



# ✦ 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*

"Stand  
erect and  
raise your  
heads  
because  
your  
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is at  
hand."



**First Sunday of Advent  
December 1, 2024**

"Be  
vigilant  
at all  
times  
and pray  
that you  
have the  
strength."

## **RECTORY STAFF — 1 Elmwood Drive:**

Rev. Domingo Orimaco	Pastor
Fr. Alner Nambatac	Parochial Vicar
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
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Sr. Ma. Elizabeth Siguenza, RVM	Director of Religious Education
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## **IN RESIDENCE:**

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**SCHOOL WEBSITE: [www.olmbulldogs.com](http://www.olmbulldogs.com)**

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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.

## *First Sunday of Advent:*

*"Watchfulness and Hope in the Midst of Uncertainty"*



In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of cosmic signs, distress among nations, and the shaking of the heavens. These vivid images remind us of the fragility of our world and the uncertainties of life. Yet, amidst these unsettling predictions, Christ's message is not one of despair but of hope and vigilance.

Jesus says, "Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." What a powerful call to trust! Even in the face of chaos, we are invited to hold our heads high, not in arrogance, but in the confidence that God's salvation is near. This is the essence of Advent—a time to prepare for the coming of Christ, both at Christmas and at the end of time.

The signs Jesus describes might fill us with fear: roaring seas, confusion, and a shaken world. But these are not meant to paralyze us. Instead, they are reminders that God's plan is unfolding. The same God who created the heavens and the earth is also the one who holds them together. When we face personal "cosmic disturbances" in our lives—illness, loss, or uncertainty—we must remember that God's presence remains constant. Jesus assures us that redemption is near. Advent invites us to turn our eyes away from the chaos and fix them on the promise of Christ's light breaking into our darkness.

Jesus also warns, "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life." This is a call to spiritual alertness. It's easy to become consumed by the distractions and worries of the world. We may not all struggle with indulgence, but how often do we let anxiety or busyness numb our spirits? Advent challenges us to step back, to examine our hearts, and to realign our lives with God's priorities.

This vigilance is not about fearfully watching the clock but about living each day with intention. How do we spend our time? Do we nurture relationships with God and others? Do we seek opportunities to serve, love, and grow in holiness?

Finally, Jesus calls us to pray for the strength to stand before Him. This is an acknowledgment that we cannot face life's challenges alone. Prayer anchors us, reminding us of our dependence on God. It opens our hearts to grace and strengthens us to persevere. In a world that often feels turbulent, our faith becomes a beacon of stability. As we await Christ's coming, let us not be overcome by fear but emboldened by hope. Let us live as people who anticipate redemption, reflecting the light of Christ to a world in need.

As we journey through Advent, let us heed Christ's call to watchfulness and hope. Stand tall, not because we have all the answers, but because we trust in the One who does. Lift your head, not in pride, but in the joyful expectation of our Savior's coming.

### *Prayer of Watchfulness and Hope*

*Heavenly Father,*



*In the midst of life's uncertainties and the storms that shake our world, we lift our hearts to You. Strengthen us to stand tall, not in our own power, but in the confidence of Your abiding presence. Fill us with hope, even when fear seeks to overwhelm us, and remind us that our redemption is always near. Lord, help us to remain watchful, guarding our hearts against distractions and anxieties. Teach us to live each day with purpose, reflecting Your light in our words and actions. May our prayerful vigilance open our hearts to Your grace, so we may be strengthened to endure life's trials and to stand firm in faith. As we journey through Advent, prepare us to welcome Your Son with joy. Let His coming renew our spirits and guide us to love and serve others in His name. Keep us ever mindful of the promise of redemption and the hope of eternal life in Your presence.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Is 2: 1-5; Ps 124: 1-9; Mt 8: 5-11

**Tuesday:** Is 11: 1-10; Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10: 21-24

**Wednesday:** Is 25: 6-10a; Ps 23: 1-6; Mt 15: 29-37

**Thursday:** Is 26: 1-6; Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7: 21, 24-27

**Friday:** Is 29: 17-24; Ps 27: 1,4, 13-14; Mt 9: 27-31

**Saturday:** Is 30: 19-21, 23-26; Ps 147: 1-6; Mt 9: 35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Sunday:** Bar 5: 1-9; Ps 126: 1-6; Phil 1: 4-6, 8-11; Lk 3: 1-6

## 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:

-Due to Thanksgiving Weekend the Rectory Office will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and will return on Monday, December 2.

-December is the First Sunday of Advent.

-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, Monday is 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.

Day	Time	Mass Intentions for the Coming Week: December 2—December 8, 2024	
Mon Dec 2	7:00am 9:00am 6:00pm	Alberto Esteva + Pedro Bautista + Erlinda Dacanay +	RC AN DO
Tue Dec 3	7:00am 9:00am	Rebecca Bautista + Celedonio Quines +	RC AN
Wed Dec 4	7:00am 9:00am	Alberto Esteva + Carl Almeida +	DO AN
Thur Dec 5	8:00am 10:00am	Celedonio Quines + Diego L. Ricardo +	RC DO
Fri Dec 6	7:00am 9:00am 6:00pm	Celedonio Quines + Erlinda Dacanay + Susan Breneman +	DO AN RC
Sat Dec 7	9:00am 4:00pm	Eusebio Contawe + Tony, Dennis, Marie Newhoff +	DO AN
Sun Dec 8	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	Marcella Lucchi + Greta Floresca + Evelyn Newhoff +	RC AN DO

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** First Sunday of Advent

**Tuesday:** Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, Priest

**Wednesday:** Memorial of St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church

**Friday:** Memorial of St. Nicholas, Bishop

**Saturday:** Memorial of St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

## Updates & Support

**AAA Update:** OLM parishioners have contributed in cash and pledges **\$ 85,899.00** as of Nov. 26 out of our goal of **\$93, 547.00**.

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

Nov. 23 and 24, 2024

*FIRST COLLECTION* - \$ 4,151.00

*SECOND COLLECTION / The Poverty Line*

\$ 1,973.00

*Maintenance Fund* - \$ 1,894.20



*Rest in Peace*



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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!*

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-POPE BENEDICT XVI

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