



Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

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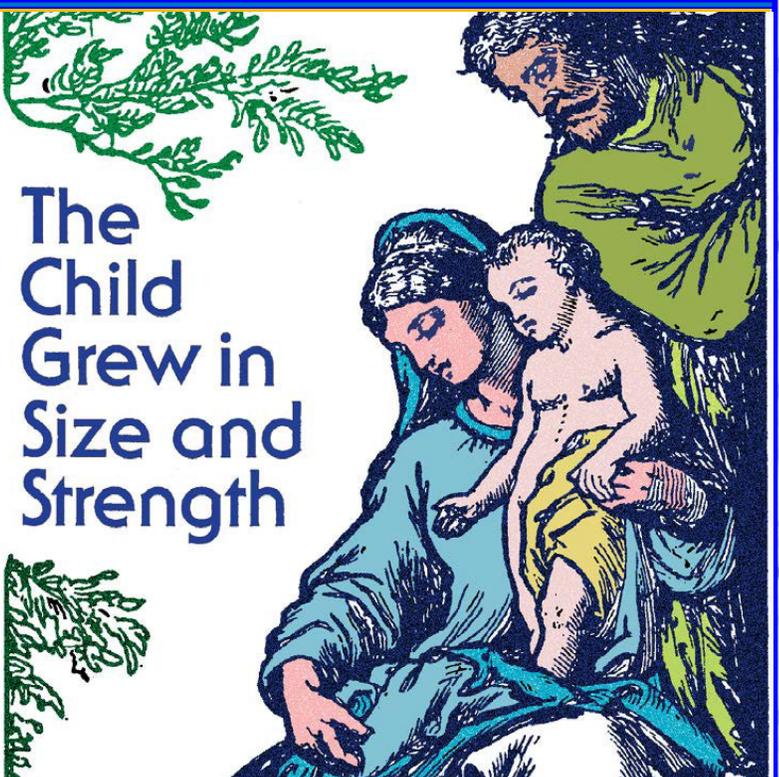
Parish Office hour : 9:30 AM—2:30 PM Monday to Friday

Pastor: FR. JAN RUDZEWICZ

Deacon Thomas Martin

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HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH - DECEMBER 31, 2017

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



**THANK YOU and
A HAPPY NEW
YEAR!**

As the year 2017 is coming to its conclusion, we thank God for all the blessings we have received together with our families, our parish, the entire Church and the world at large.

Knowing that God works in people and through people, we would like to take this opportunity and express our gratitude to all of you, Parishioners and Friends of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, who have put in your time, effort, and financial resources to help our Parish continue its mission of building God's Kingdom locally and beyond our parish boundaries.

We were blessed with different members of the clergy and dedicated lay ministers who help our community with spiritual guidance and liturgies. We thank Fr. Emmanuel Camillieri, Fr. Edilberto Castanas, Fr. Michael Lacey, Fr. John Fernandez and other priests for their most needed help.

Our sincere thanks go to our parish staff and those who take care of our parish buildings and grounds.

We thank all those involved in our Children Faith Formation Classes, our catechists, their helpers and those who run our Confirmation Program and pre-Baptismal classes.

We are very grateful to those who help us with our Religious Gift Shop, with renting out our parish hall and those who clean our facilities.

While many of these functions are quite noticeable, there are behind the scenes duties that are not so openly visible. Parishioners work and prepare backstage for each Mass, others count the collections, and still others arrange flowers, help with decorations, change the candles, or simply place parish books, flyers, and bulletins in their proper places. We appreciate their quiet help very much.

We are also grateful to our Parish Committees and different devotional groups for their time and involvement.

We don't want miss or take anyone for granted, because the Church ministry wouldn't be possible, without all your dedication, involvement, volunteering, and helping out.

Throughout the year of 2017 thirteen (13) children were baptized; one (1) wedding and six (6) funerals were celebrated in our church. Additionally, six (6) young parishioners received the Sacrament of Confirmation and nine (9) children made their First Confession and received the Holy Eucharistic for the very first time.

We fulfilled all our parish financial obligations. We reached and exceeded our parish goal for 2017 Bishop's Appeal and renovated our church stained glass windows.

We look into the future with new hope and enthusiasm. In 2018 we will continue our church renovation projects including the installation of new doors around the church building.

This week's Intentions

- Sat Dec 30 **5:00 PM Mass** Belen Cruz (BD)
Paschal Pereira Family Condolence)
- Sun` Dec 31 **8:30** Sharlene Pereira (Thanksgiving to the Holy Family
Rosy Pereira (Thanksgiving)
Maria Loida Cruz (BD)
Alejandro Alejandrino +
Reynaldo Reyes +
11:00 AM Shannon & Mykel Vallar (BD)
- Mon Jan 1 Henrica (Eternal happiness)
Victorio Humarang +
Sinfroso Nuneza +
Apolono Padallan +
- Tue Jan 2 Cecilia Rosario (Intentions)
Frank & Evelyn Bonito (35th wedding anniversary)
Henrica (Eternal happiness)
- Wed Jan 3 Henrica (Eternal happiness)
- Thu Jan 4 Henrica (Eternal happiness)
- Fri Jan 5 Ador &b Espie de Castro (51st wed)
Gail Evangelista (BD)
Henrica (Eternal happiness)
- Sat Jan 6 **5:00 PM Mass** Henrica +
- Sun` Jan 7 **8:30**
11:00 AM Jesusa Exevea +

