



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

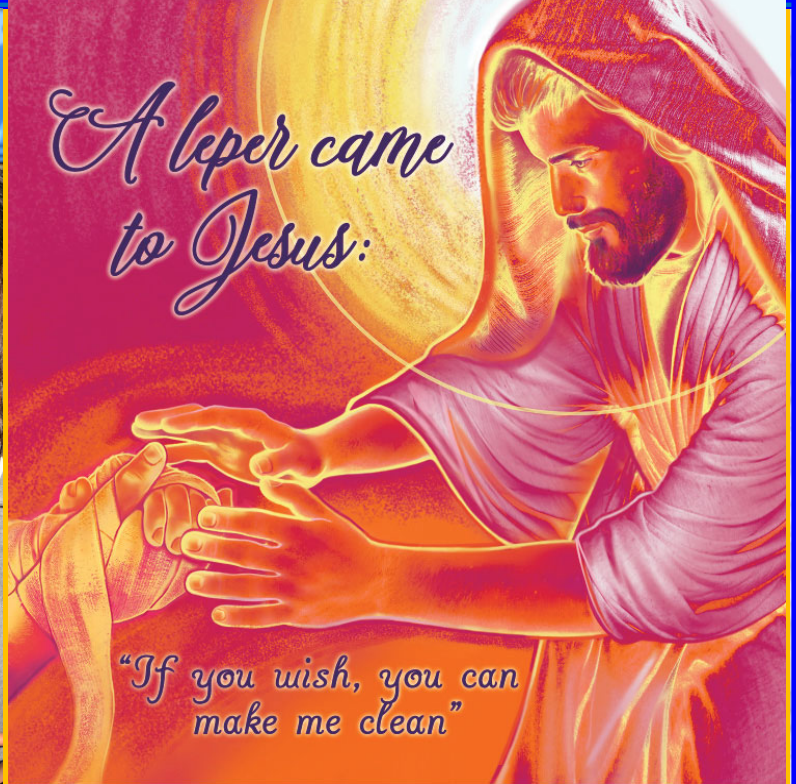
Deacon Thomas Martin

Secretary: LINO POBLETE

www.olgcsanleandro.com



OLGC songbirds during the festival



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — FEBRUARY 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



THE BISHOP'S LETTER FOR 2018 APPEAL

As loving servants of our Lord, we should always strive to put our faith first. Through and in our Church, we live our faith. The Church is a leader, an example, and a beacon of light we can follow. "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).

The 2018 Bishop's Appeal is upon us. This year, I have chosen **Lighting the Way** as the Appeal theme to reflect the Church's leadership and guidance to all people. Our faith and church serve as our candle, shining brightly before us, lighting our path.

Last year, the goal for the Appeal was \$2.5 million and we successfully raised nearly \$2.8 million. This success would not be possible without the tremendous generosity of our donors. And yet, the needs of our Diocese continue to grow each year. The brochure included with this letter shows the almost \$7.9 million in centrally supported services and ministries at the Diocese, which the Bishop's Appeal helps fund. These ministries and services include the care for our priests, support for parishes and schools, vocations, seminarian education and formation, young adult ministries, and so much more. In order to support the needs of these invaluable services and ministries, we have decided to raise the Bishop's Appeal goal to \$3 million.

All gifts of all sizes to the Bishop's Appeal are greatly appreciated. If you are financially able, I ask you to please thoughtfully and prayerfully consider joining our efforts this year by making a gift or pledge of financial support.

May the Church in our Diocese continue to "light the way" for its faithful and loving servants of our Lord.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
The Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, S.J.
Bishop of Oakland

Last year, 75 households from Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish contributed \$11,800 to the Bishop's Appeal. Can you imagine what will happen when all or a majority of our parishioners decide to participate? We will not only meet our 2018 goal of \$9,800 but also we will exceed it. The surplus will return to our parish. Would you consider sharing with others what God has given to you?

