



# Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

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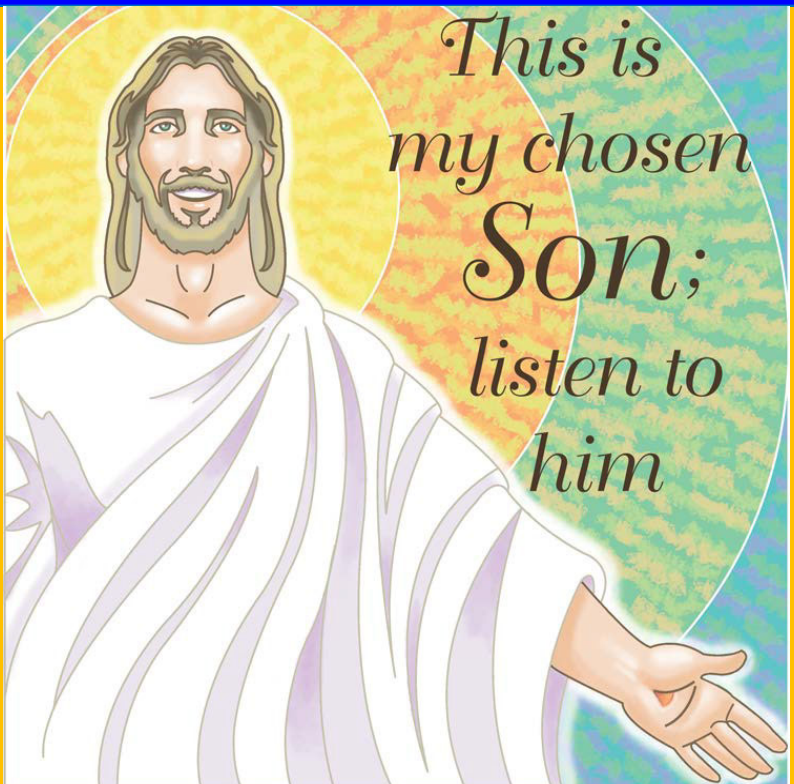
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## STAND FIRM IN THE LORD

It is not hard to imagine, in this age of wars, evil groups bent on the destruction of humanity, and political follies, that the words of Saint Paul were so accurate, even for his time. It seems that the world never changes. Paul says, "Many . . . conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is their destruction . . . Their minds are occupied with earthly things" (Philippians 3:18, 19). The result is the destruction of innocent people and of the Earth itself. But Paul says to the Philippians, "our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (3:20). He will "change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body" (3:21). Note that he says "body" rather than "bodies." He is talking about the whole community of believers, who, following the example of Jesus and of Paul, will come into the glory of God. So "stand firm in the Lord" (4:1).



## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT—MARCH 17, 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



## THE 2019 BISHOP'S APPEAL

### KICKS-OFF THIS WEEKEND

Bishop Michael Barber personally chose the theme for this year's Bishop's Appeal. To better understand Bishop's decision we need to go to the historical story "The Life of Francis" written by St. Bonaventure:

*"One day when Francis went out to meditate in the fields he was passing by the church of San Damiano which was threatening to collapse because of extreme age..."*

*Kneeling before an image of the Crucified, he was filled with great fervor and consolation as he prayed. While his tear-filled eyes were gazing at the Lord's cross, he heard with his bodily ears a voice coming from the cross, telling him three times: "Francis, go and repair my house which, as you see, is falling into ruin."*

*Trembling with fear, Francis was amazed at the sound of this astonishing voice, since he was alone in the church; and as he received in his heart the power of the divine words, he fell into a state of ecstasy. Returning finally to his senses, he prepared to put his whole heart into obeying the command he had received. He began zealously to repair the church materially, although the principle intention of the words referred to that Church which Christ purchased with his own blood, as the Holy Spirit afterward made him realize..."*

Inspired by this story our Bishop Barber says:

*"Rebuild My Church" was the message Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ once spoke to St. Francis... As your shepherd for almost six years, it has been my mission to build up Christ's Church in the Diocese of Oakland. Most recently, I have spoken to you regarding my three pillars: the Sunday Mass experience; practicing spiritual and corporal works of mercy; and forming ourselves into missionary disciples. I call on you today to assist me in strengthening these pillars as we work together to Rebuild Christ's Church!*

So our Bishop humbly asks all and each one of us:

***"Will you help me Rebuild Christ's Church? The annual Bishop's Appeal helps us with the expenses of vital ministries and programs throughout the Diocese. We are making a difference with your support. Each year, I come to you and ask you to make a special commitment, a one-time gift or a pledge payable over a period of time, so that I can maintain the health and vibrancy of our Catholic community. May I count on your sacrificial support once again?"***

