



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

50 Years

1966 - 2016

Journey of Faith



GOLDEN JUBILEE

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*Our Lady
of Good Counsel,
give us your counsel...*

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 10, 2016



Our Lady Of Good Counsel Church

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Parish Office hour : 9:30 AM—2:30 PM Monday to Friday

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MASSES:

Saturday Vigil : 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 11:00am & 12:30 pm (in Polish)

Second Sunday: 3:00 pm - El Shaddai

Third Sunday: 2:00 pm - Virgin of Penafrancia

Holy Days: 9:00 am & 7:30 pm

Weekdays: (Monday - Friday) 9:00 am

First Saturday—8:00 am

CONFESIONS:

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



TO THE PARISHIONERS OF
OUR LADY OF GOOD
COUNSEL PARISH,
SAN LEANDRO
ON THE OCCASION OF
THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE PARISH

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is with great joy that your community gathers to celebrate your Golden Jubilee, and our diocesan family also rejoices with you on this memorable occasion.

An anniversary like this is an opportunity to glorify the Lord for all the graces you have received since 1966, when led by Fr. James F. Keane, your community started a new stage in its life. Moreover, this celebration is also a call from God to embrace the present with passion, and to look at the future with hope.

I pray that each one of you will be able to fully participate in the task of the New Evangelization, as Pope Francis has asked us, becoming beacons of light to the world, bearers of Christ's mercy and love, because "in union with Jesus, we seek what he seeks and we love what he loves. In the end, what we are seeking is the glory of the Father; we live and act "for the praise of his glorious grace" (Eph 1:6)... This is our definitive, deepest and greatest motivation, the ultimate reason and meaning behind all we do: the glory of the Father which Jesus sought at every moment of his life." (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 267)

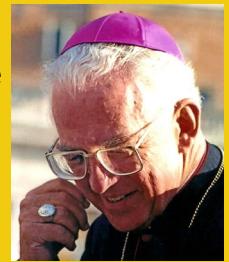
May the Holy Spirit, who leads the Church throughout the centuries, continue igniting your hearts every day, and may our Blessed Mother, our Lady of Good Counsel, carry you all in her loving arms.

With my gratitude, prayers and blessing,

*The Most Rev. Michael C. Barber, SJ
Bishop of Oakland*

DEAR FATHER JAN AND FRIENDS:

Your invitation to join with you on the Golden Jubilee sits well. I rejoice in memory from those earliest enlivening days with the appointment as your first pastor Father James Keene, a wonderful friend from our seminary days.



I appreciate Our Lady of Good Counsel for its community, rather a family style of parish. It contrasts with the historical dimension of St. Leander and the size of St. Felicitas. San Leandro indeed was once "no mean city" as county seat of Alameda. Its first parish dating from 1864 has the honor of being the third congregation established in what became the Diocese of Oakland.

The city doubled in size in the 1940's. The church responded by establishing Assumption Parish, St. Alphonsus Ligouri and in the vast Washington Manor St. Felicitas. Monsignor Michael McGinty quickly reached out to the Marina at Bishop Floyd Begin's urging to establish the mission of Star of the Sea. Despite the uncertainty of marina development with the property from the old powder works and the difficulty of the watery land that would make pumps part of Our Lady of Good Counsel life, Bishop Begin gave the mission the status of parish.

The mark of our Lady of Good Counsel has been neither history nor size but rather community, a treasured sense of welcome that has promoted through the years people lingering after mass on Sunday. The collaboration evidenced by the building of the hall increased the welcome.

The parish furthered as well a characteristic of so many communities in the diocese, namely, a rich diversity. Father Keane after many years at Bishop O'Dowd High School knew many of the parishioners as his former students. A large number were Portuguese, attended later by Father Joe Ferreira with the naming of Azores Place. Father Thomas Duong Binh-Minh and Father Thuong Hoai Nguyen embraced both east and west with welcome to the Vietnamese from the mother parish and the increase in Filipino population. Father Alex Snyder joined in the devotion to our Lady of Penafrancia. He and Father Jan continued the tradition of welcome and added a mass for a group, latecomers to the western part of the United States, the Polish community.

Grace has abounded. Congratulations.
Sincerely,

*John S. Cummins
Bishop Emeritus of Oakland*

THE BEGINNINGS OF OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISH



In May 1965, to serve the 350 Catholic families in San Leandro Marina District, Star of the Sea Mission was opened and placed under the administration of Father Michael McGinty, pastor of St. Felicitas. Looking toward the eventual creation of a parish, this mission was given an official boundary as follows:



NORTH: From Bay along Davis Street to Nimitz Freeway.



EAST: From Davis Street, southeast along the freeway to West Avenue 137, then west along West Avenue 137 to Merced Street, then south along Merced Street to intersection of Wicks Boulevard and south along Wicks Boulevard to Grant Avenue.



SOUTH: Grant Avenue from Wicks Boulevard to the Bay.



WEST: The Bay from Davis Street to San Leandro Creek.



Within a year, however, it became apparent that a parish rather than a mission was needed. On July 1, 1966, Bishop Begin created the parish of



Our Lady of Good Counsel and assigned to it the territory previously ascribed to the Star of the Sea Mission.



Appointed pastor of this new parish was Father James P. Keane, who came directly from his teaching position in Bishop O'Dowd High School. Property was secured at Doolittle Drive and Farallon Avenue in San Leandro and plans prepared for a church. Father Keane took up his residence in a tract house around the corner from the church site. Pending erection of the church, Sunday Masses were offered in Peluso's Blue Dolphin Restaurant on the Marina.



The church was opened in September 1969 and dedicated formally by Bishop Begin on March 14, 1970, at which time he also confirmed a class of 40. The church was a Rheem-Dudley pre-fabricated building and seated 450 people. The land on which it rested was low, and before placing the church on it, the site was filled to a height of four feet so as to avoid flooding from heavy winter rains. It is a multipurpose building and the sanctuary may be closed off completely when other than liturgical functions are being held. Movable chairs and kneelers facilitate this function. The organ was obtained from St. Felicitas Church. Over the altar hangs a mosaic depicting Our Lady of Good Counsel obtained from the School of Mosaics in Vatican City. Effective October 5, 1972, Father Keane was transferred to the pastorate of Our Lady of Grace, Castro Valley, succeeding Monsignor Patrick J. Stack who had retired.

A beloved young priest, Father Joseph Ferreira, succeeded Father Keane as pastor. Under him the building program continued, and a year after he took office, ground was broken for a new rectory adjacent to the church. Thus this parish now had a working parish plant which may be enlarged as future development may require.

Archbishop Mitty petitioned for permission to confer the priesthood on him, and this was granted. On January 6, 1959, he was ordained by Bishop Donohue in Five Wounds Portuguese National Church in San Jose. During the next thirteen years he served as an associate pastor in several churches: St. Louis Bertrand and St. Paschal, Oakland; St. Leander, San Leandro; Queen of All Saints, Concord and finally St. Leonard, Fremont...

The succession of pastors: Fr. James F. Keane (1966-72), Fr. Joseph Ferreira (1972 - 83), Fr. Joseph K. Autard (1983 - 92), Fr. Alexander N. Snyder (1992 - 98), Fr. Thomas Duong Binh-Minh (1998 - 2001), Fr. Dominic Thuong Hoai Nguyen (2001- 11), Fr. Jan Rudzewicz (2011-)

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