



# ✦ OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH ✦

Daly City, CA 94015-3424

Rectory: 1 Elmwood Dr. — Church / Church Hall: 5 Elmwood Dr. — School: 7 Elmwood Dr.  
Parish Center / Religious Education Office / Convent: 15 Elmwood Dr.

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"The words  
I have spoken to  
you are Spirit  
and life...  
For this reason  
I have told  
you that no  
one can come  
to me  
unless  
it is granted  
him by my  
Father."



**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 25, 2024**

"Master,  
to whom shall  
we go?  
You have the  
words of  
eternal life.  
We have come  
to believe and  
are convinced  
that you are  
the  
Holy One of  
God."

## **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
Conchita Rocillo	Parish Secretary

## **SCHOOL STAFF — 7 Elmwood Drive:**

Mr. Jeffrey Burgos	Principal
Mrs. Dana Sargenti	Asst. Principal
Mrs. Zarah Llemos	School Bookkeeper
Mrs. Mitzie Dearden	School Secretary

## **PARISH CENTER STAFF — 15 Elmwood Drive:**

Sr. Ma. Elizabeth Siguenza, RVM	Director of Religious Education
Laura Reyes	Parish Music Director

## **IN RESIDENCE:**

Fr. Rey Culaba, CSsR	
Sr. Ma. Ruth Linaac, RVM	Parish Center/Convent
Sr. Ma. Fe Bigwas, RVM	Parish Center/Convent
Sr. Novie Omictin, OP	Parochial School/Convent
Sr. Mary Pillado, OP	Parochial School/Convent

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

## **☎ Parish Telephone Numbers:**

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Religious Education Office	(650) 992-5769
Our Lady of Mercy School	(650) 756-3395
OLM School Extended Care	(650) 756-1181
Our Lady of Mercy Convent	(650) 992-5769

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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.

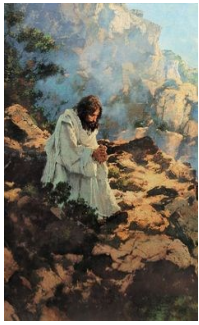
### **OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS:**

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

### **COMMUNAL RECITATION OF THE ROSARY:**

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

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time:**  
**"Choosing to Stay with Christ "**



In today's Gospel, we witness a moment of profound decision-making among Jesus' followers. After hearing Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist—the "hard saying" that He is the Bread of Life—many of His disciples found it too difficult to accept. They murmured, they doubted, and eventually, many of them turned back and no longer walked with Him. This scene leads to the poignant moment when Jesus asks the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Peter, speaking on behalf of the others, responds with a declaration of faith: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

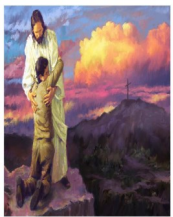
This moment in the Gospel is a powerful reminder that following Christ is not always easy. His teachings challenge us, pushing us beyond our comfort zones, calling us to a deeper level of commitment and faith. But it is in these moments of challenge that our true loyalty and love for Christ are revealed. Like Peter, we are called to recognize that despite the difficulties, there is no one else to whom we can turn who offers what Jesus does: the words of eternal life.

This theme of challenging commitment is echoed in the second reading from Ephesians, where St. Paul speaks of the profound mystery of marriage. Paul calls for mutual submission out of reverence for Christ and describes the love between husband and wife as a reflection of Christ's love for the Church. Just as Christ's teachings can be difficult to accept, the call to love and sacrifice in marriage can also be daunting. Marriage, like our relationship with Christ, is not always easy. It requires sacrifice, self-giving, and a willingness to put the other before ourselves.

In Ephesians, Paul emphasizes that this love must be rooted in the same self-sacrificial love that Christ showed for the Church—a love that is willing to endure suffering, misunderstanding, and even rejection. This is the kind of love that can weather the storms of life, that can endure even when it is difficult. It is a love that reflects the commitment we are called to have toward Christ—a commitment that remains steadfast even when we are tempted to turn away.

As we reflect on these readings, we are invited to examine our own commitment to Christ and to those we are called to love. Are we willing to stay with Christ, even when His teachings challenge us? Are we willing to love others with the same self-sacrificial love that Christ has for us?

Let us pray for the grace to remain faithful, to embrace the challenges that come with following Christ, and to love others as He loves us. Like Peter, may we always recognize that there is no one else to whom we can go to, for only Christ has the words of eternal life.



Heavenly Father, We come before You with hearts full of gratitude for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who offers us the words of eternal life. Even when His teachings challenge us and we find it difficult to understand, grant us the grace to remain faithful, knowing that there is no one else to whom we can turn. Lord Jesus, like Peter, we confess our need for You. Strengthen our faith, especially in moments of doubt and uncertainty. Help us to embrace Your words, even when they are hard to accept, and to trust in Your perfect wisdom and love.

Holy Spirit, fill us with Your presence as we seek to live out our commitment to Christ and to those we are called to love. In our relationships, especially in the sacred bond of marriage, empower us to love with the same self-sacrificial love that Christ has for His Church. Teach us to submit to one another out of reverence for Christ, putting the needs of others before our own. In moments of trial, when we are tempted to turn away, remind us of the truth that You alone, O Lord, have the words of eternal life. May our lives be a testimony to the power of Your love, and may we always choose to walk with You, trusting in Your promise of eternal life.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 2Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23: 13-22

**Tuesday:** 2Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26

**Wednesday:** 2Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-3, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32 or 1Jn 4:7-16; Mt 23:8-12

**Thursday:** 1Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mk 6:17-29 or Jer 1:17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17

**Friday:** 1Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday:** 1Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30

**Sunday:** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

## Upcoming Events of Note:

- The Religious Education is accepting application for School Year 2024-2025. The Parish Center is open every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 1:00pm until 4:00pm. Forms are available at the Parish Center and at the Rectory Office.

