

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

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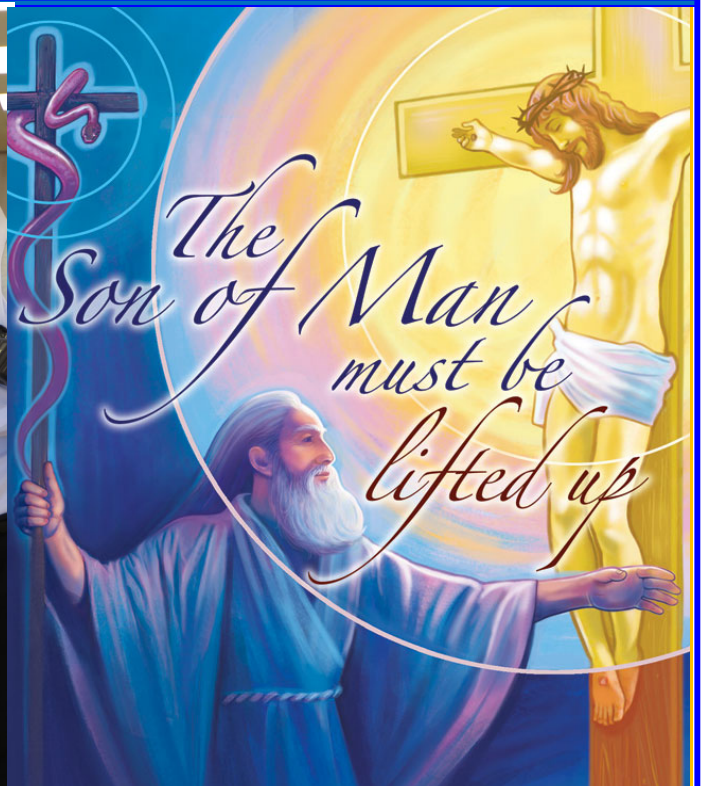
Parish Office hour : 9:30 AM—2:30 PM Monday to Friday

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT — MARCH 11, 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



Part I (by James Akin)

Why is Lent forty days long?

Forty days is a traditional number of discipline, devotion, and preparation in the Bible. Prior to undertaking his ministry,

Jesus spent forty days in wilderness praying and fasting (Matthew 4:2). He used a forty day period of prayer and fasting to prepare for his ministry, which culminated in his death and resurrection, and thus it is fitting for Christians to imitate him with a forty day period of prayer and fasting to prepare for the celebration of his ministry's climax, Good Friday (the day of the crucifixion) and Easter Sunday (the day of the resurrection).

Which days of Lent are the days of fast and abstinence?

The first day of fast and abstinence is Ash Wednesday. In addition all Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. Finally, Good Friday, the day on which Christ was crucified, is the last day of both fast and abstinence.

What is a day of fast and abstinence?

Under current canon law in the Western Rite of the Church, a day of fast is one on which Catholics who are eighteen to sixty years old are required to keep a limited fast. In this country, one may eat a single, normal meal and have two snacks, so long as these snacks do not add up to a second meal. Children are not required to fast, but their parents must ensure they are properly educated in the spiritual practice of fasting. Those with medical conditions requiring a greater or more regular food intake can easily be dispensed from the requirement of fasting by their pastor.

A day of abstinence is a day on which Catholics fourteen years or older are required to abstain from eating meat (under the current discipline in America, fish, eggs, milk products, and condiments or foods made using animal fat are permitted in the Western Rite of the Church, though not in the Eastern Rites.) Again, persons with special dietary needs can easily be dispensed by their pastor.

What are appropriate activities for ordinary days during Lent?

Giving up something we enjoy for Lent, doing of physical or spiritual acts of mercy for others, prayer, fasting, abstinence, going to confession, and other acts expressing repentance in general.

Is the custom of giving up something for Lent mandatory?

No, it is not. However, it is a salutary custom, and parents or caretakers may choose to require it of their children to encourage their spiritual training, which is their prime responsibility in the raising of their children.

This week's Intentions

Sat	Mar 10	5:00 PM Mass Grandma Millie & Grandpa Hilary Pereira ++
Sun	Mar 11	8:30 11:00 AM Sherwin & Millette Casanas & Family (for safe travel) Vallar Family (Thanksgiving) Valerie Go-Oco + Nina Ricci +
Mon	Mar 12	Carol Larson Valerie Go-Oco + All Souls in Purgatory
Tue	Mar 13	Leodegario Pepito + Valerie Go-Oco + Shirley Tacuban Montiero + Andy Montiero + All Souls in Purgatory
Wed	Mar 14	Valerie Go-Oco + All Souls in Purgatory
Thu	Mar 15	Thomas Huynh + Marianne Christian + Valerie Go-Oco + All Souls in Purgatory
Fri	Mar 16	Valerie Go-Oco + Rommel Rivera (healing) All Souls in Purgatory
Sat	Mar 17	5:00 PM Mass
Sun	Mar 18	8:30 Mario Da Rosa + Valerie Go-Oco + 11:00 AM Consuelo Malabanan +

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny;
Daylight Saving Time begins;
Girl Scouting Sunday

Friday: Abstinence

Saturday: Saint Patrick

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9;
Jn 12:20-33

Alternate readings (Year A):

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;

Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

THE LORDS WANTS TO TALK TO YOU.

