



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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 24 & 25, 2018



This week's Readings: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a,10-13, 15-18; Psalm 116:10, 15-19; Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10

Next week's Readings: Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Psalm 19:8-11; 1Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

POPE FRANCIS WARNS AGAINST 'FAKE FASTING' DURING LENT

Vatican News February 16, 2018

Pope Francis has reminded the faithful to give up something for Lent only if it demonstrates compassion and enriches others.

When fasting, Pope Francis said, a true Christian must be consistent, not putting himself on show, never despising others or engaging in quarrels or disagreements. He also warned against the temptation of 'showing off' by fasting: by making a fuss of it and letting people know that we are practicing Catholics and we do penance, so that people think what a good person. He said, "This is a trick. It's pretending to be virtuous."

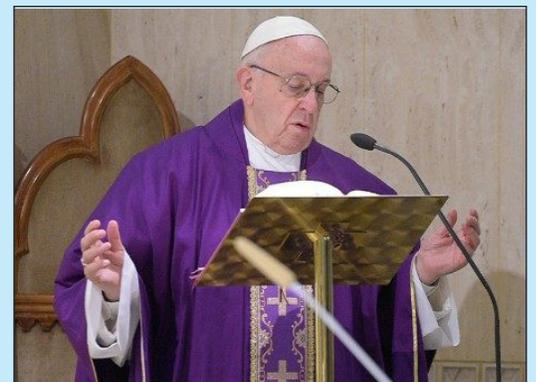
He invited the faithful to fast in order to help others. But always with a smile. Fasting, he said, also involves lowering oneself by reflecting on one's sins and asking forgiveness from the Lord.

He exhorted Christians to do penance, to feel a little hunger, to pray more during Lent and to ask themselves how they

behave towards the other.

"Does my fast help others? If it does not it's fake, it's inconsistent and it takes you on the path to a double life, pretending to be a just Christian - like the Pharisees or the Sadducees" he said.

Let us ask for the grace of consistency he concluded: "If I am unable to do something, I will not do it. I will do only what I can with the consistency of a true Christian."





LISTENING TO THE VOICE OF GOD

Today, we are overwhelmed with so much noise, physically and mentally around us. We are overly concerned with a lot of things the world offers. Many people affect our lives and with the work we do, we could hardly find time to slow down and be quiet to be at peace. Because of all these, worry and anxiety take hold of us. And when these happen, we are more focus to relieve all these and could hardly find time to value our day and be more concerned on the essential things in life. Essential things like our family, our spiritual lives and more so our relationship with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Our Gospel Reading this Sunday brings us back to the account of the Transfiguration of Jesus. Peter, James and John are so privileged to witness the event. Peter is caught up with high energy that he wants to build three tents for Jesus, Elijah and Moses. The experience though terrifying places Peter in a position to be excited to build tents for them. In this event a voice from the cloud is heard, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." After the transfiguration, all of them went down from the mountain and Jesus tells them not to say anything about it until He will rise from the dead.

The glorification of Jesus is not brought about by his miracles or well-known teachings. Actually, these miracles and thought provoking teachings put him in trouble with the scribes and Pharisees. Rather, Jesus' glorification is brought about by his Passion, Death

and Resurrection, the Paschal Mystery. He suffered and died for the sin of humanity. His act of sacrificial love is brought about by His obedience to God's will. He dedicated His life totally to His Father for He listened to Him wholeheartedly.

This Sunday and especially during this Season of Lent, it is very important for us to reflect the words of the Father, "this is my beloved Son...listen to him." Why do we have to reflect on it? It is because Jesus sets an example for us how we can truly become His sons and daughters. To listen to him directs our path towards the things that would nourish our lives spiritually and motivates us to live in grace and not in sin. The Opening Prayer of this Sunday's Liturgy expresses this, "O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight make pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory."

Lent is a time given to us to really examine ourselves if we are indeed living out our call to be Jesus' disciples today. It also motivates us to become true Stewards of Prayer, Participation and Generosity recognizing God's goodness in our lives. Thus, it is very important to ask ourselves if we have been really faithful turning away from our sinfulness and listening and believing in the Good News of Christ. Lent gives us a moment to calm down ourselves. Maybe one of these days you will be able to listen to the voice of God and hear what He is telling you.

FROM GOSSIP TO GREATNESS IN A PARISH COMMUNITY

Gossip causes negativity, turmoil & hard feelings.

No matter how you ended up in a ministry, you were led in one way or another by the Holy Spirit. When you said "yes" to God's call, it was just the beginning of more things to come as you minister to the people. Holy Spirit leads. Trust that God never calls us without giving us everything we need to accomplish what we are asked to do. God knows us very well, our innermost thoughts, motivation, desires, insecurities, strengths and weaknesses. God called us into a ministry and we have to trust in the grace given to us no matter how difficult the situation maybe.

