



# Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 6:30 a.m.

Saturday: 7:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.  
(Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

Sunday: 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m.,  
11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
(unless noted in bulletin)

Perpetual Adoration Chapel  
Open 24 Hours a Day -  
7 Days a Week

Thursday Before First Friday  
Holy Hour at 7:00 p.m.

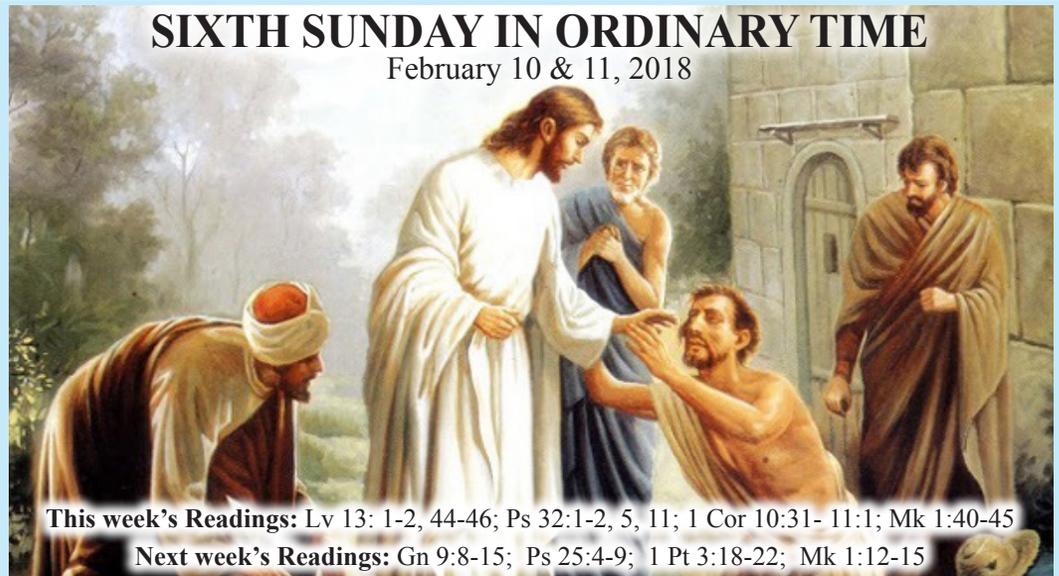
First Friday Mass  
Sacred Heart Devotion  
Mass at 6:30 a.m.  
(unless noted in bulletin)

## MISSION

*Our Lady of Good Counsel is a Christ-centered Parish enlightened by the Holy Spirit, guided by the Scriptures, Tradition and the Sacraments of the Holy Catholic Church; through the Stewardship of time, talent and treasure, seeking to renew and maintain love, family unity and Christian values throughout the community.*

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 10 & 11, 2018



**This week's Readings:** Lv 13: 1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31- 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

**Next week's Readings:** Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

## POPE: "THIS LENT, REVIVE YOUR ENTHUSIASM FOR THE FAITH"

Catholic News Agency

February 6, 2018

In his message for the upcoming Lenten season, Pope Francis urged people to renew their enthusiasm for the faith, using this season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving as an opportunity to stoke the flame of charity in their heart.

"If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew."

At the Easter Vigil, he will light the Easter candle, he said, explaining how it symbolizes a "new fire," and will "slowly overcome the darkness and illuminate the liturgical assembly." "May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds," he continued. "By listening to God's word and drawing nourishment from the table of the Eucharist, may our hearts be ever more ardent in faith, hope and love."

He warned against both cold hearts and "false prophets," which he said tempt us to be led and enslaved by our emotions, or by a desire for wealth. "How many of God's children are mesmerized by momentary pleasures, mistaking them for true happiness!" he wrote.

One of the biggest obstacles to charity, he continued, is the evil of greed of money, which is what almsgiving helps to counteract. Almsgiving is very fitting during Lent, he continued, but added that he hopes that "even in our daily encounters with those who beg for our assistance, we would see such requests as coming from God himself."

