

# **+** 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

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## RECTORY STAFF — 1 Elmwood Drive:

Rev. Domingo Orimaco
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Permanent Deacon
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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.

## **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:**

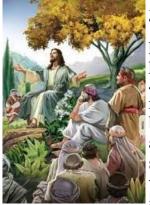
Mondays at 6:00 p.m. (Novena & Mass)

## COMMUNAL RECITATION OF THE ROSARY:

Weekdays immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

# Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time:

"Love Your Enemies & Be Merciful as the Father is Merciful"



Luke 6:27-38 presents one of the most radical and challenging teachings of Jesus: "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." This teaching is countercultural and difficult to practice, yet it is at the very heart of the Christian life.

Jesus is not merely asking us to love those who are kind to us or those who reciprocate our goodwill. He calls us to love our enemies—those who hurt us, betray us, and oppose us. This kind of love goes beyond human emotion; it is an act of the will, a decision to extend mercy and goodness even when it is undeserved. Jesus Himself exemplified this love. On the Cross, He prayed for those who crucified Him, saying, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing" (Luke 23:34). If we are to be His disciples, we must imitate this radical

love, even when it seems impossible.

The world operates on the principle of justice—giving people what they deserve. But Jesus calls us to go beyond justice to mercy. He teaches, "If someone strikes you on one cheek, offer the other also." This does not mean allowing ourselves to be mistreated, but rather, refusing to respond with vengeance. Human nature demands retaliation. When someone hurts us, we want to hurt them back. But Jesus asks us to break this cycle of hatred with love. By doing good even to our enemies, we become reflections of God's mercy.

The climax of this passage is Jesus' call to "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." Why should we love our enemies? Because that is how God treats us. Even when we were sinners, He loved us and sent His Son to die for us (Romans 5:8). Mercy is the defining mark of a Christian. When we show mercy, we demonstrate that we are truly children of our Heavenly Father. Jesus reminds us: "The measure you use will be measured back to you." If we want to receive God's mercy, we must extend mercy to others.

How can we live out this Gospel in our daily lives? First, we must forgive those who have wronged us. Holding onto grudges only poisons our hearts. Second, we should pray for those who mistreat us. Even if we struggle to forgive, we can begin by praying for those who hurt us. Third, we must do good to those who hate us. A kind word, an act of service, or a gesture of goodwill can break barriers of hatred. Lastly, we are called to be generous and selfless. Jesus says, "Give, and it will be given to you." A generous heart receives even more from God.

Loving our enemies is not easy, but it is possible when we allow God's grace to work in us. If we live according to this radical love and mercy, we will truly be children of our Father in Heaven. May the Lord give us the strength to love as He loves, to forgive as He forgives, and to be merciful as He is merciful. Amen.

# Prayer for Love and Mercy



Heavenly Father, Your love is beyond measure, and Your mercy knows no bounds. You have called us to a radical love, a love that extends even to our enemies. Lord, we confess that this is difficult for us. Our hearts are often wounded, and we struggle to forgive. But today, we ask for Your grace to transform us.

Teach us, O Lord, to love as You love. Help us to do good to those who have wronged us, to bless those who curse us, and to pray for those who mistreat us. When we are tempted to seek revenge, remind us of Your mercy. When we find it hard to forgive, fill our hearts with Your peace.

Father, we desire to be Your children, reflecting Your kindness and generosity. Help us to give without counting the cost, to show mercy without hesitation, and to extend compassion without expecting anything in return. May our lives be a witness to Your boundless love, drawing others closer to You.

We surrender our pain, our grudges, and our bitterness to You, Lord. Heal our hearts and make us instruments of Your peace. May we always remember that the measure we use for others will be measured back to us. Grant us the courage to love, the strength to forgive, and the humility to show mercy.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Sir 1: 1-10; Ps 93: 1-2, 5; Mk 9: 14-29

**Tuesday:** Sir 2: 1-11; Ps 37: 3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9: 30-37

Wednesday: Sir 4: 11-19; Ps 119: 165, 168, 171-172, 174-175; Mk 9: 38-40

**Thursday:** Sir 9: 1-8; Ps 1: 1-4, 6; Mk 9: 41-50

Friday: Sir 6: 5-17; Ps 119: 12, 16, 18, 27, 34-35; Mk 10: 1-12

**Saturday:** Sir 17: 1-15; Ps 103: 13-18; Mk 10: 13-16

**Sunday:** Sir 27: 4-7; Ps 92: 2-3, 13-16; 1Cor 15: 54-58; Lk 6: 39-45

## **Upcoming Events of Note:**

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

-March 5, is Ash Wednesday, the start of Lenten Season. It is a day for Fasting and Abstinence. Masses are at 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM— School Mass, 4:30 PM and 6:00 PM. Remember, there will be no Baptism during Lenten Season, it will resume on Easter.

-We are inviting you to join the 2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrimage of Hope on October 20-30, 2025 with Fr.

Domingo Orimaco as tour Chaplain. Places to visit St. Mary Major with audience with the Holy Father,

Vatican Museums, Naples, San Giovanni, Assisi, Pisa, Turin and Milan. If you are interested please contact Mariche Yu-Fernandez (Tour Coordinator) at 650-892-2066 or chemariyu41@gmail.com

# **Reminders/Announcements:**

-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.

-A parishioner of St. Emydius Church is looking for a kidney donor as he needs a transplant. If you wish help to be a donor please contact the church office. 415-587-0407.

Day	Time	Mass Intentions for the Coming Week: February 24—March 2, 2025	
Mon Feb 24	7:00am 9:00am 6:00pm	Poor Souls in Purgatory Severo Arqueza– Thanksgiving Marcelito Ramos +	
Tue	7:00am	Michael Cooper +	AN
Feb 25	9:00am	Poor Souls in Purgatory	AN
Wed	7:00am	Marcelito Ramos +	DO
Feb 26	9:00am	Silverio & Benito Mendoza +	AN
Thur	7:00am	Poor Souls in Purgatory	DO
Feb 27	9:00am	Roldan Gonzales– Thanksgiving	DO
Fri	7:00am	Juanita Picardal +	DO
Feb 28	9:00am	Kidney Donor	AN
Sat	9:00am	Robert Drucker +	
Mar 1	4:00pm	Tony, Dennis & Marie Newhoff +	
Sun Mar 2	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	Robert Drucker + Greta Floresca + Juanita Picardal +	

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Thursday:** Memorial of St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Friday: Memorial St. Peter Damian, Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

# **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

## Feb. 8 and Feb. 9, 2025

FIRST COLLECTION - \$4,960.00

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\$ 1,832.50

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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!

#### The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.



May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Franciscus

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