

# ✦ 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 9, 2018**  
**2nd 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:

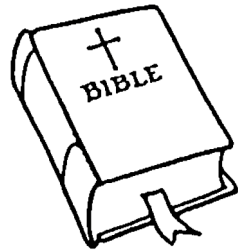
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OLM School Extended Care	(650) 756-1181
Music Director & Organist	(415) 282-2241
Our Lady of Mercy Convent	(650) 992-5769

***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.*

## AWAITING THE SALVATION OF GOD

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.



According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees.

It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.

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**Rest in Peace**  
**Trinidad Julian**  
**Nancy Uharriet**  
**Eileen Sanvictores**



## Two versions of Christmas



As you look at various nativity scenes this coming week, think back to the Gospels which describe what happened. In Matthew, Joseph is about to divorce Mary when he finds out she is pregnant. An angel appears to him in a dream and tells him everything is alright because it was through the Holy Spirit that the child was conceived. It is also here that the child is to be named Jesus.

The story goes on to tell of the Magi, men from the east, going to Herod then to Bethlehem, where they see the star stop over a house (not a stable) in which they find Mary and the child. When Herod kills all the babies, Mary and Joseph flee to Egypt where they stay until Herod dies.

The other version of the birth is quite different. In the Gospel of Luke, Mary and Joseph go to Bethlehem from Nazareth to be in their familial hometown for a census. Many people have come to the town, so there is no room at the Inn and Mary has to put the child in a manger. An angel appears to some shepherds, who then go to visit Mary and Joseph and the child in the manger. There is no flight to Egypt but rather a presentation in the Temple of Jerusalem and a circumcision after eight days, after which they returned to Nazareth.

Why such a difference?

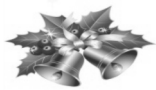
We tend to think of Gospels as being just the story of Jesus, but each of the writers had a purpose in his work. Matthew was trying to show that Jesus fulfilled the prophecies of the Old Testament and that He came for all peoples of the world. From their gifts, the fact that they were following a star, and their title, *Magi*, it is believed that they were astrologer/priests of a Persian religion. The arrival of such men as the first people to worship Jesus foretells the spread of the faith to Gentiles and to members of other faiths. The reaction of Herod foretells the rejection of Jesus by the Jews, and the flight into Egypt fulfills the prophecy of Hosea, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

Luke, on the other hand, is writing his Gospel for the Gentiles after the faith has spread through the Roman Empire. He is introducing them to the ways of Jesus as a legitimate replacement for their pagan religions. In doing so, he gives legitimacy to the Old Jewish religion through the circumcision and presentation in the Temple, and emphasizes the love Jesus had for all men, even the lowliest, the shepherds. He is changing the thinking of a society which looked down on the poor or the sick, and emphasizes that, as followers of Christ, we must show love for all men, just as he did.

Rather than worry about which version is true, we do exactly what we should do. We accept the truth that Jesus came for all men, gentiles and Jews, the lowly as well as the wealthy. We create a manger scene with the star and those men from a foreign land bearing wealthy gifts. We surround them with a heavenly messenger and the poor shepherds to whom he appeared. Rich and poor together, heavenly omens and heavenly beings, all coming together before the Lord. ~DN

Day	Time	Mass Intentions for the coming week: <i>December 10, 2018 - December 16, 2016</i>	
Mon 10	7:00am 9:00am 6:00pm	Julio Militar + Dominique Nguyen + Mariano Garcia Montemayor +	DO DO RC
Tue 11	7:00am 9:00am	Robert Cantwell + William & Edna Ryan +	RC RC
Wed 12	7:00am 9:00am	Our Lady of Guadalupe –In Thanks Geraldine Da Costa +	RC DO
Thu 13	7:00 am 9:00am	Ulysses Reroma + Norbert Arqueza –In Thanksgiving	DO DO
Fri 14	7:00am 9:00am	— Jack Jordan +	RC DO
Sat 15	9:00am 4:00pm 5:30pm	Telisha Casanova –healing Ernesto Cruz + Christopher Marston +/OLM School	DO RC DO
Sun 16	7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 7:30pm	Souls In Purgatory Ladislao Firmacion + Zoroastro Atienza + Melma Tengco + Knights of Columbus	DO BE RC DO RC

DATE	TIME	EVENT	PLACE
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
Mon., Dec. 10	6:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions	Church
Tue., Dec. 11	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Cantor Practice Choir Practice	Parish Center Music Room Parish Center Music Room
Wed., Dec. 12			
Thu., Dec. 13	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary RCIA	Parish Center Music Room Parish Center Library
Fri., Dec. 14	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. 15	12:00 p.m. 2:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Baptism of Jadelyn Rose Alforque & Jordan Kalei Castillo Confessions	Church Church
Sun., Dec. 16	10:30 a.m. 1:15 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word for Children Baptism of	Church Church



## OLM SIMBANG GABI AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2018

**Saturday, December 15, to Sunday December 23, 2018:** 7:00pm **Rosary and Confession** (except Saturday, **2:30pm**)  
7:30pm **Simbang Gabi** Masses (except Saturday, **5:30pm**), followed by a Reception downstairs in our Church Hall.

### Monday, December 24:

7:00am, 9:00am,  
**4:00pm, Christmas Eve Vigil Mass**  
**6:00pm, Christmas Eve Vigil Mass**  
**11:30pm** Sing-along Christmas Carols  
with our Parish Choir  
**12:00am Midnight Mass with our Choir**

### Tuesday, December 25:

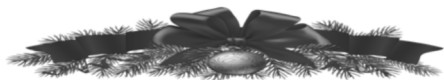
Christmas Day Masses @  
7:30am and 9:00am  
10:30am with our **Children's Choir**  
12:00pm with our **Parish Choir**

### Monday, December 31:

7:00am, 9:00am  
6:00pm, Vigil Mass for New Year's Day

### Tuesday, January 1, 2019 - New Year's Day **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

7:00am, 9:00am, 6:pm



## 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) 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.

**Second Sunday  
of Advent**

**December 9, 2018**

God has commanded  
that every lofty mountain  
be made low.

— *Baruch 5:7*



**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God (Baruch 5:1-9).

**Psalm** — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

**Second Reading** — I am confident that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

**Gospel** — The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth (Luke 3:1-6).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14;  
Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a;  
12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19;  
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any  
readings from the Common of

the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16,  
18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7;  
Lk 3:10-18

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent

Monday: International Human Rights Day

Tuesday: St. Damasus I

Wednesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Thursday: St. Lucy

Friday: St. John of the Cross

**Our Lady of Guadalupe  
PRO-LIFE PROCESSION**

Join our rosary-praying procession  
beneath Our Lady's banner  
starting from

the **statue of St. Matthew** at  
El Camino Real & 9<sup>th</sup> Ave,  
San Mateo,  
north up El Camino to  
**Planned Parenthood**  
(35 Baywood Ave)  
and return.

[about 1.5 mile round-trip]

***Rain or shine!***

**Sunday Dec. 16, 2018**

**2:00-3:00 PM**

***Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Pre-born,  
Pray for us***





# 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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