Greed also may lead us to violence, he noted, pointing to how we lash out, in particular, at those we think threaten the "certainties" of

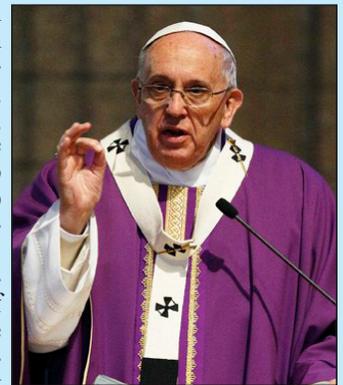
our lives, such as the unborn child, the elderly and infirm, the immigrant, or even just the neighbor "who does not live up to our expectations."

Almsgiving is a way of setting us free from greed, acknowledging that "what I possess is never mine alone."

In fasting, too, we are given the opportunity to grow, he said, both by experiencing the hunger that many people around the world experience daily, and by expressing our own spiritual hunger and thirst for life in God. "Fasting wakes us up. It makes us more attentive to God and our neighbor. It revives our desire to obey God, who alone is capable of satisfying our hunger," he said.

He explained that devoting more time to prayer also helps us to root out vice from our hearts and to find consolation in God, who is our Father and who "wants us to live life well."

"Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life," the Pope said. "With this message, I would like again this year to help the entire Church experience this time of grace anew, with joy and in truth."





## Stretched...Touched...Healed

These past Sundays, we had been reading or listening to Jesus' wonderful miracles of healing to those who were ill and casting out demons. He had been going all of Galilee preaching the Good News of Salvation. What a remarkable ministry He had. He changed the lives of those who were healed and the community they live in. He brought back people on their feet so that they can continue to live their lives to enjoy the goodness that was bestowed on them by the grace of God. All these were made possible because of Jesus' care and concern for them. He showed God's unconditional love restoring their dignity as a human person as beloved sons and daughters of the Heavenly Father.

The effect of all what Jesus did was so great. Jesus became so highly demanded and could hardly find a moment even just to be by Himself and His disciples. Inasmuch as all these took place, He continued on doing God's work. People flocked to Him for a great miracle worker had come upon them.

Again, we read or hear in our Gospel this Sunday, about Jesus healing a man inflicted with a dreaded disease. In this story, a man with leprosy approached Jesus and begged if he could be made clean. The Evangelist Mark narrates that Jesus was moved with pity. It is very important to note of Jesus' reaction to this man. Instead of moving away from him, He showed compassion, stretched out His hand, touched him and healed him. Jesus' action showed not only an emotional feeling for the man but He touched him

physically. In Jewish tradition or custom, this was a big NO-NO. The Book of Leviticus Chapter 13 clearly specifies the situation of the person with such kind of illness. Once one has it, there seems to be no hope for a cure especially during Jesus' time. He or she will remain an outcast and had to proclaim being unclean if ever the person goes to public places. The person loses his or her dignity, family and community.

It is through this situation that we draw our reflection. Jesus shows love and mercy to all. He never excludes anyone. Whoever they were, whatever they do and wherever they were, He loved them and cared for them. If Jesus was like this before, He is still until now. He continues to stretch out His hands to all of us, reaching us no matter how sinful we are and have abandoned Him. He wants us always to be whole and restore our dignity as sons and daughters of the Father. One thing that matter is that, we need also to recognize our need for Him, physically, emotionally and spiritually. Also, when given the grace to do so, we have to prepare ourselves to make that big change called Conversion.

