



Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

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Parish Office hour : 9:30 AM—2:30 PM Monday to Friday

Pastor: FR. JAN RUDZEWICZ

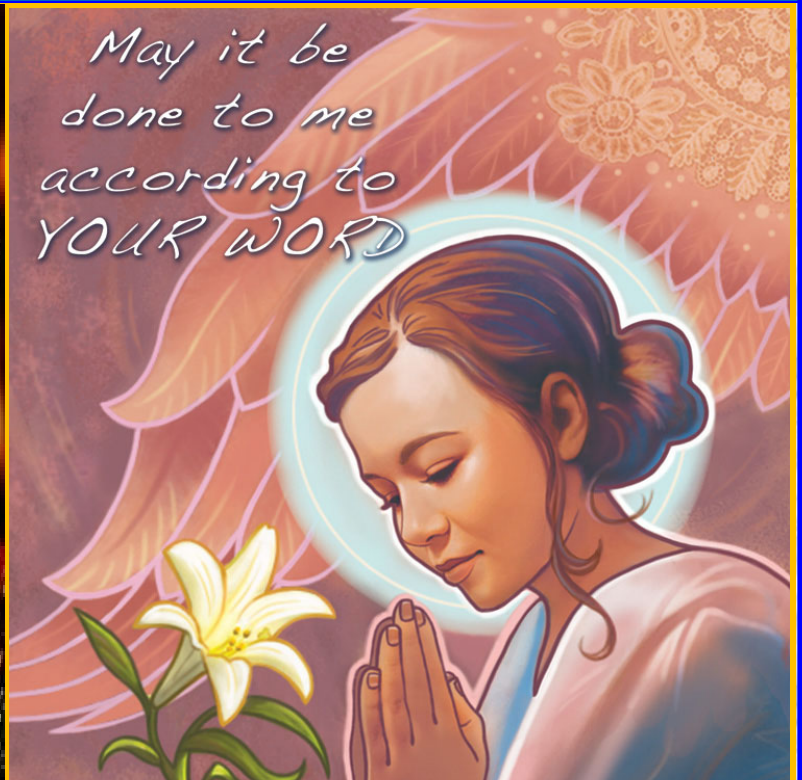
Deacon Thomas Martin

Secretary: LINO POBLETE

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May it be
done to me
according to
YOUR WORD



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 24, 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

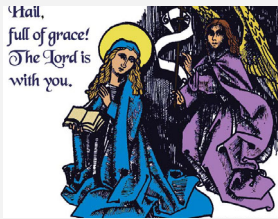
Monday—Saturday—9:30am—7 pm
First Friday— 8pm-9pm—at the Church
9pm-12mn—at the Chapel

PARISH HALL INFORMATION

Call: (510) 501-4894 -Tuesday & Thursday

FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/ CCD

Sunday morning – All grades after 8:30 Mass



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This is that wonderful time of the year again when we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. With so much to do, and the excitement of seeing family and friends, it is easy to forget why we celebrate Christmas. Let us encourage one another to recall the wonder that took place on that night so long ago in Bethlehem.

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; upon his shoulder dominion rests. And He will be called Mighty God and Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:5)

Our troubled world is looking for hope and peace. People of our country need true healing and reconciliation. Many families struggle with unity and other difficulties. And Jesus brings it all: hope, peace and joy.

This Sunday, December 24th is already Christmas Eve and once again we will find ourselves immersed in a special atmosphere filled with family togetherness, gift giving, and heartfelt sharing.

As we celebrate Christ's birth, may the blessings of hope, faith and the peace of His love fill your hearts and homes not only this Christmas but throughout the New Year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF YOU!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Jan
Fr. Emmanuel
Deacon Tom



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Vigil Mass with Children - Sunday, December 24th, at 5:00PM

Midnight Mass – December 24th, at 12:00AM

Christmas Day Masses – Monday, December 25th, at 8:30am and 11:00am (in English) and 12:30pm (in Polish)

This week's Intentions

- Sat Dec 23 Vickie Currier (Intentions)
Joseph Pereira +
Teeresa & Juan Sese(Intentions)
Rosario Frando (Thanksgiving)
- Sun Dec 24 **8:30** Rudy Ocasion +
Pilar Go +
11:00 AM Andy Dangca +
- Mon Dec 25 Celso & Anita Malabanan Family
Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Undoer of Knots
Anna & John Lippi ++
Juan Lapenias Sr. +
All Forgotten Souls
- Tue Dec 26 Gerardo & Perfecta Marquez ++
Albina Lozares +
- Wed Dec 27 John & Viola Litvinchuk +
- Thu Dec 28 Inocente Gregorio +
- Fri Dec 29 Vickie Currier (Intentions)
Benito Macasieb +
- Sat Dec 30 **5:00 PM Mass** Paschal Pereira Family
(Condolence)
- Sun Dec 31 **8:30** Sharlene Pereira (Thanksgiving to the Holy Family)
Rosy Pereira (Thanksgiving)
Alejandro Alejandrino +
11:00 AM Shannon & Mykel Vallar (BD)

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Monday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
- Tuesday: St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins
- Wednesday: St. John
- Thursday: The Holy Innocents
- Friday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
- Saturday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
During the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
- Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
- Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
- Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
- Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128: 1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 25th & Tuesday, December 26th. We will re-open on Wednesday, December 27th. Additionally, the offices will be closed on Monday, January 1st and will re-open on Tuesday, January 2nd. !

LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday collection (for general operating expenses)
Collected **\$1,881.00**

Restricted donations for: (Religious Retirement)
\$380.00

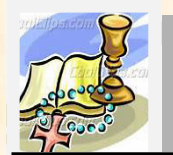
Simbang Gabi Masses (Dec. 16-17)	1,111.00
El Shaddai (monthly donation)	700.00
Christmas Flowers	80.00
Votive candles	143.00
Adoration Chapel	173.00
St. Anne (donation box)	60.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT!
Next week's 2nd collection: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

**From OLCG PARISH STAFF, MINISTRIES & VOLUNTEERS
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL**



Q. Is it still true that Catholics are not supposed to be cremated?



Catholic Answers

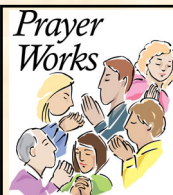
A. Yes, the attitude of the church toward cremation has not changed. But many rules were changed in 1963. Penalties for those who arranged cremations were removed if permission was first received from the bishop and there was no intention of denying the Resurrection of the Body by the act of cremation.

The Church has always recognized that there are circumstances which should allow cremation. Exceptions to the old rules are routinely made in case of plague and war for reasons of hygiene.

In many places this reason could still be applicable. It is understandable that for some families the difference in expense now between cremation and formal burial could be a sufficient reason. Even the high cost of cemetery lots could be a factor in great cities. Hygiene and cost do not exhaust the list of reasonable excuses. But the Church does not encourage cremation. Many dioceses require that a letter be sent to the bishop by the person (before his death, of course) who wants to be cremated giving his reason, stating that he has no intention of denying the Resurrection, and directing that his ashes be sealed in a container and buried or left in a mausoleum.

A specific ceremony at the crematorium is provided for in the instruction issued in 1967. The Church's opposition to cremation began with the burning of early Christian martyrs. Roman emperors scattered their ashes to ridicule Christian belief in the Resurrection. There was an echo of this type of ridicule in anti-clerical societies of the last century which were formed to encourage cremation as a sign of contempt for all religious belief.

TIME Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.—Benjamin Franklin



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.

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

