

# ✦ 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

## MASSES:

**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.

**March 18, 2018  
5th Sunday of Lent**



## BAPTISM:

1st and 3rd Saturdays at 12 noon. Sunday at 1:15pm  
Please call the  
Rectory to inquire for the parents' and godparents prepa-  
ration 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
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Deacon Marcos Cobillas	Permanent Deacon
Grace Mangini, CPA	Parish Bookkeeper
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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:

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### 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:

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Religious Education Office	(650) 992-5769
Our Lady of Mercy School	(650) 756-3395
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***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.*



## SAVED BY GOD'S LOVE

Because the people broke the old covenant, God promised a new covenant, not in the blood of oxen and other animals, but in the blood

of the Son, Jesus Christ. This new covenant, foreseen from afar by Jeremiah and the prophets, was not to be engraved on stone, or written on paper, but carved on our hearts, so that we might know God intimately. Not by keeping many laws are we to be saved, but by the love of God, living and real in our hearts through the sacrifice of Christ.

Our Eucharist is the pledge of that indwelling of Christ, and of our response of praise and thanksgiving to God for the mercy, love, and kindness shown to us in forgiving our sins and cleansing our hearts of everything evil. God issues this invitation to intimacy by offering us the chance to have our sufferings transformed into the perfect love of the Savior, who first loved us.

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## Behind the scenes



Each week we have three readings. The first is usually from the Old Testament, the second from an epistle and the third from the Gospels. Here and there we have readings from the Acts of the Apostles. How often do we know anything about the writer or the times in which he wrote? This is especially true of today's first reading from the book of Jeremiah. Who was this man and why was he writing about a "new covenant"?

Though most of us are not particularly aware of Jeremiah, the Jews consider him one of the two or three greatest prophets. Supposedly, he not only wrote the *Book of Jeremiah*, from which we get today's reading, but the *Book of Kings* and the *Book of Lamentations* are also attributed to him. He lived in a very troubled period in Judaic history. As a result, he is often called "the weeping prophet".

Prior to his birth, the Jewish people had broken into two territories. The north was called Israel and the south Judah. Since the Temple was in Jerusalem in the south, the northern tribes slowly fell away from the faith. They were conquered by the Assyrians in 721 BC and were exiled from the land (the lost tribes of Israel). Soon afterward, the south was in trouble with the Babylonians which led to the Babylonian captivity, when many of the people in the south were taken away to Babylon around 587 BC.

Jeremiah lived between these two events and his prophecies are about the people turning from God and being punished for it. He kept warning the southern kings that if they did not turn back to God, the Babylonians would conquer them. The leaders of the tribes felt that he was discouraging the troops by predicting defeat, so they eventually caught Jeremiah and put him in a well with deep mud at the bottom into which he sank.

Since he could not possibly climb out, they figured that he would starve to death but they could claim innocence because they had not killed him. Needless to say, someone found him and pulled him out of the well and he continued to be a thorn in the side of the leaders. Since they didn't dare try another attempt on his life, they just put him in prison. Intriguingly, when the rest of his nation was conquered by the Babylonians and sent into exile, he was rescued by those same Babylonians and finally set free. He went to Egypt and prophesied no more.

Much of his writing is dark and foreboding as he tries to warn the Jews that they are headed in the wrong direction. Today's reading is one of his few "positive" warnings. Instead of telling the Jews that they are headed for damnation, he says that in spite of everything, God will forgive them. It is God's choice, not theirs.

The New Testament uses a number of prophecies from Jeremiah as predictions of the coming of Christ. Today's reading is an example of his writings which appealed to Matthew in his Gospel. Though Jeremiah was warning the Jews that God was not happy with them and would "make a new covenant", the Gospel writers took this as a prediction that Jesus was the start of that new covenant. ~DN

