



# ✝ OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH ✝

Daly City, CA 94015-3424

Rectory: 1 Elmwood Dr. — Church / Church Hall: 5 Elmwood Dr. — School: 7 Elmwood Dr.  
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Established in 1954 — A Member of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Francisco

“whoever is not against us is for us... because you belong to Christ... you will surely not lose his reward”



“It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna”

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
September 29, 2024

## RECTORY STAFF — 1 Elmwood Drive:

Rev. Domingo Orimaco	Pastor
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Deacon Mike Ghiorso	Permanent Deacon
Deacon Marcos Cobillas	Permanent Deacon
Sr. Ma. Stella Suico, RVM	Pastoral Associate
Sr. Ma. Elizabeth Siguenza, RVM	Parish Bookkeeper
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## SCHOOL STAFF — 7 Elmwood Drive:

Mr. Jeffrey Burgos	Principal
Mrs. Dana Sargenti	Asst. Principal
Mrs. Zarah Llemos	School Bookkeeper
Mrs. Mitzie Dearden	School Secretary

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Sr. Ma. Elizabeth Siguenza, RVM	Director of Religious Education
Laura Reyes	Parish Music Director

## IN RESIDENCE:

Fr. Rey Culaba, CSsR	
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*The Rectory office is staffed Monday to Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

*Our Lady of Mercy Rectory office is closed on weekends and holidays.*

## CURRENT SCHEDULES:

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday to Friday:** 7:00am & 9:00am

**Saturday Mass:** 9:00AM & 4:00pm Vigil Mass

**Sunday Masses:** 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00 noon

**Holy Days of Obligation:** Vigil Mass 6:00pm, 7:00am, 9:00am & 6:00pm

### BAPTISM:

1st and 3rd Saturdays at 12pm. Sundays at 1:15pm

**Baptismal Preparation Class** for the parents' and godparents' Every First Wednesday of the Month the Parish Center at 7:00PM—c/o Deacon Mike Ghiorso

For grades 3-8, 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 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:** 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., concluding with Evening Prayer & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

**First Fridays:** Mass at 6:00 p.m.

### OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS:

Mondays at 6:00 p.m. (Novena & Mass)

### COMMUNAL RECITATION OF THE ROSARY:

Weekdays immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:**  
*"Radical Justice and the Consequences of Sin "*



The readings today from the Gospel of Mark and the Letter of James offer us a profound challenge to take both sin and justice seriously in our lives. In Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48, Jesus gives His disciples a startling teaching about the radical steps needed to avoid sin. Using vivid imagery, He speaks of cutting off a hand, a foot, or plucking out an eye if they cause one to sin. Of course, Jesus is not speaking literally but is emphasizing the gravity of sin and the need to remove anything that leads us astray from God, no matter how painful it might be. His words remind us that we must make the Kingdom of God our highest priority, even if that means sacrificing parts of our lives that we hold dear—whether it's relationships, behaviors, or desires that conflict with God's will. Jesus' warning about the unquenchable fire of hell reinforces the eternal consequences of living a life that prioritizes sin over holiness.

In the second reading from James 5:1-6, we hear a strong condemnation of the rich who have hoarded wealth and exploited others, particularly workers. James denounces those who live in luxury while ignoring the cries of the oppressed, reminding them that their riches will rot, their clothes will be eaten by moths, and their gold and silver will corrode. James' powerful language is a reminder that justice is not optional in the Christian life. The wealth and comfort we accumulate in this world mean nothing if they come at the expense of others. Like Jesus in the Gospel, James warns of a coming judgment, where selfishness and exploitation will have eternal consequences. The rich are not condemned simply for being wealthy but for their failure to act with justice, for allowing greed to blind them to the suffering of others.

Together, these readings call us to a dual reflection on personal holiness and social justice. Jesus' call to cut off what causes us to sin challenges us to examine our own hearts and lives. What are the "hands," "feet," or "eyes" in our lives that need to be removed because they lead us away from God? Perhaps it's a harmful habit, a toxic relationship, or even a mindset that prioritizes material success over spiritual growth. We are urged to take decisive action, even if it requires sacrifice, to ensure that nothing comes between us and our relationship with God. At the same time, James' warning to the wealthy reminds us that our relationship with God is deeply intertwined with how we treat others, especially the vulnerable and marginalized. It's not enough to simply avoid personal sin; we must also work for justice, ensuring that our lives do not contribute to the exploitation or suffering of others.

As we reflect on these powerful readings, we are called to action. Jesus and James both ask us to go beyond superficial faith and embrace radical change in our lives. We are invited to ask ourselves: What do I need to "cut off" or "pluck out" in order to grow closer to God? Where in my life am I blind to the suffering of others, and how can I work for justice? The Kingdom of God demands both personal conversion and a commitment to justice. If we ignore either, we risk the eternal consequences both Jesus and James speak of. This week, let us take the time to reflect deeply on these challenges. May we have the courage to make the necessary sacrifices in our personal lives to remove what leads us to sin, and may we also be vigilant in standing up for justice, ensuring that we live not only for ourselves but for the good of others. In doing so, we move closer to the holiness and righteousness to which God calls us. Amen.

**Prayer for Holiness and Justice**

Loving and Just God,

We come before You with humble hearts, aware of our need for Your grace and mercy. You have called us to live lives of holiness and justice, to rid ourselves of anything that leads us away from You, and to care for those who suffer injustice and oppression.

Lord, give us the strength and courage to recognize the areas in our lives that need to be changed. Help us to remove all that causes us to stumble, whether it be harmful habits, selfish desires, or attachments that distance us from Your love.

