

# ✚ 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.

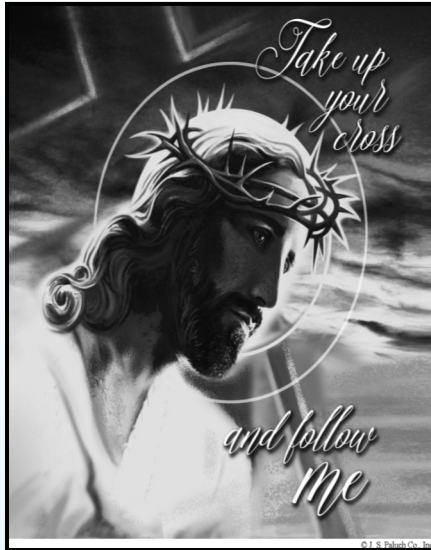
**Sunday:**  
7:30, 9:00, & 10:30 a.m.,  
and 12:00 p.m.

**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.

September 16, 2018  
24th 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)

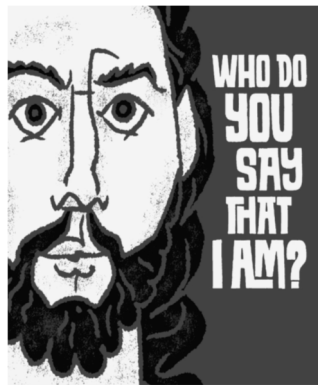
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## ☎ Parish Telephone Numbers:

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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.*

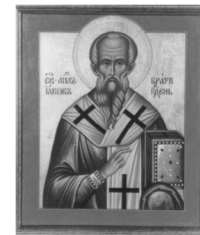


## LISTENING AND RESPONDING

There are three interwoven themes in today's readings: listening to God, faith vs. good works, and losing our life in order to find it. How are they related?

The Suffering Servant of Isaiah undergoes much distress and ridicule, but is able to bear it because he has listened to the promptings of God day after day. The psalm tells us that God listens, too. God hears our prayers for help and is always ready to save us. As our faith deepens, so does our desire to do the works of justice and charity that build up the reign of God. God directs our actions in ways we often cannot see, and we don't always see the results. We are called upon in faith to trust that what we do is enough, and that willingness to listen to God's promptings will lead us in the right way.

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## Who was James?

For the past few weeks the second reading comes from the Letter of James, and if you like mystery, the author of this work provides plenty. First of all, who actually wrote the letter? Common belief is that it was James the Less, one of the twelve apostles who became the first bishop of Jerusalem. The problem with this is that James was a Jew, whose native language was Aramaic. The letter, however, is written in the very precise and correct Greek of an educated man.

Then comes the question of who James the Less actually was. It would be nice if the Bible was clear about such things, but the fact is that nothing is explained. According to St. Paul, the two men he turned to when he had questions or wanted approval were Peter and James, the brother of the Lord (Galatians 1:19). This James was the leader of the Christians in Jerusalem and was highly respected. Paul calls him an apostle, but Paul also calls himself an apostle since Jesus appeared to him after the resurrection, which Paul says also happened to James.

If, on the other hand, James was one of the original 12 Apostles, there is still a problem. There were two Apostles named James. We know he wasn't James the son of Zebedee, for this man was brother to the Apostle John. The other was James, the son of Alphaeus. Since Paul refers to him as "the brother of the Lord", that would indicate he is the same man who is mentioned in Matthew (James, the son of Mary and brother of Joseph) not one of the twelve apostles. Some scholars think this is Mary of Cleophas (Jn 19:25), and that Cleophas is a different version of Alphaeus and therefore he was one of the original twelve.

Confused yet?

Then we have the title given to him by Paul, "brother of the Lord", and this has caused major divisions among Christian churches. In Aramaic and Hebrew, "brethren" included all cousins since they have no word for cousin. However, the writings of Paul and others using this term are in Greek, in which brother means exactly that.

The Catholic Church holds that Mary was a perpetual virgin and never had relations with Joseph. One of the apocryphal Gospels, the Protoevangelium of James, holds that Joseph was actually an older relative of Mary who had children by a previous marriage and thus Jesus had step-brothers.

There is another group which thinks that Joseph died and, according to Jewish tradition, Mary was married by his brother, Cleophas, thus tying a nice package with the previously mentioned James, son of Mary and Cleophas.

Finally, we have a number of Protestant churches that feel that the Gospels indicate that Mary had no relations with Joseph before the birth of Jesus (Mt 1:25, Lk 2:7), but that they had a normal man-wife relationship after that and therefore Jesus had younger brothers and sisters.

