

✚ 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.

April 22, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Easter



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.*

RECTORY STAFF — 1 Elmwood Drive:

Rev. Domingo Orimaco	Pastor
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Deacon Marcos Cobillas	Permanent Deacon
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SCHOOL STAFF — 7 Elmwood Drive:

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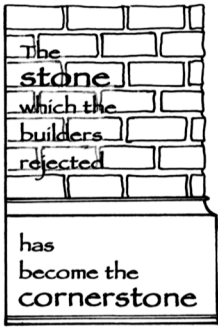
Rev. Rey Culaba, CSsR	Rectory
Sr. Ruth Linaac, RVM	Parish Center/Convent

WEEKEND ASSISTANCE:

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

SCHOOL WEBSITE: www.olmbulldogs.org



SAVED BY THE ONE WHO WAS REJECTED

Some city teenagers often scorn and reject farm kids. Yet it's no exaggeration to say that humanity owes its life to farmers who care for the world's crops and livestock. This week's scriptures remind us that Jesus was as rejected as

a shepherd, a farm boy, yet we owe our very lives to him.

In this Sunday's reading from the Acts of the Apostles Peter tells the people that salvation comes through Jesus Christ, the one who was rejected. In John's letter we hear that we have become God's beloved children through Jesus, whom the world did not know. Lastly, in the Gospel Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who "lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). Will you join Jesus in laying down your life for God's beloved flock?

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Rest in Peace

Souls In Purgatory



Day	Time	Mass Intentions for the coming week: <i>April 23, 2018 - April 29, 2018</i>	
Mon 23	7:00am 9:00am 6:00pm	Von Ong + Renee & Ygee Ong Family Virginia Aguilera +	DO BE BE
Tue 24	7:00am 9:00am	Magdalena de Guzman + Magdalena de Guzman +	BE BE
Wed 25	7:00am 9:00am	Roland Benzon + Souls In Purgatory	BE DO
Thu 26	7:00 am 9:00am	Rey & Mila Rabadon -In Thanksgiving Ruth Leonardo +	DO DO
Fri 27	7:00am 9:00am	Julie Lozano-healing Dalisay Tabien -In Thanksgiving	BE DO
Sat 28	9:00am 4:00pm 5:30pm	Souls In Purgatory Pacita Bautista + Jovita Bagacina +	BE DO BE
Sun 29	7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm	Dennis Newhoff + Ramon Vasco + Tony Newhoff + Cirilo Bautista -healing	BE DO BE DO

Hell and the pope



Recently there has been a minor storm over the Pope's apparent comments to Eugenio Scalfari concerning hell, Scalfari is an Italian journalist who is a long standing acquaintance of the Pope. He also happens to be an atheist.

On a number of occasions, the Pope and Scalfari have had private conversations which both claim give them a better understanding of how different people think. The Pope feels that Scalfari helps him understand life outside of the Church, and Scalfari says that the Pope makes him think.

On this latest occasion, Scalfari claims that the Pope said that he doesn't believe in hell. The Pope has made no comment about the claim, though his office has said that Scalfari has misquoted the Pope. Scalfari has admitted that he takes no notes and has often put his own words into the Pope's mouth. Nevertheless, there has been quite a reaction in the press and the hierarchy.

If you remember, there was a similar reaction when Pope Benedict said that he didn't believe that there is a Limbo. That particular statement, however, came after the Vatican Theological Commission wrote a 41 page report after a three year study of the topic.

The idea of Limbo was developed by theologians in the 13th century when many people were avoiding the Church because it taught the view of St. Augustine that anyone not baptized went to hell because of Original Sin. People felt that a church which said that little babies were sent to hell when they had not sinned was not a church to which they wanted to belong. The theologians then came up with the idea of Limbo.

Recent thinking about the idea of hell has taken a similar re-evaluation. In the Old Testament, God was a God of punishment. However, the Jews did not believe in hell as we think of it. They believed that there was a place called Sheol, where the dead all went to await final judgement. They were in a state of suspended animation while there, totally unaware of their surroundings.

