



Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

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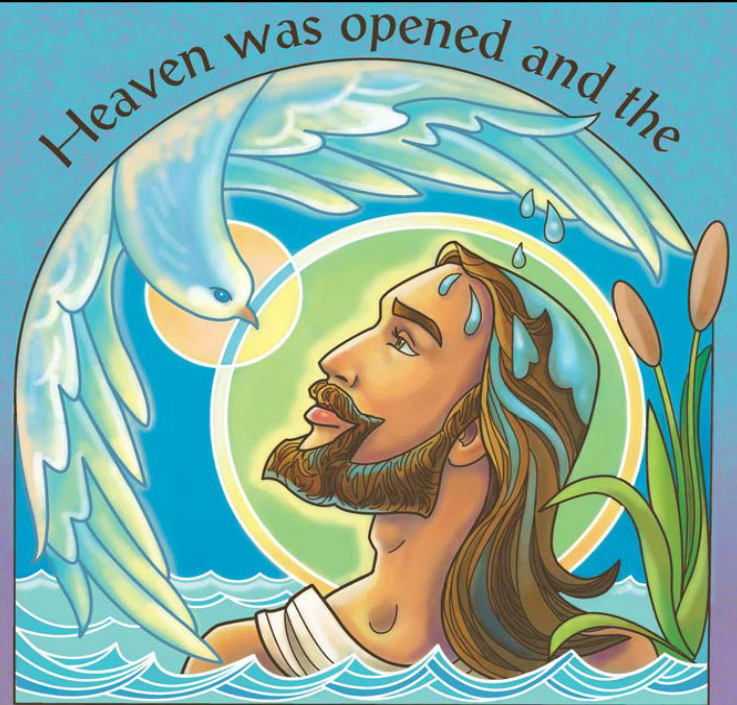
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CALLED TO SERVE

For many weeks now, we have been celebrating the appearance of the divine presence in human form. As a child, he came to Mary and Joseph, was seen by the shepherds, and then by some wandering magi from the East. Today we celebrate another showing, later in time, to a group gathered at the Jordan River.

John hesitated to baptize Jesus, whom he recognized as “one mightier than I.” But he did as Jesus asked, and the “Holy Spirit descended” and heaven’s voice spoke to Jesus, “You are my beloved Son.” Jesus was beginning his public life of teaching and service. Soon he would start calling others to join him.

Peter was one of the first to be called by Jesus. In today’s second reading, he announces the heart of the message, “peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.” Peter was called, and you and I are called to spread that message and to serve God’s word.



Holy Spirit descended upon Him

BAPTISM OF THE LORD — JANUARY 13, 2019

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



Through the grace of the sacrament of baptism, each person receives a particular **vocation** (or calling) from God. Most are called to live out their vocations as

married persons and others are called to respond to God in their capacity as single persons. Some are called to consecrate their lives to God as religious brothers and sisters. Others are called to consecrate their lives as virgins or as 3rd order Religious. Still others are called to dedicate their lives to God and the church as ordained priests and deacons.

Whatever one's calling may be, discerning it prayerfully and responding to it fully is the key to experiencing God's light and purpose in our lives.

Jesus called the apostles by name to learn from him and to carry on his ministry. He gave them extraordinary powers to baptize, to preach his gospel, to forgive sins and to feed His people with His own body and blood in the Eucharist.

Every Catholic man ought to prayerfully consider if Jesus may be calling him to the priesthood. Often those who are called say that the thought of the priesthood entered their mind and wouldn't go away. They find that time at Mass brings deep peace and joy. Gradually they sense that Jesus may be inviting them in a very personal way to investigate the possibility of the priesthood.

A priesthood candidate needs to have a personal relationship with Jesus. He is a person of prayer and fidelity to the Catholic Church. He is energized by the Church's ministry and seeks to make his particular gifts and talents available for service to the Church. He should be disciplined and responsible, of at least average intelligence and maturity.

Jesus himself was celibate and gave himself completely to his Father's will. Priests in the Roman Rite do not marry. They give their time, energy, love and commitment to those that they serve. Celibacy is not for everyone, but for those who are called to the priesthood it is a way to live and love in the world after the example of Jesus himself, and is not a burden.

Next weekend, January 19th and 20th, in our parish we will have an annual Seminary collection. In today's bulletin you will find a brochure which introduces you to our 19 seminarians attending different seminaries.

The cost to the Diocese of educating our future priests is substantial (about \$47,000 per seminarian per year) and your help is needed. Please be generous in financially supporting those called to serve in the Oakland Diocese as future priests. For your convenience special envelopes have been inserted into this bulletin. Kindly make your check payable to Our Lady of Good Counsel and notate "Seminary Collection" on the memo line.