### THIS WEEKS INTENTIONS

Sat	Mar 16	Teresa Grande ( healing)
Sun	Feb 17	<b>8:30 AM</b> Teresa Grande ( healing) <b>11:00 AM</b> Josie Casanas ( Intentions) <b>12:30</b> Mass for Parishioners
Mon	Mar 18	Teresa Grande ( healing) Mario da Rosa + Emil Pontillas + Nenita Santos ( Surgery)
Tue	Mar 19	Teresa Grande ( healing) Raymond Kelly + Josefina Kelly +
Wed	Mar 20	Teresa Grande ( healing) Lou Rosario +
Thu	Mar 21	Teresa Grande ( healing) Lucy Uy
Fri	Mar 22	Teresa Grande ( healing) Joaquin Figueroa + Marcus Carvalho + John & Shirley Hawron ++
Sat	Mar 23	Teresa Grande ( healing)
Sun	Feb 24	<b>8:30 AM</b> Teresa Grande ( healing) Rudy Ocasion + <b>11:00 AM</b> Rolando Macasieb + <b>12:30</b> Mass for Parishioners

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Second Sunday of Lent; St. Patrick's Day
Monday:	St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Tuesday:	St. Joseph
Wednesday:	Spring begins; Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sundown
Friday:	Abstinence
Saturday:	St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon:	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tues:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Wed:	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thu:	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Fri:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sun:	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9 Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

During this Lenten season we invite everyone to join our Station of the Cross inside the Church every Friday after 9:00 AM Mass and at 7:00 PM.



### TALENT

Talent is wanting something bad enough to work for it.

—Anonymous

# LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS

**Sunday collection** (for general operating expenses)  
Collected **\$2,387.00**

**Restricted donations for:** (Liability Insurance)  
**\$858.00**

El Shaddai (Monthly donation)	700.00
El Shaddai (Mass)	122.00
Ash Wednesday (Mass collections)	1,240.00
Quinceañera celebration	300.00
Easter Flowers	90.00
Votive candles	140.00
Adoration Chapel	392.00
St. Anne (donation box)	51.00

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

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By now, many may have failed in Lenten discipline to some measure or another: the daily doughnut is simply too alluring, or a furtive puff on a cigarette irresistible. There is meaning even in the failure, though, a kind of reminder that we cannot save ourselves. Part of the power of Lent is that we do it together, and although individuals decide on different ways to keep it, it is fundamentally the same journey. We fall, we get up, we keep moving. The desire to "give something up" for Lent is an age-old impulse in the Christian heart. We get better at it over the years, and move more deeply into the meaning and message of acts of sacrifice; so there is no shame in stumbling, as long as we are not discouraged by the failure and give up. We are clearing space in our lives, after all, and some of the things we desire to give up are worth rooting out completely anyway.

What do we do with the space we have cleared out by our sacrifice? The Lenten question of giving up is balanced by the Easter question of our response to Christ's embrace of us in love: "What are you taking on for Easter?"

## 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.** "What makes Jesus different from other famous religious leaders like Mohammed, Buddha, or Confucius?"

**A.** To begin with, only Jesus claimed to be both human and *divine*. Furthermore, Jesus proved His divinity through his many miracles, especially through His resurrection from the dead and ascension into heaven. Mohammed, Buddha, and Confucius may have been prominent religious leaders, but each of them ultimately died and no one ever claimed to have seen them walking among the living after their deaths, as hundreds witnessed Jesus doing after His death and resurrection (1 Cor 15:4-8, see Acts 1:22).

Also, only Jesus claimed a divine pre-existence prior to his birth as a human being. You may remember the scene in the Gospel in which Jesus, speaking to the scribes and Pharisees says, "Abraham your father rejoiced to see my day; he saw it and was glad ... Before Abraham came to be, I AM" (Jn 8:56). In this passage and others and throughout the four gospels, Jesus' divinity is shown. Not only did He exist before the world began, but He also demonstrated His power over the world, causing people to say, "What sort of man is this, whom even the winds and the sea obey?" (Mt 8:27). No one else demonstrated such marvelous signs and wonders, such that even the most hard-hearted came to believe in him (Jn 11:45).

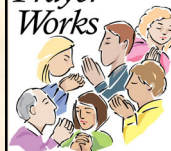
Among the religious leaders you mention, only Jesus' life was prophesied before His birth. In the book of Isaiah, for example, we read that the Messiah would "heal" and "save" and "perform miracles" (see Is 35:4-6), including making "the deaf hear, the blind see" (Is 29:18). In the Psalms, we see that the Messiah will "pray for his enemies" (Ps 109:4); speak in parables (see Ps 78:2); and be rejected by His own people (see Ps 118:22-23). In all, there are more than a hundred prophecies in the Old Testament that foretold Jesus' coming as the Messiah.

The *entire* Old Testament is a preparation for the coming of Jesus, the Messiah who was promised by God to redeem the world and bring salvation to mankind. Ultimately, this is what separates Jesus from anyone else. Only Jesus is the Son of God, sent by the Father to die for our sins, who conquers sin and death through His passion, death, and resurrection. Furthermore, He establishes His Church on earth and through it provides all mankind the means to eternal life.



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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 Gapasin, 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.



## 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

