



# Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

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## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD — JANUARY 7, 2018

### 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

January 7, 2018 — The

Epiphany of the Lord

Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc.

IS 60: 1-6; PS 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13;  
EPH 3: 2-3A, 5-6; MT 2: 1-12

Today is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. For centuries we as Catholics celebrated this Feast on Jan. 6, but the decision was made a number of years ago (at least in the United States) to celebrate the Epiphany on the Sunday which falls between Jan. 2 and Jan. 8.

“Epiphany” means “manifestation.” It is on this day that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is revealed as the light of all nations. Officially Christmas is not over. In fact, the recommendation of the Church is that on this day those who display a crèche, a nativity or manger scene, should replace the shepherd and sheep with the Magi and their likely animals on which they traveled as well as their gifts. However, that is all secondary to the real meaning of this day.

At Christmas the Messiah Jesus was revealed to the shepherds, who were Jewish. But on this day the Lord is revealed to all nations and to the Gentiles (represented by the Magi). We are all familiar with the star the Magi followed, but we need to understand all that is happening and what it means. This all represents the Light of Christ, a Light which today we honor and commemorate. We are called to be the Light of Christ right now to those around us and those with whom we come in contact. That way we can be the disciples Christ wants us to be.



### EPIPHANY PRAYER

*We are drawn to your feet in worship.  
Your creation facing its creator  
Hearts laid bare by your light  
Humbly asking for your mercy.  
We come to you as a people in need  
of assurance and forgiveness.  
We come to you as a people in need  
of healing and wholeness.  
We come dependent upon your love.  
Draw us close.  
Enfold us in your arms.  
Fill us with your Spirit  
that we might reflect your light  
within this dark world,  
speak your Word with boldness  
and draw others to your feet.  
We ask this through your dear Son Jesus Christ.  
Amen.*

### This week's Intentions

Sat	Jan 6	<b>5:00 PM Mass</b>	Henrica +
Sun`	Jan 7	<b>8:30</b>	
		<b>11:00 AM</b>	Jesusa Exevea +
Mon	Jan 8		Henrica ( Eternal happiness) Aldrico Banez ( Thanksgiving & good health) All Souls in Purgatory
Tue	Jan 9		Henrica ( Eternal happiness)
Wed	Jan 10		Henrica ( Eternal happiness) Judith Reyes + & Nicanor Reyes + Gerald O'Brien +
Thu	Jan 11		Henrica ( Eternal happiness) Ma. Isabel San Agustin ( BD) Nina Ricci + All Souls in Purgatory
Fri	Jan 12		Henrica ( Eternal happiness) Erlinda Supelario ( Thanksgiving)) Namasivayam Anandasakaran (BD)
Sat	Jan 13	<b>5:00 PM Mass</b>	Venus Almonte (BD) Erlinda Supelario (BD) Henrica + Chris Hermann & Family ( Intentions)
Sun`	Jan 14	<b>8:30</b>	
		<b>11:00 AM</b>	Don Praesto ( Thanksgiving) Emmanuel Manlangit +

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week; Julian Calendar Christmas
Monday:	The Baptism of the Lord
Tuesday:	First Week in Ordinary Time begins
Saturday:	St. Hilary; Blessed Virgin Mary

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42



### 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.

**Healing Prayer in Scriptural Rosary**—Every Fourth Monday of the month at 3:00 PM at the Church. Everyone is welcome

## CONTRIBUTIONS (Dec. 18-25)

**Sunday collection** (for general operating expenses)  
Collected **\$1,957.00**

**Restricted donations for: (Grounds Maintenance) \$731.00**

Simbang Gabi Masses (Dec. 18-21)	1,189.00
Simbang Gabi Masses (Dec. 22-24)	2,417.00
Christmas Masses	4,150.00
Christmas Giving Tree	3,027.00
Religious Gift Shop	1,118.00
Votive candles	251.00
Adoration Chapel	201.00
St. Anne (donation box)	33.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT!**  
**Next week's 2nd collection: Diocesan Assessment**

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Where on earth would you go to honor the magi? Iran or Saudi Arabia, Tarshish or the Isles come to mind, but Cologne, Germany would be a good choice. There the Shrine of the Three Kings has been the centerpiece of the city's cathedral since the fourth century. Today it is the largest reliquary in the world: a gilded and ornamented triple casket gleaming high above the altar. In the fourth century, the supposed relics of the wise men were taken from Constantinople to Milan, where they remained until the German Emperor with the unlikely name Frederick Barbarossa (Red Beard) gave them to the Archbishop of Cologne. Ever since, pilgrims have streamed into the city to honor the magi, the first of all pilgrims, and thus the heavenly patrons of all who have some holy wanderlust.

This largest Gothic cathedral in Europe today was begun in the mid-1200s to house the relics. In medieval times, the relics in a city's possession were often the key to a sound international economy. The reliquary was last opened in 1864, and the remains of three men were indeed discovered. The cathedral is well worth a visit, with enormous twin spires forming the largest façade of any church in the world (it is the model for St. Patrick's in New York). Construction began in 1248 and ended in 1880, a six-hundred-year project. Today, it is a World Heritage Site, described by the U.N. as "an exceptional work of human creative genius." This great treasure of our tradition suffered fourteen direct bomb hits in World War II but did not collapse. It survived while the city burned around it, preserved, the townspeople say, by three heavenly patrons.

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### 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

**Q.** I have been told by a priest that it is wrong to pray for death, either for oneself or another. Can we ever pray for death?

**A.** If you pray for the strict sense of that word, you can pray for anything.

"To pray" is to lift your heart and mind to God. For example, parts of what are known as the "vindictive" psalms of the Bible have been omitted from the new breviary because the prayer was for such things as that the children

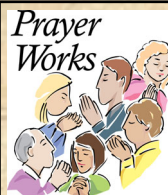
of the Babylonians be dashed against the rock. Christian prayer for such things doesn't make sense. But the pre-Christian author of that vindictive psalm thought he was honoring God in uttering such a prayer, since the prayer was to the true God, spoken for the benefit of God's chosen people, and did not really have injury to helpless infants as its main motive.

Praying for death is like that. It is not really death that is desired but only the relief from pain or care that it brings, relief which is thought of as being obtainable in no other way. So we can pray for death as long as the main motive is not the specific rejection of God's gift of life.

Persistence in prayer will usually boil one's thought down to one's utter dependence on the Creator. At that point requests for special benefits, or for preference over others, or for things ordinarily injurious to self or others lose relevance because they are part of *our* will. All that matters is God's will. The essence of our prayer must be that our free will be conformed to God's, which gets us back to the point that if prayer is sincere we can ask for anything we feel like. We won't ask for anything that will not be to the glory of God. "Love God and do what you *will*" is another way of saying it.



**Catholic  
Answers**



**Requesting  
Your  
Prayers**

Gary Anderson, Erlinda Arrieta, Ed & Eliz Coyne, Leonor Yracheta, Erlinda Dizon, Priscilla Da Rosa, Belen Escondo, Eddie Exe-vea, Nilda Falero, Arnel Flores, Mercy Gallardo, Frank Goldsborough, Avelino Gapasin, Maria Perpetua Querubin, Erlinda Howard, Willie Orpiano, Pacita Macasieb, Geri Murchison, Tina Shaeffer, Edward Mejia, Gail Ocasion, Frances Pangelinan, Rosy Pereira, Aida Pineda, Romeo Camantigue, 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

