FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — APRIL 22, 2018

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

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

CONFessions:
Saturday: 4:00 –4:45 pm
First Friday— 8 pm
PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

On Thursday, April 26th, we will celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Good Counsel. This title has been given to the Blessed Virgin Mary after a fresco, said to be miraculous, was found in the thirteenth century Augustinian church at Genazzano, near Rome, Italy.

According to tradition, in the year 1467, in the midst of the festivities for the Feast of Saint Mark, people of Genazzano were known to suddenly heard some "exquisite music." A mysterious cloud was then said to have descended, and obliterated on an unfinished wall of the parish church. The cloud dissipated in front of the people, and a beautiful fresco of the Virgin Mary and the Christ Child was revealed. It was no thicker than an eggshell and no more than eighteen inches square. Many miracles are said to have occurred in the presence of the portrait, and it was widely believed that it had been miraculously transported from an Albanian Church.

Over the centuries, devotions to Our Lady of Good Counsel grew among saints and Popes. A reference of it was even added to the Litany of Loreto, and the devotion spread throughout the world.

Even though we are not able to visit the shrine at Genazzano in person, when we come to our church we can invoke Our Lady under Her special title. Thus, obtaining from her, that precious gift of good counsel on how to act during the various difficult times of our lives. Anyone who goes to the Mother of Good Counsel to obtain light can never go wrong. She is the best of all counselors, and is always ready to give us good advice, and direct us on the right path. So when some very important decisions have to be made, which may seriously affect our lives, we will better know what to do. Because we have chosen her for our guide, we will not be thrown off guard, or feel lonely or forsaken. Our Mother of Good Counsel will stand by us and be our friend. Whatever decisions we are called upon to make, let us first of all never forget to ask for her counsel.

Please join us this Thursday as we celebrate the Holy Eucharist at 9:00AM. It offers us an opportunity to thank God for all the blessings we have received through the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel, the Patron Saint of our Parish. Following the Mass, we will have a potluck in the parish hall. Please bring your favorite dish to share with your fellow parishioners In His Name, O Lord, have mercy.

This week’s Intentions

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter; Earth Day; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Monday: St. George; St. Adalbert
Tuesday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
Wednesday: St. Mark; Administrative Professionals Day
Friday: Arbor Day

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

OLGC Knights of Columbus would like to thank all those who supported the Sunday Wheel Chair Program last week. We have so far collected 3800.00 donations and more are coming up. Wheel Chair to be purchased will benefit recipients in the Philippines. God bless you all!!!

JOIN OUR NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL AFTER 9 AM MASSES WEEKDAYS AND 9:30 AM ON SATURDAY & SUNDAY.

There will be no regular daily devotion prayers after 9AM Mass during the novena to Our Lady of Good Council from April 18 to April 26.
Treasures from Our Tradition

Most languages take the name for this fifty-day season from the Lord’s Passover: Pasqua in Italian, Pâques in French, Pascha in Greek and Russian. English has a much newer name, the name of a pagan goddess, Eoster. For centuries before Christianity took hold, in both Germany and Britain the spring equinox was dedicated to her and the concepts of fertility and rebirth. She was said to be a playful spirit, following the Sun King’s chariot, and ending the reign of winter. She had a magical companion, a rabbit who hid eggs in the fields to coax plants and animals to rebirth. It was believed that Eoster once came across a bird with broken wings and saved it by turning it into a rabbit—an egg-laying rabbit at that! Although they were baptized, most people didn’t take to the new Latin name (Pascha Domini) too easily, and kept calling the spring equinox by the old accustomed name. For good measure, they kept a pagan name for Christmas, too: Yule.

Q. Are we to believe that Jesus as a child had to learn His ABC’s like other children? Since He was God as well as man wasn’t He born knowing all things?

A. Yes, but things like the ABC’s were learned a part of what is called His “experimental knowledge”. The Epistle to the Hebrews says He “learned” obedience. How and on exactly what these various kinds of knowledge operated will remain forever mysterious to us. We can say that His teaching in the Temple at the age of twelve was merely the action of a bright boy, but such claims as His “I and the Father are one” are not the result of any human knowledge. Modernistic Christian theologians who preach such things as that Christ did not know He was the Messiah until His baptism by John, do not begin with the belief that He was God and had the Beatific Vision from the instance of His human conception. It is true that in His ordinary actions there was nothing to indicate His possession of divine knowledge. But we know it was there from His extraordinary actions, such as the predictions of the manner of His death and His resurrection.

Let Us Gather Where Healing Can Begin OLGC “Maria” (Mary And Rosary In Action) Group is Having Healing Rosary Every Fourth Monday of the Month Here in OLGC at 3:00 PM. Join Our Scriptural Healing Rosary on Monday April 23.

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 ___________________________ New Address
____Updating Parish Information ___Send Sunday Envelopes ___Put on mailing list

Church God sends no churches from the skies, Out of our hearts they must arise.—Anonymous

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