



✝ OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH ✝

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

“Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.”



Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 30, 2025

“we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.”

RECTORY STAFF — 1 Elmwood Drive:

Rev. Domingo Orimaco	Pastor
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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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent: *"The Boundless Mercy of the Father"*



Today's Gospel presents one of the most moving and profound parables that Jesus ever told—the Parable of the Prodigal Son. It is a story that speaks directly to our hearts because it reflects our own spiritual journey. This parable is not just about a wayward son who returns home; it is about a father's extravagant love and mercy. It is about all of us, our struggles, our repentance, and the infinite mercy of God.

The younger son, in his youthful arrogance, demands his inheritance and leaves home. He seeks independence but ends up lost, wasting his life in reckless living. When famine strikes, he finds himself empty, hungry, and broken. In his lowest moment, he realizes his mistake and decides to return to his father, hoping at best to be treated as a servant. Isn't this a picture of us at times? We wander away from God, seeking fulfillment in worldly things—pleasure, wealth, power—only to find ourselves empty and longing for something deeper. Sin deceives us, promising happiness but leaving us in spiritual famine. Yet, like the prodigal son, we are invited to recognize our brokenness and turn back to God.

The most beautiful part of this parable is the image of the father. He does not wait passively for his son's return. Instead, while the son is still far away, the father runs to meet him! In that culture, for an elder to run was considered undignified, but love makes him forget his dignity. He embraces his son, not with reproach, but with overwhelming joy. He orders a robe, a ring, and a feast to celebrate his return. This is the heart of God, our Father. No matter how far we have strayed, He watches for our return, ready to embrace us with mercy. Lent is a time to return home, to confess our sins, and to experience the joy of being restored in God's grace.

The elder son, however, does not share in the joy. He is resentful and angry, refusing to enter the celebration. He has been obedient, yet he feels overlooked and unappreciated. His attitude reveals another form of lostness—not of reckless sin, but of self-righteousness and resentment. Sometimes, we too can be like the elder son. We may feel envious of God's mercy toward sinners, or we may focus too much on our own "goodness" and forget that all is grace. The father lovingly invites the elder son to rejoice, reminding him that everything the father has is already his.

This parable is an invitation for all of us. If we identify with the prodigal son, let us return to God, trusting in His mercy. If we resemble the elder son, let us soften our hearts and learn to rejoice in God's mercy toward others. And above all, let us imitate the father—showing compassion, forgiveness, and boundless love to those around us. As we continue our Lenten journey, may we take this opportunity to seek reconciliation with God and with one another, knowing that our Father is always waiting with open arms.

Prayer of Reconciliation and Mercy



Heavenly Father, full of compassion and mercy, we come before You with humble hearts, acknowledging our need for Your love and forgiveness. Like the prodigal son, we have often strayed from Your path, seeking fulfillment in things that leave us empty. Yet, in Your great mercy, You always wait for our return, ready to embrace us with open arms.

Lord, grant us the courage to recognize our sins and the grace to turn back to You with contrite hearts. Help us to trust in Your boundless mercy, knowing that no sin is too great for Your forgiveness. When we feel unworthy, remind us that we are always Your beloved children, and that Your love never fails.

Teach us also to have hearts like Yours, filled with compassion and mercy toward others. Free us from the resentment of the elder son, that we may rejoice in the repentance of sinners and celebrate the grace You pour out on all who return to You. Help us to be instruments of reconciliation in our families, communities, and the world.

As we journey through this season of Lent, transform our hearts, O Lord. Renew our spirits, strengthen our faith, and draw us ever closer to You. May we always seek You above all things and one day share fully in the joy of Your eternal banquet.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65: 17-21; Ps 30: 2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Jn 4: 43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47: 1-9, 1-9; Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5: 1-16

Wednesday: Is 49: 8-15; Ps 145: 8-9, 13c-14, 17-18; Jn 5: 17-30

Thursday: Ex 32: 7-14; Ps 106: 19-23; Jn 5: 31-47

Friday: Wis 2: 1a, 12-22; Ps 34: 17-21, 23; Jn 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11: 18-20; Ps 7: 2-3, 9b-12; Jn 7: 40-53

Sunday: Is 43: 16-21; Ps 126: 1-6; Phil 3: 8-14; Jn 8: 1-11 or Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8, Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

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.

- The Religious Education program is grateful for your generosity in sharing your resources to our needy students in the Philippines last year. They were able to send school supplies, umbrellas & raincoats. Today we are again launching the Lenten Project to help the poor and deserving students of the Philippines. Any amount is greatly appreciated.

-If you would like to make an e-contribution, please check the **QR Code** at the back of the **Missalette** or at the back of this **Bulletin**. Please drop off or mail your Offertory Envelopes to the Parish Office if you cannot come to the Church. Thank you for your continued generosity and support to Our Lady of Mercy.

Day	Time	Mass Intentions for the Coming Week: March 31—April 6, 2025	
Mon Mar 31	7:00am 9:00am 6:00pm	Poor Souls in Purgatory Erlinda Dacanay + Marcelito Ramos +	DO AN RC
Tue Apr 1	7:00am 9:00am	Erlinda Dacanay + Robert Drucker +	RC AN
Wed Apr 2	7:00am 9:00am	Gail Cruz– Thanksgiving Roy Reyes - Thanksgiving	DO AN
Thur Apr 3	7:00am 9:00am	Conchita Punzalan + Joel Mariveles +	RC DO
Fri Apr 4	7:00am 9:00am 6:00pm	Theresa Thuener– Thanksgiving Robert Drucker + Marcelito Ramos +	AN DO RC
Sat Apr 5	9:00am 4:00pm	Crisanta Irag– Thanksgiving Tony, Dennis & Marie Newhoff +	AN DO
Sun Apr 6	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	Robert Drucker + Greta Floresca + Joel Mariveles +	AN DO AN

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Wednesday: St. Francis of Padua, Monk/Hermit

Friday: St. Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Saturday: St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

Updates & Support

AAA Update: OLM parishioners have contributed in cash and pledges **\$ 13,690.00** as of March 18 out of our goal of **\$ 101,749.00**. May our good Lord richly bless you.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

March 22 and March 23, 2025

FIRST COLLECTION - \$ 5,313.00

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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: _____

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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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