

# Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

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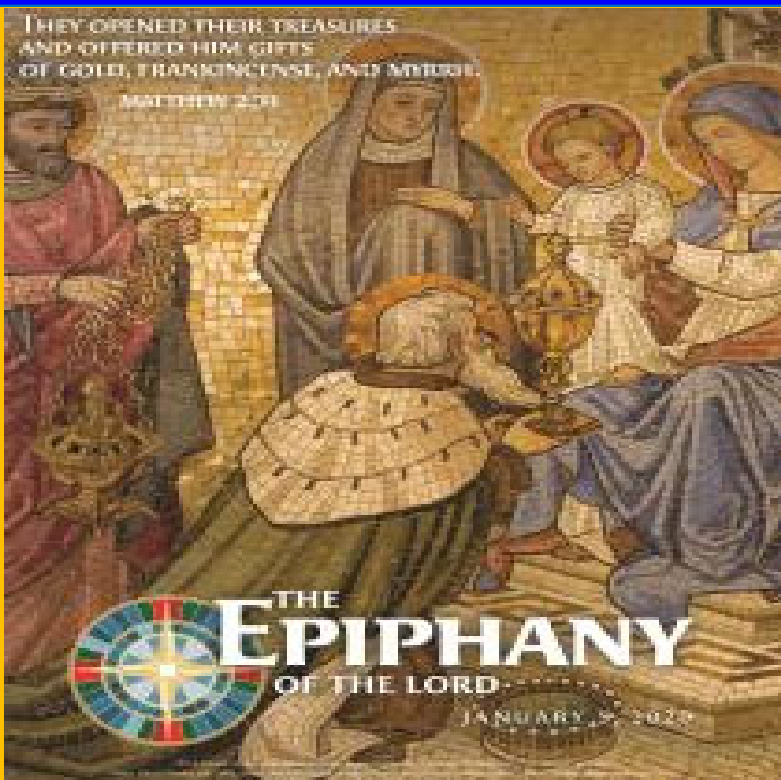
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## LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Epiphany can be understood as an extension of the Nativity of the Lord that we celebrate on December 25. While at Christmas we celebrate

Jesus' coming as the long-awaited king and Messiah of the Jewish people, on Epiphany we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is the Savior and Light of all nations—Jews, Gentiles, and all people.

The star shines so brightly that it attracts magi who come from far distant countries to worship Jesus. They are not Jews, yet they are drawn to the Light of the world. The letter to the Ephesians reveals that the Light of the world was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews—Christ gathers all people into the light of his love. The reading from Isaiah also describes a gathering of diverse peoples, but this time it is to the light that emanates from the people of God



## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD — JANUARY 5, 2020

### 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

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  
**January 5, 2020**  
**— Solemnity of  
the Epiphany of  
the Lord**

Catholic Stewardship  
Consultants, Inc.

**Is 60: 1-6; Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13;**  
**Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2: 1-12**

As we continue our celebration of the Christmas season, we observe today the great Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word “epiphany” means manifestation and throughout the Christmas readings we have seen that the newborn King is eager to reveal Himself to all those willing to accept His presence in their lives. From poor and humble shepherds to the international group of magi featured in today’s Gospel passage, Jesus makes it clear that He offers Himself as a gift to everyone.

When the Magi — the wise men — found the child Jesus, they opened their treasures and they gave “*Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*” They did not present the gifts to His parents; they presented them directly to Him. The baby Jesus had no real need for these gifts, and we assume that Mary and Joseph used them in Christ’s behalf, to support Him.

That is what we do when we give to the Church. Although our gifts need to be viewed by us as gifts to God, we also must have a trust, which includes the understanding that those who will use the gifts will use them wisely and justly. The Magi trusted that their gifts would be used in a way that was beneficial. We need to have that same kind of trust. Most of all, we need to understand the importance of giving, of being good stewards.