Jesus outpours His love and compassion every single day. He gives us always the Eucharist to be the source of our strength and healing. What we need to do is to open our hearts and minds to embrace Him as He comes in our lives. Let Him take hold of us and touch us that we may be renewed in life and spirit to be made whole again and live. †

# ACTS OF STEWARDSHIP DURING LENT

by Bernadette V. Cabe, Stewardship Committee Chairperson

“Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy.” (Pope Francis)

Lent is a time of reflection of our own brokenness, soul searching, introspection of our relationship with God, others and ourselves, self-denial and discipline. It is time away from the material world and quiet time with the Lord in observance of the three pillars of Lent which are prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Here are some ideas we can avail of right here in our parish:

**Prayer:** Daily Mass, spending time in the Blessed Sacrament (open 24/7), reciting the Rosary individually or in a group, praying together (Blessed Mother Prayer Group, Charismatic Prayer Group, Neocatechumenal Way), Stations of the Cross, reading the Scripture and meditation.

**Fasting:** Abstain from food, drinks, social media are some examples.

**Almsgiving:** Help the needy (OLGC Outreach, missions), increase weekly church donation and spend time with those who need our help.

Times of the above activities can be found in the Parish Activities Schedule of the weekly bulletin.

“For Lent I will pray for those who have no one to pray for them, give up sweets, feed the hungry and increase financial donation.” Val Ho



“For Lent this year, I am going to do a 54-day Novena of the Rosary with a group of other ladies. I tend to eat out a lot, so I am fasting from eating out and whenever I have a meal at home, I will put \$5 into my CRS rice bowl.” Nellani Tabada



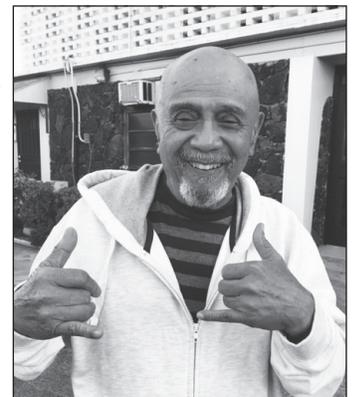
“I am not perfect, but for Lent and beyond I offer my ‘yes’, my heart and my life to the Lord.” Loretta Pekelo



“My offering for this Lenten season is to dedicate more time to prayer and to sacrifice by fasting.” Christopher Iokia Ramento



“My Lenten offering is to reduce social media use, pray the Rosary daily, begin prayer journaling, attend daily Mass and begin tithing online.” Nicole Santos



“My Lenten offering is to be more effective in advancing, celebrating and embracing God’s kingdom on earth; and to make a difference in my own uniqueness.” Deacon Ernie Libarios

“Together with Christ what we believe, we can achieve.”

# Catholic School’s Week 2018

*By Kathleen Weber, Information Technology Teacher*

At the School Catholic School’s Week opening Mass, Father Pascual reminded us of this year’s theme: Learn, Serve, Lead and Succeed. We saw each of these principles enacted this week as our community engaged in activities designed to develop these qualities in our students.

The week began with Mass on Monday morning hosted by the Fifth Grade Students. After hearing the Word of God and participating in the holy sacrifice of the Mass, the students returned to their classrooms to earn their pledges for the Spell-a-thon. In the afternoon, our Bible Trivia Quiz tested everyone’s recollection and understanding of theological knowledge. There was a wonderful turn out for the Open House in the evening as we showcased our work and presented our classrooms as a culmination of a successful two quarters work.

It was evident looking at the classrooms that our students are meeting their Student Learning Expectations.

Tuesday was a wonderful day of service as the school community participated in the American Heart Association’s Jump Rope for Heart. This fundraising activity aims to raise funds for heart health and to educate our students in leading a healthy, active lifestyle. The event was a fabulous display in peer teaching as older students



assisted and worked together with our younger students to encourage participation.

The events of Wednesday’s Spirit Day can only be described as brilliant! Each class marched into the playground chanting their theme and holding their banner.

As the classes fought for Gold, Silver and Bronze, the audience was treated to a display of singing and dancing. The energy and enthusiasm was contagious and the Class of 2018 certainly enjoyed their final Spirit Day.

