

# ✦ OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH ✦

◆ Daly City, CA 94015-3424

**Rectory: 1 Elmwood Dr. — Church / Church Hall: 5 Elmwood Dr. — School: 7 Elmwood Dr.  
Parish Center / Religious Education Office / Convent: 15 Elmwood Dr.**

Established in 1954 — A Member of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Francisco

## MASSSES:

**Saturday Vigil:**  
4:00 & 5:30 p.m.

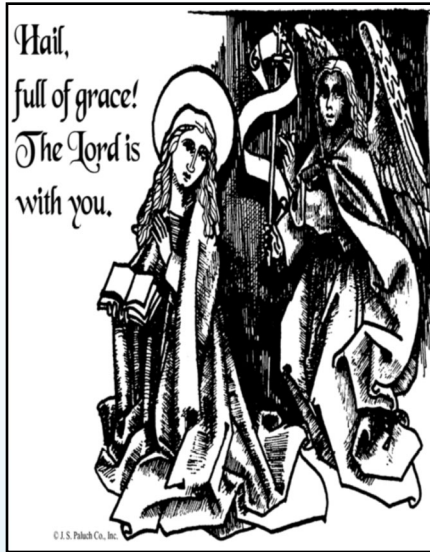
**Sunday:**  
7:30, 9:00, & 10:30 a.m.,  
and 12:00 p.m.

**Monday to Friday:**  
7:00 & 9:00 a.m.,  
*plus First Fridays*  
*at 6:00 p.m.*

**Saturdays :**  
at 9:00 a.m. only.

**Holy Days of Obligation:**  
*Vigil Mass @ 6:00p.m.*  
*Masses during the day :*  
7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,  
& 6:00 p.m.

**December 24, 2017  
4th Sunday of Advent**



## BAPTISM:

1st and 3rd Saturdays at 12 noon. Sunday at 1:15pm  
Please call the  
Rectory to inquire for the parents' and godparents preparation class.

**For grades 2-8, sign up for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC).**  
For grades 9 and above, call to learn more about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

## MARRIAGE:

2nd and 4th Saturdays at 12:00 p.m.  
Be sure to contact the Rectory at least six months before your anticipated wedding date.

## RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION:

Saturdays from 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. — or you may call the Rectory to make an appointment with any priest.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please call the Rectory for one of our priests to come. Our Eucharistic Ministers visit the homebound daily.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Fridays: 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., concluding with Evening Prayer & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.  
**First Fridays: Benediction & Mass at 6:00 p.m.**

## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS:

Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the Church, Novena and Mass.

## COMMUNAL RECITATION OF THE ROSARY:

Weekdays immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN:

Sundays during the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

### RECTORY STAFF — 1 Elmwood Drive:

Rev. Domingo Orimaco	Pastor
Rev. Bonifacio Espeleta, Jr.	Parochial Vicar
Deacon Mike Ghiorso	Permanent Deacon
Deacon Marcos Cobillas	Permanent Deacon
Grace Mangini, CPA	Parish Bookkeeper
Sr. Virginia Barcelona, RVM	Pastoral Associate
Susana Breneman	Parish Secretary

### SCHOOL STAFF — 7 Elmwood Drive:

Mr. Jeffrey Burgos	Principal
Ms. Beth Gorman	Assistant Principal
Sr. Eileen Pazmino, RSM	School Secretary
Mrs. Zarah Llemos	School Secretary
Sr. Ma. Rosabel Sare, RVM	School DRE

### PARISH CENTER STAFF — 15 Elmwood Drive:

Sr. Ovelyn Obliosca, RVM	Director of Religious Education
Ms. Laura Reyes	Director of Music

### IN RESIDENCE:

Rev. Rey Culaba, CSsR	Rectory
Sr. Ruth Linaac, RVM	Parish Center/Convent

### WEEKEND ASSISTANCE:

Sr. Catherine Nguyen, LHC	Church Sacristan
Bro. Douglas Draper, SJ	St. Ignatius College Preparatory

**PARISH WEBSITE: [www.olmcath.org](http://www.olmcath.org)**

**SCHOOL WEBSITE: [www.olmbulldogs.org](http://www.olmbulldogs.org)**

### ☎ Parish Telephone Numbers:

Rectory Office	(650) 755-2727
Religious Education Office	(650) 992-5769
Our Lady of Mercy School	(650) 756-3395
OLM School Extended Care	(650) 756-1181
Music Director & Organist	(415) 282-2241
Our Lady of Mercy Convent	(650) 992-5769

***The Rectory office is staffed Monday to Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.***

*On weekends and holidays, Our Lady of Mercy Rectory office is closed.*

## GOD'S PROMISE

The lengthy passage from Samuel is a wonderful exposition of God's promise to the house of David: that his throne would forever be gloriously occupied by his descendants.



