. They had no extra devotions outwardly demonstrating their belief that Christ was really-present in the consecrated bread used as sacrifice. But they always believed that the elements of consecrated bread and wine concealed the Real Presence of Christ. They brought Communion to the sick who could not get to Mass. Hermits who lived apart from society (and did not get to Mass very often) were allowed to keep a "supply" of the Eucharist so that they could at least receive Communion. Nuns who spent time in solitary retreat after their professions were allowed to keep the sacrament for the same purpose. Bishops used to send the Eucharist to one another in token of their union in charity and faith. In the early centuries in the Eastern Church, the Mass of the Pre-sanctified, at which there was no new consecration, only the use of the Eucharist previously consecrated, was enacted everyday in Lent, not only on Good Friday as we have it.

After the tenth century, the Blessed Sacrament was usually reserved in a special "casket" or house. In some places it was suspended over the altar in a dove-shaped receptacle. But the devotion such as we have now of formal, outward adoration of the Real Presence became popular only in reaction to certain Protestant denominations which denied that Christ was really present except at Communion time.

PROPER UNDERTAKING Never undertake anything for which you wouldn't have the courage to ask the blessings of heaven.—Georg C. Lichtenberg



Prayer Works

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 Gapasin, 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.

OLGC THROUGH THE YEARS

