

# ✦ 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 2, 2018  
1st 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.*

Happy 1st week of Advent!



## THE PROMISE OF JUSTICE

We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God's justice is something other than this, of course. God's justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and humankind.

Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah's time. Israel's kings held the promise of God's fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God's promise could be realized through them.

Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke's Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise.

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# GOD AND EVOLUTION



Ever since Charles Darwin made the case for evolution of species, there has been a constant debate about whether there is a God or every thing on earth is just a product of the right circumstances. At one extreme there are people who say that the Bible is true when it says that everything was done in seven days and it all started about 6,000 years ago. At the other extreme there are people who say that everything is just natural and there is absolutely no reason to believe in God. Who's right?

There is no doubt that creation of the universe took longer than 6,000 years. As a matter of fact, the first stars did not form until 400 million years after the "Big Bang". That was 13 billion years ago. Our own solar system did not form until about 4.5 billion years ago, and the earth and other planets were the result of gravity pulling asteroids together. It is believed that many of those asteroids contained water.

Once the crust of the earth was solid enough to contain the molten interior, the atmosphere cooled down. Eventually, it cooled enough for the water to come out of vapor and form clouds. Then it rained and the oceans began to fill. The atmosphere, however was still filled with methane and ammonia. At some point, life began to form in the oceans in the form of bacteria. About 2.5 billion years ago, cyanobacteria began to change water into carbon dioxide and then into oxygen.

The addition of oxygen to the atmosphere started a rapid cooldown. Other life forms developed in the oceans, including fungi. As these water fungi slowly developed a form that could live on the surface of the earth, they began to produce even more oxygen. This was about 1.3 billion years ago. Between 700 and 500 million years ago, plants began to grow on the surface, creating another source which turned carbon dioxide in the atmosphere into oxygen.

This was the beginning of evolution. First it was single celled life in the water, then fungi and eventually plants. It took four billion years for the earth to become habitable. It has been five hundred million years since the first fish evolved, and there are now close to ten million species on earth! There are trees and bushes and insects and animals. There are fish and octopuses, sharks and turtles.

DNA is the basis for all complex life forms. It is a long chain of bases which decide what form of life we are. According to scientists, evolution is due to changes in DNA. They can show that cats and dogs have a common ancestor from their shared DNA, and that zebras and horses have different ancestors from differing DNA. According to many scientists, this is all natural and explains evolution.

One question that scientists cannot answer, however, is how that complex entity of DNA "evolved". And how did the variation in the order of those strands create plants and fish, animals and insects. How did fish develop gills to breathe oxygen in water, animals develop lungs to do it in air, and insects evolve with neither? How did those first one celled life forms "evolve", and how did they develop those complex chains of DNA that control all other life forms?

How did such things as lungs and stomachs and brains "evolve" from single celled life forms? Evolution can explain one life form developing into another similar life form, but cannot explain how the original forms came to be. The only explanation is that there is a God. And He did it all in six days. His days just happen to be longer than ours. ~DN

## Rest in Peace

Remedios Barabad



Day	Time	Mass Intentions for the coming week: <i>December 3, 2018 - December 9, 2018</i>	
Mon 3	7:00am 9:00am 6:00pm	Jose Jimenez –Healing Josefina Gonzalez + Corazon Abasolo +	BE DO RC
Tue 4	7:00am 9:00am	Sahlie & Mari Rose Borgonia –In Thanks Geraldyn John & Edith Fessler	RC BE
Wed 5	7:00am 9:00am	John McNulty + Diego L. Ricardo +	BE DO
Thu 6	7:00 am 9:00am	Brian Pretti + Anthony & Pat Formosa +	RC DO
Fri 7	7:00am 9:00am 6:00pm	John McNulty + Joy O'Laughlin + —	BE DO RC
Sat 8	<b>7:00 am</b> 9:00am 4:00pm 5:30pm	<b><i>Our Lady of Mercy Parish</i></b> Maria de la Paz + Conchita Torres + Manuel Vito +	DO BE DO RC
Sun 9	7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm	Tony & Mary Fernandes + Larry Hasson + Norma Bradley & Family Daniel Harada –Cruz +	BE DO RC DO

DATE	TIME	EVENT	PLACE
Sun., Dec. 2	10:30 a.m. 1:15 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word for Children Baptism of Timothy Karl Leyco & Atticus Kane Wong	Church Church
Mon., Dec. 3	6:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions	Church
Tue., Dec. 4	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Cantor Practice Choir Practice	Parish Center Music Room Parish Center Music Room
Wed., Dec. 5	7:00 p.m.	Baptism Prep. Class for parents and godparents	Parish Center Music Room
Thu., Dec. 6	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary RCIA	Parish Center Music Room Parish Center Library
Fri., Dec. 7	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. 8	2:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
Sun., Dec. 9	10:30 a.m. 1:15 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word for Children Baptism of Christomar Prado Moreno Jr.	Church Church

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM CORNER



This school year, our Parish is blessed with 21 catechists serving 146 children enrolled in our Religious Education Program from 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. We have 71 First Communicants this year (41 from RE.ED & 37 from OLM School) and 51 Confirmation Candidates (28 from RE.ED & 28 from OLM School).

### Christmas Giving Tree

God has given all of us many gifts. At Christmas, especially at Christmas, He asks that we give back. Once again this year we have the St. Vincent de Paul giving tree. We ask that you share what God has given you with those to whom He has given less. We are asking for Target gift cards which can be redeemed for whatever is needed — clothing, food, or even toys for the children.

We are hoping for \$20 cards, but only ask for what you can give. If you cannot get to Target, put in cash and we will purchase the cards for you. It will be God's gift from you. This will help make a needy family enjoy Christmas. God will bless you. So will we. Merry Christmas!!!!!!



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.

### December 8, 2018 - Saturday - Feast of the Immaculate Conception and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses are the following :

Vigil Mass @ 6:00pm , Friday, Dec. 7, 2018  
Dec. 8, 2018 - Saturday, Masses are @ 7:00am and 9:00am.

## First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

I will raise up for David a just shoot;  
he shall do what is right and just in the land.

— *Jeremiah 33:15*

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

**Psalm** — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — Abound in love for one another and for all (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

**Gospel** — Stand erect and raise your heads; your redemption is at hand (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

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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: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4;  
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11;  
Lk 3:1-6



### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent; Hanukkah begins

Monday: St. Francis Xavier

Tuesday: St. John Damascene

Thursday: St. Nicholas

Friday: St. Ambrose; First Friday

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Saturday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## **Beauty and the Beast**

Our Lady of Mercy School Drama Club invites you to watch their fall production, **Beauty and the Beast**, featuring the talented students from third to fifth grade at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, December 7th, and Saturday, December 8th, at the Church Hall. Tickets are available at the School Office. For more information, call (650) 756-3395.



# 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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