

# ✚ 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.

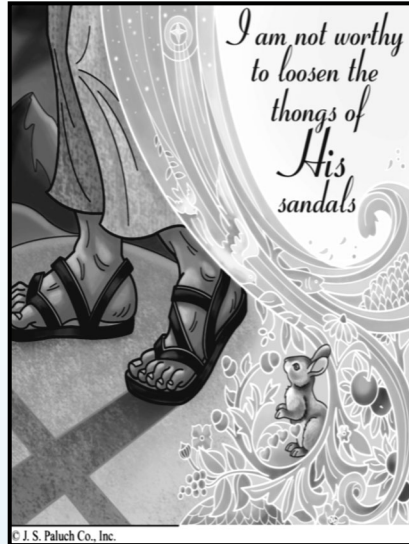
**Sunday:**  
7:30, 9:00, & 10:30 a.m.,  
and 12:00 p.m.

**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 16, 2018  
3rd 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
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

### PARISH CENTER STAFF — 15 Elmwood Drive:

Sr. Ma. Rosabel Sare, 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](http://www.olmcath.org)**

**SCHOOL WEBSITE: [www.olmbulldogs.org](http://www.olmbulldogs.org)**

### ☎ 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.*

# REJOICE!

Today has traditionally been called “Gaudete Sunday.” The Latin tag is derived from Paul’s appeal in the second reading to “rejoice always in the Lord,” and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God’s work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is “the season of joy.” Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

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**Rest in Peace**  
**Philo Remedios**  
**Evelyn Pracale**  
**Delan Novicio**



# Christmas songs (?)

Have you ever wondered where our Christmas songs come from, or why they were written? Looking at a number of them, you might be surprised at the answers. Let’s start with the most well known, *Jingle Bells*.

We all think of this song as the classic Christmas melody, but James Lloyd Pierpont wrote it in 1850 when his Unitarian Church pastor asked him to write a song for the feast of Thanksgiving, not Christmas. Living in Massachusetts, Pierpont had an early snowfall and saw couples having fun with sleds and sleighs and was inspired.

The original title was *One Horse Open Sleigh*, and it is a song about a boy taking a girl out for a ride on a sleigh just after the first snow of winter has fallen. The horses were equipped with bells so that their movement would make noise and people would be aware that they were coming in the quiet of a snow draped countryside.

Another song that is a Christmas favorite but was also not written for that feast is Handel’s *Alleluia chorus* from *The Messiah*. It was originally written for Easter and the Resurrection of Christ. However, with the long Lenten observance of fasting and Penance, that is not a time of singing. As a result, the song was moved to Christmas so that it could be sung in the Advent season of festivity.

Then there is a song that was a Christmas favorite for a long time, though we no longer think of it at Christmas. This was Schubert’s *Ave Maria*, which has quite a varied career. It began with Sir Walter Scott, the famous Scottish novelist. Scott was a man who elevated people of lower classes in his novels because he saw all people as equals.

In his poem, *The Lady of the Lake*, he has a young maiden pray to Mary, “*Ave Maria, Ave Maria, maiden mild, Listen to a maiden’s prayer.*” When Franz Schubert read the German translation, he was overwhelmed. Like Scott, he had a deep love of Mary as the mother of Jesus, and he reacted to the poem by writing music to go with the words. The song, *Ellens Dritter Gesang* (Ellen’s Third Song) became a sensation, but, sadly, Schubert never realized how great it was. He died three years later at the age of 31.

The words of this song, originally written in English and translated to German, now took a third turn. Someone (no one seems to know who) changed the words to the Latin version of the “Hail Mary” — “*Ave Maria*”. Since this prayer came from the words of the angel Gabriel when he announced the birth of Christ, the song now became popular during the season of Advent, just like Handel’s song.

The final chapter in the catalog of Christmas carols not written for Christmas is possibly the song most associated with caroling at Christmas, *Joy to the World*. Isaac Watts, an English clergyman, wrote the words as a poem in the early 1700s. A century later, Lowell Mason of New England, wrote a song called *Antioch* based on St. Paul’s travels.

From the beginning, he never really liked the words to his melody which was inspired by Handel. When he came upon the words written by Watts, he put them to his music and *Joy to the World* was the result. The song has nothing to do with Christmas, but the melody and words so fit the season that Christmas carolers picked it up and the rest is history.

