



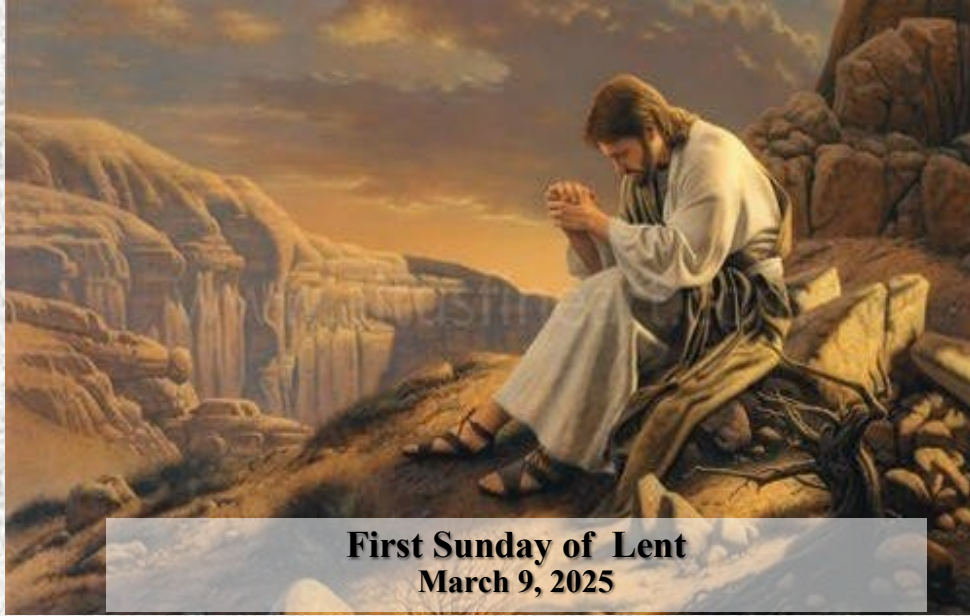
✦ OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH ✦

Daly City, CA 94015-3424

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

"It is written,
One does not
live on bread
alone... You
shall worship
the Lord,
your God,
and Him
alone shall
you serve."



"Jesus said,
You
shall not
put the
Lord,
your
God,
to the
test."

First Sunday of Lent
March 9, 2025

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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 for 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 Lent:

"Overcoming Temptation with Christ"



As we enter the holy season of Lent, the Gospel of Luke 4:1-13 presents us with a powerful reflection on Jesus' time in the wilderness, where He fasted for forty days and was tempted by the devil. This passage is a profound reminder that temptation is a reality in the life of every believer. Even Jesus, the Son of God, faced the attacks

of the evil one. However, His response to temptation serves as a model for us in our own struggles. Lent invites us to follow Jesus into the desert, to confront our weaknesses, and to strengthen our faith through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is a time to recognize the areas in our lives where we are vulnerable to sin and to turn to God for strength and renewal.

The temptations Jesus faced represent the fundamental struggles of human life. The first temptation, turning stones into bread, appeals to our physical desires and the need for comfort and satisfaction. It reminds us of the danger of seeking fulfillment in material things rather than in God. Jesus' response, "Man does not live by bread alone," teaches us that true nourishment comes from the Word of God. The second temptation, when the devil offers Jesus power and authority over all the kingdoms of the world in exchange for worship, speaks to the lure of ambition, pride, and worldly success. Many times, we are tempted to compromise our faith and values for personal gain, but Jesus reminds us that only God is worthy of our worship and devotion. The third temptation, where the devil challenges Jesus to throw Himself from the temple to test God's protection, is a temptation to manipulate God and seek signs rather than trust in His divine plan. Jesus firmly rebukes the devil, teaching us that faith requires trust and obedience rather than testing God's love.

In each of these moments, Jesus defeats the devil not by engaging in debate but by standing firm in the truth of Scripture. His example teaches us that we, too, must be rooted in the Word of God, using it as our shield against temptation. The more we immerse ourselves in Scripture and prayer, the stronger we become in resisting the enemy's lies. This is why Lent is such an important season—it is a time to renew our spiritual discipline, to strip away distractions, and to focus on what truly matters: our relationship with God.

Fasting, prayer, and almsgiving are not mere traditions but essential spiritual practices that help us grow in holiness. Fasting disciplines our desires and reminds us that our ultimate satisfaction is found in God alone. Prayer strengthens our hearts, deepens our intimacy with Christ, and gives us the grace to withstand trials. Almsgiving teaches us to detach from selfishness and turn our hearts toward the needs of others, reflecting the love of Christ in our actions. When we embrace these practices sincerely, we are transformed and made ready for the victory of Easter.

Jesus' victory over temptation foreshadows His ultimate triumph on the Cross, where He conquers sin and death for all humanity. His time in the desert reminds us that we do not fight our battles alone—He is with us, guiding us, and strengthening us through His grace. When we face temptation, let us turn to Him, confident that His power is greater than any struggle we may encounter. As we journey through this Lenten season, may we walk in the footsteps of Christ, resist the temptations that seek to pull us away from God, and emerge renewed in faith, hope, and love. May this be a time of true conversion, leading us ever closer to the joy and victory of Easter. Amen.