**THIS WEEK’S INTENTIONS**

Sat	Jan 4	<b>5:00 PM</b>	
Sun	Jan 5	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b> Nena & Felipe Teng + Estrelita & Romeo Apostol + Antonia & Venancio Mendoza + Primitivo Hidalgo + Victorio Humarang + <b>12:30 Mass for Parishioners</b>
Mon	Jan 6		
Tue	Jan 7		
Wed	Jan 8		
Thu	Jan 9		
Fri	Jan 10		Nick Reyes +
Sat	Jan 11	<b>5:00 PM</b>	Nina Ricci Valdez +
Sun	Jan 12	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b> <b>12:30 Mass for Parishioners</b>

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week
Monday:	St. André Bessette
Tuesday:	St. Raymond of Penyafort; Julian Calendar Christmas



**The best time spent  
is time spent in prayer**

**Join our OLCG Weekday Devotions  
after 9AM Masses**

**Tuesdays: St. Anthony / Wednesdays  
Mother of Perpetual Help**

**Thursdays St. Jude / Fridays: La Pieta /**

**First Friday of the month Sacred Heart of Jesus 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 to join

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.



# LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS

**Sunday collection** (for general operating expenses)  
Collected **\$2,065.00**

**Restricted donations for:** (Grounds Maintenance)  
**\$824.00**

Simbang Gabi Masses	\$5,178.00
Christmas Masses	\$4,234.00
Giving Tree	\$2,212.00
Special Donation	\$962.00
Votive candles	\$203.00
Adoration Chapel	\$188.00
St. Anne (donation box)	\$21.00
Christmas Flowers	\$31.00

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

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON  
January 4 (1774-1821)

Though her liturgical designation is "Religious," Elizabeth Seton, her feast-day prayer reminds us, was also wife, mother, educator, foundress. Born into a wealthy Episcopalian family, Elizabeth married William Seton, whose untimely death in Italy where the young family sought healing for William's tuberculosis, left her, at twenty-nine, a widow with five children. Inspired by the faith and charity of the Italian family with whom they stayed, Elizabeth embraced Catholicism despite her family's disowning her and ceasing financial support. This woman of many firsts (and several vocations!) opened the first free Catholic school, beginning the American Catholic educational system, and founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity. The tuberculosis that claimed her husband took also her oldest and youngest daughters and, finally, at just forty-seven, Elizabeth herself. Another first: in 1975 she was canonized the first native-born American saint. Once asked to summarize her spirituality, she replied: "Faith lifts the staggering soul on one side, hope supports it on the other, experience says it must be, and love says let it be!"

HAVE FUN FOR THE FUND. JOIN US  
IN OUR CASINO TRIP ON  
JANUARY 11. BRING YOUR  
FRIENDS. IN-BUS GAMES, ROSARY  
AND KARAOKE. Sponsored by Knights  
of Columbus. Proceeds will support  
the annual Special Olympic events



**Q.** I have a question for you that my son asked. In the Creed we read: "He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead." His question is: At what time does this judging occur? Directly after death or at a later time?



**Catholic  
Answers**

**A.** There is a particular judgment at the moment of death, and there will be a general judgment at the end of time. The particular judgment is more like the kind of courtroom judgment we think of when we hear the word "judgment" - a determining of guilt or innocence.

At the moment of our death, we will be judged and our eternal destination - Heaven or Hell - will be decided. As it says in Hebrews 9:27, "...it is appointed for men to die once, and after that comes judgment." We can see particular judgments for Lazarus and the Rich Man after their deaths (Luke 16:22-23). Paul laments how he would prefer to leave his body and be with Christ rather than stay here on earth (2 Cor 5:8; Phil 1:21-23), implying a particular judgment at the moment of death. We also see Scripture speak of the spirits of the just who have been made perfect and are already in Heaven (Heb 12:23), again implying a particular judgment after death.

However, the word "judgment" is often used to mean "vindication" or "defense." The general judgment, or Last Judgment, will not be so much one of deciding guilt or innocence - Heaven or Hell - as it is a judgment of the triumph of good over evil. Judgment in this sense would mean a vindication more than a courtroom style judgment. So, the Last Judgment is the final vindication of good over evil - the final and complete victory of good over evil that takes place at the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time.

At the Last Judgment the workings of God's plan in salvation history, and every individuals role in that plan - for good or for evil - will be revealed to all (Catechism #677-679). Luke 12:2-3, "Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. Whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed upon the rooftops."

## 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 Gapasin, Mark Litvinchuck, Willie Orpiano, Mary Moniz, Geri Murchison, Ruben Mislant, Edward Mejia, Gail Ocasion, Frances Pangelinan, Rosy Pereira, Prati-ma Prasad, 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

