

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

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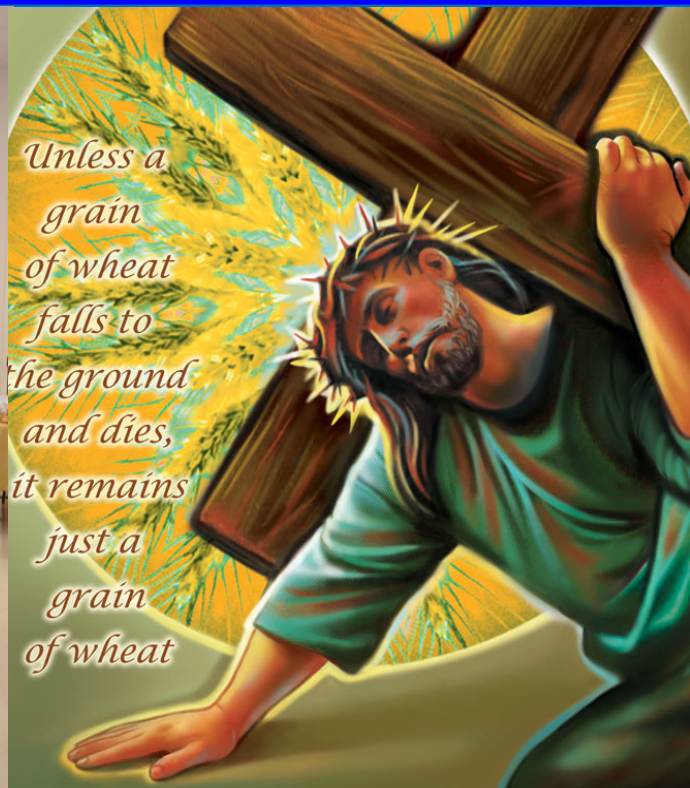
Parish Office hour : 9:30 AM—2:30 PM Monday to Friday

Pastor: FR. JAN RUDZEWICZ

Deacon Thomas Martin

Secretary: LINO POBLETE

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT — MARCH 18, 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



LENT, Part II (by James Akin)

Why is giving up something for Lent such a salutary custom?

By denying ourselves something we enjoy, we discipline our wills so that we are not slaves to our pleasures. Just as indulging the pleasure of eating leads to physical flabbiness and, if this is great enough, an inability to perform in physically demanding situations, indulging in pleasure in general leads to spiritual flabbiness and, if this is great enough, an inability to perform in spiritual demanding situations, we when the demands of morality require us to sacrifice something pleasurable (such as sex before marriage or not within the confines of marriage) or endure hardship (such as being scorned or persecuted for the faith). By disciplining the will to refuse pleasures when they are not sinful, a habit is developed which allows the will to refuse pleasures when they are sinful. There are few better ways to keep one's priorities straight than by periodically denying ourselves things of lesser priority to show us that they are not necessary and focus our attention on what is necessary.

Why are acts of repentance appropriate at this time of year?

Because it is the time leading up to the commemoration of Our Lord's death for our sins and the commemoration of his resurrection for our salvation. It is thus especially appropriate to mourn the sins for which he died. Human have an innate psychological need to mourn tragedies, and our sins are tragedies of the greatest sort. Due to our fallen nature humans also have a need to have set times in which to engage in behavior (which is why we have Sundays as a set time to rest and worship, since we would otherwise be likely to forget to devote sufficient time to rest and worship), it is appropriate to have set times of repentance. Lent is one of those set times.

Since Sundays are not counted in the forty days of Lent, does the custom of giving up something apply to them?

Customarily, no. However, since the giving up of something is voluntary to begin with, there is no official rule concerning this aspect of it. Nevertheless, since Sundays are days of celebration, it is appropriate to suspend the Lenten self-denial on them that, in a spiritual and non-excessive way, we may celebrate the day of Our Lord's resurrection so that that day and that event may be contrasted with the rest of the days of Lent and the rest of the events of history. This heightened contrast deepens the spiritual lessons taught by the rest of Lent.

This week's Intentions

Sat	Mar 17	5:00 PM Mass	
Sun`	Mar 18	8:30 AM	Mario Da Rosa + Valerie Go-Oco + 11:00 AM Consuelo Malabanan + Valerie Go-Oco + Patricio Cabuling +
Mon	Mar 19	All Souls in Purgatory	
Tue	Mar 20	Lou Rosario + All Souls in Purgatory	
Wed	Mar 21	Edward Mejia + Cornejo Cruz +	
Thu	Mar 22	Joaquin Figueroa + John & Shirley Hawron All Souls in Purgatory	
Fri	Mar 23	Rommel Rivera (healing) All Souls in Purgatory	
Sat	Mar 24	5:00 PM Mass	Rudy Ocasion +
Sun`	Mar 25	8:30 AM	Gemma Ceralde + 11:00 AM Paul Nguyen + Valerie Go-Oco + Juan & Basilisa Caliso ++ Antonio Murillo + Concepcion Murillo +

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny
Monday:	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday:	Spring begins
Friday:	Abstinence; St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday:	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession) Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

Join us in Stations Of The Cross on Fridays after 9AM weekday masses and at 7:00 pm.

