



50 Years

1966 - 2016

Journey of Faith



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 4, 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

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



Spiritual Works of Mercy (part 4)

4. Comfort the Afflicted

It is said that friendship doubles our joy and divides our grief. That's true: good news becomes better when we can share it, and the burden of sorrow is lighter when there is more than one person to carry it. This is the straightforward counsel

of St. Paul: "Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep" (Rom 12:15).

Most of us feel pretty inadequate in the face of another's suffering. We are afraid we might say the wrong thing or attempt to get out of the awkward situation by mouthing some platitude like, "I know how you feel." As daunting as this work of mercy appears, however, in one way it is the easiest to perform because often the best comfort we can provide comes from doing and saying nothing, but just by *being there* with our grieving friend. There are no magic words that make the pain vanish, but there are the looks and touches that say, "You're not alone."

As with other works of mercy, this one calls for delicacy. People grieve in different ways, so there is no simple formula for giving comfort. One very practical suggestion is, when a loved one experiences some kind of shock or loss, turn a few pages in your calendar and jot a note to get in touch in a month or so to see how they are doing. There is often a flurry of sympathy when tragedy strikes, but after a few weeks the afflicted person finds that people have moved on to other concerns. Sorrows don't space themselves out, and it is understandable that subsequent events distract people. If we make a note to get in touch from time to time, our small doses of sympathy will be more effective – like those "time release" capsules that provide medicine over a period of time.

Our comfort can take practical forms, too. Especially in the aftermath of a death or some other catastrophic event, the suffering person not only has to deal with their grief, but there may be concerns that now have become their responsibility – taking care of business, managing the house, looking after children. An occasional helping hand can bring great comfort.

A time of sorrow can be, even with its difficulties, a unique time of grace. St. Paul knew this. He suffered many things because of his fidelity to Christ, but he also knew a tremendous inner peace that came from God. At the beginning of his Second Letter to the Corinthians he gave thanks for this: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God" (2 Cor 1:3-4).

If in our own times of sorrow we tap into the divine consolation that comes to us from "the God of all comfort", we

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	Sep 3	Rita Viola & Fr. Andrews (healing) Leo & Isabel San Agustin (25th Wedding) Mary Lit (Special Intentions)
Sun	Sep 4	8:30AM Mary Lit (Special Intentions) 11:00 AM Frank & Arlene Goldsborough Joseph Pereira + Edward Mejia (healing)
Mon	Sep 5	Mary Lit (Special Intentions) Theresa Cao +
Tue	Sep 6	Mary Lit (Special Intentions)
Wed	Sep 7	Mary Lit (Special Intentions) Regina de Guzman (BD) Napoleon Alalay +
Thu	Sep 8	Mary Lit (Special Intentions) Adriana Antonio (BD) Luz Quinto Wilfredo Moral +
Fri	Sep 9	Mary Lit (Special Intentions)
Sat	Sep 10	
Sun	Sep 11	8:30AM Nina Ricci + Eladio Lunasco + Agustina Lunasco + Felicisimo Lunasco + 11:00 AM Dely Webelhardt +

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Labor Day
Thursday:	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday:	St. Peter Claver
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911
Tuesday:	1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12- 19
Wednesday:	1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Friday:	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday:	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

will be able to extend more than our own human sympathy to those who are suffering.

We can bring them the sympathy of Jesus himself who, even though he was about to raise Lazarus from the dead, wept at his tomb and mingled his sorrow with that of the dead man's two sisters. Our God is a God of compassion, who shares our suffering, and a God of comfort, who shares his strength. His appeal to us, as to the prophet of old, is: "Comfort, comfort my people, says your God" (Is 49:14).

LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday collection (for general operating expenses)
Collected **\$2,252.00**

Restricted donations for: (Grounds Maintenance)
\$868.00

Votive candles	112.00
Adoration Chapel	207.00
St. Anne (donation box)	41.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT!
Next week's 2nd collection: **Liability Insurance**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sometimes, this "Treasures" column can seem to be a species of crib-notes for Catholic *Jeopardy*. Indeed, you may never know when knowledge of our particular vocabulary may come in handy. Such is the case with papal bulls, which conjure up all sorts of images, but are actually not what you might expect. A bull is a papal letter on a matter of great consequence, such as a decision about a crisis in the Church, the declaration of a doctrine, the summoning of a council, or the canonization of a saint. It has a more solemn intention than a mere letter or even an encyclical, a teaching letter circulated through the whole Church. Its odd name comes from the Latin *bullā*, which is the stamp used to apply a signatorial design to the hot lead, or even molten silver or gold, that seals the decree.

The format for the bull is the name of the pope in Latin, followed by the title "servant of the servants of God," also in Latin, and then the text. The title of the bull is always the first two words of the text. Some famous papal bulls are *Exsurge Domine* (Arise, O Lord), written against Martin Luther's Ninety-five Theses in 1520; *Munificentissimus Deus* (The Most Bountiful God), the promulgation of the dogma of the Assumption in 1950 by Pope Pius XII; or *Humanae Salutis* (Human Salvation), by which Pope John XXIII convened the Second Vatican Council in 1962.

Join our OLG Weekday Devotions After 9AM Masses



St. Anthony - Tuesdays
Mother of Perpetual Help - Wednesdays
St. Jude - Thursdays
La Pieta—Every Friday
Divine Mercy Chaplet In Song every second Saturday of the month

Q. Buddhist style meditation - Surely we can benefit?

They say that a catholic should not meditate in a Buddhist sense, because it brings us closer to ourselves, and not to God and others.

A. Merely focusing on oneself is a sure way of becoming self-absorbed. This is the last thing that will help us know who we are. I am aware that Buddhist meditation can acknowledge the tendency in us to be selfish. But even those Buddhist forms that seek enlightenment, end with enlightenment. The Christian goes beyond enlightenment to UNION with God. The best way to focus on Him is to focus on the greatest Self-disclosure He has ever revealed to the human race: His Passion. That God would enter the human race and then allow people He created out of nothing to torture and put Him to death for their benefit is beyond the limits of our minds to fully fathom. But it surely demonstrates that his goodness is beyond our ability to measure. This is who God is! Since we are the objects of such love, His Passion tells us who WE are.

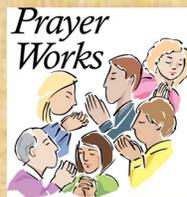
The great genius and doctor of the Church, St. Thomas Aquinas, declared that he learned more from looking at a crucifix than from any book he ever read. The more we focus on His Passion, the more there is to know. This is the treasure you have as a Catholic.



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THE DIFFERENCE It is labor indeed that puts the difference on everything.—John Locke

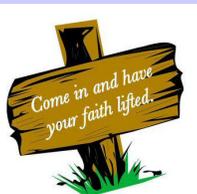
"Single senior male is urgently looking for affordable apartment, in-law unit or house rental within parish boundaries or vicinity. Please contact rectory office at 510-969-7013.



Requesting Your Prayers

Gary Anderson, Erlinda Arrieta, Leonor Yracheta, Andy Dangca, Priscilla

Da Rosa, Belen Escondo, Annie Estrella, Mitchell Estrellas, Eddie Exevea, Nilda Falero, Mercy Gallardo, Arlene Goldsborough, Avelino Gapasin, Bill Haggerty, Erlinda Howard, Willie Orpiano, Pacita Macasieb, Bibiana Magat, Soledad Martinez, Edward Mejia, Betty Miralles, Susan Nacu, Gail Ocasion, Frances Pangelinan, Aida Pineda, Romeo Camantigue, Loreta Ramin, Peter Rosario, Maritess Sanchez, Rosa Maria Santos, Minda Santos, Linda Silverio, Augusto Uy, George Ybanez. Let us thank God for what doesn't need healing. Let us know if somebody wishes to receive Holy Communion at home or call Beth Mayor 510-483-1078.



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 _____ Phone _____ New Parishioner
Address _____ City _____ ZIP Code _____ New Address
 Updating Parish Information Send Sunday Envelopes Put on mailing list

OLGC THROUGH THE YEARS

