



✦ 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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“Ephphatha!”—
that is, “Be
opened!”
And
immediately
the man’s ears
were opened,
his speech im-
pediment was
removed.”



“He
has done all
things well.
He
makes the
deaf hear
and
the mute
speak.”

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 8, 2024

RECTORY STAFF — 1 Elmwood Drive:

Rev. Domingo Orimaco	Pastor
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Sr. Ma. Stella Suico, RVM	Pastoral Associate
Sr. Ma. Elizabeth Siguenza, RVM	Parish Bookkeeper
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SCHOOL STAFF — 7 Elmwood Drive:

Mr. Jeffrey Burgos	Principal
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Mrs. Zarah Llemos	School Bookkeeper
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Sr. Ma. Elizabeth Siguenza, RVM	Director of Religious Education
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PARISH WEBSITE: www.olmcath.org
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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.

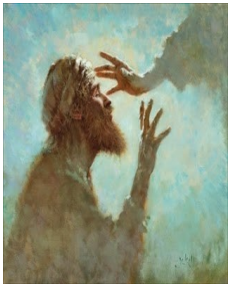
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS:

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

COMMUNAL RECITATION OF THE ROSARY:

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

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:
"Opening Ears, Opening Hearts"



In today's Gospel, we witness a powerful and intimate moment of healing. Jesus encounters a man who is deaf and has a speech impediment. Away from the crowds, Jesus touches the man's ears and tongue, looks up to heaven, and says, "Ephphatha" – "Be opened." Immediately, the man's ears are opened, and he speaks plainly.

This moment is not just about physical healing, but a profound symbol of the power of God's mercy and the opening of hearts to His message. The man's inability to hear and speak represents our own spiritual deafness, our inability to truly listen to God and to others. Jesus' command to "be opened" speaks to us as well, calling us to open our hearts, minds, and lives to the transforming power of God's grace.

This Gospel invites us to reflect on how open we are to the voice of God. Do we hear Him in the silence of our hearts? Are we willing to listen to the cries of those around us, especially the marginalized, the poor, and the oppressed? This leads us to the reading from the book of James. In James 2:1-5, we are warned against showing favoritism or partiality, particularly towards the rich or powerful, while neglecting the poor. James challenges us with a question: "Has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom?" The early Christian community, like many today, struggled with giving preferential treatment based on external appearances. But James teaches us that true faith sees beyond wealth and status; it opens its arms to all, especially the poor and humble, whom God has chosen as special recipients of His grace.

When we reflect on both readings together, we see a theme emerging: openness. Jesus opened the man's ears, and James calls us to open our hearts to those in need. The challenge for us is not just to be open to God's word but to live it out in how we treat others. How often do we, knowingly or unknowingly, judge others by their appearance, their social standing, or their success? How often do we fail to see Christ in the poor, the vulnerable, or those on the margins of society?

To live out the Gospel message means being open to everyone, especially those who seem insignificant in the eyes of the world. It means recognizing that, like the man in the Gospel, we are all in need of healing and mercy. We all need to have our ears opened to hear God's voice in the cries of the poor, the oppressed, and the voiceless.



Loving and merciful Father,

We come before You with humble hearts, grateful for the gift of Your Word.

Just as Jesus opened the ears of the man in the Gospel, we ask You to open our ears to hear

Your voice in our daily lives. Help us to listen with compassion and to recognize

Your presence in the voices of the poor, the marginalized, and those in need.

Lord, we ask for the grace to open our hearts to others without judgment or favoritism.

Free us from the temptation to value people by worldly standards, and teach us to see everyone as

Your beloved children. Like the message in the letter of James,

may we love without partiality, embracing those whom society overlooks.

May Your Holy Spirit guide us in our words and actions, so that we may reflect the mercy and compassion of

Christ to all we encounter. Heal us of our own spiritual deafness, and help us to speak words of kindness,

justice, and love. We ask this through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5: 5-6, 7, 12; Lk 6: 6-11

Tuesday: 1Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149: 1-6, 9; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13, 14b, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42 or Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 4:1-10, 13-20 or 4:1-9

Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

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

- There will be a mandatory **Training for old and new Altar Servers** this September 12, Thursday at 6:00PM at the Church Hall. This is an open invitation to all ten (10) years old and above boys and girls.

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, or at 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.

Day	Time	Mass Intentions for the Coming Week: September 9—15, 2024	
Mon Sep 9	7:00am 9:00am 6:00pm	Norma Catajan + Vicenta P. Balquin + Poor Souls in Purgatory	RC AN DO
Tue Sep 10	7:00am 9:00am	Corrie Billote—for Healing Maquinana Family—Thanksgiving	RC AN
Wed Sep 11	7:00am 9:00am	Corrie Billote—for Healing Ma. Asuncion & Severo Arqueza +	AN DO
Thur Sep 12	7:00am 9:00am	Corrie Billote—for Healing Mary Jane Ignacio +	RC DO
Fri Sep 13	7:00am 9:00am	Amelia Panes—Thanksgiving Abella Tolmasoff	AN DO
Sat Sep 14	9:00am 4:00pm	Florentino Macadaeg + Walter Marston +	AN RC
Sun Sep 15	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	Nicky Kulavitaya—Thanksgiving Greta Floresca + Luke Reyes—Thanksgiving	DO RC AN

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Memorial of St. Peter Claver, Priest

Thursday: Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary

Friday: Memorial of St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Updates & Support

AAA Update: OLM parishioners have contributed in cash and pledges **\$ 66,309.00** as of Sept. 3 out of our goal of **\$93, 547.00**.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Aug. 31 and Sept, 1, 2024

FIRST COLLECTION	-	\$ 6,095.00
SECOND COLLECTION /	-	\$ 1,792.25
Parochial School Fund	-	\$ 1,342.00



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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: _____

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