Grant us the grace to put You first in all that we do, even when it requires sacrifice.

At the same time, open our eyes to the suffering of others. Help us to see the needs of the poor, the oppressed, and the vulnerable, and to respond with compassion and action. Let us not be blinded by our own comfort or wealth but instead live in service to others, reflecting Your justice in all we do.

We ask for Your forgiveness for the times we have failed to live up to these callings. Guide us, Lord, as we strive to live according to Your will. May our lives be a reflection of Your holiness and may our actions bring forth Your justice in the world.

Through Christ our Lord,  
Amen.



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17: 1-3, 6-7; Lk 9: 46-50

**Tuesday:** Jb 3: 1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88: 2-8; Lk 9: 51-56

**Wednesday:** Jb 9: 1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10b-15; Mt 18: 1-5, 10

**Thursday:** Jb 19: 21-27; Ps 27: 7-9, 13-14; Lk 10: 1-12

**Friday:** Jb 38: 1, 12-21, 40: 3-5; Ps 139: 1-3, 7-10, 13-14; Lk 10: 13-16

**Saturday:** Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119: 66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10: 17-24

**Sunday:** Gn 2: 18-24; Ps 128: 1-6; Heb 2: 9-11; Mk 10: 2-16 or 10:2-12

## Upcoming Events of Note:

- The Religious Education is accepting application for School Year 2024-2025. The Parish Center is open every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 1:00pm until 4:00pm. Forms are available at the Parish Center and at the Rectory Office.
- You are invited to join the Marian Shrines Pilgrimage in October 16-26, 2024 with Fr. Sebastin Bula as Chaplain. Countries included are Portugal, Spain & France. If you are interested to join please contact Sr. Ma. Elizabeth Siguenza, RVM @ 916-678-2549 or pick-up flyers from the Vestibule or Rectory Office.
- Our Lady of Mercy School is inviting your school-age children to have a school tour and orientation of the programs offered and experience the school community. Contact details: 650-756-3395 or email: office@bulldogs.com

## Reminders:

- On **October 6, Sunday**, the Knights of Columbus and the Lions Club of San Francisco will be hosting their Annual Health Fair in the Church Hall after every Masses. There will be flu shots and other services.
- We are inviting businesses to advertise in our Parish Bulletin. If you are interested, kindly contact Sr. Ma. Stella Suico, RVM at the Rectory Office or at olmcatolicchurch@gmail.com
- Please drop off or mail your Offertory Envelopes to the Rectory Office if you unable to go to Church. Thank you for your continued support to Our Lady of Mercy Church.

Day	Time	Mass Intentions for the Coming Week: September 30—October 6, 2024	
Mon Sep 30	7:00am 9:00am 6:00pm	Corrie Billote—for Healing Susan Breneman + Erlinda Dacanay +	DO AN DO
Tue Oct 1	7:00am 9:00am	Cirila and Jesus Gomez + Leonila and Jose Abao +	AN AN
Wed Oct 2	7:00am 9:00am	Timmy Diaz de Rivera + Angelo M. Balagtas—Thanksgiving	AN DO
Thur Oct 3	7:00am 9:00am	Stephen and Norma O'Keefe + Roland Gonzales +	DO DO
Fri Oct 4	7:00am 9:00am 6:00pm	Ruben Concepcion + Margaret and Coralie Perse + Poor Souls in Purgatory	DO AN AN
Sat Oct 5	9:00am 4:00pm	Teresita See Ong + Placido Apolinario, Sr. +	DO AN
Sun Oct 6	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	Jonathan Dollaga + Greta Floresca + Maria Lidia Dimas de Nochez +	DO AN DO

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday:** Memorial of St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
**Tuesday:** Memorial of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church  
**Wednesday:** Memorial of The Holy Angels  
**Friday:** Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi  
**Saturday:** Memorial of St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

## Updates & Support

**AAA Update:** OLM parishioners have contributed in cash and pledges **\$ 68,184.00** as of Sept. 24 out of our goal of **\$93, 547.00**.

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

### Sept. 21 and Sept. 22, 2024

*FIRST COLLECTION* - \$ 4,683.00

*SECOND COLLECTION /* - \$ 3,288.80

Maintenance Fund



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### Get Involved at OLM! These Ministries are Recruiting!

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**Parish Choir:** Please contact the Rectory  
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**Altar Server:** Michelle Adelsheim (415) 312-2352 or  
Sharice Cabatig (650) 576-8399

*join us!*

### 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. *Upon completion, you may drop this form at the Rectory or with your donation during offertory collection.*

By registering, you get on our mailing list and let us know if you are interested in supporting your parish through your time, talents and treasure—the privilege of every Catholic.

Baptism & Confirmation of children, weddings & marriage anniversaries, Funeral Services for loved ones, etc.

In addition, all **registered** members of the parish are eligible to celebrate important sacramental events at OLM.

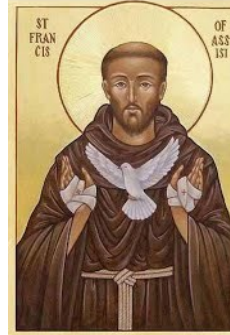
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*If you are just visiting from another parish, we do hope you enjoy your OLM experience today!*



### St. Francis of Assisi

We are called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart, and to bring home those who have lost their way

Daily Saint October 4

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- Find “**OLM Daly City, CA**,” then follow the rest of the prompts



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If you need healing after abortion, learn more at  
sfarch.org/Rachel