

✦ 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.

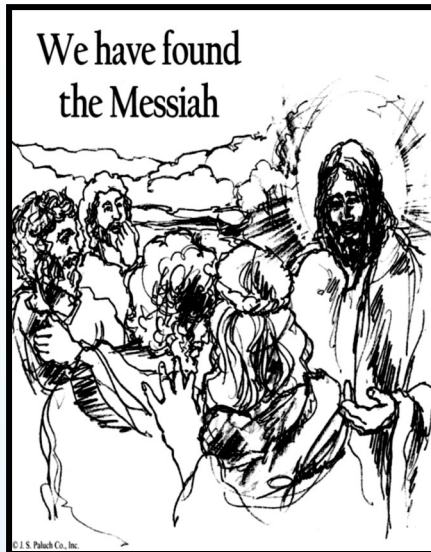
Sunday:
7:30, 9:00, & 10:30 a.m.,
and 12:00 p.m.

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.

January 14, 2018
2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time



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

SCHOOL WEBSITE: www.olmbulldogs.org

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.

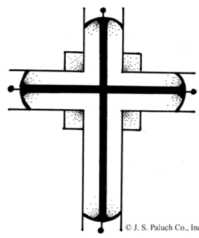
LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN:
Sundays during the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

☎ 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.*



THE LAMB OF GOD

“Behold the Lamb of God!” We hear this phrase every Sunday at Mass, but there’s a good chance that many Roman Catholics do not know who in the Bible originally spoke it. The phrase appears only in the Gospel of John, on the lips of John the Baptist, who utters it twice. In today’s Gospel reading, John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God, and two of John’s own disciples then follow Christ. A little bit later Andrew, who heard John and then followed Jesus, brings his brother Simon to be re-named Cephas, or Peter. A careful look at these Bible verses shows us the mission of everyone baptized into the Body of Christ: we must always proclaim our faith in Christ, so that others will follow him. We may not know how the will of God might work through those we bring to Christ; that is not the point. The point is that our ongoing mission as a church is to bring others to Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

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God's handwriting



“Moses then turned and came down the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hands, tablets that were written on both sides, front and back. The tablets were made by God; the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets.” (Exodus 32)

Everyone wonders what happened to the Ark of the Covenant, the sacred container with the tablets written by God. Indiana Jones almost got killed trying to find it. Just think how remarkable those tablets with God’s handwriting would be! That’s why the Ark is so valuable.

Oh, wait. There is that other part of Exodus 32, *Then Moses’ anger burned, and he threw the tablets down and broke them on the base of the mountain.* That means the Ark doesn’t have God’s handwritten commandments because Moses broke them on the mountain. (Quick, let’s go find the mountain and start digging!)

Have you ever wondered, if we did find the tablets, in which language they would have been written? Most people think it would have been Hebrew. After all, that was the language of the Jews and the commandments were written for them. Unfortunately, the Hebrew language seems to have developed after the Jews settled in the Holy Land. The first examples of the written language do not appear until around 1,000 BC. Moses lived between 300 and 500 years before that.

Today there are over 7,000 languages in the world. The written forms of these languages vary between alphabets, such as we and the Greeks have, to symbolic languages such as Chinese. Our alphabet has 26 characters. The Hawaiian alphabet has only 13 letters. Ethiopians use a syllabary, where each consonant has a vowel attached. (Instead of “b”, you have “ba”, “be”, “bu”, etc.) It has over 200 symbols. Chinese has over 3,000.

So what would we see if we found the Ark of the Covenant? Considering that Moses went back up the mountain and re-wrote the commandments himself, we would probably find that the commandments are written in Hieroglyphics. After all, Moses was raised in the Pharaoh’s household and he learned the Egyptian language and writing.

Intriguingly, the present generation may be seeing the actual handwriting of God for the first time in history. It’s called DNA and was not understood until fifty years ago. Today it is just an accepted part of life. From a single hair or a bit of saliva, police can identify a criminal. We can send those same things to a laboratory and have them tell us our genetic history. Every living thing has its own genetic code and thus its own DNA.

We know that God doesn’t actually write, but DNA is as close as it gets. In a long sequence of small molecules, every cell in our bodies contains the code for each of us. There is one code for a lilac bush, another for a giant redwood tree. Change the sequence and a horse would become the jockey, or the spider would become the fly.

Just think about how amazingly complex this whole system is. First is the DNA code of thousands of molecules in a given order. Then this code is in every cell of every living thing upon this earth. Each code is different, creating individual beings with their own unique qualities. How did such a thing come to be?

