



# Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

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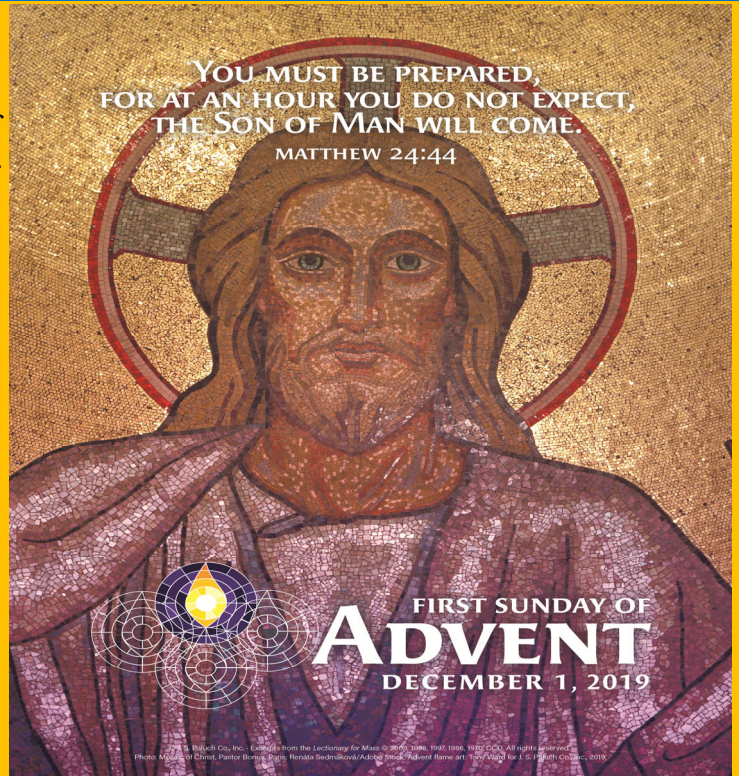
## HOPEFUL EXPECTATION

Our liturgical year begins with the season of Advent—a time of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Lord. On the First Sunday of Advent we look forward to the end of time when we will awaken to the dawn of Christ's new day.

Today we hear Isaiah speak of a day when God's power will have brought universal peace and God's Word will have instructed all people, radiating God's "light" (teachings) into all of human society. Only when humanity walks "in the light of the LORD" (Isaiah 2:5), when all people desire to be instructed "in [God's] ways" (Isaiah 2:3), will the world be set aright and our deepest longings fulfilled.

The reading from Romans calls us to "awake from sleep" for this final "day is at hand" (Romans 13:11, 12). Together this Sunday's scriptures proclaim our Christian faith that Jesus is the One who will finally come to fulfill God's plan of salvation.

YOU MUST BE PREPARED,  
FOR AT AN HOUR YOU DO NOT EXPECT,  
THE SON OF MAN WILL COME.  
MATTHEW 24:44



## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT — DECEMBER 1, 2019

### 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 Penafrañcia

### CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 4:00 —4:45 pm

First Friday— 8 pm

### BAPTISMS AND WEDDING

Call Rectory : (510) 969-7013

### 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: Lynne Evans - (510) 501-4894

### FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/ CCD

Sunday morning – All grades after 8:30 Mass



**ADVENT:  
A Season  
of WONDER**

This weekend we are moving from Ordinary Time to Ad-

vent, the season of wonder. Nothing surprises us more than God's generous giving of gifts. Without our even asking, God has given us the gift of life, bestowed on us our unique bodies and minds, our families and situations in which we slowly but surely make our way back to God from whom we have come.

Perhaps the biggest surprise of all is the gift that God has given us in Jesus, who is God become human. This most surprising gift is the one we concentrate on during our Advent preparation for Christmas. Of course, we must also note that Christ was not satisfied simply to become human long ago, but found the way to remain with us even after death. Jesus, the living and now risen one, continues to live within us through the power of the Holy Spirit, who unites us to Jesus and to one another as we share the life of God that Jesus brought us.

Christmas is coming! There are loved ones to see, gifts to give, baking to share. We will prepare our homes and our church for the celebration. Yet, even more important than this outward preparation, is the preparation of our heart so we can truly celebrate the birth of Jesus who is our biggest Wonder, who is our **"GOD WHO COMES TO DWELL WITH US"**.

**December 12<sup>th</sup>** (Thursday) - Advent **Reconciliation Service @ 7:00pm**

**December 16<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>** - **Simbang Gabi** Masses - @ **7:30pm**.

**December 24<sup>th</sup>** (Tuesday) - **Concluding** Simbang Gabi Mass - @ **6:00 am**

**THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS**

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|-----|--------|-----------------|--|
| Sat | Nov 30 | <b>5:00 PM</b>  | Andres de Leon +   |
| Sun | Dec 1  | <b>8:30 AM</b>  | Susana Sanchez ( Thanksgiving )<br>Natalia Mariano +<br>Esther Asuncion +<br>Renita Sanchez +  |
|     |        | <b>11:00 AM</b> | Joe Soares +<br>Victor Hunarang +<br>Henry & Yolanda Shirek, Trinidad Cruz,<br>Francisco & Emiliana Hidalgo, Jules & Mary<br>Jane Wilson, Oscar & Rose Orpiano |
|     |        | <b>12:30</b>    | Mass for Parishioners  |
| Mon | Dec 2  |                 | Arturo & Pilar Ducanes ( Wedding Anniv )<br>Ray Moral +<br>All souls in Purgatory  |
| Tue | Dec 3  |                 | Herman Leo +   |
| Wed | Dec 4  |                 | Paul Evangelista (BD)<br>All Souls in Purgatory  |
| Thu | Dec 5  |                 | Sergio Tumale +  |
| Fri | Dec 6  |                 | Oscar & Rose Orpiano ++<br>Helen Pichay +  |
| Sat | Dec 7  | <b>5:00 PM</b>  |  |
| Sun | Dec 8  | <b>8:30 AM</b>  | Erlinda Lunasco +<br>Criselda Lunasco +  |
|     |        | <b>11:00 AM</b> | Oscar & Rose Orpiano   |

