

# Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

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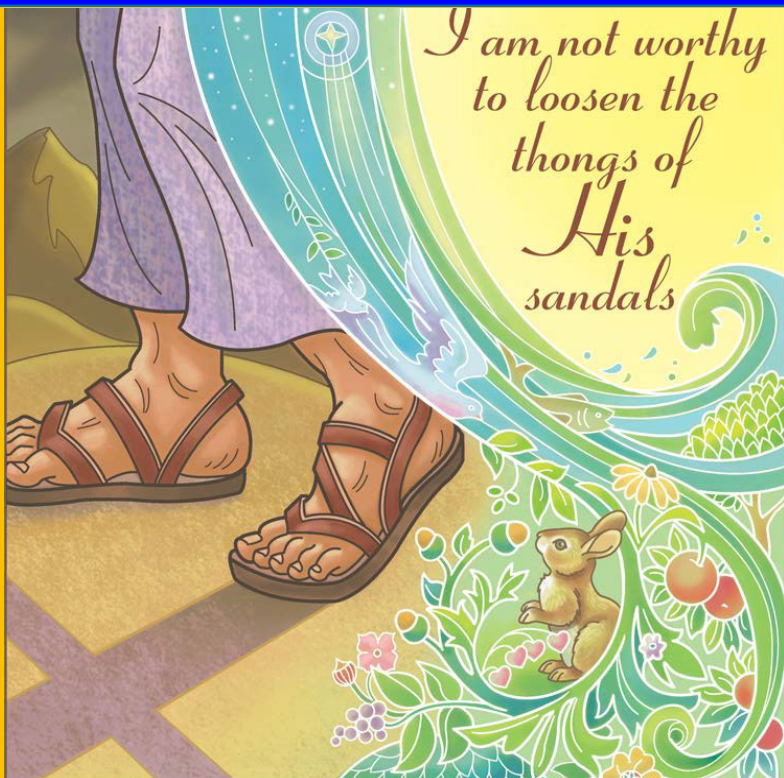
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## REJOICE!

Today has traditionally been called “Gaudete Sunday.” The Latin tag is derived from Paul’s appeal in the second reading to “rejoice always in the Lord,” and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God’s work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is “the season of joy.” Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT—DECEMBER 16, 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

### 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



Stewardship  
Bulletin Reflection  
**December 16, 2018**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**  
Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc.

**ZEP 3:14-18A; IS 12:2-6; PHIL 4:4-7; LK3:10-18**

We have arrived at Gaudete Sunday (*Gaudete* is the Latin word for “rejoice”) this Third Week of Advent, and the Scriptures take on a joyful tone as we continue our preparations for the feast of our Savior’s birth.

Our Second Reading gives us cause for joy as St Paul reminds us, “*The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all. . .*” Then he gives us a prescription for maintaining this peace: “*In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*” Paul’s instructions for obtaining peace come as an early Christmas gift. They remind us that we can and should go to God with all our needs and present them to Him *along with our thanks*. This guidance calls to mind a vital aspect of a stewardship way of life: gratitude to God in response to His great love and countless gifts to us.

The Gospel passage, from Luke, shows us how to *live out* these thanks, making our lives a “*Christmas gift*” to Christ in joyful response to His love for us. When the crowds hear John the Baptist’s message that their Savior is coming, they ask him what they should do to prepare. He responds, “*Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do the same.*” He tells tax collectors to stop collecting more than is prescribed and soldiers, to be satisfied with their wages. In other words, he tells them to be good and generous stewards of all God’s gifts to them!

As the great feast of Christmas draws near, let us rejoice in Christ’s extravagant love.

Let’s avail ourselves of the peace He longs to give us. And let’s look carefully at our lives to make sure we are indeed making of them a gift fitting for Him.



THIS WEEKS INTENTIONS

Sat	Dec 15	Ligaya Alejandrino + Alice Salvado + Renato Boter +
Sun	Dec 16	<b>8:30 AM</b> Don Praesto (intentions) Elmer Lunasco + Bong Lunasco ++ Peter Philp + Jesus Angel Sanchez ( peace & conversion) <b>11:00 AM</b> Guillermo Ramos + <b>12:30</b> Mass for Parishioners
Mon	Dec 17	Mark Rettig + All Souls in Purgatory
Tue	Dec 18	Mario da Rosa + All Souls in Purgatory
Wed	Dec 19	Rafael da Rosa + (BD)
Thu	Dec 20	Mary Litvinchuck (BD)
Fri	Dec 21	Colin Suarez (BD)
Sat	Dec 22	Fatima & Beatrice Moniz (BD) Ligaya Alejandrino + Cornelio Moral + Don Praesto ( Intentions)
Sun	Dec 23	<b>8:30 AM</b> Rudy Ocasion+ <b>11:00 AM</b> Joseph Pereira + Honorato Legaspi +

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Second Sunday of Advent
Monday:	International Human Rights Day
Tuesday:	St. Damasus I
Wednesday:	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Thursday:	St. Lucy
Friday:	St. John of the Cross