## Rest in Peace

Beverly Burke  
Barbara Friend



Day	Time	Mass Intentions for the coming week: <i>March 19, 2018 - March 25, 2018</i>	
Mon 19	7:00am 9:00am 6:00pm	Paul Bauer + Helen Lum + Jose "Jojo" Ignacio +	RC DO BE
Tue 20	7:00am 9:00am	Teresa Navarro de Mendez + Jose "Jojo" Ignacio +	BE BE
Wed 21	7:00am 9:00am	Malaya Ponce + Bertha Navarro Meza +	RC DO
Thu 22	7:00 am 9:00am	William Lum -sick Daniel Madera -In Thanksgiving	DO DO
Fri 23	7:00am 9:00am	Malaya Ponce + Malaya Ponce +	DO BE
Sat 24	9:00am 4:00pm 5:30pm	Baby & Frank Bautista -In Thanksgiving Celia Geraghty-In Thanksgiving Linda Balanga +	BE DO RC
Palm Sun 25	7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm	Dennis Newhoff + Aurelio & Susan Lanorias Tony Newhoff + Paul Bauer +	RC DO BE DO

DATE	TIME	EVENT	PLACE
Sun., March 18	10:30 a.m. 1:15 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word for Children NO Baptism	Church Church
Mon., March 19	6:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions	Church
Tue., March 20	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Cantor Practice Choir Practice	Parish Center Music Room Parish Center Music Room
Wed., March 21			
Thu., March 22	6:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Parish Center Music Room
Fri., March 23	1:00 p.m. 9:30am - 6:00pm 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Charismatic Prayer Group meeting Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration Evening Prayer + Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament <b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b> Youth Ministry <b>CONFESSIONS</b>	Parish Center Library Church Church Parish Center Library Church
Sat., March 24	2:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
Sun., March 25	10:30 a.m. 1:15 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word for Children NO Baptism	Church Church

### Holy Week and Easter Services 2018

- **March 24, 2018 - PALM SUNDAY VIGIL MASSES**  
4:00p.m. & 5:30 p.m. - Blessing of Palms/  
Mass (with procession)
- **March 25, 2018 - PALM SUNDAY**  
7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 12:00 p.m. -  
Blessings of Palms/Mass (with procession)
- **March 29, 2018 - HOLY THURSDAY**  
9:00 AM - Morning Prayer  
7:30 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper,  
Presentation of the Oils, Washing  
of the feet, Procession to Altar  
Repose & Vigil up to 11:00 PM
- **March 30, 2018 - GOOD FRIDAY**  
9:00 AM - Morning Prayer  
2:00 PM - Stations of the Cross  
3:00 PM - Good Friday Liturgy:  
Word, Veneration  
**4:30 PM Confessions**  
**7:30 PM** - Evening Good Friday  
Liturgy.
- **March 31, 2018 - HOLY SATURDAY**  
9:00 AM - Morning Prayer  
2:30 PM Confessions  
8:30 PM - Mass : Blessing of Fire,  
Paschal Candle, Procession, Exultet.
- **April 1, 2018 - EASTER SUNDAY**  
**5:30 AM - Easter Sunrise Service / Salubong**  
with **Mass 6:00 AM**. Then Regular Sunday Mass  
schedule follows: **7:30 AM / 9:00 AM / 10:30 AM**  
(Children's Choir) **12 Noon** (Parish Choir)



Prepare for Easter in a special way this year. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to each other and God. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is May 18-20, 2018 in San Jose. For more information visit our website at: [sanjosewme.org](http://sanjosewme.org) or contact Ken & Claranne at [applications@sanjosewme.org](mailto:applications@sanjosewme.org) or [408-782-1413](tel:408-782-1413).

### School applications

The Our Lady of Mercy/Sr. Claire pre-school is now accepting applications for Pre-school, transitional Kindergarten (children born between Sept. 2nd, 2013 and Dec. 1st, 2013) and also for Kindergarten to Eighth grade for school year 2018-2019. Please stop by or call at the school office to book a tour and pick up an application form. Financial assistance is provided to those who qualify.

Thank you,  
Jeffrey T. Burgos  
Principal

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**March 18, 2018**

I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts;  
I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

— *Jeremiah 31:33*



**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. (Jeremiah 31:31-34) *or* *Ezekiel 37:12-14.*

**Psalm** — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) *or Psalm 130.*

**Second Reading** — Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him (Hebrews 5:7-9) *or Romans 8:8-11.*

**Gospel** — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) *or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].*

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**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]

**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



**REPENTANCE**

God has promised pardon to one who repents, but has not promised repentance to one who sins.

—*St. Anselm*





# 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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