



+ OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH +

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

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming."

3rd Sunday of Advent

Gaudete



Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2024

"I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

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.

EUCHARISTIC 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.

Third Sunday of Advent:

"Rejoicing in Action: Preparing the Way for Christ "



As we light the third candle of Advent, the candle of joy, we are reminded that the coming of Christ brings hope, peace, and true rejoicing. Today's Gospel takes us to the scene where John the Baptist addresses the crowds, calling them to repentance and practical action. His message, though challenging, leads to joy because it prepares hearts for the arrival of Jesus, the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire.

In response to John's fiery preaching, the people ask, "What should we do?" It is a timeless question, one that resonates with every believer seeking to align their life with God's will. John's response is surprisingly straightforward: live justly, share what you have, and act with integrity. He urges the crowds to give their extra tunic and food to those in need, admonishes tax collectors to collect only what is fair, and instructs soldiers not to abuse their power. John's teaching reminds us that repentance is not just about feeling sorry but about genuine transformation. During Advent, this season of preparation, we are called to examine whether our lives reflect God's justice, mercy, and love.

Even as John challenges the people, he points them toward a greater joy—the coming of Jesus Christ. John acknowledges his role as a forerunner, preparing the way but not the source of salvation. "One mightier than I is coming," he proclaims, describing the Messiah as the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire, transforming hearts and lives. The joy we celebrate this Sunday is not a fleeting happiness but a deep, abiding joy rooted in the knowledge that Jesus has come to heal, restore, and bring us into communion with God.

As we prepare for the coming of Christ, John's call challenges us to act. In this season of giving, let us share our blessings with those in need, reflecting God's generosity. In our workplaces, families, and communities, let us practice fairness, honesty, and respect for others. Most importantly, let us prepare spiritually by turning to prayer, confession, and self-reflection, asking God to guide us in bearing good fruit.

This Third Sunday of Advent invites us to rejoice, for the Lord is near. Yet this joy is intertwined with a call to action, reminding us that true preparation for Christ involves more than external celebrations—it demands the transformation of our hearts and lives. May we heed John's call and prepare the way for the Lord, becoming witnesses of His joy and love to the world.

Amen.

Preparing the Way for Christ with Joy



Heavenly Father,
With joy in our hearts, we come before You,
ready to prepare the way for Your Son.
Help us to live out our faith through love, kindness, and service,
So that our actions may reflect Your light to the world.
Guide us to share Your truth with boldness and humility,
And fill us with the peace and hope that come from knowing Christ.
May our lives be a testimony of Your grace,
As we rejoice in the coming of our Savior.
Amen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24: 2-7, 15-17a; Ps 24: 4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21: 23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49: 2, 8-10; Ps 72: 1-4b, 7-8, 17; Mt 1: 1-17

Wednesday: Jer 23: 5-8; Ps 72: 1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1: 18-25

Thursday: Jgs 13: 2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71: 3-4a, 5-6b, 16-17; Lk 1: 5-25

Friday: Is 7: 10-14; Ps 24: 1-6; Lk 1: 26-38

Saturday: Sg 2: 8-14 or Zep 3: 14-18a; Ps 33: 2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1: 39-45

Sunday: Mi 5: 1-4a; Ps 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10: 5-10; Lk 1: 39-45

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.

-The Simbang Gabi, Novena of Masses for Christmas, will start Sunday, December 15 up to 23. Please join the faith community of Our Lady of Mercy at 6:30pm, preceded by Rosary and Confession at 6:00pm, then followed by Fellowship at the Church Hall.

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.

Day	Time	Mass Intentions for the Coming Week: December 16—December 22, 2024	
Mon Dec 16	7:00am 9:00am 6:30pm	Albina Almeida + Maria Aguirre Dimapasoc + Marcelito Ramos +	RC DO AN
Tue Dec 17	7:00am 9:00am 6:30pm	Juanita Picardal + Christopher Marston + Marcelito Ramos +	AN AN RC
Wed Dec 18	7:00am 9:00am 6:30pm	Dory Andersen + Juanita Picardal + Marcelito Ramos +	DO AN SB
Thur Dec 19	7:00am 9:00am 6:30pm	Juan Macadaeg + Manolo Pangalangan + Marcelito Ramos +	RC DO GW
Fri Dec 20	7:00am 9:00am 6:30pm	Fred Bautista + Placido Apolinario + Marcelito Ramos +	AN DO RC
Sat Dec 21	9:00am 4:00pm 6:30pm	Estrella Nicdao + Lenny Barretto + Lily Suico— Thanksgiving	AN AN DO
Sun Dec 22	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm 6:30pm	Evelyn Garcia —Thanksgiving Greta Floresca + Fernandez Family— Thanksgiving Our Lady of Mercy Parish	AN DO RC AN

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday: Memorial of St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Updates & Support

AAA Update: OLM parishioners have contributed in cash and pledges **\$88,924.00** as of Dec. 10 out of our goal of **\$93, 547.00**.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Dec. 7 and Dec. 8, 2024

FIRST COLLECTION - \$ 4,639.00

SECOND COLLECTION / Parochial School Fund
\$ 2,471.00

Maintenance Fund - \$ 1,805.90



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!

To Our Lady, Mother of Advent

To Our Lady, Mother of Advent, O Mother of our Advent, be with us and see to it that he will remain with us in this difficult Advent of the struggles for truth and hope, for justice and peace: He, alone, Emmanuel.

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