This week's Intentions

- Sat Feb 10 **5:00 PM Mass** Genaro Tongson + Alberto Cruz + Guillero Duran + Larry Roble +
- Sun Feb 11 **8:30** Melania Barga + Ramon & Bernadette Marcelo (Intentions) Athene Santos + Rosy Pereira (Thanksgiving) **11:00 AM** Nina Ricci + Jun Casanas & Family (Thanksgiving) Eddieben Alicante Gaudencio Rivera & Family(Thanksgiving) Cynthia & Joselito Palad (Thanksgiving) Emiliano Palad (Thanksgiving) Lucio Martinez + Melecio Orpiano +
- Mon Feb 12
- Tue Feb 13
- Wed Feb 14 Ramon Labilles + Necifora Cagalawan + Melvin Dejos +(40th)
- Thu Feb 15
- Fri Feb 16
- Sat Feb 17 **5:00 PM Mass** Josefina Mendez + Erlinda Arrieta +
- Sun Feb 18 **8:30** Mario da Rosa + **11:00 AM** Joseph Pereira+

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; World Day of the Sick
- Monday: Lincoln's Birthday
- Tuesday: Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday
- Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Valentine's Day; Fast and Abstinence
- Friday: Abstinence; Chinese New Year 4716
- Saturday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
- Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
- Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15



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Sunday collection (for general operating expenses)
 Collected **\$2,820.00**

Restricted donations for: (Diocesan Assessment)
\$1,086.00

Sacramentals	200.00
Votive candles	137.50
Adoration Chapel	267.00
St. Anne (donation box)	41.00
Seminary	20.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT!
Next week's 2nd collection: One collection only
 (plus distribution of Rice Bowls)

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's Gospel centers on the plight of a leper and Jesus' response of healing. In Hawaii, the bacterium that causes leprosy probably entered from China in the mid-1800s, and the native islanders were susceptible to the dreaded disease. In 1866, the government literally dumped the sufferers on a remote and virtually inaccessible island peninsula with towering cliffs. Thrown off ships into the sea, the sick people were told to swim for the beach and head for caves, and for seven years the only supplies were similarly cast into the sea to drift ashore. It was then, 1873, that a thirty-three-year-old Belgian priest, Damien de Veuster, went voluntarily to Kalaupapa. Before long, he cajoled the government into funding his mission and its hospital, built a village with proper homes and sanitation, and recruited Mother Marianne Cope to bring sisters from Syracuse, New York, to nurse the sick. Damien, who eventually died of leprosy, has been canonized, and Mother Marianne as well.

Although leprosy has been curable since the 1940s, today a few patients remain in their lifelong home, now a national historic site. The peninsula is still utterly isolated from the outside world, and the speed limit for the few cars there is 5 mph since there's nowhere to go! The hospital is still well-staffed and equipped, but access is regulated and visitors must take an official tour, often involving a descent down the cliffs by "Molakai mule." There are few places on earth that evoke the healing power of Jesus, or our call to follow the Healer, more than Damien's beloved island mission.

A BOOK TO READ

There is a great difference between the eager person who wants to read a book and the tired person who wants a book to read.—G. K. Chesterton

Your statement of contribution for the year 2017 is available upon request. Please call the Parish Office first (510) 614-2765 before picking it up



Name _____
 Address _____
 Updating Parish Information

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.

Phone _____ New Parishioner
 City _____ ZIP Code _____ New Address
 Send Sunday Envelopes Put on mailing list


Q. Why, if Christ drove the money-changers from the Temple, do Catholic parishes have bingo, bazaars, carnivals, and even gambling sometimes ?

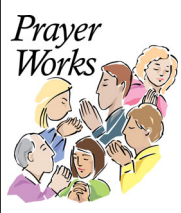


Catholic Answers

A. such practices it would be well to remember the situation which the Lord attacked. In his time each Jew paid a Temple tax, usually on the occasion of a visit to the Temple. People came to the Temple from all over the world and had only foreign currency which they had to exchange for the sanctuary shekels with which law required the tax to be paid. Since He called the money-changers thieves, we can take it that they were cheating the visiting pilgrims. They were also bankers, running a side-line business which had no connection with the Temple worship. They paid a percentage of their take to the priests in charge of the Temple revenues, but this money went to individuals and was not part of the Temple income.

Modern church bingo would be wrong if the parish priest hired operators to rip off the parishioners and took a part of the profits for themselves, all in the name of religion. But few, if any, church bingo games or other activities you mention involve cheating. They are not intrinsically evil as some Christian Churches have wrongly concluded. They are certainly not ideal ways of getting money for the use of the Church, which would be donation and collections as in Apostolic times. I have heard of an organization that pays all its bills that way (it is a golf club), but all the members are generous millionaires. Most parishes have to wheedle part of their income from people by providing a little innocent fun in exchange for donations.

 **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. OLGC'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.

 **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, Avelino Gapsin, 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.

OLGC THROUGH THE YEARS

