



✦ OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH ✦

Daly City, CA 94015-3424

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Established in 1954 — A Member of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Francisco

"Who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ."



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me"

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 15, 2024

RECTORY STAFF — 1 Elmwood Drive:

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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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:
"Embracing the Cross and Living Our Faith "



In today's Gospel, we witness a pivotal moment in Jesus' ministry where He asks His disciples, "Who do people say I am?" After hearing various responses, He directs the question personally to His disciples, and Peter boldly declares, "You are the Christ." However, when Jesus foretells His suffering, death, and resurrection, Peter rebukes Him, unable to accept the reality of a suffering Messiah. Jesus responds sharply, "Get behind me, Satan!" emphasizing that Peter is thinking in human terms, not divine ones. Jesus then teaches that discipleship entails self-denial, taking up one's cross, and following Him, even at the cost of one's life.

The passage from James 2:14-18 complements this theme by stressing the importance of faith being lived out through actions. James challenges the idea of faith without works, asking, "What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works?" He emphasizes that true faith is demonstrated through deeds, especially in caring for those in need. Faith, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. The conversation between Jesus and Peter in Mark 8 reveals a profound misunderstanding of what it means to follow Christ. Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot grasp the suffering and sacrifice that this entails. He represents the kind of faith that is enthusiastic but not yet matured to understand the cross. This is where Jesus' teaching is so radical: the Messiah is not just a figure of power and victory, but one who suffers, who bears the cross, and who calls His followers to do the same.

In our lives, this call to take up the cross can be difficult. It asks us to go beyond a superficial or comfortable faith. As Jesus says, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Discipleship is not just about believing in Jesus; it is about living out that belief in the daily challenges and sacrifices we face. James picks up this theme by insisting that true faith must be more than words or thoughts—it must be lived. Faith without works, he says, is dead. James illustrates this by pointing to the concrete needs of others: if someone is hungry or cold, mere words of faith are not enough. We must act. In other words, just as Peter's confession of faith needed to be deepened by understanding the way of the cross, so too must our faith be made real through action.

In both passages, we see the need for a faith that is alive and active. It is not enough to simply confess Christ; we must also walk the path of the cross, showing our faith through love, service, and sacrifice. The works that James speaks of are the living embodiment of the discipleship that Jesus calls us to—an active, sacrificial love that reflects the love Christ showed for us on the cross.

Let us ask for the grace to follow Christ with a faith that is both strong in conviction and rich in deeds, so that, like Peter, we may come to understand the fullness of discipleship, and like James, we may live it out in our daily actions.



Loving Father,

We come before You with hearts open to Your call. Grant us the grace to truly follow Your Son, Jesus, Who teaches us that discipleship means taking up our cross. Help us to deny ourselves, to let go of our selfish desires, And to embrace the path of love, sacrifice, and service.

Lord, we confess that at times, our faith is shallow, Focused on words alone rather than action. Like Peter, we sometimes resist the hard truths of Your plan. Open our hearts to the fullness of Your will, And give us the courage to live out our faith, Not just in belief, but in deeds that show Your love to the world.

May our faith be alive, Lord, Not empty words or thoughts, But a living testimony of Your grace through our actions. When we encounter those in need, Move us to serve, to give, and to act with compassion. Teach us to love as You love, And to reflect Your presence in all that we do.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Tuesday: 1Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 1100: 1-5; Lk 7:11-17

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

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

Friday: 1Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3

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

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8; Jas 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37

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.

- All golf enthusiasts are invited to join the 11th Annual OLM Golf Tournament at Sunnyvale Municipal Golf Course at 605 Macara Ave., Sunnyvale on September 21, 2024, Saturday. The cost will be \$100.00, inclusive of Golf, Cart & Lunch Boxed. Please check the flyers in the vestibule for more information. Contact Persons: Art Villalon (415) 297-4279; Mar Insigne (650) 888-7575, or Joel Madera (415) 490-7415.

- 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 office@bulldogs.com

Reminders:

- Our Lady of Mercy will celebrate its **First Feast Day on Tues, Sept. 24**. Our Novena will start Sept. 14 to 23. It will start on Saturday, Sept. 14 after the 4:00pm Mass. On Sept. 15, will be after all Masses and the rest of the week will be after 7am and 9am Masses. OLM Feast day will be on Tuesday, Sept. 24, and there will be simple agape after 9am Mass. Please join us to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy's Fiesta!

Day	Time	Mass Intentions for the Coming Week: September 16—22, 2024	
Mon Sep 16	7:00am 9:00am 6:00pm	Archie Rocillo—Thanksgiving Nicky Kulavitaya—Thanksgiving Poor Souls in Purgatory	DO RC AN
Tue Sep 17	7:00am 9:00am	Constancia Guerra + Corrie Billote—for Healing	RC AN
Wed Sep 18	7:00am 9:00am	Maligaya Torres + Corrie Billote—for Healing	AN DO
Thur Sep 19	7:00am 9:00am	Constancia Guerra + Corrie Billote—for Healing	RC DO
Fri Sep 20	7:00am 9:00am	Corrie Billote—for Healing Andresito Manuel +	DO AN
Sat Sep 21	9:00am 4:00pm	Corrie Billote—for Healing Claudia Phillips +	RC AN
Sun Sep 22	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	Luis, Rosy & Marvin Castro + Greta Floresca + Corrie Billote—for Healing	AN DO RC

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Memorial of Sts. Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Tuesday: Memorial of Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

Thursday: Memorial of St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr

Friday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Priest, & Paul Chong Ha-Sang & Companions

Saturday: Feast of Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

Updates & Support

AAA Update: OLM parishioners have contributed in cash and pledges **\$66,649.00** as of Sept. 10 out of our goal of **\$93,547.00**.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Sept. 7 and Sept. 8, 2024

FIRST COLLECTION	-	\$ 5,673.00
SECOND COLLECTION /	-	\$ 1,911.00
Religious Education Fund	-	\$ 1,636.00



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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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone/s: _____

Email: _____

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

Discipleship is the art and science of helping people find, follow and fully become like Jesus. Discipleship happens as God's people show love, share truth and live life with one another, making new disciples along the way.

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