



Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

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THE LONG-AWAITED ONE

As the Sundays of Advent unfold the scriptures shift focus from the final coming of the Lord to his historical birth. Today's scriptures blend the two. Isaiah's disillusionment with the kings of his own day led him to envision an ideal king who would rule with divine approval and be led by divine wisdom. For centuries the Jewish people anticipated the arrival of that Messiah, who would usher in a blessed age when the whole world would finally dwell in justice and peace.

After centuries of such growing expectation, the preaching of John the Baptist about the imminent arrival of the Messiah could not help but provoke intense interest. The Baptist's message about preparation for "the one who is coming" (Matthew 3:11) makes clear that Jesus is, in fact, the long-awaited one who is ushering in the new age foretold by Isaiah and all the prophets



JOHN THE BAPTIST APPEARED,
PREACHING IN THE DESERT OF JUDEA
AND SAYING, "REPENT,
FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
IS AT HAND!"

- MATTHEW 3:1

SECOND SUNDAY OF
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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 Penafraancia

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 4:00—4:45 pm

First Friday— 8 pm

BAPTISMS AND WEDDING

Call Rectory : (510) 969-7013

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: Lynne Evans - (510) 501-4894

FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/ CCD

Sunday morning – All grades after 8:30 Mass



Stewardship
Bulletin Reflection
December 8, 2019
Second Sunday
of Advent

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IS 11:1-10; PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
ROM 15:4-9; MT 3:1-12

St. Paul writes in his letter to the Romans, our Second Reading on this Second Sunday of Advent: *“May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another.”* That statement is prayer-like, something that Paul tends to do in his letters, because Paul recognizes and knows that it is only through the Holy Spirit that each of can find that internal conversion to have the same endurance and patience to achieve the harmony for which we seek.

That in part is what we are striving for during this Advent season. Often, especially at this time of year, we are in a hurry. God may seem to work too slowly for us. God’s plan is based upon patience and endurance. Paul continues that we need to *“...welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you.”* Christ does indeed welcome us with all our faults and our sins as well. Throughout His ministry the Lord called us to treat one another, to love one another, as He treats and loves us.

As part of our Advent journey we need to work toward finding that same love in our hearts that the Lord feels for us. First, we need to recognize and accept that love. Then we need to seek the conversion that allows us to translate that love into our treatment of others. This is, in effect, what stewardship is all about — to glorify God in our actions by thinking of others first, by sharing who and what we are.

December 12th (Thursday) - Advent Reconciliation Service - 7:00pm

December 16th - 23rd - Simbang Gabi Masses - 7:30pm.

December 24th (Tuesday) - Concluding Simbang Gabi Mass - 6:00 am

THIS WEEK’S INTENTIONS

Sat	Dec 7	5:00 PM
Sun	Dec 8	8:30 AM Erlinda Lunasco + Criselda Lunasco + Leonora Palad + 11:00 AM Leonora Miller + Romel Carino + Oscar & Rose Orpiano ++ 12:30 Mass for Parishioners
Mon	Dec 9	
Tue	Dec 10	Nelia Fausto (BD)
Wed	Dec 11	Nina Ricci Valdez + Jessica Castillo
Thu	Dec 12	Loudes Dicedican (BD) Mary Litvichuk (BD)
Fri	Dec 13	
Sat	Dec 14	5:00 PM
Sun	Dec 15	8:30 AM Alice Salvado + Elmer Lunasco + Bong Lunascio + Claudio Gregorio + 11:00 AM 12:30 Mass for Parishioners

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Second Sunday of Advent
Monday:	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday:	International Human Rights Day
Wednesday:	St. Damasus I
Thursday:	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Friday:	St. Lucy
Saturday:	St. John of the Cross

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Friday:	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

BE A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

We are Catholic men building bridge back to faith. There is much more good and necessary work to be done in this world and that’s what Knights do everyday.
Be proud to be a Catholic.
Be proud to be a Knight.



POSSIBILITIES

Nothing is impossible for God and his Blessed Mother.
—Don Bosco

LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday collection (for general operating expenses)
 Collected **\$2,867.00**

Restricted donations for: (Diocesan Assessment)
\$892.00

Parish Gift Shop	1,781.50
Thanksgiving	1,304.00
Baptisms	400.00
Votive candles	160.00
Adoration Chapel	76.00
St. Anne (donation box)	15.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT!
Next Week's 2nd Collection: RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

SAINT JUAN DIEGO (1474-1548) December 9
 How well Mary's own words describe Juan Diego: "God has cast down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly" (Luke 1:52). Through him, for the diverse peoples of the Americas, indigenous and immigrant, the Mother of God became known as their Mother, too. Cuauhtlatzin, his given name, means "One Who Speaks Like an Eagle," and Juan Diego faithfully delivered the Virgin's request that a church be built at Tepeyac where she had appeared to him. To the skeptical bishop's request for a sign, Our Lady showed Juan Diego roses blooming through stony ground, despite winter's cold. When he unfolded his tilma to present them to the bishop, imprinted there was Mary's image! Her blue sash and the flower over her womb were traditional Aztec symbols of pregnancy and new life. But her features were those of a mestiza, indicating mixed Aztec-European heritage. Thus to peoples too easily prone to a "clash of cultures," Our Lady of Guadalupe remains the enduring icon of unity-in-diversity, the fruit of our one baptism into Jesus, her Son

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Catholic Answers

Q. I'm a Born-Again Christian and I was wondering why the Catholic Church doesn't do the altar call to have people accept the Lord Jesus as their Lord and Savior since it says that you must make this

A. The Catholic Church does, in a sense, make an altar call at every Mass. When people approach the altar to receive Communion, they are indeed accepting Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, as they accept His body and blood into their bodies. Jesus says in John 6, verse 51 and following, that unless you eat His flesh and drink His blood, you have no life in you. If you eat His flesh and drink His blood, you will have eternal life He says, and He will raise you up at the last day.

Catholics take Jesus' words literally - we believe what He says. That is why we believe we receive His actual body and blood during Communion (or the Lord's Supper as you might call it). So when a Catholic approaches the altar to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, they are saying with their bodies, "I believe." And just minutes before they approach the altar, they have, with the recitation of the Nicene Creed, declared with their lips that they believe. They believe Jesus is the Lord and Savior of mankind and they believe He is present - Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity - in the Eucharist that they receive. My question to you, however, is where does it say that someone must make a "declaration" in which they "accept the Lord Jesus as their Lord and Savior" in order to be born again? Nowhere does the Bible say such a thing. In fact, the Bible says that one is born again by being baptized. John 3:3-5 says that unless one is born of water and the Spirit (baptism) one cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

All Catholics, by virtue of their baptism, are Born Again Christians. Now, don't get me wrong, we need to constantly proclaim our faith in Jesus Christ - but the Bible does not say that one is "born again" by making such a verbal declaration of acceptance of Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior.

Prayer Works



Virgilio Abar, Gary Anderson, Cesar & Ester Eugenio, Merceditas Go-Oco, Carmen Bryant, Corazon Belisario, Dulce Bufete, Jack Burns, Romeo Camantigue, Ed & Eliz Coyne, Priscilla Da Rosa, Elisa Ducusin, Belen Escondo, Cora Estanislao, Arnel Flores, Avelino Gapsin, Mark Litvinchuck, Willie Orpiano, Mary Moniz, Geri Murchison, Ruben Mislant, Edward Mejia, Gail Ocasion, Frances Pangelinan, Rosy Pereira, Pratima Prasad, Merceditas Que-rubin, Josephine Redard, Dan Sanchez, Maritess Sanchez, Ursula Santos, Jane Spivey, 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