2,000 year old documents are not easy to figure out!  
~DN

### Rest in Peace

Alfonso Deguzman  
Emory Felina



Day	Time	Mass Intentions for the coming week: <i>September 17, 2018 - September 23, 2018</i>	
Mon 17	7:00am 9:00am 6:00pm	Sr. Praxedes Cabalfin, RVM+ Mandy Labayen + Sr. Victoria Salcedo, RVM+	DO BE RC
Tue 18	7:00am 9:00am	Joan Gallagher + Ernesto G. Caridad +	RC BE
Wed 19	7:00am 9:00am	Sr. Victoria Salcedo, RVM+ Cirilo Bautista +	BE DO
Thu 20	7:00 am 9:00am	Teresa Navarro de Mendez + Virna Salem -In Thanksgiving	RC DO
Fri 21	7:00am 9:00am	Sr. Victoria Salcedo, RVM+ Souls In Purgatory	DO BE
Sat 22	9:00am 4:00pm 5:30pm	Cecile Jimenez + Julia Gallagher + Leo Rossi +	BE RC DO
Sun 23	7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm	Robert "Bob" Cantwell + Lucina Soriano + Mercedes Mopas -In Thanksgiving Engracia Pineda +	RC DO BE DO

DATE	TIME	EVENT	PLACE
Sun., Sept. 16	10:30 a.m. 1:15 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word for Children Baptism of __	Church Church
Mon., Sept. 17	6:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions	Church
Tue., Sept. 18	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Cantor Practice Choir Practice	Parish Center Music Room Parish Center Music Room
Wed., Sept. 19	7:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Parish Center SVdP Room
Thu., Sept. 20	6:30 p.m.	Legion of Mary	Parish Center Music Room
Fri., Sept. 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., Sept. 22	2:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Confessions	Church
Sun., Sept. 23	10:30 a.m. 1:15 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word for Children Baptism of	Church Church

## The Upside of Loss: Presentations & Conversations on Loss

*A Four-Part Series on Coping With Loss in Healthy Ways*

**Wednesdays, September 12, October 10, November 14 & December 12, 10-11a.m.**

Throughout our lives, we experience many types of loss – loss of loved ones, loss of a home or job, loss of a beloved pet, and loss of our mobility and memory, among other losses. Coping with the loss of someone you love or a significant part of your life is one of life's biggest challenges. Often, the pain of loss can feel overwhelming. You may experience all kinds of emotions, from shock, anger or guilt to deep sadness. The pain of grief can also affect your health, making it difficult to eat, sleep or even think straight. During this four-part series, you'll learn healthy ways to cope with your grief that, in time, can ease your sadness and help you come to terms with your loss and find new meaning in your life. Fr. Freddie Thomas of AlmaVia will kick off this series with a presentation, entitled "Taken by the Hand" (based on Mark 5:41), followed by a discussion on handling pain and grief and the lessons we can learn. Future speakers will include Bernadette Hart, RSM; Sr. Toni Lynn Gallagher; and Jeanette Lombardi, OSU.

To register, call Karen Johnson at 415-337-1339 or email [karejohnson@eldercarealliance.org](mailto:karejohnson@eldercarealliance.org).



A Get-Away Weekend!! Do you need a vacation? Give yourself and your spouse time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. Enjoy a chance to talk and listen to that special someone who loves you! The

Next *Marriage Encounter Weekend* is November 9-11, 2018 in San Jose. For more information visit our website @:[sanjosewme.org](http://sanjosewme.org) or contact Ken & Claranne @ [applications@sanjosewme.org](mailto:applications@sanjosewme.org) or call (408) 782—1413

## Religious Education First Day of School

**Wednesday Class - September 19**

**Thursday Class and RCIA -  
September 20**

**Friday Class - September 21**

**Saturday Class - September 22**

*Please Call Sr. Rosabel for more info :650-992-5769*

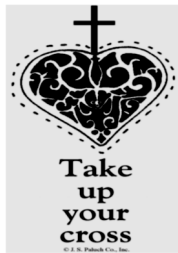
**We look forward to an exciting year full of faith and joy!!**

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**

**September 16, 2018**

The Lord GOD is my help,  
therefore I am not disgraced.

— *Isaiah 50:7*



**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The Lord GOD is my help;  
who will prove me wrong? (Isaiah 50:5-9a).

**Psalm** — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living  
(Psalm 116).

**Second Reading** — Faith, if it does not have works, is dead  
(James 2:14-18).

**Gospel** — Jesus asked his disciples, “Who do you say that I  
am?” (Mark 8:27-35).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13;  
Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22;  
Lk 7:31-35

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 15:1-11;  
Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28;  
Lk 7:36-50

**Friday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13;  
Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49;  
Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15

**Sunday:** Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8;  
Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37



**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Catechetical Sunday

Monday: St. Robert Bellarmine;  
Yom Kippur (Jewish day of atonement)  
begins at sunset

Wednesday: St. Januarius

Thursday: Ss. Andrew Kim Taegön and Paul Chông  
Ha-sang and Companions

Friday: St. Matthew

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

***Our Lady of Mercy School*** welcomes families to visit our campus and learn about the exciting programs we offer. A Pre-K to 8<sup>th</sup> grade school, OLM School has served the faithful community for over sixty years. Come and experience what we have to offer your child/children and your family. Give us a call and we will be happy to schedule a school visit and orientation. The following are our contact information: [\(650\) 756-3395](tel:6507563395) or [office@olmbulldogs.com](mailto:office@olmbulldogs.com).

***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.**





# 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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