



# Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

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## THE PROMISE OF JUSTICE

We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God's justice is something other than this, of course. God's justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and human-kind.

Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah's time. Israel's kings held the promise of God's fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God's promise could be realized through them.

Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke's Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise.



## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT—DECEMBER 2, 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



This weekend we begin a new Advent. The word “advent” (the arrival of an important person or thing) is derived from the Latin word “adventus,” which means “coming.”

For us Catholics, Advent is the four-week season leading up to Christmas. During Advent we anticipate the coming of Jesus. It’s a time of reflection, prayer, gratitude, joy and hope.

Officially Advent begins this weekend and will conclude on December 24. It marks the beginning of the Catholic Church’s calendar year.

We have a shorter Advent this year (only twenty-two days long!). Christmas Eve is the Fourth Monday of Advent, with Christmas falling on Tuesday. Four weeks isn’t long, but that still leaves plenty of time to spend some quiet time preparing for Jesus’ coming.

A familiar symbol of the season is the Advent wreath. The shape of the wreath, with no beginning or end, reflects the complete and endless love that Jesus has for us. During the Advent season, we eagerly anticipate his coming and the promise of eternal life in heaven with Him.

As a Christian tradition, the wreath holds the four Advent candles. The candles represent Jesus coming as the light in darkness. One candle is lit each Sunday until all four candles are lit. As Christmas draws nearer, each candle brings a little more light into the darkness.

The first purple Candle represents “Hope”. Purple is the primary color associated with Advent. Within the Catholic Church it symbolizes penance, preparation, and sacrifice. During the first week of Advent, we look forward to Jesus’ coming with hope.

The second purple candle symbolizes “Peace”. During the second week of Advent, we reflect on our lives and work on becoming better-versions-of-ourselves in preparation for Jesus’ coming.

The third candle is pink and is a candle of “Joy”. It symbolizes anticipation and rejoicing. During the third week of Advent, we are filled with joy for the near arrival of Jesus on Christmas day.

And the forth candle is purple and it’s called “The Candle of Love”. During the final week of Advent we will rejoice in the endless love that God has for us, which is made apparent in the birth of his Son:

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*



#### Advent / Christmas Schedule

- December 14<sup>th</sup>** (Friday) - Parish Advent **Reconciliation Service - 7:00pm**
- December 16<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>** **Simbang Gabi Masses - 7:30pm.**
- December 24<sup>th</sup>** (Monday) - **Concluding Simbang Gabi Mass - 6:00 in the morning**
- December 24<sup>th</sup>** (Monday) - **Christmas Eve Family Mass with Caroling 5:00pm**
- December 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>** - **Midnight Mass (12:00am)**
- December 25<sup>th</sup>** (Tuesday) - **Christmas Day Masses -8:30am and 11:00am**

#### THIS WEEKS INTENTIONS

Sat	Dec 1	Edward & Neri Valladares (Thanksgiving) Natalia Mariano + Victorio Humarang + Francisco & Emiliana Hidalgo + Bruno Sibal Jr. + Pura de la Vega + Romeo de la Vega + Felix Marimla + Inocencia Sanchez + Ligaya Alejandrino +
Sun	Dec 2	<b>8:30 AM</b> Fe Dizon ( BD) <b>11:00 AM</b> Arturo & Pilar Ducanes ( 56th wedding anniversary) Oscar & Rose Orpiano ++ Pacita Malapira + Ray Moral +
Mon	Dec 3	Deceased members of Duarte Family Deceased members of Da Rosa Family
Tue	Dec 4	Gloria Garcia ( BD)
Wed	Dec 5	Sergio Tumale +
Thu	Dec 6	
Fri	Dec 7	All Souls in Purgatory
Sat	Dec 8	Ligaya Alejandrino + Loreta Endaya + Inocencia Sanchez +
Sun	Dec 9	<b>8:30 AM</b> Elnora Lunasco + Criselda Lunasco + <b>11:00 AM</b>

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: First Sunday of Advent; Hanukkah begins
- Monday: St. Francis Xavier
- Tuesday: St. John Damascene
- Thursday: St. Nicholas
- Friday: St. Ambrose; First Friday  
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- Saturday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### 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: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4;  
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11;  
Lk 3:1-6

