

✦ 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.

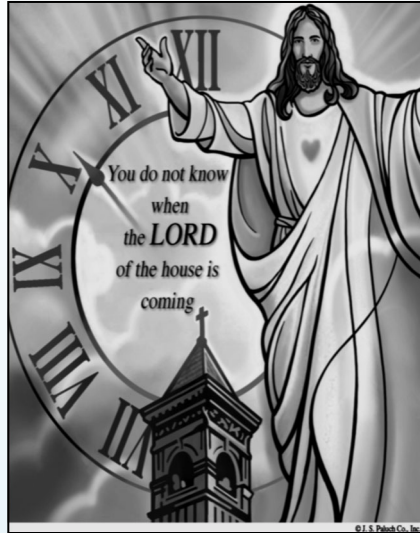
Sunday:
7:30, 9:00, & 10:30 a.m.,
and 12:00 p.m.

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.

**December 3, 2017
First 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
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Deacon Marcos Cobillas	Permanent Deacon
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Sr. Virginia Barcelona, RVM	Pastoral Associate
Susana Breneman	Parish Secretary

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Ms. Beth Gorman	Assistant Principal
Sr. Eileen Pazmino, RSM	School Secretary
Mrs. Zarah Llemos	School Secretary
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Ms. Laura Reyes	Director of Music

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Sr. Ruth Linaac, RVM	Parish Center/Convent

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Sr. Catherine Nguyen, LHC	Church Sacristan
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PARISH WEBSITE: www.olmcath.org

SCHOOL WEBSITE: www.olmbulldogs.org

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OLM School Extended Care	(650) 756-1181
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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.*



GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God's faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For "behold, you are angry, and we are sinful" (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God's promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God's might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to "rend the heavens and come down, / with the mountains quaking before you" (Isaiah 63:19).

Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God's hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation.

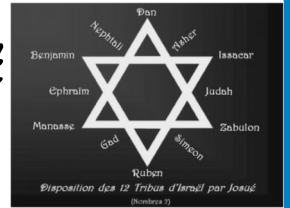
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Rest in Peace

Alicia Flores



The Lost Tribes



As we approach Christmas, we might want to look at the history of the Jews which led up to the time of Christ in order to understand the things we read in the Gospels. For example, who were the Samaritans, what was the difference between a Galilean and a Judean, and why was Jesus born in Bethlehem but lived in Nazareth?

You may recall that Jacob (Abraham's grandson) had 12 sons. His descendants became the twelve Jewish tribes. You may also recall that Jacob was renamed by an angel. His new name was Israel, so the tribes became known as the twelve tribes of Israel.

When they settled in the promised land, each tribe took a section of land. Saul, the first king of the Jewish people, came from the north. David, his successor, came from the south. When David's son, Solomon, taxed the people to pay for his new temple in Jerusalem, the northerners objected. When he died, they broke away and formed their own kingdom of Israel in the north. Judah was the southern kingdom.

Eventually, a King of Israel, Ahab, married a pagan princess, Jezebel, and the northerners broke away from the Jewish faith. In 722 B.C., the state of Israel was attacked by the Assyrians and was conquered. All of the people of wealth and education were enslaved and taken to far parts of the Assyrian empire. They never returned and became known as the lost tribes of Israel.

The Assyrians brought people from other parts of their empire into Israel and the remaining Jews began to intermarry with them. The Jews in Judah looked down on this mixed group, a people now called Samaritans.

Twenty years later, the Assyrians decided to conquer Judah as well. They marched up to the walls of Jerusalem and made camp. The Jews inside waited in fear all night long, but when they woke in the morning the Assyrians were leaving. During the night, a plague had hit their camp and there were bodies everywhere. God had protected the people who had remained loyal to Him.

Judah had survived the assault by the Assyrians in 701 B.C., but it fell to the Babylonians in 587. Like the Assyrians, the Babylonians took all the wealthy and educated away. However, instead of scattering them all over the Empire, they put them into the city of Babylon. For the next few generations, the Jews were surrounded and influenced by the people and religion of Babylon. It is during this time that they began to write down their history and their beliefs in the form we have today, the Bible. Eventually, King Cyrus of Persia freed them and they returned to Judah. (For a while, many Jews thought Cyrus was the messiah!)