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39 -47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11- 15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Advent - Christmas Schedule

- December 16<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:30pm. Simbang Gabi Masses**
- December 24<sup>th</sup> (Monday) - Concluding Simbang Gabi Mass - 6:00 in the morning**
- Christmas Eve Family Mass with Caroling - 5:00pm**
- December 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> - Midnight Mass ( @12:00 midnight)**
- December 25<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) - Christmas Day Masses - 8:30am and 11:00am**

## LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS

**Sunday collection** (for general operating expenses)  
Collected **\$2,301.00**

**Restricted donations for:** (Liability Insurance)  
**\$1,015.00**

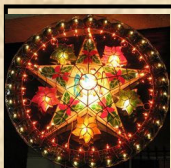
Immaculate Conception (Mass collection)	586.00
Our Lady of Caysasay (Mass with Taalenos)	1,285.00
El Shaddai (Mass collection)	417.00
Flowers (Christmas flowers donations)	297.00
Votive candles	176.00
Adoration Chapel	293.00
St. Anne (donation box)	35.00

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

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Years ago, the trick question on religion quizzes would be to name all the liturgical colors, or the colors of the vestments worn at Mass. Rose is a color seldom seen, used at most two days a year. Today, "Gaudete Sunday," is one of those days. The name of the day is drawn from an opening verse in the old Latin Mass texts: *Gaudete* is Latin for "Rejoice!" This year's Gospel certainly reflects that mood as Elizabeth feels her infant within her leaping for joy at the presence of Mary. Mary's visit to her aged cousin is an act of compassion between women, as two kinwomen who are bearing children into the world share their joy.

Some churches retain the custom of having the priest wear rose vestments today, and many will use a rose candle in the Advent wreath. Violet is the official color for Advent and Lent, but many parishes employ different hues for each season, trying to keep them distinct. In medieval times, dye was costly, and poor parishes used unornamented plain cloth for vestments. Dyes were expensive and some colors, particularly purple, difficult to achieve. In England, purple dye was made from mollusks, yielding at best a deep indigo or blue and not the desired violet. Thus, the color of Advent in the British Isles has long been a deep blue, reminding many people of Mary's presence at the heart of the Advent mystery. That theology is largely unplanned: it's all because of the clams!



Remember your loved ones on Simbang Gabi. Submit the names of your loved ones to Simbang Gabi Intentions coordinator or call the Parish office to be included in Simbang Gabi Intentions.

### PRE-BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS & GODPARENTS

-If you are planning to have your child baptized, parents and godparents need to attend a Pre-baptism Class. Parents must be registered members of the parish for at least three months. Call the Parish office for more information. For Baptism Classes call Paul Groff at (510) 915-1372



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

**Q.** Why do Catholics baptize babies since our Lord Himself wasn't baptized by John the Baptist until He was a grown man?



**Catholic Answer** 0052qa

**A.** Christ did not receive the sacrament of Baptism. He received only the "baptism of John" which was not a sacrament and which is distinguished from the sacrament of the Bible (Acts 14:1-6). Christ submitted to it to show approval of the preaching of John and to seize the occasion of making ordinary water capable of removing original sin. The "power," as we might say, went from Christ to the water instead of from the water to the person baptized as it does in the case of Christians being baptized. With these considerations understood, there is no way of imitating our Lord in age when receiving the sacrament, since He didn't receive the sacrament at any age.

Good Christians give the sacrament to babies if they are reasonably certain that the babies will eventually accept the faith because of proper upbringing and Christian parentage. Even those babies that do not have this prospect but are in danger of death should be baptized because Baptism is necessary in the ordinary sacramental process of salvation provided for us by God. Infant Baptism is an insurance against the danger of not receiving the sacrament through early death. It is true that the more free will one brings to the reception of the sacrament, the more incidental graces are received, but these are negligible compared to the indelible mark of Baptism itself.

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**. Join us.



### Prayer Works



### Requesting Your Prayers

Gary Anderson, Corazon Ariosa, Corazon Belisario, Dulce Bufete, Jack Burns, Ed & Eliz Coyne, Erlinda Dizon, Priscilla Da Rosa, Belen Escondo, Lydia Estanislao, Cora Estanislao, Eddie Exevea, Nilda Falero, Arnel Flores, Avelino

Gapasin, Erlinda Howard, Carmelita Joseph, Irma Lobitana, Ellie Lezama, Willie Orpiano, Pacita Macasieb, Geri Murchison, Ruben Misleng, Edward Mejia, Gail Ocasion, Frances Pangelinan, Rosy Pereira, Aida Pineda, Romeo, Maritess Sanchez, Minda Santos, Ursula Santos, Augusto Uy, George Ybanez. Let us thank God for what doesn't need healing.

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**This week we extend our gratitude to HOLY SEPULCHRE**

### Welcome New Parishioners !

# OLGC THROUGH THE YEARS