Hidden in the mystery of the prophecy is the promise of the Savior, the Messiah, Son of God and Son of David. The prophet Nathan, speaking in God's name, poetically turns around David's plan to build a house for God, and announces God's plan to build a "house," that is, a dynasty for David. From this house of David will come the Messiah, the Christ, not in kingly splendor as David ruled, but as a humble man, destined to rule forever and over all. When God gives a gift, it's amazing what we are given—so different from what we ever could have imagined.

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## Rest in Peace

## Souls In Purgatory



Day	Time	Mass Intentions for the coming week: <i>December 25, 2017 - December 31, 2017</i>	
Mon 25	7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm	Our Lady of Mercy Parish Our Lady of Mercy Parish Our Lady of Mercy Parish Our Lady of Mercy Parish	RC Jonjee DO BE
Tue 26	7:00am 9:00am	Earl Pagaduan –In Thanksgiving Souls In Purgatory	BE RC
Wed 27	7:00am 9:00am	John Minkel + Souls In Purgatory	RC DO
Thu 28	7:00 am 9:00am	Souls In Purgatory Ramona Claxton	DO DO
Fri 29	7:00am 9:00am	Marcos Yambao + Norberto & Lily Marissa Arqueza –In Thanks	RC DO
Sat 30	9:00am 4:00pm 5:30pm	Nicdao Family –In Thanksgiving George Knight + Lily & Valerio Barboza +	RC BE DO
Sun 31	7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm	Dennis Newhoff+ Borgonia Family –In Thanksgiving Jose De la Cruz + —	RC DO BE DO

## The kingdom of hope



Today is the last Sunday of Advent, that time of preparation for the arrival of the Messiah, the anointed one, the heir to the kingdom of David. Today's first reading promises that David's kingdom will last forever, and that God will always protect it. As we know, such was not the case.

David's kingdom lasted only to the time of his grandsons, and was totally crushed by the time of the Babylonian exile five hundred years later. Does this mean that God lied? Or is it that Nathan misunderstood Him? If you notice, this is another one of those readings that has parts missing. Some of the answer is in those parts.

Notice that the beginning of this sequence is when David is upset over the fact that he lives in a fine house of cedar while "the ark of God dwells in a tent!" God's response to this, given to the prophet Nathan, is that He has been with the people in pastures, and that He has dwelt in a tent since the people were wandering in the desert. He doesn't need a house of cedar. His home is in the people, not the tent.

But what about His promise that David's house and kingdom shall endure forever? Once again, the missing passage adds something of importance. In verse 13, God says that it is *David's heir* "who shall build a house for My name." The Jews thought God meant Solomon, David's son who built the temple for the ark. Looking back with our knowledge, we can see that God meant Jesus, who built the house for God's name in the hearts of the people. That house has endured to the present.

The same is true for David's kingdom. Sometimes we don't fully understand the terminology of the Bible because we live in such different times. We live in a democracy where we can choose our way of life and are free to pursue our dreams. This is quite different from a kingdom, ruled by an all powerful monarch who could control the lives of his people. To those people, David had been chosen by God, and his word was the word of God. He must be obeyed.

At the same time, kingdom meant all the land that the king controlled, the people that he conquered. That is how we think as humans. The power of a king is directly proportional to the land he controls. When David and the Jewish people thought of the kingdom which God had promised would endure forever, they thought of that plot of land to the east of the Mediterranean Sea. When you think about it, it was a very limited kingdom.

We live in a time that is quite different from all other times in history. We can look at pictures from space and realize how large God's universe is. When He spoke of kingdoms, He didn't limit it to a small plot of land in the Middle East. The kingdom that God gave to David went far beyond that land and that time. It was *God's* kingdom here on earth, not that of a man, but of God.

What is God's kingdom? It is the kingdom of David's heir, Jesus of Nazareth. It is the Kingdom of Hope enduring forever.

It is us. Treat it well.