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. OLCG's K of C is sponsoring E-Waste program. Bring in your old computer, laptop, cell phone, and other electronics. Call parish office during office hours.

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**

LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday collection (for general operating expenses)
Collected **\$2,677.00**

Restricted donations for: (Liability Insurance)
\$831.00

Sacramentals	300.00
El Shaddai (Mass)	155.00
Votive candles	140.00
Adoration Chapel	124.00
St. Anne (donation box)	18.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT!
Next week's 2nd collection: Ground Maintenance

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the next two weeks, as we hear of the interior anguish of Jesus, we are led to the Garden of Gethsemane, the scene of a night of suffering, failure, and loss. In Hebrew, the word means "olive press," and it was an olive grove, although only a few trees remain. Olives can't be eaten off the trees, they need to be cured—knocked from the trees at harvest time, scooped into a stone basin, and cracked open by a heavy millstone. The crushing stone weight was itself called a "gethsemane," and once it was lowered onto the olives, oil from the fruit and the inner stone would drip into a groove and flow into jars. The night before his death, Jesus experienced such anguish that scripture says his own blood perspired from him, an image no one who understands olive oil production could miss.

Today, the Mount of Olives is within the city of Jerusalem and the site of the Church of All Nations, also known as the Basilica of the Agony. It was built in 1924, funded by Catholics in twelve different countries. An open-air altar on the grounds is used by Anglicans on Holy Thursday every year. Nearby is the Russian Church of Mary Magdalene, built by the czar in 1888, its magnificent golden domes a distinctive landmark. There is also another tiny Catholic Church, called *Dominus Flevit*, or "The Cry of the Lord," built in a teardrop shape in the mid-1950s. For centuries, the Franciscan order has had the care of the shrines of the Holy Land, and our Good Friday collection helps sustain these precious sites.

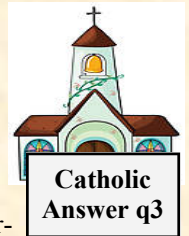
EXECUTION ALERTS

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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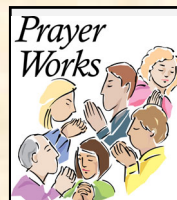
Q. How is the Holy Spirit different from God the Father and Jesus?"



A. When we talk about the distinctions between the three Persons of the Trinity, we first have to remember their *unity* as God. The *Catechism* reminds us that "we do not confess three Gods, but one God in three persons" (CCC 253, 256). However, while they are one in their divine *nature*, they are also distinct in their relationships to one another. For example, we know from the Nicene Creed that it is the Son who is "eternally begotten of the Father" and it is the Holy Spirit "who proceeds from the Father and the Son."

The life and work of the Trinity is common to all three Persons: "Inseparable in what they are, the divine persons are also inseparable in what they do" (CCC 267). For example, we often speak of God the Father as Creator, and this is fine, but the Bible also refers to Jesus, the "Word of God," as creating: "All things were; made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made" (On 1:3). We may speak of God the Son as Redeemer and God the Holy Spirit as Sanctifier, but it is important to remember that these other names (Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier) do not define *who* the Persons of the Trinity are. They just represent our own attempt to better understand each Person. In this way, we get a hint about how deep a mystery the Trinity is.

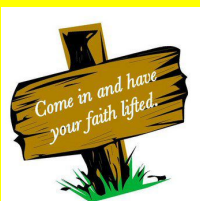
Jesus promised the apostles the gift of the Holy Spirit who descended upon them at Pentecost (as He does for us at baptism and confirmation). It is the Holy Spirit who completes Jesus' work on earth and brings us the fullness of grace (CCC 2818). "Through his grace, the Holy Spirit is the first to awaken faith in us and to communicate to us the new life which is to 'know the Father and the one whom he sent, Jesus Christ'" (CCC 684; jn 17:3). Before we can know Christ, we must first be touched by the Holy Spirit who comes to meet us and inspire faith in us, especially in the sacraments (CCC 683).



**Requesting
Your
Prayers**

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

Flores, Mercy Gallardo, Frank Goldsborough, Richard Green, Avelino Gapasin, Maria Perpetua Que-rubin, 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.



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