Thursday’s field trips were a huge success. In class groups, our students were exposed to a plethora of age appropriate experiences including trampolining at Hawai’i

Academy, viewing the range of animals at the Honolulu Zoo, experiencing Marine Biology at the Living Art Marine Center and participating in service learning at St. Philomena Early Learning Center. Our goals of Faith, Knowledge and Service were met by each of these activities as we ended the student week with a memorable field trip.

Our staff were treated to a day of reflection and influences on our pedagogy. The beautiful

Sacred Hearts Academy was the site for our ACCE Conference beginning with Mass and ending with small group sessions in a variety of disciplines. As a staff, we thank our hosts and organizers for a rewarding and faith filled experience, reminding us why we choose to teach in a Catholic school.

When we think about what makes Catholic schools different, we remember that we seek to develop in our students’ certain qualities. These include obligations to the wider community and to champion values that unite society by promoting citizenship rooted in social justice. Special events like Catholic Schools Week help us to provide opportunities to emphasize personal and social development as enduring values in an ever-changing world.

May our OLGCS community continue to Learn, Serve, Lead and Succeed!



# DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

## FEBRUARY 10

Luz Ancheta Andrews 2005  
Dallas Howard Himo 2007  
Arturo Salacnib Draculan 2008

## FEBRUARY 11

George Ponce 1979  
Vincente Cabalis 1979  
Arren Christopher Kalaheo Blanchard 1994  
Frederick Kim 1996  
Timothy Calderon 1999  
Florence Hepa 2003

## FEBRUARY 12

Joseph Dolar Doseo 1959  
Beatrice Hoopii Olsen 1972  
Joseph Price 1976  
Basilisa Ocao Maning 1978  
Robert Quibido Dulay 1983  
Lawrence Vincent 1989  
Manuel Gonzales 1993  
Ernest Ponce 1998  
Ellen Ah Lung Decorte 2001  
Marilyn Haleamau 2004  
Felipa Bartolome 2010  
Nancy Banaay Roylo 2011  
Herminia "Minnie" Elvinia 2014  
Gaylian Ching Mun 2014

## FEBRUARY 13

Edward Morris 2003  
Eleanor Kuulei Zoller 2003  
Gladys Winona DeCosta 2010  
Crestita Calderon Ancheta 2014

## FEBRUARY 14

Benjamin Caspe Panis 1965  
Felix Hesira 1970  
Carlos Errin Silva 1971  
Lin Lam 1997  
Damiana Faraon Garalde 2004  
Agnes Camara Duarte 2009  
Jacqueline Kekumu 2017

## FEBRUARY 15

Gorio Kanatian 1969  
Joseph Tavares 1973  
Robert Walter Cabral 1974  
Maximo Matias Pascua Jr. 2005  
Joan Mari Kalili 2007  
Erlinda Hinaut Ramos 2011  
Florentino Candalera Ubando 2012  
Benjamin "Benny" Ligsay 2016

## FEBRUARY 16

Magdalena Alfonso 1973  
Sean Anthony Pascua 1975  
Janet Aileen Ayersman 1984  
John Solomon Haleamau 1994  
Frances Young 2002  
Marcial Cordero 2005  
Olive Mary Fajotina 2005  
Mary Keoahu Keaunui 2006

# MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

Please call the Parish Office to have your intentions added to our schedule.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:00 a.m. Birthday blessings, good health & thanksgiving for Eric J. Cabico and Philamerico Dela Cruz. For the eternal repose of the souls of Liberato "Libby" Viduya, Crestita & Estefanio Ancheta, Joe Hankey & Gaudencio Dela Cruz Sr.