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: First Sunday of Advent;  
World AIDS Awareness Day
- Tuesday: St. Francis Xavier
- Wednesday: St. John Damascene
- Friday: St. Nicholas; First Friday
- Saturday: St. Ambrose; First Saturday;  
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;  
Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;  
Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;  
Mt 9:35 — 10:1
- Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;  
Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12



**BE A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS**  
We are Catholic men building bridge back to faith. There is much more good and necessary work to be done in this world and that's what Knights do everyday.  
Be proud to be a Catholic.  
Be proud to be a Knight.

**TIME OF PREPARATION**

This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world.  
—John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury

DUE TO THE RECENT HOLIDAY  
THE COLLECTION REPORT  
WILL BE PUBLISHED  
NEXT WEEK.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Today's solemnity, the final feast of the Church year, is a youngster as feasts go. In 1925, Pope Pius XI was distressed by global political upheaval and the de-Christianizing of society. That year was a "Holy Year," keyed to the sixteen hundredth anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, when the words "and of his kingdom there will be no end" were added to the Creed. The Pope explained that although most feasts had developed over many centuries, the Church sometimes provided a new feast to address new needs. He pointed to the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, showing Christ's love and compassion in a time when many people embraced a cold and gloomy spirituality. Originally on the last Sunday of October, in the late 1960s the solemnity of Christ the King was moved to the last Sunday of the year.

Fresh from baptism's waters, we are anointed with chrism "as Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king." This feast is a key to our identity. On this feast, we recognize Christ as a king who breaks the usual mold of kingship, and who shapes his kingdom with our hands, our words, our deeds of love and service.



Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of a loved one:

**MERCEDITAS  
QUERUBIN**

**THANKSGIVING** Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.  
--Henry Van Dyke

For Wedding and Baptism appointment, schedules and funeral information please call (510) 969 -7013



**PLEASE HELP KEEPING  
OUR CHURCH CLEAN  
INSIDE AND OUT**

**Q.** I had a Protestant friend ask me why Catholics have Crucifixes in our churches...don't we believe Jesus has risen? Why do we keep Him on the cross ask me why Catholics have Crucifixes in our churches...don't we believe Jesus has risen? Why do we keep Him on the cross



**Catholic  
Answers**

**A** First of all, you would want to check out 1st Corinthians, chapter 1, verse 23. Paul says, "...but we preach Christ crucified..." Why does Paul preach Christ crucified? Doesn't he know Jesus has been raised from the dead? Of course he does! But, he knows that it is through the power of the crucified Christ on the cross that the bonds of sin and death are broken. As Paul says in verse 24, Christ crucified is the "power of God".

1 Cor 2:2, "For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified." Again, didn't Paul know that Jesus had risen from the dead? Of course, he did.

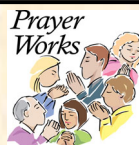
Paul preaches Christ crucified because an empty cross has no power. The cross that bears the beaten, battered, and bloodied body of Jesus Christ, however, that cross is the "power of God". This is why, we "keep Jesus on the cross," because we, too, preach Christ crucified. The Crucifix reminds us not only of God's power, but also His love for us - giving His only begotten Son up for suffering and death.

Also, here in this life we do not share so much in the glory of the Resurrection, as we do in the suffering of Jesus on the cross; after all, we must take up our cross daily if we are to follow Jesus, as it says in Lk 9:23.

And, we must die with Christ in order to live with Him as Romans 6:8 tells us. Where did Christ die? On the cross. The Crucifix serves to remind us of these things.

One other passage to keep in mind is Galatians 3:1, "O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified?" **Did you catch that?** Jesus was publicly portrayed, before their "eyes", as being crucified. Sounds kind of like they may have been looking at a Crucifix, **doesn't it?**

Requesting Your Prayers



Virgilio Abar, Gary Anderson, Cesar & Ester Eugenio, Merceditas Go-Oco, Carmen Bryant, Corazon Belisario, Dulce Bufete, Jack Camantigue, Ed & Eliz Coyne, Burns, Romeo Priscilla Da Rosa, Elisa Ducusin, Belen Escondo, Cora Estanislao, Arnel Flores, Avelino Gapasin, Mark Litvinchuck, Willie Orpiano, Mary Moniz, Geri Murchison, Ruben Mislant, Edward Mejia, Gail Ocasion, Frances Pangelinan, Rosy Pereira, Pratima Prasad, Merceditas Querubin, Josephine Redard, Dan Sanchez, Maritess Sanchez, Ursula Santos, Jane Spivey, Augusto Uy, George Ybanez. Let us thank God for what doesn't need healing.

**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