Prayer for a Strength in Temptation

Heavenly Father,

as we enter this sacred season of Lent, we come before You with humble hearts, seeking Your grace and strength. Just as Your Son, Jesus Christ, was led into the wilderness and faced temptation, we, too, encounter trials and struggles in our daily lives. Lord, in moments of weakness, remind us that we do not fight alone—You are always with us, guiding and strengthening us with Your love.

Fill us with Your Holy Spirit so that we may stand firm against the temptations that seek to lead us away from You. May Your Word be our shield and refuge, a source of wisdom and strength in times of difficulty. Help us to resist the lure of material comforts, selfish ambitions, and the desire to test Your will, and instead, place our full trust in You.

As we journey through this Lenten season, grant us the discipline to fast from all that distracts us from Your presence, the commitment to pray with sincerity and faith, and the generosity to serve others with love. Purify our hearts, O Lord, so that we may emerge from this season renewed in spirit, strengthened in faith, and prepared to share in the joy of Easter.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame temptation and leads us to everlasting life. Amen.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19: 1-2, 11-18; Ps 19: 8-10, 15; Mt 25: 31-46

Tuesday: Is 55: 10-11; Ps 34: 4-7, 16-19; Mt 6: 7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3: 1-10; Ps 51: 3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11: 29-32

Thursday: Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138: 1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7: 7-12

Friday: Ez 18: 21-28; Ps 130: 1-8; Mt 5: 20-26

Saturday: Dt 26: 16-19; Ps 119: 1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5: 43-48

Sunday: Gn 15: 5-12, 17-18; Ps 27: 1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3: 17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1; Lk 9: 28b-36

Upcoming Events of Note / Reminders / Announcements:

-We are inviting you to join the 2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrimage of Hope featuring the Holy Doors and Blessed Carlo Acutis, on October 20-30, 2025 with Fr. Domingo Orimaco as Tour Chaplain. If you are interested please contact Mariche Yu-Fernandez, Tour Coordinator at 650-892-2066 or chemariyu41@gmail.com

-Lenten Regulations regarding Fast and Abstinence: Everyone, 18 years of age & older, is bound to abstain from meat on ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY. FASTING: Everyone 18 years of age & older but under the age of 60 is also bound to FAST on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. On these two days, the law of Fast allows only 1 full meal a day. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. If you are sick, the law does not oblige. In the spirit of Lenten Penance, please do not lightly excuse yourselves from this obligation.

- We invite you to the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6:30 PM followed by Confession. Every Friday of Lent is a Day of Abstinence.

-March 29, Saturday - Day of Recollection with Fr. Jerome Magat, SThD, with a Theme: *The Gospel of St. Luke: Where Mercy Meets Hope in the Person of Jesus Christ.*

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

-Please drop off or mail your Offertory Envelopes to the Parish Office if you are unable to come to the Church. Thank you so much for your generosity and continued support to Our Lady of Mercy Parish.

Day	Time	Mass Intentions for the Coming Week: March 10—March 16, 2025	
Mon Mar 10	7:00am 9:00am 6:00pm	Susan Breneman + Robert Drucker + Marcelito Ramos +	DO RC AN
Tue Mar 11	7:00am 9:00am	Rebecca Bautista + Poor Souls in Purgatory	RC AN
Wed Mar 12	7:00am 9:00am	OLM Parish Robert Drucker +	AN DO
Thur Mar 13	7:00am 9:00am	Poor Souls Purgatory Jose Ramos +	DO DO
Fri Mar 14	7:00am 9:00am 6:30pm	Amando Nicdao + Marcelito Ramos + (Way of the Cross)	DO AN AN
Sat Mar 15	9:00am 4:00pm	Churchill Omictin + Amando Nicdao +	AN DO
Sun Mar 16	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	Anita de Jesus + Floresca Family– Thanksgiving Robert Drucker +	AN DO AN

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: Monday of the First Week of Lent
Tuesday: Tuesday of the First Week of Lent
Wednesday: Wednesday of the First Week of Lent
Thursday: Thursday of the First Week of Lent
Friday: Friday of the First Week of Lent
Saturday: Saturday of the First Week of Lent

Updates & Support

AAA Update: With heart full of gratitude we would like to thank you all for your invaluable support in reaching our goal. May our good Lord richly bless you.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

March 1 and March 2, 2025

<i>FIRST COLLECTION</i>	-	\$ 5,148.00
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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.

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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!

OUR FACINATING FAITH: LENT

One of the liturgical reforms mandated at the 2nd Vatican Council was that the focus of the season of Lent should be restored as a time of preparation for—or renewal of—baptism. The bishops at the Council were aware of the fact that the origins of Lent as distinctive liturgical season lay in the early centuries when the Church celebrated the sacraments of Christian initiation only once a year, at the Easter Vigil. In order to prepare those who were to receive those sacraments, a special period of preparation gradually developed. By the time of Second Vatican Council, the initiatory character of Lent had long been forgotten, and it had become simply a time of penance focused on individual spiritual renewal. The introduction of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and the revision of the Lectionary after the Council have changed all of that. Now the Sunday scripture readings during the Lent are very carefully selected with an eye to the journey of those preparing to be initiated at the Easter Vigil.

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