

✦ 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.

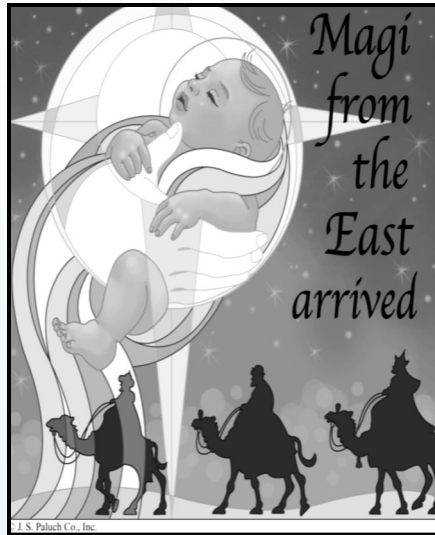
Sunday:
7:30, 9:00, & 10:30 a.m.,
and 12:00 p.m.

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 6, 2019
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 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. Gabriel Wankar	Parochial Vicar
Deacon Mike Ghiorso	Permanent Deacon
Deacon Marcos Cobillas	Permanent Deacon
Grace Mangini, CPA	Parish Bookkeeper
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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

SCHOOL WEBSITE: www.olmbulldogs.org

☎ Parish Telephone Numbers:

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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.*

FINDING GOD

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches

today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

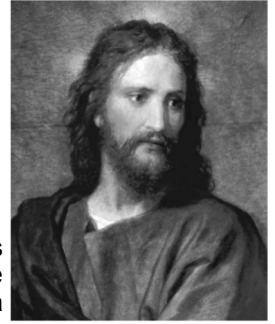
We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

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Was Jesus Poor?



When we put our decorations under the tree at Christmas, we always have Mary and Joseph in a stable surrounded by poor shepherds and animals. From that point on, we tend to think of Jesus as being poor and uneducated. If we read the Gospels carefully, however, we get quite a different picture.

Today's Gospel reading about the Magi is the first indication of a different story. The story we read on Christmas day about the shepherds and the child in a manger was from Luke. Today's reading is from Matthew, and he gives quite a different viewpoint. When the Magi come, they find the family in a house, not a stable.

Surprisingly, this is not necessarily a total rejection of the story in Luke. At no time does Luke say that Mary and Joseph are in a stable, only that the child is in a manger. Archaeologists studying the old buildings of that time have found that a number of houses had a back room that was used for the animals and would have a manger filled with straw for the cattle or sheep to eat.

We tend to think of an Inn as a place with separate rooms for each family such as we have today. In those days it was far more common for the Inn to have a large room when a number of families would sleep. Needless to say, the idea of a woman giving birth in such a situation would not be good for anyone. For that reason, putting Mary and Joseph in that back room so they could have privacy and not disturb the others would be a logical choice.

Whatever actually happened, Matthew has the Magi visiting them in a house, not a stable. He has the Magi giving the family gold, frankincense and myrrh, three very expensive items. Then Matthew has the family leaving and going down to Egypt to get away from King Herod. This is not something that poor people could do.

Joseph was a carpenter, a skilled tradesman. He very likely made a decent living. Today, high paying jobs are usually in offices, but as little as a century ago, some of the highest paying occupations were skilled laborers and tradesmen. Jesus took up the same occupation, and having such a skill probably meant that he lived decently.

We also know that Jesus was fairly well educated. He was able to read the scriptures when he went into the synagogues or the Temple. He was called "rabbi" quite often, and rabbis were among the most educated people in the land. He was able to converse with Pontius Pilate, so he could speak Greek as well as his native language of Aramaic. This is not a sign of a poor, uneducated man.

Throughout the Gospels he was often invited to dinner in some of the finest houses. (Remember when the woman came and washed his feet and his host did not care for it?) This indicates he was acceptable to people with wealth and education. In addition, he traveled with a fairly large group of people including some wealthy women. Finding housing and food for such an entourage would not be cheap.

The final act that shows his economic level is when the soldiers cast lots for his cloak. It was of such fine quality that they did not want to tear it. They felt that the cloth was worth more than the man.