Do not be afraid of confession.

OLGC PARISH
RECONCILIATION IS ON
MARCH 16, at 7:45 PM AFTER
STATION OF THE CROSS



LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday collection (for general operating expenses)
 Collected **\$2,083.00**

Restricted donations for: (Diocesan Assessment)
\$801.00

Sacramentals (<i>Funeral</i>)	300.00
Easter Flowers	200.00
Parish Gift Shop	316.75
Votive candles	115.00
Adoration Chapel	133.00
St. Anne (donation box)	48.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT!
Next week's 2nd collection: Catholic Relief Service

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Year B of the Lectionary has the Letter to the Ephesians today. Ephesus, today in Turkey, was in the first century a great Greek city, the center for the worship of Diana, the goddess of the hunt. It was a vast city even by modern standards, having nearly half a million people in the time of Paul. Yet that was a time of economic recession and moral decay. No wonder Saint Paul stayed here the longest. It gave him an enormous and religiously curious audience. His preaching stirred up the artisans who depended on the pilgrims who came to honor (and buy mementos of) seventeen gods and goddesses enshrined in the city's temples. You can still see the open-air theater where Paul's homily triggered a riot. Paul did have success here, and many conversions among Jews and Gentiles. They seem to have struggled with hope, perhaps because of their suffering from economic woes and isolation.

Some old traditions say that the Apostle John lived out his days here, and that the Blessed Mother was cared for by him. There's no biblical basis for this, but it is certain that a small house just outside the city has been treasured by Christians and Muslims for centuries as the last dwelling of Mary. Long ago, the harbor silted up and the city was nearly abandoned, becoming a small village. As is so often the case, that accident of history preserved the ancient city, so that archeologists have been very successful in revealing ancient Christian sites. One such site is the Church of Mary, probably the first church to be dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, and the site of the Council of Ephesus in 431. Today, a visit to Ephesus is one of the most rewarding journeys for any pilgrim.

EXECUTION ALERTS

March 20th Russel Bucklew Missouri
 March 27th Rosendo Rodriguez Texas

Let us ask God's mercy and your prayers for these persons and victims of their crimes and for their families.

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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

Q.. Is God a man or a woman?"

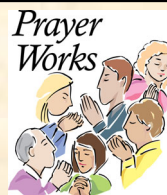
A. As a pure spirit God does not possess the physical traits or gender. He is neither male nor female (CCC .170). However, God has revealed Himself as "Father." Throughout the gospels, Jesus speaks of His Father in heaven-for example, "All things have been given to me by my Father" (Mt 11:27). Throughout the Bible, we find masculine pronouns used for God (He, Him, His) because they help to communicate the relationship that exists between God our Father and us, "who are under his loving protection" (CCC 238). By calling God "Father," though, we are not implying that men are somehow superior to women.



**Catholic
 Answer q3**

In the Bible, God's parental tenderness is sometimes expressed by the *image* of motherhood: "As a mother comforts her son, so I will comfort you" (Is 66:13; CCC 239). However, this verse (along with other similar passages) describes *qualities* of God that he likened to those of a human mother; nowhere in the Bible, though, is God referred to as "Mother." Therefore, calling God "Mother" or "She" is inappropriate and contrary to the clear teaching of both Catholic Tradition and Sacred Scripture.

It is important to remember that God *became man* when Jesus took on our humanity and was born into this world. He lived on earth for roughly 33 years before dying, rising and ascending back into heaven. Jesus, even though He now reigns at the right hand of the Father in heaven, still remains *fully God* and *fully man*. Only in this sense, when speaking about Jesus Christ, can we say that God is a man.



**Requesting
 Your
 Prayers**

Gary Anderson, Ed & Eliz Coyne, Leonor Yracheta, Erlinda Dizon, Priscilla Da Rosa, Belen Escondo, Eddie Exevea, Nilda Falero, Amel

Flores, Mercy Gallardo, Frank Goldsborough, Richard Green, Avelino Gapasin, Maria Perpetua Querubin, Erlinda Howard, Willie Orpiano, Pacita Macasieb, Geri Murchison, Tina Shaeffer, Edward Mejia, Gail Ocasion, Frances Pangelinan, Rosy Pereira, Aida Pineda, Romeo Camantigue, Maritess Sanchez, Rosa Maria Santos, Minda Santos, Ursula Santos, 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.

During this Lent please remember in your prayers those recently deceased in our parish and all the families and **VICTIMS OF SHOOTING IN PARKLAND FLORIDA**

OLGC THROUGH THE YEARS