Pope Francis in a speech in Genoa, urged parish members to work for the common good. He said, "Let us ask God for the grace of not fossilizing ourselves on non-central issues, but to dedicate ourselves fully to the urgency of the mission. Don't become hardened unto yourself. Work together and dedicate yourself to the urgency of the mission which is profound today in our world."

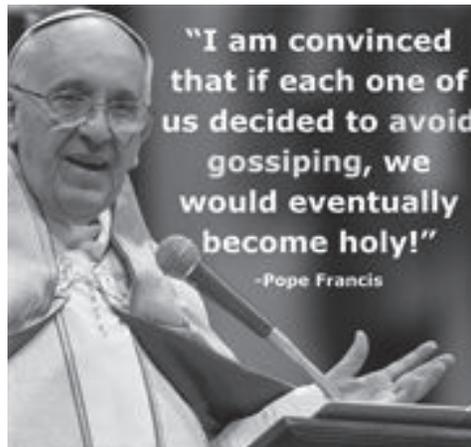
When we work together there will be differences in temperament and personality. When people respect each other they can work around these differences. handle gossip and negativity Pope Francis says negativity and gossip are a worm, poison and terrorism of the tongue. A gossip drops a verbal bomb that tends to destroy. He says there are many enemies of harmony and gossip is the deadliest and the most common. He says gossip is the devil's weapon that the devil uses to destroy the church from within. He says gossip removes the skin from another. When a gossip talks behind someone's back, they believe themselves to be better than the other person. A gossiping community is incapable of giving authentic witness. He reminds us that words can kill. Pope Francis calls gossip a serious sin.

Unrealistic expectations can also give rise to negativity in dealing with people. We get stressed because other staff members and parishioners don't always respond the way we think they should. We can also get negative because events don't unfold exactly what we had planned. We feel disappointed, angry and frustrated because in our minds things should turn out differently. It's a trap we can avoid by recognizing that things are not always going to turn out the way we expect them to turn out. We have to conform to the reality that we don't live in a perfect world. We have to refrain from making assumptions, jumping into conclusion that have no basis in reality. Your parish is imperfect, your ministry is imperfect, your parishioners are imperfect, you are imperfect but God has called you to help His kingdom here on earth. And with God's call came the promise that the Holy Spirit will guide and sustain you in everything that you say and do.



When negativity and problems with staff members let you down, resist the temptation to become disillusioned, resist the temptation to gossip about it with other people, instead turn to God in prayer, place your hope in the Lord and ask for inspiration to move through whatever difficulty you're facing and then be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit. You may be completely shocked where the Holy Spirit leads you.

Tips on negativity and tensions that may arise among staff members:



1) Keep lines of communication open. It's so important to talk about difficulties as they arise. If necessary look for an impartial person to act as a referee – don't hold on to resentments – let the person know if he/she hurt you in some way and then forgive that person and don't even think of retaliation or revenge. Make sure you are not holding on to negative attitude yourself. What you say and do can have a negative impact on other people in the parish. Don't publicize the problem or try to rally support for your side. You may not like what the other person may say or do but you're still expected to treat that person with respect. Don't participate in bad behavior. Gossip, backstabbing, undermining, namecalling and other things are not in keeping with Catholic principles.

2) Another technique that may work in difficult situations is what psychologists call "reframing". It's a technique that changes how you look at a situation you can feel better about what's happening. All you have to do is remind yourself that there's more than one way to look at something. So choose the one that will make you feel better. Sometimes reframing is seeing that the glass is half full instead of half empty or by asking yourself what if I thought the exact opposite.

How do we deal with negativity and gossipmongers without losing one's patience or internalizing their problems? You cannot control the other person's behavior – you can only control how you react to this person. Don't respond in anger – take time to cool off – talk to the pastor or a third party. Let go, let God. Letting go is the essence of spirituality.

Webinar of Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) presented by Lorie Duquin on January 9, 2018. Summarized by Bernadette Cabe.

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

OLGC SCHOOL ALUMNUS MAX SPENCER



My name is Maxwell Spencer. I attended Our Lady of Good Counsel School for 9 years and graduated in 2015. I am also a Junior Assistant Scout Master for Boy Scout Troop 326, which is sponsored by Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. My 2 brothers and I also serve in the Altar Server Ministry for the church.

