

# Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

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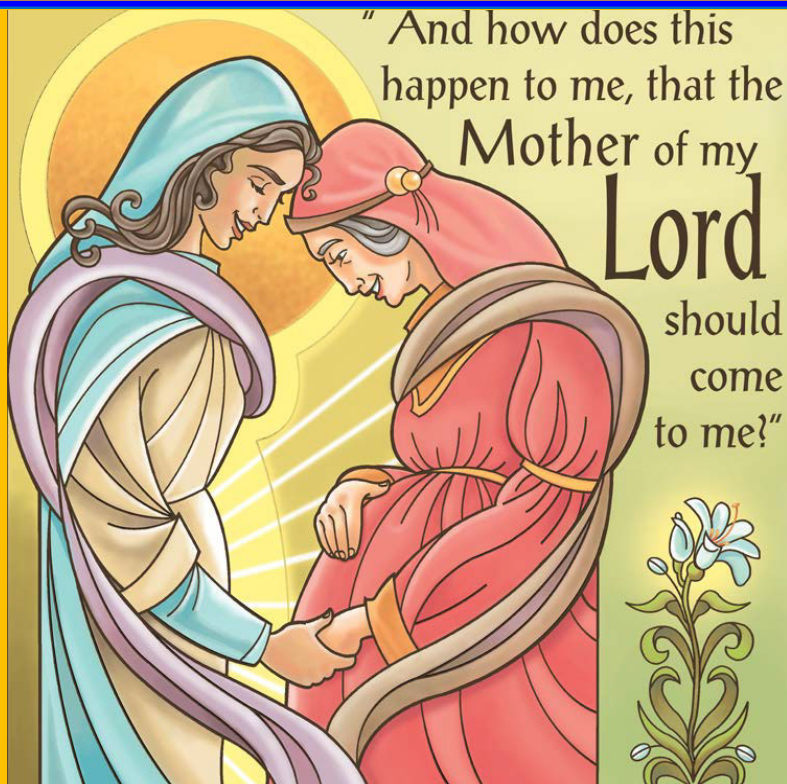
## MEMORIES AND DREAMS

Throughout our lives, we retain the language and habits of our native region and family of origin. Should we return to our home after a long absence, we quickly revert to its familiar speech and practices. Our deep memory is reflected in old stories and words and speech patterns. This familiarity runs like an underground river and accompanies us wherever we go.

Not only do we remember, we are incorporated into and made part of a greater memory. In remembering and recollecting, we are in turn gathered up and re-collected.

Today we remember Mary, a small figure traveling the country roads to visit Elizabeth. All the great pronouncements and dreams of the prophets point to this time when the Lord's words to Mary would be gathered and fulfilled. The memories of her people are alive in her, and memories of her nourish our own living faith.

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT—DECEMBER 23, 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 Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> is already Christmas Eve. It is that wonderful time of the year 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's always remember the wonder of what took place on that long ago night in Bethlehem.

*“For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, Mighty God, and Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6)*

God came to earth in the form of human being so we could know His love, peace, and salvation. Since that time there has never been a greater gift.

Let's enjoy the Christmas celebrations, gift exchanges and special meals, but most of all let's remember that after all Jesus is truly the reason for the season.

Let's take some time to reach out to those who are less fortunate; this season can be a difficult time for some to cope with. They may need our comfort and guidance to keep them on their path with God. As He provides for us, we should provide for others.

We look forward to seeing you and your families during one of the Christmas Masses we will have at Our Lady of Good Counsel. We are all family and should be sure to celebrate this momentous occasion with one another.

Our warm personal greetings to you, your family members and friends as we share the blessings of another Nativity celebration!

May the Peace and Joy of the Christ Child be with you now and throughout the New Year! Merry Christmas!

Sincerely in Christ,

*Fr. Jan Rudzewicz*  
*Deacon Thomas Martin*  
*Parish Staff*



**THIS WEEKS INTENTIONS**

Sat	Dec 22	Fatima & Beatrice Moniz (BD) Ligaya Alejandrino + Cornelio Moral + Don Praesto ( Intentions)
Sun	Dec 23	<b>8:30 AM</b> Rudy Ocasion+ Nina Cruz & Family (Thanksgiving) <b>11:00 AM</b> Joseph Pereira + Honorato Legaspi + Aaron Bon Rogel Family ( Thanksgiving) Emilia Jaring (Thanksgiving)
Mon	Dec 24	
Tue	Dec 25	Thanksgiving to Jesus & Mary Adrian Alejandrino (BD) Ligaya Alejandrino + Juan Lapenias
Wed	Dec 26	Albina Lozares + Arnold Gil Sanchez +
Thu	Dec 27	
Fri	Dec 28	Inocentes Gregorio + Maria Ma +
Sat	Dec 28	Fatima & Beatrice Moniz (BD) Ligaya Alejandrino + Alejandro Alejandrino + Aizle Alejandrino (BD) Benito Macasieb +
Sun	Dec 30	<b>8:30 AM</b> Rene Heystek (89th BD) <b>11:00 AM</b> <b>12:30</b> Mass for Parishioners