You might say God had a hand in it. ~DN

Rest in Peace Liz Bucci Gaetano Nardi Ramon Rodriguez



Day	Time	Mass Intentions for the coming week: <i>January 15, 2018 - January 21, 2018</i>	
Mon 15	7:00am 9:00am 6:00pm	Chaplain William Joseph Barragy + Placido Apolinario Sr. + Joel Madera -In Thanksgiving	BE DO BE
Tue 16	7:00am 9:00am	Jane Gorman + Caridad M. Ricardo +	BE BE
Wed 17	7:00am 9:00am	Hong Nguyen + Frank & Celia Bautista -In Thanks	BE DO
Thu 18	7:00 am 9:00am	Joseph Phung Eleuterio Fernandez +	DO DO
Fri 19	7:00am 9:00am	Maximo Rocabo + Myrna M. Arqueza - In Thanks	DO BE
Sat 20	9:00am 4:00pm 5:30pm	Teresa Navarro de Mendez + Clifford Ryan + Anthony Scott & Emma Gannaban+	DO DO BE
Sun 21	7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm	Souls In Purgatory Dionisio Espulgar + Alex Sagasay + Alex Sagasay +	DO BE DO BE

DATE	TIME	EVENT	PLACE
Sun., Jan. 14	10:30 a.m. 1:15 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word for Children Baptism of __	Church Church
Mon., Jan. 15	6:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions	Church
Tue., Jan. 16	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Cantor Practice Choir Practice	Parish Center Music Room Parish Center Music Room
Wed., Jan. 17	7:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul	Parish Center SVdP Room
Thu., Jan. 18	6:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Parish Center Music Room
Fri., Jan. 19	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., Jan. 20	12noon 2:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Baptism of Felicity Elora Ancheta Confessions	Church Church
Sun., Jan. 21	10:30 a.m. 1:15 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word for Children Baptism of	Church Church

WALK FOR LIFE

West Coast

Abortion Hurts Women

Everyone is invited to join the Walk for Life on Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018 at Civic Center Plaza, San Francisco. **Rally** starts at 12:30pm. For more information, please check flyers posted in the vestibule.

Register and info: 415-658-1793
Email : info@WalkforLifeWC.com



Married Couples:
The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is February 9-11, 2018 in San Jose.

For more information visit our website at: sanjosewme.org or contact Ken & Claranne at applications@sanjosewme.org or **408-782-1413**.

A MESSAGE FROM OLM'S SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Thank you for your continued support through the 5th Sunday Collection, the Poor Box, and individual donations. It allows us to help numerous families in our community. Here is the annual report for the fiscal year 2017 (10/1/2016 through 9/30/17). Total number of families serviced: 33; Home Visits: 67

Donations Received 10/1/17 thru 9/30/17: \$19,405

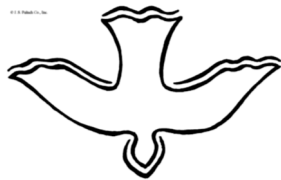
Activities & Expenditures 10/1/16 thru 9/30/17: \$19,187

Safeway Food Gift Cards: \$6,292; Bags of Groceries delivered: 100; Rent support & Utilities: \$6162; Thrift Store Vouchers (clothing & furniture): \$608; North County Homeless Shelter: \$1,000, National & International Aid: \$3,700; Back to School: \$1,000; Christmas Gift Cards for Children: \$425

The Society of St. Vincent DePaul serves families in need because we are more than a Charity. As Vincentians we serve those in need with hope, trust, and with gratitude to God and to you for your continued generosity & support.

**Second Sunday
In Ordinary Time
January 14, 2018**

Your body is a temple of the
Holy Spirit within you.
— *1 Corinthians 6:19a*



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Speak, for your servant is listening
(1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

Psalm — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will
(Psalm 40).

Second Reading — Do you not know that your body is
a temple of the Holy Spirit within you?
(1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).

Gospel — Andrew found his brother Simon and brought
him to Jesus (John 1:35-42).

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**READINGS FOR THE
WEEK**

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28;
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b,
2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13;
Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11;
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27;
Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31;
Mk 1:14-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr., Day

Wednesday: St. Anthony

Thursday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

Friday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)

Saturday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

CHAINS OF GRACE

The chains of grace are so powerful, and yet so sweet, that though they attract our heart, they do not shackle our freedoms.

—St. Francis de Sales



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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