Thank you for your support.

THIS WEEKS INTENTIONS

Sat	Jan 12	Ibarra de los Reyes + Jerry O'brian + Lydia Estanislao + Pura & Romeo de la Vega Sr.+ Bruno Sibal Jr.+ Felix Marimla+
Sun	Jan 13	8:30 AM Ibarra de los Reyes + Arturo Jaime Sanchez (good health & conversion) 11:00 AM Dn, Noe & Cora Tuason (Thanksgiving) Joel Comelo + Emmanuel Manlangit + Luis Angel Barraza + Lydia Estanislao + 12:30 Mass for Parishioners
Mon	Jan 14	Ibarra de los Reyes +
Tue	Jan 15	Ibarra de los Reyes +
Wed	Jan 16	Ibarra de los Reyes + Juliana & Naty Macasieb ++
Thu	Jan 17	Rene & Milagros Reyes Beth Garcia (BD) Ibarra de los Reytes + All Souls in Purgatory
Fri	Jan 18	Ibarra de los Reyes + Mario da Rosa +
Sat	Jan 19	Ibarra de los Reyes +
Sun	Jan 20	8:30 AM Ibarra de los Reyes + Linda Teng + 11:00 AM 12:30 Mass for Parishioners

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Baptism of the Lord
Monday:	First Week in Ordinary Time begins
Thursday:	St. Anthony
Friday:	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
Saturday:	Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany); Blessed Virgin Mary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Your Church Donation Statement for IRS is now available upon request. Call the Rectory (510) 969-7013 for request and it will be ready for pick up after it is signed.

SELF-DISCIPLINE

The greatest of all warriors in the siege of Troy had not the preeminence because nature had given him strength and he carried the largest bow, but because self-discipline had taught him how to bend it.—*Daniel Webster*

LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday collection (for general operating expenses)
Collected **\$2,510.00**

Restricted donations for: (Diocesan Assessment)
\$844.00

Votive candles 231.00
Adoration Chapel 118.00
St. Anne (donation box) 17.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT!
Next Week's 2nd Collector: SEMINARY

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Merry Christmas! Share that cheerful greeting with some folks today. They may wonder if you have had any Elvis sightings lately, attended Star Trekkie conventions, or were Cleopatra in a previous lifetime. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly within the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of John's Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in his baptism.

At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life-giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since "today there is a blessing on the water." At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time.



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



KNIGHT'S CORNER

Our OLCG Knights of Columbus Chapter is growing. 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. Call the Parish Office for more information.

Q. Christ knows who is going to heaven and who to hell, doesn't that take away our free choice?

A. He does. But it is not His will but ours that makes the difference. There have been people who believed in what is called predestination, that God from all eternity made some people to go to heaven and some to hell no matter how they lived. That belief is "un-Catholic." It takes no account of the revelation made to humanity through Christ and the Bible which tells us that God loves all His creatures-enough to become man and suffer and die for them. If we use only our reason and not revelation, it does seem impossible to see how God could grant free will to creatures of His and still not be responsible for them hurting themselves by sin, since He made them in the first place.

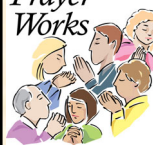
Thousands of theologians through the centuries have argued about how to answer the problem. But answering it is like answering the question "Can God make a stone so big he can't lift it?" Whether you say Yes or No, you are denying that God can do everything.

Your problem is really two questions: 1. Can God be so just He ceases to be merciful? and 2. Can God be so merciful He ceases to be just? Our answer to both questions must be first Yes, on second thought No, and on third thought, "Human reason cannot answer Yes or No." But that response does not have to mean that we reject an infinitely merciful and just God. Our human reason is only finite and unable to cope with the idea of God being infinitely just while infinitely merciful.



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Prayer Works



Requesting Your Prayers

Virgilio Abar, Gary Anderson, Corazon Ariosa, Carmen Bryant, Corazon Belisario, Dulce Bufete, Jack Burns, Romeo Camantigue, Ed & Eliz Coyne, Sevin Co, Erlinda Dizon, Priscilla Da Rosa, Elisa Ducusin, Belen Escondo, Cora Estanislao, Eddie Exevea, Nilda Falero, Arnel Flores, Avelino Gapsin, Erlinda Howard, Carmelita Joseph, Irma Lobitana, Ellie Lezama, Willie Orpiano, Pacita Macasieb, Mary Moniz, Geri Murchison, Ruben Mislant, Edward Mejia, Gail Ocasion, Frances Pangelinan, Rosy Pereira, Aida Pineda, Mercedes 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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This week we extend our gratitude to HOLISTIC CARE HOME



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

