



✦ 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

"A voice of
one crying
out in the
desert:
"Prepare
the way of
the Lord,
make
straight his
paths."



**Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2024**

"The winding
roads shall be
made
straight,
and the
rough ways
made smooth,
and all
flesh shall see
the salvation
of God."

RECTORY STAFF — 1 Elmwood Drive:

Rev. Domingo Orimaco	Pastor
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Mr. Jeffrey Burgos	Principal
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Mrs. Zarah Llemos	School Bookkeeper
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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.

Second Sunday of Advent:

"Prepare the Way with Abundant Love"



In today's Gospel, we hear the resonant call of John the Baptist: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." His voice, crying out in the wilderness, beckons us to a season of preparation—not merely external preparations for Christmas but a deep interior readiness for the coming of Christ into our hearts and lives.

John's mission was to prepare people for the arrival of Jesus by calling them to repentance, to a radical reorientation of their lives toward God. The wilderness, a place of desolation and solitude, becomes the sacred space where transformation begins. It's here that mountains are made low, valleys are lifted, and crooked paths are made straight—a metaphor for the work of grace in our lives.

This is not just a physical or moral preparation; it is a spiritual alignment with the will of God.

Paul, in his letter to the Philippians, complements this message by emphasizing love as the core of our preparation. He writes, "I pray that your love may increase ever more and more, in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value." Paul's prayer is for an abundance of love, not as a passive sentiment but as an active force that shapes our ability to live righteously. This love enables us to prepare our hearts as fitting homes for Christ's presence, filling them with what truly matters.

Taken together, these readings challenge us to consider: What paths in our lives need straightening? What mountains of pride or valleys of despair need leveling? What is the role of love in shaping this process?

Advent is a time of anticipation, a time to prepare ourselves not just for the celebration of Christ's birth but for His continual coming into our lives. Paul reminds us that the good work begun in us by God will be brought to completion. This promise fills us with hope as we strive to cooperate with His grace.

Let us embrace the call to prepare the way, allowing love to guide our every action. In doing so, we not only make ourselves ready but also become witnesses of the light, drawing others to encounter Christ, whose coming we await with joyful hearts. Amen.

Prepare the Way with Love

Heavenly Father,

You call us to prepare the way for Your Son, to make straight the paths of our hearts.
Help us to remove the obstacles of pride, fear, and doubt that prevent us from fully welcoming You.
Fill us with Your abundant love, that it may overflow in our words, actions, and relationships.

Grant us the wisdom to discern what is of true value,
And the courage to align our lives with Your will.

As we journey through this season of Advent,
May Your grace transform the wilderness within us,
Leveling the mountains of sin and lifting the valleys of despair.

Lord, You who began a good work in us,
Bring it to completion in Your time,
So that we may stand pure and blameless before You
In the day of Christ Jesus.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

Wednesday: Is 40: 25-31; Ps 103: 1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11: 28-30

Thursday: Zec 2: 14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps (Jdt) 13: 18b-19; Lk 1: 26-38 or Lk 1: 39-47

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; (Ps) Is 12: 2-6; Phil 4: 4-7; Lk 3: 10-18

Upcoming Events of Note:

-The **2025 Donation Envelopes** are now available for pick-up in the Church. Please find time to get your assigned envelopes

-The Religious Education Program thanks everyone for sharing your gifts for Lenten Project 2024. A lot of Filipino school children benefitted your generosity.

-OLM will once again hold a **"Giving Tree"**. Your donation of \$25 Target Gift Card to be distributed to the Homeless Help Center in South San Francisco. This allows our recipients/beneficiaries to choose to purchase for the needs of their family. Your generosity for eight (8) years is truly appreciated. Please mark the envelope: "Giving Tree: attn. Deacon Mike" and place it in the Rectory mailbox at 1 Elmwood Drive. Thank you.

-As we begin the joyful journey toward Christmas, we invite you all to share your Nativity Sets for display at the Church Hall from December 15 to 23. This festive exhibition aims to inspire and uplift the spirit of the season for all who visit. Please bring your Nativity to the Sacristy. Deadline of submission is on December 11 at 3:00pm.

Reminders:

-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.

-**December 11**, Wednesday will be our Parish Penance Service at 6:00pm. We will have priests available to hear confessions. Please avail the opportunity to prepare yourselves spiritually for Christmas.

-Our Traditional **Simbang Gabi Novena of Masses** for Christmas will start on **December 15, Sunday to December 23**, with Fellowship after Mass 6:30pm Mass at the Church Hall.

-**December 9, The Feast of Mary's Immaculate Conception.** Masses are as follows: **7:00am, 9:00am, & 6:00pm.**

-**December 12**, Thursday is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with Fellowship after 9:00am Mass.

Day	Time	Mass Intentions for the Coming Week: December 9—December 15, 2024	
Mon Dec 9	7:00am 9:00am 6:00pm	Celedonio Quines + Sofia Reyes –Thanksgiving Susan Breneman +	DO AN RC
Tue Dec 10	7:00am 9:00am	Julio Militar + Erlinda Dacanay +	RC AN
Wed Dec 11	7:00am 9:00am	Alberto Esteva + Marcelito Ramos +	AN DO
Thur Dec 12	7:00am 9:00am	Our Lady of Guadalupe + Maria Sunga +	RC DO
Fri Dec 13	7:00am 9:00am	Carmen Evangelista + Norberto T. Arqueza– Thanksgiving +	DO AN
Sat Dec 14	9:00am 4:00pm	Neon Kulavitaya– Thanksgiving Lenny Barretto +	AN DO
Sun Dec 15	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm 6:30pm	Jeannie Barry + Greta Floresca + Joanne Lavezzoli + (Start of Simbang Gabi)	AN DO RC DO

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent

Monday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday: Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto

Wednesday: Memorial of St. Damasus I, Pope

Thursday: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday: Memorial of St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

Saturday: Memorial St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Updates & Support

AAA Update: OLM parishioners have contributed in cash and pledges **\$ 86,549.00** as of Dec. 3 out of our goal of **\$93, 547.00.**

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, 2024

FIRST COLLECTION - \$ 6,945.56

SECOND COLLECTION / Parochial School Fund

\$ 1,800.00

Thanksgiving - \$ 4,691.79

Maintenance Fund - \$ 1,773.20



Rest in Peace Robert 'Bob' DRUCKER



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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!



At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern.

— Mother Teresa —

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