When the Jews were exposed to the thinking of the Babylonians and the Greeks, both of whom felt that the dead who had done evil were sent to a place of fire and brimstone, the Jews came up with a new idea, a place called *Gehenna*. When the Old Testament was translated to Greek, that Jewish word, *Gehenna*, was translated to the Greek idea of *Hades*, then later to the English word, *Hell*. All these terms stood for a place of eternal punishment by fire.

Recently, there has been a questioning of this concept by various theologians. They feel that Jesus taught that God is a forgiving God, not one of punishment and damnation. Rather than sending souls to eternal damnation, He will just reject them from sharing in Him. This is the Pope's thinking.

Jesus told the thief on the cross that he would enter paradise. The presence of God is filled with love and happiness, a place of unbelievable joy. Today, theologians feel that eternal damnation is not a place of fire and brimstone with bodily suffering, but a mental anguish because we have been rejected from the joy of God by our own actions. We make choices on this earth, either to reach out and help others, or to be concerned only for ourselves. Heaven or Hell? The choice is ours. ~DN

DATE	TIME	EVENT	PLACE
Sun., April 22	10:30 a.m. 1:15 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word for Children Baptism of Josiah Adrien Lipata Benito	Church Church
Mon., April 23	6:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions	Church
Tue., April 24	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Cantor Practice Choir Practice	Parish Center Music Room Parish Center Music Room
Wed., April 25			
Thu., April 26	6:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Parish Center Music Room
Fri., April 27	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., April 28	2:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
Sun., April 29	10:30 a.m. 1:15 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word for Children Baptism of	Church Church



~HELP fight Planned Parenthood in San Mateo COUNTY~

Just weeks ago, Planned Parenthood - our nation's largest abortion chain - announced plans to expand their operations in all 50 states - including California!

Please help STOP Planned Parenthood's dangerous new agenda. Join the 3rd National Day of Prayer & Protest Against Planned Parenthood. With thousands of pro-lifers across our country, we will gather peacefully at Planned Parenthoods to educate our communities about their true agenda, speak our for our pre-born brothers and sisters, and call on state and federal governments to defund the abortion giant.

Signs will be provided or you can bring your own. Come for part or all of the two hours.
Event: National Day of Prayer and Protest Against Planned Parenthood.

When: *Saturday, April 28, 2018*, 10am-12noon
Where: Redwood City Planned Parenthood, 2907 El Camino Real, RWC
More Info: Contact Jessica at 650-918-9119

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Most languages take the name for this fifty-day season from the Lord's Passover: *Pasqua* in Italian, *Pâques* in French, *Paach* in Dutch, *Pascha* in Greek and Russian. English has a much newer name, the name of a pagan goddess, Eoster. For centuries before Christianity took hold, in both Germany and Britain the spring equinox was dedicated to her and the concepts of fertility and rebirth. She was said to be a playful spirit, following the Sun King's chariot, and ending the reign of winter. She had a magical companion, a rabbit who hid eggs in the fields to coax plants and animals to rebirth. It was believed that Eoster once came across a bird with broken wings and saved it by turning it into a rabbit—an egg-laying rabbit at that! Although they were baptized, most people didn't take to the new Latin name (*Pascha Domini*) too easily, and kept calling the spring equinox by the old accustomed name. For good measure, they kept a pagan name for Christmas, too: Yule.

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MARRIED COUPLES: Scripture says about married people that "Two shall live as one". How often do you find yourselves living as two? A *Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend* can help you get back to basics in this complicated day and age. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is: *May 18-20, 2018* in San Jose. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: sanjosewwme.org or contact Ken & Claranne at applications@sanjosewwme.org or 408-782-1413.

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 22, 2018

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.
— 1 John 3:1



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — There is no other name under heaven by which we are to be saved than the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene (Acts 4:8-12).

Psalm — The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2).

Gospel — I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11-18).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter; Earth Day; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Monday: St. George; St. Adalbert

Tuesday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

Wednesday: St. Mark; Administrative Professionals Day

Friday: Arbor Day

Saturday: St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort

AT WORK

Christianity is the spirit of Jesus Christ at work in the world.

—Anonymous



The People of O.L.M.

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Parish Finance Committee
Parish Social Committee
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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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