#### Join our OLGC Weekday Devotions after 9AM Masses

- Tuesdays: **St. Anthony** / Wednesdays **Mother of Perpetual Help** / Thursdays **St. Jude** / Fridays: **La Pieta Sacred Heart of Jesus** every First Friday of the month
- Divine Mercy Chaplet** In Song every First Friday 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

## LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS

**Sunday collection** (for general operating expenses)  
Collected **\$2,701.00**

**Restricted donations for:** (Grounds Maintenance)  
**\$866.00**

Thanksgiving Mass	1,210.00
Funeral	300.00
Votive candles	152.00
Adoration Chapel	143.00
St. Anne (donation box)	33.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT!**  
**Next Week's 2nd Collection: LIABILITY INSURANCE**

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Occasionally, someone raises a surprised complaint that while Christmas arrives on Santa's sleigh at the Macy's parade on Thanksgiving Day, the Church doesn't catch on too fast. They may even say that Advent is a new fangled idea. Not so. To trace its beginnings, we have to go back to the fourth or fifth century in France (then Gaul), when Epiphany was the favored day, next to Easter, for baptism. The old pagan structures of Rome were collapsing then, and many people sought to be baptized. Since adults always prepared for baptism by fasting, folks counted back a few weeks for a kind of retreat. Before too long, bishops were advising everyone to attend church frequently beginning on December 17. Soon, artists were imagining ways of expressing the Advent mystery, and in Italy this gave rise to beautiful mosaics of empty thrones awaiting the arrival of the Lord of all creation.

Advent as we know it develops on two separate tracks: the first having to do with our spiritual preparation for celebrating the Christmas feast, and the second having to do with the way this is organized and expressed in the liturgical readings and prayers every day of the season.



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. Join us .

### PRE-BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS & GODPARENTS

- If you are planning to have your child baptized, parents and godparents need to attend a Pre-baptism Class. Parents must be registered members of the parish for at least three months. Call the Parish office for more information. For Baptism Classes call Paul Groff at (510) 915-1372



**Q.** "How can Jesus be a man and God at the same time?"

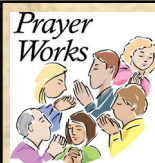


**Catholic Answer Q33**

**A.** Next to the Trinity, this is the most profound mystery of our faith. But remember: In theological terms, a "mystery" is not something we can know *nothing* about. Rather, a mystery is a truth so profound that we cannot know *everything* about it; our limited human intellects cannot understand it fully. Since the Incarnation touches on the very nature of God—who is infinite—we should not be surprised that we, as finite creatures, have a little trouble grasping this reality.

In the Bible, the opening words of John's gospel affirm Jesus' divinity, calling Him *the Word*: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made." (On 1:1-3). By calling Him "the Word," St. John affirms that Jesus is the fullness of God's revelation who came into the world as a man for our salvation. Of course, it's no coincidence that the words "In the beginning" are the first words of the Old Testament as well. In Genesis 1:1, they refer to God's creation of the world. St. John uses them to affirm the pre-existence of Jesus as God, through whom the world was created.

Just like you and me, Jesus has a human will, a human soul, a human intellect, and a human body. But He also possesses a divine nature which was evident during His public ministry in many ways: in His miracles, His knowledge of the future, His power over nature, His authority over demons, His ability to know human thoughts, and His forgiveness of sins. Most profoundly, Jesus' divinity is seen in His resurrection from the dead and His ascension into heaven.



**Requesting Your Prayers**

Gary Anderson, Corazon Ariosa, Corazon Belisario, Dulce Bufete, Jack Burns, Ed & Eliz Coyne, Erlinda Dizon, Priscilla Da Rosa,

Belen Escondo, Lydia Estanislao, Cora Estanislao, Eddie Exevea, Nilda Falero, Arnel Flores, Avelino Gapsin, Mercedita Querubin, Erlinda Howard, Carmelita Joseph, Irma Lobitana, Ellie Lezama, Willie Orpiano, Pacita Macasieb, Geri Murchison, Ruben Mislano, Edward Mejia, Gail Ocasion, Frances Pangelinan, Rosy Pereira, Aida Pineda, Romeo Camantigue, Mercedita Querubin, Maritess Sanchez, Minda Santos, Ursula Santos, Augusto Uy, George Ybanez. Let us thank God for what doesn't need healing.

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HOLY SEPULCHRE**



### 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

# OLGC THROUGH THE YEARS