May this Christmas bring joy to your world! ~DN

Day	Time	Mass Intentions for the coming week: <i>December 17, 2018 - December 23, 2018</i>	
Mon 17	7:00am 9:00am 7:30pm	Roberto Hernandez + Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotees	RC DO BE
Tue 18	7:00am 9:00am 7:30pm	— Manuel Jacinto + OLM Religious Education Program	RC BE Sharp
Wed 19	7:00am 9:00am 7:30pm	Josefina Gonzalez + Juan Macadaeg + OLM Scouts	BE DO DO
Thu 20	7:00am 9:00am 7:30pm	Gregorio Tengco + Placido Apolinario Jr. + OLM Pilgrims	DO DO Seb
Fri 21	7:00am 9:00am 7:30pm	— OLM Legion of Mary	BE RC Gabriel
Sat 22	9:00am 4:00pm 5:30pm	Martin Leonardo & Claude Chapman + George Knight + Leo Rossi +/Youth Ministry	BE DO RC
Sun 23	7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 7:30pm	Madeline Rhine Consuelo Jimenez + Severo & Ma. Asuncion Arqueza + Peter Bautista & Family –In Thanksgiving OLM Alumni 2018	BE RC DO DO BE DO

DATE	TIME	EVENT	PLACE
Sun., Dec. 16	10:30 a.m. 1:15 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word for Children Baptism of __	Church Church
Mon., Dec. 17	6:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions	Church
Tue., Dec. 18	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Cantor Practice Choir Practice	Parish Center Music Room Parish Center Music Room
Wed., Dec. 19	6:30pm	ST. VINCENT DE PAUL	Parish Center SVdP Room
Thu., Dec. 20	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary RCIA	Parish Center Music Room Parish Center Library
Fri., Dec. 21	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. 22	2:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
Sun., Dec. 23	10:30 a.m. 1:15 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word for Children Baptism of Paxton Jules Barabad & Viviene Lelia Miranda	Church Church

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Register for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend – it's the best gift you'll ever give to each other and your marriage! The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include: Feb 15-17, 2019 in San Jose, CA and May 17-19, 2019 in San Jose, CA.

For more information and/or to register for a Weekend, visit our website at: [www.sanjosewwme.org](http://www.sanjosewwme.org) or contact Ken & Claranne @[aplications@sanjosewwme.org](mailto:aplications@sanjosewwme.org) or call 408-782-1413

The **Our Lady of Mercy School** is now accepting applications for school year 2019 - 2020. Please stop by, call (650-756-3395), or email ([office@olmbulldogs.com](mailto:office@olmbulldogs.com)) the office to book your tour and obtain an application form. Financial assistance is available to those who qualify. Thank you.

**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.

**A MESSAGE FROM OLM'S SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL**

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Thank you for your continued support through the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2018 (10/1/2017 through 9/30/18). Total number of families serviced: **29**; Home Visits: **102**

Donations Received 10/1/17 thru 9/30/17: 22,855

Activities & Expenditures 10/1/16 thru 9/30/17: 22,416

Safeway Food Gift Cards: **\$6,096**; Bags of Groceries delivered: **100**; Rent support & Utilities & Thrift Store Vouchers (clothing & furniture): **\$10,500**; North County Homeless Shelter: **\$500**, National & International Aid: **\$3,300**; Back to School: **\$1,575**; Christmas Gift Cards for Children: **\$200**

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.

**PSV HELPS STUDENTS**

**Pacifica School Volunteers** is a non-profit organization that recruits, trains and places community and high school volunteers in the Pacifica School and Jefferson Union High School Districts. We need volunteers to work in school classrooms with students who are struggling in school. Call PSV or email Dee Dee O'Gorman at [psv@pacificasd.org](mailto:psv@pacificasd.org).

**Third Sunday of Advent  
December 16, 2018**

The King of Israel, the LORD,  
is in your midst, you have no  
further misfortune to fear.  
— *Zephaniah 3:15b*



**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Your God will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

**Psalm** — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12:6).

**Second Reading** — Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! (Philippians 4:4-7).

**Gospel** — Whoever who has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. Whoever who has food should do likewise (Luke 3:10-18).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17  
Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25  
Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25  
Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38  
Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45  
Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56  
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45



**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent;  
*Las Posadas* begins  
Tuesday: International Migrants Day  
Friday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

**Due to the reshuffling of the priest assignments in the Archdiocese, Fr. Boie has a new parish assignment at St. Robert's Church in San Bruno. We thanked him for his short ministry here @ OLM. In his place we welcome Fr Gabriel Wankar, as our new New Parochial Vicar beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>.**



**Fr Gabriel Wankar, was born on May 31, 1978 and raised in central Nigeria. Ordained in 2004 for the Diocese of Gboko, and came to Berkeley in 2011 for Graduate studies and got his doctorate in**

**Systematic Theology in 2015. He joined the Archdiocese of San Francisco in 2015, and has been at Our Lady of the Pillar in Half Moon Bay since 2016.**



# 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

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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