5:00 p.m. For the eternal repose of the souls of Joe Hankey, Joselito JG Respicio, Bentley Tabaniag, Kanistus Usenuku & Daniel K. Sailer

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

6:30 a.m. Special intentions for Lianne Chang. Birthday blessings for Julian Madamba. Blessings & speedy recovery for Zayvier Balisacan. For the eternal repose of the souls of Peter Le Sanh, Joaquim Tran Thai, Anna Nguyen, Crestita & Estefnio Ancheta & Eva Ronquillo

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Good Counsel

11 a.m. For the eternal repose of the souls of Liberato "Libby" Viduya, Rizal Castillo, Sabino Valdez, Valeriano Valdez, Loreto Valdez, Aniline Sanidad Albis & Kanistus Usenuku

5:00 p.m. For the eternal repose of the souls of Ann Coleman, Bentley Tabaniag & Daniel K. Sailer

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

For the eternal repose of the souls of Liberato "Libby" Viduya, Crestita & Estefanio Ancheta, Joe Hankey & Daniel K. Sailer

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

For the eternal repose of the souls Catalina Villamor, Liberato "Libby" Viduya, Crestita & Estefanio Ancheta, David Manuel, Joe Hankey & Daniel K. Sailer

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 No personal intentions

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

For the eternal repose of the souls of Liberato "Libby" Viduya, Joe Hankey, Domingo & Marcelina Dimaculangan, Vitaliano Rasalan Sunajo & Daniel K. Sailer

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

For the high school youth on retreat this weekend. For the eternal repose of the souls of Liberato "Libby" Viduya, Domingo & Marcelina Dimaculangan & Daniel K. Sailer



# STEWARDSHIP REPORT

You can gift wrap your tithe in a personalized envelope! Please contact our Parish Office for details. **Thank You for your continued generosity!**

## GENERAL OPERATING FUND

July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018	\$	832,000.00
Weekly Goal	\$	16,000.00
COLLECTIONS for February 3 & 4, 2018		
Tithing from Collection Envelopes	\$	9,039.00
Loose Collections	\$	3,180.75
Online Giving for January 29-February 2, 2018	\$	1,301.00
Misc Holiday Donation	\$	50.00
Correction to January 21 Collection	\$	(450.00)
Year to Date Budget	\$	512,000.00
Year to Date Receipts	\$	507,243.55
Difference	\$	(4,756.45)
Number of tithing envelopes rcvd		245

## BUILDING FUND

Current Building Fund Balance	\$	704,667.73
Collections for February 3 & 4, 2018	\$	1,602.00
Online Giving for January 29-February 2, 2018	\$	152.00
Phase III Construction Goal	\$	3,000,000.00
Amount to Goal	\$	(2,295,332.27)

## CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND

Current Church Maintenance Fund Balance	\$	189,618.48
Collections for February 3 & 4, 2018	\$	203.00
Online Giving: January 29-February 2, 2018	\$	202.00
Church Maintenance Expenses - Dec through Jan	\$	(5,681.37)

## SECOND COLLECTION

OLGC School	\$	113.00
The Church in Latin America	\$	20.00



## GOOD SAMARITAN STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The fate of a leper is a great tragedy at any time and place. In Jesus' time, lepers were considered condemned, part of the plagues God sent as punishment. They were cast out of society and abandoned. Saint Mark's Gospel reveals the unthinkable. Jesus reaches out and touches a leper. He risks catching the contagious disease and heals the man. As the Gospel story teaches, no one is abandoned by Christ. Are there those in our society or in our personal lives for whom we ascribe no hope, who we have abandoned, treated like lepers? Or as Christ's stewards of our sisters and brothers, do we risk reaching out and touching those who may seem to us to be "unclean" or not worthy of our time or attention?

## TITHING GUIDE

Here is a helpful guide for tithing to our Parish based on 5% and 10% tithes of your total income.



