

✦ 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 7, 2018
The Epiphany of the Lord**



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.

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

RECTORY STAFF — 1 Elmwood Drive:

Rev. Domingo Orimaco	Pastor
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Grace Mangini, CPA	Parish Bookkeeper
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SCHOOL STAFF — 7 Elmwood Drive:

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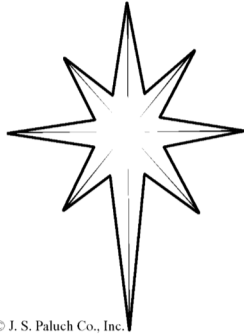
SCHOOL WEBSITE: www.olmbulldogs.org

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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.*



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GOD'S PROMISE TO ALL PEOPLE

Today Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and that they shall be a **light** to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

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12 days of Christmas



When we think of the Christmas season, we think of the period from Thanksgiving until Christmas Day. In the Catholic Church, however, this is known as Advent. Christmas season is the twelve day period beginning on Christmas Day. (These are the Twelve Days of Christmas in the song.)

In the early days of the Church, the eighth day after Christmas was called the *Solemnity of Mary*, celebrating the mother of God. Over time, as the *Immaculate Conception* and the *Assumption* became major celebrations, this became a less important feast. Since the Gospel of Luke said that Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth, this day became the *Feast of the Circumcision*.

The last day of this Christmas period celebrated the other childhood story about Jesus, that of the Gospel of Matthew. In this Gospel, the wise men from the east followed a star to the newly born Jesus. They brought gifts of Frankincense, Gold and Myrrh, and these three gifts have led to the belief that there were three of these "kings". The Greek word *epiphany* means "sudden revelation or understanding", so the revelation to these men that Jesus was the messiah led to the feast day being called the *Epiphany*.

For many centuries, the twelve days of Christmas began with Christmas and ended at the *Epiphany*, with the Circumcision in between. Then, in 1955, Pope Pius XII added another feast day right after this period, the *Baptism of Jesus* on January 13. This represented the ending of his childhood and beginning of his ministry and public life, .

Things began to get more confused when pope Paul VI moved that feast to the first Sunday after the Epiphany. However, if the Epiphany itself fell on Sunday, the feast of the Baptism was moved to the following Monday. When the Epiphany then became a regular feast day, not a day of obligation, the *Baptism* was moved to that Sunday permanently.

Pope Paul also decided that we should go back to the early days of the Church and celebrate the *Solemnity of Mary* on the eighth day after Christmas. As a result, the feast of the Circumcision has been eliminated and the *Epiphany* is the first Sunday after the *Solemnity of Mary*.

Along with all of these new feast days and the changes, we also have the *Feast of the Holy Family*, which falls on the first Sunday after Christmas. Unless, of course, Christmas falls on a Sunday. If that happens (and the following Sunday is thus the *Solemnity of Mary*, formerly the *Circumcision*), the feast of the *Holy Family* is moved to the Friday after Christmas.

So Christmas season this year began on a Monday (Christmas Day). The following Sunday (last week) was the feast of the *Holy Family* and Monday was the *Solemnity of Mary* (not a holy day when it is on Saturday or Monday). This Sunday (today) is the feast of the *Epiphany* and tomorrow (Monday) is the *Baptism of the Lord* which is immediately followed by the beginning of "ordinary time" which will continue until the beginning of Lent.

With all these changes, the First Sunday in Ordinary time has been eliminated because so many other feasts are now ending up on the Sunday that used to mark the beginning of Ordinary time. As a result, we begin ordinary time on Tuesday, but the next Sunday is the *Second* Sunday of Ordinary time. Any questions? (Don't expect an answer.) ~DN

Rest in Peace

Richard Devoe



Day	Time	Mass Intentions for the coming week: <i>January 8, 2018 - January 14, 2018</i>	
Mon 8	7:00am 9:00am 6:00pm	Jane Gorman + John Holley + Barbara Celaya	DO BE RC
Tue 9	7:00am 9:00am	Atanasio Danao+ Mercedes Rosario –In Thanksgiving	BE BE
Wed 10	7:00am 9:00am	Hong Nguyen + Maria Carmelita S. Abao-In Thanks	BE DO
Thu 11	7:00 am 9:00am	Chaplain Charles J. Watters + Luis Diguangco +	DO DO
Fri 12	7:00am 9:00am	Chaplain Michael J. Quealy + Ulysses Reroma +	DO BE
Sat 13	9:00am 4:00pm 5:30pm	- Maritess Militar –In Thanksgiving Amanda Birmingham +	BE BE DO
Sun 14	7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm	Souls In Purgatory Luis Diguangco + — Arsenio L. Punla +	BE DO BE DO

DATE	TIME	EVENT	PLACE
Sun., Jan. 7	10:30 a.m. 1:15 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word for Children Baptism of __	Church Church
Mon., Jan. 8	6:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions	Church
Tue., Jan. 9	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Cantor Practice Choir Practice	Parish Center Music Room Parish Center Music Room
Wed., Jan. 10			
Thu., Jan. 11	6:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Parish Center Music Room
Fri., Jan. 12	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. 13	2:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
Sun., Jan. 14	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



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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



Married Couples:

The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is February 9-11, 2018 in San Jose. For more information visit our website at:

sanjosewwme.org or contact Ken & Claranne at applications@sanjosewwme.org or **408-782-1413**.

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2018

All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.

— *Psalm 72:11*



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — The magi were overjoyed at seeing the star (Matthew 2:1-12).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week; Julian Calendar Christmas

Monday: The Baptism of the Lord

Tuesday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins

Saturday: St. Hilary; Blessed Virgin Mary

In our times of greatest joy and our deepest need, the name we cling to is *Jesus*. He will never leave us, and His love will not fail. odb.org



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Legion of Mary
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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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