~DN

Rest in Peace

Welhelmina Sowders



Day	Time	Mass Intentions for the coming week: <i>January 7, 2019—January 13, 2019</i>	
Mon 7	7:00am 9:00am 6:00pm	Miguel Angala –In Thanksgiving Paolo Roque + Denise Decena –In Thanksgiving	Fr Gab DO RC
Tue 8	7:00am 9:00am	John Holley + Atty. Andres Arreza +	RC Fr Gab
Wed 9	7:00am 9:00am	— —	Fr Gab DO
Thu 10	7:00 am 9:00am	Ulysses Reroma & Eleuterio Fernandez + Demetrio Bughao +	RC DO
Fri 11	7:00am 9:00am	Dorothy Montgomery + Luis Diguangco +	DO Fr Gab
Sat 12	9:00am 4:00pm 5:30pm	Dorothy Montgomery + Luis Diguangco +	RC DO Fr Gab
Sun 13	7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm	— Mickey Shirley+ Arsenio Punla + Alma Pagliarulo +	DO RC Fr Gab DO

DATE	TIME	EVENT	PLACE
Sun., Jan. 6	10:30 a.m. 1:15 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word for Children Baptism of Lucas Layosa-Cabrera	Church Church
Mon., Jan. 7	6:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions	Church
Tue., Jan. 8	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Cantor Practice Choir Practice	Parish Center Music Room Parish Center Music Room
Wed., Jan. 9	7:00 p.m.	Baptism Preparation Class for parents & godparents	Parish Center Music Room
Thu., Jan. 10	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary RCIA	Parish Center Music Room Parish Center Library
Fri., Jan. 11	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. 12	2:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
Sun., Jan. 13	10:30 a.m. 1:15 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word for Children Baptism of Marciella Manalon Aguilar	Church Church



We are so mesmerized at the beauty of our Christmas decorations this year especially our starburst lights and our multi colored electronic Christmas tree . **Special thanks** to our good friend and generous benefactor **Mr. Efren Macapinlac** who had been so faithful decorating our Church with banners and installing lights in the sanctuary.

We also thanked the Holy Cross Sisters community especially Sr. Anne and Sr. Catherine for the flower arrangements and for putting up the manger.

We thanked the different hosts of the Liturgies, choirs, and fellowships that hosted the 9 day Novena of Simbang Gabi.

And thank you for all your generous Christmas donations to the parish and the gifts in cash and in kind that you have given to the parish staff.



OLM Young @Heart Club

Sunday, January 13, 2019
Lunch @ The Basque Restaurant
NO HOST COCTAILS @ 1:00pm
LUNCH @ 2:00pm



Member: \$32.00 per person Guest: \$34.00

Menu Choice:

- Roast Leg of Lamb Au Jus with Vegetables & Potatoes
- Salmon with Champagne Sauce, Vegetables & Rice
- Breast of Chicken with vegetables & rice

Lunch includes Dessert, Coffee, Tea and Wine at table.

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

Name of Member: _____

Name of Guest : _____

Amount of Check : _____ Check # : _____

Menu Choice :

Leg of Lamb: _____ Salmon : _____

Chicken : _____

Make checks payable to "Young At Heart Club"
Mail to: Tere Massesy, 968 Southgate Ave., Daly City, Ca 94015.
For reservations call: Tere @ (650)756-0885 or call Barbara Cantwell @ (650)892-6727.

The Epiphany of the Lord January 6, 2019

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. — *Isaiah 60:1*



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

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

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

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6;
Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10;
Ps 72:1-4, 7-8;
Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30;
Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7;
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
Blessing of the Home;
National Migration Week

Monday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;
Julian Calendar Christmas

Walk for Life West Coast 2019:

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 15th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on **January 26, 2019**. There will be Mass at 9:30AM celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone at St. Mary's Cathedral. The rally begins at 12:30PM in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk, down the city's Market Street, begins at 1:30PM. Last year's Walk drew 50,000+ people. For complete information about the Walk, visit www.walkforlifewc.com or call 415-658-1793.



The People of O.L.M.

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Choir, Youth Ministry

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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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