ANNUAL WEEKLY INCOME	10%		5%		ANNUALLY
	10%	5%	10%	5%	
\$10,000	19.23	9.61	83.33	41.66	1000.00
\$15,000	26.84	14.42	125.00	62.50	1500.00
\$20,000	38.46	19.23	166.66	83.33	2000.00
\$25,000	48.07	24.03	208.33	104.16	2500.00
\$30,000	57.69	28.84	250.00	125.00	3000.00
\$40,000	76.92	38.46	333.33	166.66	4000.00
\$50,000	96.15	48.07	416.66	208.33	5000.00
\$60,000	115.38	57.69	500.00	250.00	6000.00
\$70,000	134.62	67.31	583.33	291.66	7000.00
\$80,000	153.85	76.92	666.67	333.34	8000.00
\$90,000	173.08	86.54	750.00	375.00	9000.00
\$100,000	192.31	96.15	833.33	416.66	10000.00
\$125,000	240.38	120.19	1041.67	520.33	12500.00



## ONLINE GIVING

✝ *Remember us in your will*

Our Lady of Good Counsel is extremely grateful to those individuals who have made, or have expressed an intention to make a gift to our future ministries in their will. Such a gift is among the most far reaching and valuable contributions. If you are considering leaving your gift as a will or bequest and would like more information, please call (808) 455-3012.

## PARISH/SCHOOL HOURS & INFORMATION

PARISH OFFICE HOURS  
MONDAY through FRIDAY  
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Closed 12 noon to 1 p.m. for  
lunch and on holidays

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SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS  
MONDAY through FRIDAY  
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WEDNESDAY  
7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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## CHURCH & SCHOOL STAFF DIRECTORY

**Rev. Father Pascual Abaya IV**  
*Pastor*

**Rev. Father Alfred Omar B. Guerrero**  
*Parochial Vicar*

**Rev. Deacon Thomas Miyashiro**  
**Rev. Deacon Efrain Andrews**  
**Rev. Deacon Raymond Lamb**  
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**Mrs. Lisa Saito**  
*Secretary*

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*Secretarial Assistant*

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*Director of Religious Education*

**Mrs. Leilani Asuncion-Tagupa**  
*Asst. Coord. of Religious Education*

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*Youth & Family Ministry Coordinator*

**Mr. John Priolo**  
*Finance Committee Chairperson*

**Mr. Keith Yoshida**  
*Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson*

**Mr. Abundio Cabe**  
*Pastoral Center Manager*

**Mrs. Chantelle Luarca**  
*Interim School Principal*

**Mrs. Teri Nicolas**  
*School Secretary*

**Mrs. Nellie Enos**  
*School Receptionist*

## PARISH ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:15 a.m.	Martin Rivera	Church
11 a.m.	Rivera Funeral Mass	Church
12:30 p.m.	Martin Rivera Burial	Offsite
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Spirit & Grace Choir	Church
7 - 9 p.m.	Knights of Columbus	Center

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

5 - 9 p.m.	AHG	PC
6 - 9 p.m.	RCIA	Center
6 - 7 p.m.	Shazzy Fitness	School
7 - 9 p.m.	Samoan Choir	Church

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

<b>Ash Wednesday</b>		
6:30 a.m.	Mass	Church
8:15 a.m.	School Mass	Church
8:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Outreach	Center
5 - 6 p.m.	Y & YA Choir	Mtg Rm
5 p.m.	Mass	Church
6 - 9 p.m.	YAFM	Mtg Rm
7 p.m.	Mass	Church

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

4:30 - 6 p.m.	Blessed Mother PG	Church
5 - 9 p.m.	Cub Scouts	PC 6 - 7
6 - 7 p.m.	Shazzy Fitness	Center
6 - 9 p.m.	YAM	Mtg Rm
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Spirit & Grace Choir	Church

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

2 - 5 p.m.	YAFM	PC1
3 - 5 p.m.	HS Confirmation	Center
7 - 9 p.m.	Reflections Choir	Church

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7 a.m. - 6 p.m.	YAFM	PC1
8 a.m.	Stewardship Day	Offsite
9 - 10 a.m.	Shazzy Fitness	PC2
9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Samoan Choir	Mtg Rm
12 - 2:30 p.m.	PABS	Mtg Rm