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	PLACE
Sun., Dec. 24	10:30 a.m. 1:15 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word for Children NO Baptism	Church Church
Mon., Dec. 25	6:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions	Church
Tue., Dec. 26	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Cantor Practice Choir Practice	Parish Center Music Room Parish Center Music Room
Wed., Dec. 27			
Thu., Dec. 28	6:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Parish Center Music Room
Fri., Dec. 29	1:00 p.m. 9:30am - 6:00pm 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Charismatic Prayer Group meeting Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration Evening Prayer + Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament Youth Ministry	Parish Center Library Church Church Parish Center Library
Sat., Dec. 30	2:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
Sun., Dec. 31	10:30 a.m. 1:15 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word for Children Baptism of	Church Church



**GIVE YOUR SPOUSE A SPECIAL GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS:** Sign up now for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and receive the gift of a great marriage. Making a weekend will help you put a little Christmas in your marriage every day! The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is February 9-11, 2018 in San Jose. For more information visit our website at: [sanjosewwme.org](http://sanjosewwme.org) or contact Ken & Claranne at [applications@sanjosewwme.org](mailto:applications@sanjosewwme.org) or [408-782-1413](tel:408-782-1413)

## Our Lady of Mercy Parish Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedules - 2017



\*SUNDAY, December 24:  
7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 12noon

4:00pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass  
6:00pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass  
11:30pm Sing Along Christmas Carols  
12:00 am MIDNIGHT MASS with our  
Parish Choir

- Monday, December 25: CHRISTMAS DAY @ 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, with our Children's choir 12noon, with our Parish Choir
- Sunday, DECEMBER 31 Masses: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 12noon
- Monday, JAN. 1, 2018 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Masses are at: 7:00am, 9:00am & 6:00pm



**Merry Christmas Everyone!!**

**OUR LADY OF MERCY**



January 14, 2018-Sunday  
LUNCH @ SHARP PARK RESTAURANT "HAPPY NEW YEAR"  
Pacifica, CA  
No Host Cocktails—1pm,  
Luncheon—2pm

Menu Choice:  
Catch of the day

- Stuffed Pork Chops
- Beef Pot Roast
- Chicken Cordon Bleu
- Salmon

All Entrees include: Salad , Coffee , Tea, Dessert and Wine @ table  
Paid up Member : \$26.00 per person  
Guest : \$ 28.00 per person  
**Everyone is Welcome!!**

*Please Join Us! Make checks payable to "O.L.M. Young at Heart Club". Mail to Barbara Cantwell, 974 Wildwood Ave., Daly City, CA 94015 . For reservations call Barbara @ 650-892-6727. Or After January 7, 2018 call Tere Massey @ 650-756-0885*

**Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 24, 2017**

The child to be born will be called holy,  
the Son of God.  
—*Luke 1:35*



**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — I will fix a place for my people. I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

**Psalm** — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

**Second Reading** — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

**Gospel** — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**



**Monday:** Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

During the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13;

Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12;

Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;

Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

**Tuesday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59;

Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Tuesday: St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins

Wednesday: St. John

Thursday: The Holy Innocents

Friday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket

Saturday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord





# The People of O.L.M.

## Committees

Parish Pastoral Council  
Parish Finance Committee  
Parish Social Committee  
Principal's Advisory Council  
Liturgy Committee

## Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers,  
Ushers, Cantors, Parish Choir, Children's  
Choir, Youth Ministry

## Spiritual Development

Bible Study Group  
Charismatic Prayer Group  
Third Order Carmelites  
Legion of Mary  
Singles for Christ

## Service and Social Organizations

Saint Vincent de Paul Society  
Young at Heart Club  
Knights of Columbus

## Parish Bulletin Staff

Susan Breneman, Mr. Denis Nolan

## Welcome to Our Lady of Mercy!

If you worship with us each week, please fill out this form and become an **official** member of the parish. By registering, you get on our mailing list and let us know you are willing to support your parish through your time, talents and treasure—the privilege of every Catholic.

Registered members of OLM Parish are encouraged to request a box of Sunday offering envelopes from the Rectory and help us financially through the collection, so that we can continue to provide the services you need.

In addition, all **registered** members of the parish are eligible to celebrate important sacramental events at OLM:

- Baptism and Confirmation of their children,
- Weddings and Marriage Anniversaries,
- Funeral Services for loved ones, etc.

*If you are just visiting from another parish, we do hope you enjoy your OLM experience today!*



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