- We are inviting you to join the Marian Shrines Pilgrimage in October 16-26, 2024 with Fr. Sebastin Bula, VC as Chaplain. The countries include Portugal, Spain & France. If you are interested to join please contact Sr. Ma. Elizabeth Siguenza, RVM @ 916-678-2549 or pick-up flyers in the Vestibule or Rectory Office.

- We are inviting all golf enthusiasts to join the 11th Annual OLM Golf Tournament at Sunnyvale Municipal Golf Course at 605 Macara Ave., Sunnyvale on September 21, 2024, Saturday. The cost will be \$100.00. Includes Golf, Cart & Lunch Boxed. Please check the flyers in the vestibule for more information. Contact Persons: Art Villalon (415) 297-4279; Mar Insigne (650) 888-7575, or Joel Madera (415) 490-7415

## Reminders:

-We are inviting businesses to advertise in our parish bulletin. If you are interested, kindly contact Sr. Ma. Stella Suico, RVM at the Rectory @ olmcatholicchurch@gmail.com

- Please drop off or mail your Offertory Envelopes to the Parish Office if you cannot come to Church. Thank you for your continued support to Our Lady of Mercy Church.

- The Rectory Office is closed on Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day. We wish you all safe and enjoyable holiday.

Day	Time	Mass Intentions for the Coming Week: August 26 - September 1, 2024	
Mon Aug 26	7:00am 9:00am 6:00pm	Reynaldo Marquez, Jr. + Pricila Balagtas + Poor Souls in Purgatory	DO AN RC
Tue Aug 27	7:00am 9:00am	Corazon Militar—Thanksgiving Marilou Wilkes & Family—Thanksgiving	RC AN
Wed Aug 28	7:00am 9:00am	Agustin Rocillo + Paz L. Marcelino +	AN DO
Thur Aug 29	7:00am 9:00am	Artemio Suico + Patricio & Madeleine Lim & Milagros A. Abuda+	RC DO
Fri Aug 30	7:00am 9:00am	Feliciano Balajadia, Jr. + Dionisio Espulgar +	AN DO
Sat Aug 31	9:00am 4:00pm	Efren Cvejilo + Carol Costakis +	DO RC
Sun Sep 1	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	Members of OLM Parish Greta Floresca + Poor Souls in Purgatory	RC DO DO

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Tuesday:** Memorial of St. Monica

**Wednesday:** Memorial of St. Augustine Bishop,  
Doctor of the Church

**Thursday:** Memorial of St. John the Baptist

## Updates & Support

**AAA Update:** OLM parishioners have contributed in cash and pledges **\$ 61,374.00** as of August 20 out of our goal of **\$93, 547.00**.

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

Aug. 17 and 18, 2024

<i>FIRST COLLECTION</i>	-	\$ 6,758.00
<i>SECOND COLLECTION /</i>		
Maintenance Fund	-	\$ 3,288.25
Feast of the Assumption	-	\$ 1,316.00



**Rest in Peace**



## Sponsors Corner

### MANGINI LAW OFFICE

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### Get Involved at OLM! These Ministries are Recruiting!

**Knights of Columbus:** Please contact Leopoldo Aure  
leopoldo.aure@gmail.com

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(650) 784-2585 (text only), andreverino193@gmail.com

**Parish Choir:** Please contact the Rectory  
(650) 755-2727 or olm catholicchurch@gmail.com

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers:** Please contact Teresa Lamug  
(650) 576-4321 or teresa\_lamug@hotmail.com

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(650) 455-0732 or Noel Mulato (650) 576-0631

*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.

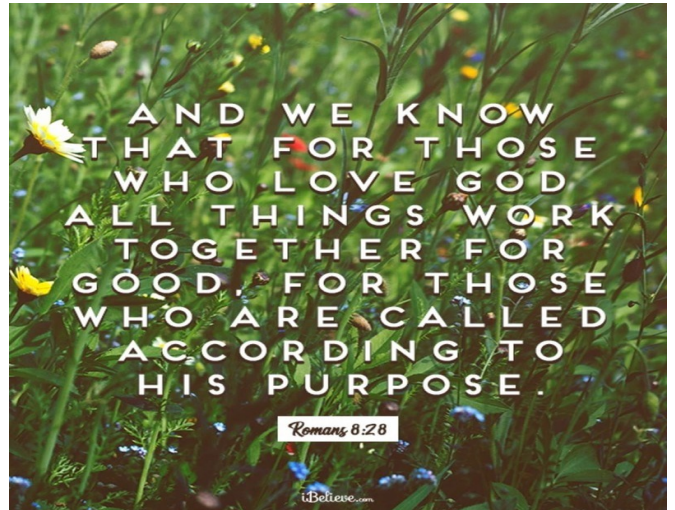
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- Find "**OLM Daly City, CA**," then follow the rest of the prompts



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### FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY OF ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO Assistance for Pregnant Women in Crisis!

Please Contact Gabriel Project 1-800-910-284  
If you need healing after abortion, learn more at  
sfarch.org/Rachel