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

12:15 p.m.	Baptism	Church
12 - 4 p.m.	HS Confirmation	PC



# LITURGICAL CATECHESIS

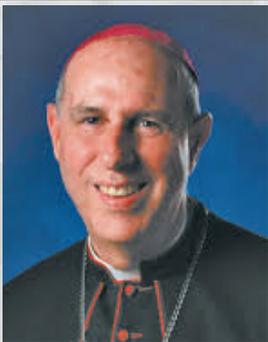
by Rev. Alfred Omar B. Guerrero  
Parochial Vicar/Director of Liturgy



Last weekend, we featured our newly ordained Deacon assigned to OLGC in our stewardship corner of the bulletin. This catechesis focuses on the role of the Deacon at Mass. “After the Priest, the Deacon, in virtue of the sacred Ordination he has received, holds the first place among those who minister in the celebration of the Eucharist. For the sacred Order of the Diaconate has been held in high honor in the Church even from the early time of the Apostles. At Mass the Deacon has his own part in proclaiming the Gospel, from time to time in preaching God’s Word, in announcing the intentions of the Universal Prayer, in ministering to the Priest, in preparing the altar and in serving the celebration of the Sacrifice, in distributing the Eucharist to the faithful, especially under the species of wine, and from time to time in giving instructions regarding the people’s gestures and posture (GIRM, 94.)” When there is no Deacon present, most of his function belongs to the Priest. Lay ministers may help in some of the deacons functions such as announcing

the intentions, preparing the altar, and distributing the Eucharist to the faithful.

**W**ord of the Week: **Lent** -The period that precedes the celebration of Christ’s Passion and Resurrection during the Paschal Triduum. Lent is both a time of preparation for Baptism and a penitential time; it is approximately forty days long, echoing the forty days of prayer and fasting of Jesus in the desert after his baptism. In the Western Church, it begins on Ash Wednesday and continues for six weeks. It ends prior to the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday. The last week of Lent is called Holy Week. For the elect, Lent is the Period of Purification and Enlightenment, the final preparation for Baptism at Easter. For the baptized, Lent is a time for renewal in the meaning and grace of their own Baptism. The Alleluia is not sung or said from the beginning of Lent until the Easter Vigil. (Word of the Week from *A Glossary of Liturgical Terms* by Dennis C. Smolarski, SJ, 2017)



## BISHOP LARRY SILVA



In anticipation of possible requests for a dispensation from penitential fast and abstinence on Ash Wednesday because it is also Valentine’s Day, I think it is most important for us as Catholics to observe the beginning of the penitential season of Lent by fully observing Ash Wednesday. While it is wonderful for spouses and sweethearts to celebrate Valentine’s Day, it could just as easily be celebrated on Mardi Gras Day, Tuesday, February 13.

Blessings to all in the upcoming Lenten season!

## WELCOME INFORMATION

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** If you are seriously ill, or will be undergoing surgery, please contact the Parish Office.

**BLESSINGS:** Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements for blessings of home, cars, boats, etc.

**CANDLES:** Candles are available for purchase upon request.

**CHANGE of ADDRESS:** Please notify the secretary of any changes.

**FUNERALS:** Please contact the Parish Office before making arrangements with the mortuary.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Welcome to OLGC Parish! Please register and join in our Parish activities.

### SACRAMENTS of INITIATION:

**INFANT BAPTISM:** Please contact the Parish Office to make an appointment with the priest. Parents should apply at least one month prior to the Baptismal Preparation Program.

**CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

**RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION for ADULTS (RCIA):** Please contact the Parish Office if you are a baptized Christian of another denomination wishing to become Catholic, or if you wish to receive the Sacraments of Initiation.

**SACRAMENT of MATRIMONY:** Please contact the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance for an appointment with a priest. This appointment should take place before any other arrangements are made.