The important life lesson my parents, teachers at school and the priests at OLGC instilled in me is the importance the 3 T's: Time, Talent and Treasure. I knew I wanted my Eagle Scout project to be to improve the surrounding church grounds. Last March, my troop and I painted and added non-skid tape to the stairways around the church for the safety of the parishioners.

Last November, I achieved the highest rank of Eagle Scout. I am grateful to our unit sponsor Laurie Munoz and Father Pascual for their support in helping me in this achievement. Since the Lord has abundantly blessed me, I know that I should give back to my church community.



DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

FEBRUARY 24

Mary Rose Leibrock	1968
Gerald Dexter Hall	1979
John Feliciano	1993
Victorino Cabalayan	1998
Gilbert Wong Dela Cruz	2000
Thrina Severina Arcamo	2005
Jane Ann Ross	2013

FEBRUARY 25

Pedro Agbuya Munar	1970
Kalala Pale Mageo	1987
Alma Rios Carter	2011
Flora Jensen	2014

FEBRUARY 26

Joseph James McGinn	1993
Rose Marie Pacheco	1999
Andres De Parini Jr.	2000
Angeline Ruth Gabriel	2005
Kangichy Welle	2008
Genoveva Yuson Saludares Ammons	2008
George Gregorio Dulay	2012

FEBRUARY 27

Edward Gabriel Agbayani	1973
Mary Kong	1986
Estrellita Espejo	2003
Taye Brendan Alisigwe	2008
Trey Brock Alisigwe	2008
Tiyanna Brook Alisigwe	2008

FEBRUARY 28

Caroline Eberhardt	1974
Dominga Ramos Alejo	1975
Darlene Haruko Inouye	1993
Feliciano Pascua	1993
Jerome Francis Dioguardi	2002
Charlotte Paige Schaefers	2004
Ululani Aiana	2009
Maria Pagaduan Guerzon	2010
Phillip Mark Javier	2011
Melvin Leroy Willing	2013
Patrick Taouli Su'a	2016
Alfredo Martin Asuncion	2017

FEBRUARY 29

Rose Marie Yorong	2008
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MARCH 1

Marina Abaya Borge	1978
Tomatsu Hosaka	1979
Yun Hoy Young	1979
Linda Anne DeMello	1987
Martina Abelay	1987
Leonora Ramento	1992
Pedro Rapadas	1996
Helen Marie McCann	2001
James Ganotise Salcedo	2008

MARCH 2

Peter Macaraeg	1991
Conchita Sibayan	1995
Fausto Villafior	1997
Robert Escalera	2002
Estifania Ganeron	2003
Violet Lo Baricuatro	2012

MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:00 a.m. Blessings & special intentions for Lee Pocock. For the eternal repose of the souls of Liberato "Libby" Viduya, Florencio, Matrona & Estanislao Cachero, Luz Ancheta Andrews & Josefa Herrera

5:00 p.m. Birthday blessings for Naomi Amuro. For the eternal repose of the souls of Nick Alviedo, Daniel K. Sailer & Gloria Limon

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

6:30 a.m. Wedding anniversary blessings for Malo & Tia Afoa. For the eternal repose of the soul of Daniel K. Sailer

8:30 a.m. Birthday blessings for Naomi Amuro. For the eternal repose of the souls of Liberato "Libby" Viduya, Luz Ancheta Andrews & Dennis Luat

11 a.m. For the eternal repose of the souls of Rizal Castillo, Kanistus Usenuku, Concejo & Delfin Rockwell, Rafael Abellana Jr. & Sr., Ronnie Abellana, Eliza Suarez & Josefa Herrera

5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Good Counsel

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Birthday blessings for Amanda Smith. For the eternal repose of the souls of Liberato "Libby" Viduya, Daniel K. Sailer & Josefa Herrera

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

For the eternal repose of the souls Liberato "Libby" Viduya, Daniel K. Sailer, & Josefa Herrera

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

For the eternal repose of the souls of Liberato "Libby" Viduya, Daniel K. Sailer & Josefa Herrera

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

For the eternal repose of the souls of Daniel K. Sailer & Josefa Herrera

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

Special intentions for the Perpetual Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament. For the eternal repose of the souls of Daniel K. Sailer & Josefa Herrera



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 17 & 18, 2018	\$	16,225.21
Tithing from Collection Envelopes	\$	7,345.00
Loose Collections	\$	2,893.17
Online Giving for February 12-16, 2018	\$	897.70
Ash Wednesday Donations	\$	5,069.34
Misc Holiday Donation	\$	20.00
Year to Date Budget	\$	544,000.00
Year to Date Receipts	\$	537,523.10
Difference	\$	(6,476.90)
Number of tithing envelopes received		230

