

# ✚ 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.

August 19, 2018  
20th Sunday In Ordinary Time



## 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.*



## THIS EUCHARISTIC FEAST

Some things about human nature don't change, even over the course of centuries. When we celebrate a holiday, we have a meal; when we celebrate a significant event, we have a feast. In today's first reading, Lady Wisdom is setting a feast, a sign of celebrating the covenant that Israel has with God. Israel's central remembrance of its saving Exodus covenant is the Passover meal. So it is natural—and not coincidental—that the Christian celebration of the new covenant sealed by the blood of Christ on the cross happens at a meal, our Eucharist, offered first by Jesus in the context of Passover remembrance. It is easy for us, sometimes, to forget the very long and rich religious and human origins of our eucharistic feasting on the bread and cup that are the Body and Blood of Jesus. Today, and for the next few Sundays that we hear the "Bread of Life" discourse from John, let us bring to mind the loving covenant that God makes with us, and be filled with great joy at this marvelous feast that we have come to attend!

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# Theology and belief



Much of what is taught by all religions is from theology, human thinking about God. As a result, what we believe can change with time as theologians have new ideas. In addition, religions with the same base can have different teachings and beliefs due to different theological bases.

One of the earliest divergences in Christianity was over Original Sin. The idea came from the teachings of St. Augustine, considered one of the great Christian theologians. Augustine was from the city of Hippo in north Africa, and his basic language was Latin. All of his theological writings were in that language.

His ideas were never considered by the eastern half of the church at that time. Their language was Greek, so Augustine's Latin writings never were translated adequately for consideration by the eastern theologians. As a result, today the Orthodox churches do not teach Original Sin as a belief. (This, of course, also means that they do not believe in the Immaculate Conception either.)

A thousand years after that, we see theology separating the Christian religions at the time of the Reformation. Theologians of that time had come to the conclusion that time had no meaning to God. He had existed before the beginning of time and knew everything about the universe immediately. This means that He knows what we will do in our lives before we are even born. From this came the theological concept of *predestination*, that God knows whether we are going to heaven or hell before we take our first steps.

This idea comes from Paul's letter to the Romans in which he says, *For those whom he [God] foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son*. Paul then says that those who were so predestined were, in turn, called, justified and glorified (Romans 8:29-30). From this, theologians said that we were predestined either to heaven or hell by God's decision.

This idea, of course, is at odds with the idea of free will, that we make the choices which decide our fate. This argument went back as far as St. Augustine, who said we were predestined by God's decision. Pelagius, an Irish cleric, argued that we had free will and the choices we made decided whether we went to heaven or hell. Pelagius also said that everyone in the world was judged by God based on their actions and did not need God's help in reaching heaven. For this, Pelagius was declared a heretic and Augustine's theology was the basis for the Roman church's teachings.

At the time of the Reformation, the Church taught that God, knowing what actions we were going to take before we did so, gave us grace to get through those times. Thus we still had free will, but were aided by God's grace. Without His gift of grace, we can do nothing to save ourselves.

Protestant theologians went in somewhat different directions. Martin Luther said we could only be saved by "by faith alone". No action of ours could save us, but only the actions of Jesus. Our faith in Him would save us. John Calvin said that it didn't matter what we did, God has decided before we are born whether He would send us to heaven or hell. (When his followers started living lives of debauchery, he later said our actions showed what God's decision is.)

Theologians sure make life interesting, don't they? ~DN

## Rest in Peace

## Souls In Purgatory



Day	Time	Mass Intentions for the coming week: <i>August 20, 2018 - August 26, 2018</i>	
Mon 20	7:00am 9:00am 6:00pm	Souls In Purgatory Teresa Navarro de Mendez + Joseph Bischocho & Ariel Guevarra-In Thanks	RC BE BE
Tue 21	7:00am 9:00am	Allie Barrow + Allie Barrow +	BE BE
Wed 22	7:00am 9:00am	Souls In Purgatory Father Robert Suchan, SJ +	RC BE
Thu 23	7:00 am 9:00am	Mike Jimenez + Chiyo Ison +	RC Floro
Fri 24	7:00am 9:00am	Joan Marie Breganza -In Thanksgiving Anacleta Calma +	RC BE
Sat 25	9:00am 4:00pm 5:30pm	Carlos Balagtas + Juanito Francisco + Estrella Nicdao +	BE BE Floro
Sun 26	7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm	Dennis Newhoff + Priscilla Balagtas + Tony Newhoff + Lauderdale & La Francesca Families +	BE DO BE DO

