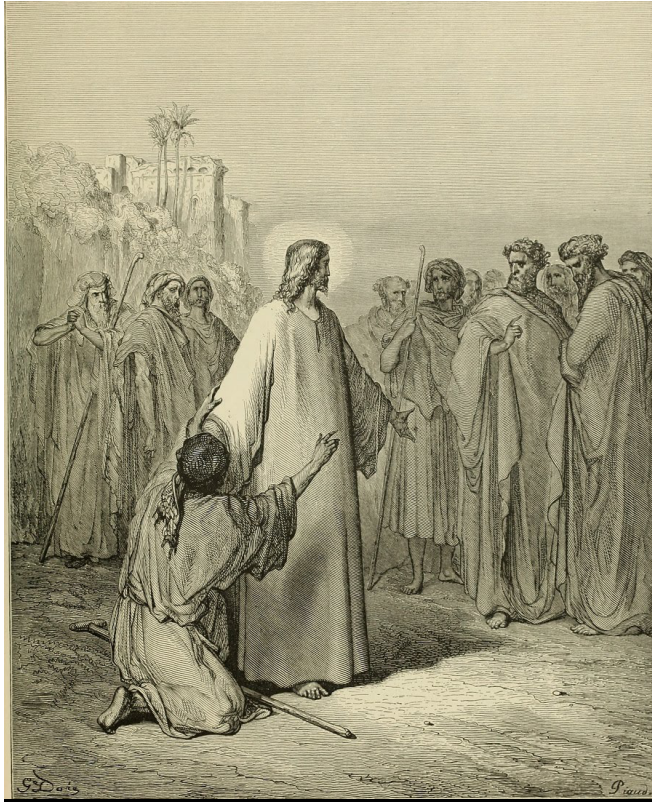


FEBRUARY 10 & 11, 2024
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The First Reading today is from the Book of Leviticus, which is one of the early books of Hebrew Scripture, one of the early books of our Christian Bible. Chapters 12 to 15 deal with various illnesses and why some illnesses require the person to live apart, primarily in order not to infect others. We can well imagine, however, that if a person were able to hide some kind of infection, they would do so in order to avoid expulsion from the community.

The Second Reading is from the First Letter to the Corinthians. The strong teaching in this small excerpt is that we should try to avoid giving offense to others and should try to please everyone. That is a tall order but we can understand that Christians are called to love everyone and to serve everyone and to put one's own needs behind the needs of others. This could sound like a commandment just to be nice. Instead Saint Paul thinks of it as a way to bring salvation to others. We are all missionaries and must think about how we can draw others to Christ Jesus.

The Gospel from Mark today brings us back to leprosy. The leper in today's Gospel wants to be cured. His faith that Jesus can cure him is so strong that Jesus tells him: "Be made clean." And the leprosy leaves him. Even though Jesus asks the leper to be silent about this cure, the leper cannot keep his mouth shut. The leper proclaims to everyone that he has been cured by Jesus.

Sin is seen in the early Church as a form of moral leprosy. We are invited by Jesus to become clean in baptism. The early Church had a huge struggle to come to understand how anyone baptized could return to sin. But sin is like leprosy and returns over and over until there is a completely cure. The cure for spiritual leprosy is faith in Jesus Christ.

Today on this Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time, we can ask ourselves: *Do I really want to be free of sin? Am I willing to call out to the Lord and ask the Lord to heal me? Am I willing to proclaim the glory of God?*



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT AT 12:45PM IN ENGLISH AND 6PM IN SPANISH.



“What are you giving up for Lent?”

It's the question we are all asking each other right about now. And yes, giving up something we enjoy such as sweets, coffee, or our favorite TV show is a great start. These external penances are a necessary part of the season—and should be a part of our lives in some way throughout the year.

But what else can we do to actively cultivate virtue and really target our faults this Lent? How can we take our penances to the next level?

Here are 5 ideas that might prove a bit challenging—but try them out and you'll be enjoying some sweet spiritual fruit soon!

1. Mortify your will through the practice of obedience. Obedience takes different forms depending on our state in life. Those in religious life must obey their religious superiors, and children their parents. As lay adults, we can do it by cheerfully serving our spouse and children, fulfilling our assigned tasks at work, or simply allowing others to go first in the buffet line!

2. Attend especially to the tasks you don't like doing. Padre Pio was once visited by the soul of a young friar who had worked in the sacristy. The soul revealed that he suffered in purgatory because he'd been careless and negligent with his work. Complete every task meticulously, no matter how small and insignificant.