According to Luke, Mary and Joseph came from Nazareth in the province of Galilee in the northern Samaritan country, but their families were originally from Judah. As a result, for a census they went to Bethlehem in Judea (Greek for Judah) to register. When Jesus was born, he thus fulfilled the prediction that the messiah would come from the line and the land of David. ~DN

Day	Time	Mass Intentions for the coming week: <i>December 4, 2017 - December 10, 2017</i>	
Mon 4	7:00am 9:00am 6:00pm	Sahlie & Mari-Rose Borgonia –In Thanks Ben Rome, Sr. - In Thanksgiving Patrick Sarao +	RC BE DO
Tue 5	7:00am 9:00am	Ulysses Reroma + Diego L. Ricardo +	RC BE
Wed 6	7:00am 9:00am	Sr. Ma. Lourdes Palacio, RVM + Anthony & Pat Formosa +	BE DO
Thu 7	7:00am 9:00am 6:00pm	Paul Tam Nguyen + Sr. Ma. Lourdes Palacio, RVM + Our Lady of Mercy	BE DO DO
Fri 8	7:00am 9:00am 6:00pm	Larry Flaherty + Bob Vendil + Our Lady of Mercy	DO BE RC
Sat 9	9:00am 4:00pm 5:30pm	Sophia Reyes –In Thanksgiving Sr. Ma. Lourdes Palacio, RVM + Matilda Tanudtanud +	BE DO BE
Sun 10	7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm	Dominique Nguyen+ Matilda Tanudtanud + Julio Militar + Mariano Garcia Montemayor +	DO BE RC DO

DATE	TIME	EVENT	PLACE
Sun., Dec. 3	10:30 a.m. 1:15 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word for Children Baptism of __	Church Church
Mon., Dec. 4	6:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions	Church
Tue., Dec. 5	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Cantor Practice Choir Practice	Parish Center Music Room Parish Center Music Room
Wed., Dec. 6	7:00 p.m.	Baptism Prep. Class for Parents and Godparents	Parish Center Music Room
Thu., Dec. 7	6:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Parish Center Music Room
Fri., Dec. 8	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. 9	2:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
Sun., Dec. 10	10:30 a.m. 1:15 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word for Children Baptism of	Church Church

Our Traditional Simbang Gabi or Novena of Masses before Christmas will start on **Dec. 15 to 23rd @ 7:30p.m.** preceded by confession and rosary at 7:00 p.m. Please mark your calendar !!



Our Lady of Mercy School welcomes prospective families to visit our campus and learn about the exciting programs we offer. A Pre-K to 8th grade school, OLM School has served the faithful community for over sixty years. Come and experience what we have to offer your child/children and your family. Give us a call and we will be happy to schedule a school visit and orientation. The following are our contact information: (650)756-3395 or office@olmbulldogs.com. We look forward to having you soon.

Our Lady of Mercy School admits students of any race, color, gender, nationality, or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at school. Our Lady of Mercy School does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, color, nationality, or ethnic origin in the administration of its policies, admissions, and programs.

Christmas Volunteer Opportunities with Catholic Charities!!

Embrace the Christmas Season by taking time to serve others and spread holiday joy throughout our community! There are several ways to get involved:

- Decorate, wrap gifts, or prepare food at any of the program holiday parties and luncheons.
- Donate gift cards to Target, Safeway or Walgreens to help families in need buy gifts.
- Donate twin-sized bed sets, wool socks, and warm blankets.

Visit our website at CatholicCharitiessf.org/All-Opportunities/ to see the full list of opportunities. To volunteer with Catholic Charities, or for more information, please contact Regina O'Connor, Volunteer Manager, at volunteer@CatholicCharitiesSF.org or call 415-972-1297



Married Couples: Want to give each other something really special this Christmas? How about a gift filled with Romance and Excitement? That's just the beginning of what you will receive on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. 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.

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come. — *Mark 13:33*



**YOU
ARE
THE
POTTER**

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — We are the clay and you, O LORD, are the potter: we are the work of your hands

(Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

Gospel — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. John Damascene
Wednesday: St. Nicholas
Thursday: St. Ambrose;
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Friday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

Dec. 8, 2017 is the Feast of Immaculate Conception and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are the following:

December 7, Thursday-**Vigil Mass @ 6pm**
December 8, Friday - **7:00am, 9:00am and 6:00pm**



The People of O.L.M.

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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

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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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