DATE	TIME	EVENT	PLACE
Sun., August 19	10:30 a.m. 1:15 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word for Children Baptism of __	Church Church
Mon., August 20	6:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions	Church
Tue., August 21	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Cantor Practice Choir Practice	Parish Center Music Room Parish Center Music Room
Wed., August 22			
Thu., August 23	6:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Parish Center Music Room
Fri., August 24	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., August 25	2:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
Sun., August 26	10:30 a.m. 1:15 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word for Children Baptism of	Church Church



**Together in Holiness Marriage Enrichment Conference**

**Saturday, September 29, 2018 | 9:00AM to 3:30PM**  
**Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Belmont, CA**

The St. John Paul II Foundation presents the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual *Together in Holiness* conference, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of San Francisco Office of Marriage & Family Life. This one-day event includes dynamic presentations, Mass celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone, Eucharistic Adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Speakers include Dr. John & Mrs. Claire Grabowski, Rev. Joseph Illo, and Dr. Chris Stravitsch. **On-site childcare is available (2-12yrs), pre-registration required.** Cost: \$59/couple or \$35/individual. An early bird discount is available until August 20 and scholarships are also available. For more information, please visit [togetherinholiness.org](http://togetherinholiness.org) or email conference coordinator Susie Lopez at [susie@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:susie@forlifeandfamily.org).

**Married Couples:** Why not give yourselves a weekend away from it all. Time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. A chance to talk and listen that special someone who loves you. The next **Marriage Encounter Weekend** is August 24-26, 2018 at the Val-lombrosa Retreat Center. For more information visit our website at: [sanjosewme.org](http://sanjosewme.org) or contact Ken & Clarane at [applications@sanjosewme.org](mailto:applications@sanjosewme.org) or 408-782-1413.

**Our Lady of Mercy Young @ Heart Club**  
**Sunday, September 9, 2018**  
**Lunch @ Val's Restaurant**  
**No Host Cocktails @ 1PM**  
**Lunch @ 2:00pm**

Please send your reservation no later than Aug. 27, 2018. If needed, please, call for reservation 4 days before the event since restaurants need to know how many dinners are coming and the choices made.

Member: \$33.00/person Guest: \$34.00/person

Menu: **Sauteed Chicken Marsala**  
Mushrooms, Marsala Wine; Sauce, Rice Pilaf & Vegetable.

**Top Sirloin Steak**  
French Fries, potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables

**Shrimp Louie Salad**  
Fresh tomatoes, hard cooked egg, lots of Cal. Bay Shrimp

**Lunch includes: Chilled House Salad, Dessert Coffee.**

=====Cut off Below & Send with your Check=====

Name of Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of check : \_\_\_\_\_ Check#: \_\_\_\_\_

Menu Choice: Chicken Marsala \_\_\_\_\_

Sirloin Tips of Beef \_\_\_\_\_

Calif. Shrimp Louie \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to Teresa Massey, 968 Southgate Ave., Daly City, Ca 94015.  
For Reservation call Tere @ 650-756-0885 or Barbara Cantwell @ 650-892-6727

**Twentieth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
August 19, 2018**

Unless you eat the flesh  
of the Son of Man  
and drink his blood, you  
do not have life within  
you. - *John 6:53*



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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Wisdom has built her house; she has dressed her meat, mixed her wine, yes, she has spread her table (Proverbs 9:1-6).

**Psalms** — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

**Second Reading** — Be filled with the Spirit, giving thanks always and for everything (Ephesians 5:15-20).

**Gospel** — I am the living bread that came down from heaven (John 6:51-58).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21;  
Mt 19:16-22

**Tuesday:** Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30,  
35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday:** Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6;  
Mt 20:1-16

**Thursday:** Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;  
Mt 22:1-14

**Friday:** Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;  
Jn 1:45-51

**Saturday:** Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12

**Sunday:** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21;  
Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Bernard

Tuesday: St. Pius X

Wednesday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday: St. Rose of Lima

Friday: St. Bartholomew

Saturday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz;  
Blessed Virgin Mary



Or CCD is still accepting registrations for  
the School Year **2018 - 2019**. Schedule for  
Enrollments:

Every Tuesday through Friday @9:00am -  
5:00pm and Sunday @ 9:00am to 12:00pm

**For more inquiries please call**

**Sr. Rosabel @ 650-992-5769**





# 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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