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Tuesday:	<u>Vigil:</u> Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] <u>Night:</u> Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 <u>Dawn:</u> Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 <u>Day:</u> Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Wednesday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Thursday:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Friday:	1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Vigil - Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00PM**  
**Midnight Mass – December 24/25<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00AM**  
**Christmas Day – Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30AM and 11:00AM**

**DUE TO OBSERVANCE OF  
HOLIDAY SEASON COLLECTION  
REPORT WILL BE  
PUBLISHED NEXT WEEK.**

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

In ancient pagan Rome, these days in mid-December were a time for general slacking off at work and far too much rejoicing. The period of leisure after the harvest and a whole cluster of pagan festivals were a force for the church to reckon with. The Saturnalia, breaking out on December 17, was a time of high living and loose morals. Christians were advised by their bishops to drop out of the mayhem and do some serious fasting. A famous church council at Saragossa in Spain made a season of fasting mandatory from December 17 to December 23, exactly coinciding with the Saturnalia. The bishops at that time were perhaps less concerned with preparing for Christmas than with resisting the kind of loose living going on.

Modern times have restored a bit of the Saturnalia spirit to our culture, so that a general period of partying with a vague connection to religion is now upon us. How does a Christian keep balance? The practice of charity by remembering the poor in our gift-giving, of hospitality in finding a place at our holiday tables for the poor and lonely, and of daily prayer in the home and at church are great helps. Although Advent is not a penitential season like Lent, it is a time for making room in our lives for what matters most.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**FROM ALL  
THE  
MINISTRIES  
OF**



**OUR LADY OF  
GOOD COUNSEL**

**“MARIA” ( Mary And Rosary In Action )  
WILL NOT BE CONDUCTING HEALING ROSARY ON  
DECEMBER 24, 2018**

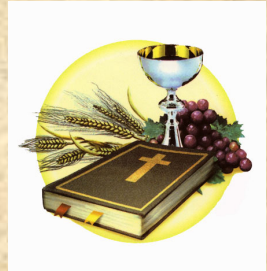


**Welcome New Parishioners !**

**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

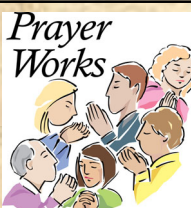
**Q.** *In explaining the Eucharist to those outside the Catholic Church, 1. how can we believe that bread and wine is changed into the Body and Blood of Christ? And 2. if we do believe, aren't we eating human flesh, which is something only cannibals do?*



**Catholic  
Answer 0052qa**

**A.** We believe in the change because of the words of Christ at the Last Supper and His promise of the Eucharist some time before the Last Supper. 2. We feel no revulsion in eating human flesh and blood because the apparent food (bread and wine) does not have the taste, etc., of flesh and blood; because we are not eating it primarily to fulfill our physical need for physical food; because from the most ancient times known to humanity eating the victim was part of any sacrifice to the deity, and the Mass is a sacrifice; because this physical union of our bodies with the Body of Christ symbolizes the union between God and humanity that occurred when Christ took on a human nature and which will be made permanent when we believers participate in the divine nature in heaven. This little list by no means exhausts the reasons why we don't feel like cannibals, but it should be long enough to furnish food for thought.

Incidentally, the charge of cannibalism against partakers of the Eucharist is almost as old as the Eucharist. The pagans hearing only second- and third hand versions of what went on in the Christian assemblies often concluded that it was cannibalism in literal fact. Athenagoras, an Athenian philosopher and convert to Christianity in the second century, defended his Church. After accepting this delusion on the part of the pagans as a fact of life, he explained the Christian concern for life, the Christian opposition to the pagan custom of abortion of unwanted children. He argued that Christians could not really be killing and eating babies in their secret Eucharists since they had reverence for life, temporal and eternal.



**Prayer  
Works**

**Requesting  
Your  
Prayers**

Gary Anderson, Corazon Arios, 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 Gapasin, Erlinda Howard, Carmelita Joseph, Irma Lobitana, Ellie Lezama, Willie Orpiano, Pacita Macasieb, Geri Murchison, Ruben Mislant, Edward Mejia, Gail Ocasion, Frances Pangelinan, Rosy Pereira, Aida Pineda, Romeo, 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**

# OLGC THROUGH THE YEARS

