



✦ 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

“Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”



“We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world .”

Third Sunday of Lent
March 23, 2025

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 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.

Third Sunday of Lent: *"A Thirst Only Christ Can Quench"*



Water is essential for life. Without it, we cannot survive. Yet, today's Gospel is not just about physical thirst—it is about a deeper thirst, a longing of the human heart that only Jesus can satisfy. In His encounter with the Samaritan woman, Jesus reveals Himself as the Living Water, the One who quenches our deepest thirst for love, truth, and salvation. When Jesus, a Jewish man, speaks to a Samaritan woman, He is breaking societal norms. Jews and Samaritans despised each other, and men typically did not engage in deep conversations with women in public. But Jesus is not bound by human divisions. He reaches across cultural, gender, and moral barriers to offer the woman something greater—eternal life. This reminds us that Jesus meets us where we are, no matter our past, our mistakes, or what society says about us. He calls us into a relationship, no matter how broken or unworthy we may feel.

The woman came to the well seeking water, but Jesus offers her something more profound: "Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst" (John 4:14). At first, she does not understand. She thinks of physical water, but Jesus speaks of the Holy Spirit, the grace of God, and eternal life. How often do we try to satisfy our inner thirst with things that do not last? Wealth, success, pleasure, and even relationships can leave us empty if they are not rooted in Christ. Jesus alone can satisfy our thirst for meaning, love, and salvation. As their conversation continues, Jesus reveals that He knows the woman's past—her broken relationships, her struggles, her sins. Yet He does not condemn her; instead, He offers her new life. Touched by His words, she leaves her water jar behind and runs to tell the people of her town about Jesus. Her response shows the power of an encounter with Christ. She, an outcast, becomes a missionary! This teaches us that our past does not define us—our encounter with Jesus does. No matter what we have done, Jesus calls us to a new life and sends us to share His love with others.

Jesus tells the woman, "The hour is coming when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth" (John 4:23). True worship is not about a place, a ritual, or outward appearances—it is about the heart. God desires worship that is sincere, where we offer ourselves completely to Him. Do we worship God with our whole heart, or are we just going through the motions? Are we truly seeking Him in prayer, the Eucharist, and daily life?

At the end of the story, the woman leaves her jar behind (John 4:28). This is symbolic. She came to the well for physical water but found something far greater—Jesus, the source of Living Water. What are the "water jars" we need to leave behind? What things in our lives prevent us from fully embracing Christ? Today, Jesus invites us to drink deeply of His grace, to allow Him to satisfy our deepest longings, and to share the good news with others. Let us, like the Samaritan woman, be transformed by our encounter with Christ and go forth to tell the world: "Come and see a man who told me everything I have done; could He possibly be the Messiah?" (John 4:29).

A Thirst Only Christ Can Quench



Heavenly Father, You are the source of all life, the fountain of living water that quenches our deepest thirst. Like the Samaritan woman, we come before You with hearts longing for truth, love, and grace. We bring our burdens, our past mistakes, and our brokenness, trusting that You will not turn us away but welcome us with open arms. Lord Jesus, You broke barriers to reach the woman at the well, offering her the gift of eternal life. Break down the walls in our hearts—walls of fear, doubt, sin, and shame—so that we may receive the living water You so freely give. Help us to turn away from the things that do not satisfy and seek only You, the wellspring of salvation. Holy Spirit, fill us with the courage and joy of the Samaritan woman, who, after encountering Christ, ran to share the good news with others. Help us to leave behind our old ways, our "water jars" of worldly desires, and to embrace the new life You offer. Make us true worshipers, praising You in spirit and in truth, and witnessing to Your love in all that we do.

Lord, we thirst for You. Satisfy our longing hearts and lead us ever closer to You, so that, like the woman at the well, we may proclaim to the world: "Come and see the One who has transformed my life!"

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2Kgs 5: 1-15b; Ps 42: 2-3, 43: 3-4; Lk 4: 24-30

Tuesday: Is 7: 10-14, 8: 10; Ps 40: 7-11; Heb 10: 4-10; Lk 1: 26-38

Wednesday: Dt 4: 1-9; Ps 147: 12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5: 17-19

Thursday: Jer 7: 23-28; Ps 95: 1-2, 6-9; Lk 11: 14-23

Friday: Hos 14: 2-10; Ps 81: 6c-11b, 14, 17; Mt 12: 28-34

Saturday: Hos 6: 1-6; Ps 51: 3-4, 18-21b; Lk 18: 9-14

Sunday: Jos 5: 9a, 10-12; Ps 34: 2-7; 2Cor 5: 17-21; Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32

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.

-Join us for a Day of Recollection with Fr. Jerome Magat, SThD on Saturday, March 29th starting with a 9:00AM Mass & continuing until 2:00PM. Lunch bag will be provided. Please sign up at the vestibule. Thanks.

-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.

Day	Time	Mass Intentions for the Coming Week: March 24—March 30, 2025	
Mon Mar 24	7:00am 9:00am 6:00pm	Poor Souls in Purgatory Mary Pat Formosa + Marcelito Ramos +	RC AN DO
Tue Mar 25	7:00am 9:00am	Poor Souls in Purgatory Oliver Aloc - Thanksgiving	RC AN
Wed Mar 26	7:00am 9:00am	John Mangini, Sr. + Terry Arqueza - Thanksgiving	AN DO
Thur Mar 27	7:00am 9:00am	Erlinda Medrano - For Healing Anthony & Pat Formosa +	RC DO
Fri Mar 28	7:00am 9:00am 6:30pm	Robert Drucker + Lourdes Arita + (Way of the Cross)	DO AN
Sat Mar 29	9:00am 4:00pm	Our Lady of Mercy Heriberto & Rosalinda Aguinaldo +	AN RC
Sun Mar 30	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	Robert Drucker + Greta Floresca + Deceased Members of OLM Parish	AN DO AN

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Saturday: Saturday of the Third Week of Lent

Updates & Support

AAA Update: OLM parishioners have contributed in cash and pledges **\$ 1,530.00** as of March 18 out of our goal of **\$ 101,749.00.** May our good Lord richly bless you.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

March 15 and March 16, 2025

FIRST COLLECTION - \$ 6,621.00

*SECOND COLLECTION /
Maintenance Fund*

- \$ 4,165.35



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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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