BUILDING FUND

Current Building Fund Balance	\$	706,234.98
Collections for February 17 & 18, 2018	\$	865.25
Online Giving for February 12-16, 2018	\$	77.00
Phase III Construction Goal	\$	3,000,000.00
Amount to Goal	\$	(2,293,765.02)

CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND

Current Church Maintenance Fund Balance	\$	190,863.48
Collections for February 17 & 18, 2018	\$	158.00
Online Giving for February 12-16, 2018	\$	152.00

SECOND COLLECTION

OLGC School	\$	135.00
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GOOD SAMARITAN STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The Gospel story of the transfiguration of Jesus holds many lessons; the most prominent being the transformation of Jesus from simply being perceived as a wise and gifted prophet to the one who has fulfilled the sacred traditions of the Mosaic law and the hope of the prophets, the Messiah, the Christ. The Lord calls his stewards to participate to His redemptive activity. Heeding this call requires transformation, being willing to renounce patterns of behavior that draw us away from God. In this coming week of Lent, let us pray for the grace to be transformed, so that by our goodness and generosity, we may walk more authentically in the footsteps of Jesus.

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

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*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

PARISH ADDRESS & INFO
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WEDNESDAY
7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson

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Mrs. Chantelle Luarca
Interim School Principal

Mrs. Teri Nicolas
School Secretary

Mrs. Nellie Enos
School Receptionist

PARISH ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Spirit & Grace Choir	Church
7 - 9 p.m.	Knights of Columbus	Center

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Outreach	Center
5 - 6 p.m.	Youth & YA Choir	Mtg Rm
6 - 7 p.m.	Shazzy Fitness	PC 1
6 - 9 p.m.	Charismatic Prayer Grp	Church
6 - 9 p.m.	Filipino Ministry	Center
7 p.m.	Finance Committee	PC2
7 - 9 p.m.	YAFM	Mtg Rm

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

8:15 a.m.	School Mass	Church
4:30 - 6 p.m.	Blessed Mother PG	Church
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Spirit & Grace Choir	Church
6:30 - 9 p.m.	YAM	Center.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

7 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	Church
7:30 - 9 p.m.	Reflections Choir	Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

7 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Blood Bank	Parking Lot
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	MS Confirmation Retreat	PC
9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Samoan Choir	Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

9:45 - 10:45 a.m.	CCD	School
2 - 4:30 p.m.	CYM (MS)	PC
5 - 8:30 p.m.	CYM (HS)	PC



LITURGICAL CATECHESIS

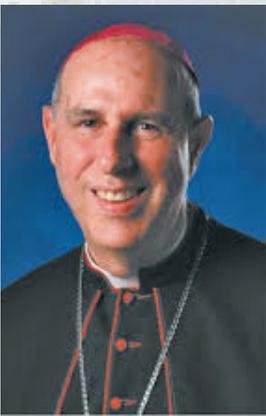
by Rev. Alfred Omar B. Guerrero
Parochial Vicar/Director of Liturgy



Since it is the Season of Lent, these next Catecheses will focus on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult a.k.a. RCIA. Last Sunday, Bishop Larry Silva declared our four catechumens as members of the elect. Although members of the Church already by their desire, they will be initiated into the sacred mysteries at the next Easter Vigil. This enrollment of their names is the second step in Christian initiation. The celebration on the rite of election usually is done on the First Sunday of Lent and it marks the beginning



of the period of final, more intense preparation for the sacraments of initiation. This period of purification and enlightenment encourages the elect to follow Christ with greater generosity. Most of us were baptized as infants, which is a great blessing, but the Catechumenate process is a great reminder of God's gift of salvation and an opportunity for renewal and authentic conversion. Please pray for our Elect this season: Kalena Kai Lee, Kira Kekoa, Leilanee Ryan, and Sebastian Ryan.



BISHOP LARRY SILVA



We who are already baptized are not immune to the struggle in this desert of Lent into which the Spirit drives us. We can very easily fall into the trap of thinking that we are wiser than God and can make decisions on our own that we know God would disapprove. We can very easily live our faith very safely, not sharing it with anyone and not taking the risks that come with living it fully. We can easily fall into the power of the Father of Lies and create our own "truth," because it is something we want to believe; decide on our own when life should begin or life should end and cover over the most heinous of crimes with the slogan of "conscience," even though in our heart of hearts we know what we are choosing to do is wrong. We can easily ignore the plight of our suffering brothers and sisters because it would be too uncomfortable or too demanding for us to notice them and respond to their needs. To struggle against these tendencies and temptations we all experience is not for the faint-hearted, but can engage us in an adventure that is risky and dangerous, because doing what is right could lead to our rejection.

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 OLG 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.