SAINTS AND OBERVANCES

- Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
- Monday: Mary, the Holy Mother of God;
The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord;
World Day of Prayer for Peace;
New Year's Day
- Tuesday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
- Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- Thursday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- Friday: St. John Neumann; First Friday
- Saturday: St. André Bessette; First Saturday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;
Lk 2:16-21
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
- Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
- Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
- Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
- Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

We will also select an architect who will begin the necessary drawings to build the "Crying/Confessional Room" and remodel our sanctuary.

As we continue our journey together let us ask the Lord to bless our plans. May the Patroness of this church, Our Lady of Good Counsel intercede for us now, and throughout the New Year!



HAVE A HAPPY AND BLESSED 2018!

Yours in Christ,
Father Jan Rudzewicz
Deacon Tom Martin

**LAST WEEK'S
COLLECTION REPORT
WILL BE PUBLISHED
IN THE NEXT BULLETIN**



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There's no more unusual setting to celebrate today's Feast of the Holy Family than Barcelona, Spain and the towering unfinished sandcastle known officially as the Temple Expiatori de la Sagrada Familia. In 1882, the plan was hatched to build a vast place of worship in reparation for the revolutionary and liberal leanings of the city. The modern artist Antoni Gaudi dedicated his life to the project, living in the building, attending Mass daily, and giving up his personal wealth. When people pressed him to pick up the pace, he responded, "My client is not in a hurry." (Gaudi's cause for beatification is moving along, and he could be the first professional artist and architect to be beatified.) The Spanish Civil War, a disaster for the Catholic Church in which thousands of priests, brothers, and nuns were murdered, halted work in 1935. In the 1950s work began anew, speeded up by computers in the 1980s. Still, the final stage of construction is not due to end until 2026. If the original methods had stayed in place, it would take several hundred more years to complete the plan. So far there are eight towers, with four to go. The highest steeple is three feet shorter than the nearest hill, since the architect didn't want his work to surpass God's artistry. The three faces of the basilica each have three doors, with the faces named Passion, Nativity, and Grace. The interior is crammed with geometric figures that almost seem to spin, crazy-quilt windows, spiral staircases, and jumbles of statues and figures. Although inspired by ancient Gothic cathedrals, the style is called Expressionist, and very little is left unexpressed by the masonry.



KNIGHT'S CORNER 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.

OLGC's K of C is sponsoring **E-Waste Program**. If you have any electronic items to contribute to the program; TV's, computer monitors, PCs, fax machines, cell phones, old phones, tape decks, boom boxes, stereos, video game consoles, etc. please call the parish office at 510-614-2765 during office hours.

Q. Noah's Ark has always been a puzzle to me. I can't understand how all the animals could have gotten on the Ark.

A. . As a matter of fact, it very probably did not happen if you are taking the Genesis text to mean that hundreds of thousands of animals boarded the Ark.

Persons who take the words that literally don't know or notice that the word *all* is used throughout the story (and in ancient writings generally) for only portions of what the *all* would be. For example, Noah is called a just man (one made of flesh) but the text says that *all* flesh had "corrupted its way." It says that *all* men perished in the waters, while the point of the whole story is that the man Noah and his family did not perish.

We use the same idiom in everyday speech when we say something like "Those mosquitos are every- where." We don't really mean they are on the moon or the far reaches of the universe, we just mean that there are a lot of them in our yard. We use a "universal" expression to make our statement stronger.

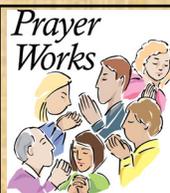
The writer of the text in Genesis who was quoting God meant that Noah was to put on the ark all the domestic animals it could accommodate. It is impossible that the writer of the text could have known about the millions of species of wild animals and believed that God put the obligation on Noah of taking some of each along with them.

Difficulties like the one you cited stem from certain denominations arising after the establishment of the Bible as the sole rule of Protestant faith. They extended the true idea that the Bible was right to the false idea that every word, even in translations, was to be taken literally.



**Catholic
Answers**

TIME Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.—Benjamin Franklin



**Requesting
Your
Prayers**

Gary Anderson, Erlinda Arrieta, Ed & Eliz Coyne, Leonor Yracheta, Erlinda Dizon, Priscilla Da Rosa, Belen Escondo, Eddie Exevea, Nilda Falero, Arnel Flores, Mercy Gallardo, Frank Goldsborough, Avelino Gapasin, Maria Perpetua Querubin, Erlinda Howard, Willie Orpiano, Pacita Macasieb, Geri Murchison, Tina Shaeffer, Edward Mejia, Susan Nacu, Gail Ocasion, Frances Pangelinan, Rosy Pereira, Aida Pineda, Romeo Camantigue, Loreta Ramin, Peter Rosario, Maritess Sanchez, Rosa Maria Santos, Minda Santos, Ursula 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