3. Embrace annoyances. Annoyances abound in this life. Little flaws in other people especially provoke us to fixate on our aggravation. Very often the flaws are faults that we also are guilty of, but which we tolerate in ourselves. Over the next few weeks, when something in another person annoys you, examine yourself and discern how you, too, act or feel or think in that way.

4. Impose a strict watch on your tongue. Innumerable, mundane complaints escape our mouths daily, fostering ingratitude—so guard your tongue and inspect what you want to say before speaking.

5. Check impulsive actions. Be intentional in all that you do, asking yourself, “Do I really need to shoot off this text? Will this comment help anyone? Will I benefit from thoughtlessly popping snacks in my mouth?”



ENGLISH MASS AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

12:05PM

SPANISH MASS AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

6:00PM

**THE FUNDRAISER COMMITTEE OF OLGC
IS HOSTING OUR NEXT EVENT:**



MARINATED GOAT (BIRRIA DE CHIVO)

Catered by: Pancho & Liz Valenzuela

The order comes with marinated goat, a side of rice, a side of beans and handmade corn tortillas.

\$35.00 per order

Dine-in or To-go

Please pick up your order on Sunday, February 25th, 2024 from 11am-4pm at the Parish Hall 605 Maple Street, Fort Bragg, Ca.

There will be beers, sodas and water for sale.

To order, please contact:

Patty Echeverria at 707-357-0179, the Parish Office at 707-964-0229

or e-mail: olgcinfb@gmail.com.

All proceeds will be towards repair of parish heaters.



SOCIETY OF
ST. VINCENT
de PAUL

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF OLGC PARISH
WOULD LIKE TO INVITE THE COMMUNITY
TO A DAY OF ORIENTATION**

**"HOW CAN WE ANSWER THE CALL TO SEE THE FACE OF CHRIST
IN ALL PEOPLE?"**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024
MASS AT 8:00AM**

9:00AM- 3:30PM

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROVIDED

BILINGUAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE

**RSVP TO EMMET O'CONNELL BY FEBRUARY 10TH,
PH: 707-367-0690; EMAIL: eoko@mcn.org .**



PALM BURNING FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

OLD PALMS WILL BE COLLECTED UNTIL
FEBRUARY 12TH.

THESE OLD PALMS WILL BE BURNED BEFORE ASH WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 14TH, 2024.

PLACE THEM IN THE BASKET THAT IS IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE
CHURCH OR BRING THEM TO THE OFFICE.

IT IS AN OLD CATHOLIC CUSTOM FOR THE PRIEST TO COLLECT AND
BURN THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S PALMS FOR USE ON ASH WEDNESDAY.
PALMS SHOULD NOT BE DISPOSED OF AS WASTE MATERIAL.

MASS INTENTIONS
FEBRUARY 10 - 16, 2024

Saturday (10)	5:00pm	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba †
	6:30pm	Benigna Alcocer † Francisco Rentería, Sr. † Antonia Rentería † Mauricio Escobedo † Victor Martín & Raquel Dzul † Gerardo Escobedo (healing)
Sunday (11)	8:00am	Gabriela Ramírez †
	10:00am	Missa pro populo
Monday (12)	12:05pm	NO MASS
Tuesday (13)	5:30pm	Antonia Rentería †
Wednesday (14) Ash Wednesday	12:05pm	Clarence & Frances Johnson † & sons
	6:00pm	Benigna Alcocer †
Thursday (15)	12:05pm	Private Intention
Friday (16)	12:05pm	The Allen Family

WEEKLY COLLECTION

FEBRUARY 3 & 4, 2024...\$1,933.00
LIABILITY INSURANCE...\$813.00

**THIS WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR
MAINTENANCE FUND**

ON ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH, THERE WILL BE A
SECOND COLLECTION FOR **CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE**

This Ash Wednesday our special collection supports the **Church in Central & Eastern Europe**. Your donation helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule and now the war in Ukraine. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Thank you for your generosity to the collection today. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/organizations/usccb-church-in-central-and-eastern-europe also accepts funds for this collection, if you prefer to donate online.

**NEXT WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR
AMA (ANNUAL MINISTRY APPEAL)**

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY!!

**LET'S PRAY FOR ALL OUR FAMILY MEMBERS
AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY**

Jovany Baez, Justin Mertle, María de la Luz Ramírez, Rebeca Sánchez, José Araiza, Jr., Marina González, Alondra Jara, Sonia Jara, Matt Mills & Jared Schroeder.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Bertha Valenzuela, Carole Shoptaw, Gina Pivrotto, Angie Gómez, Judy Halren, Rose Cortez, Fidela Jara, Felix Sanfillán, Martha Sánchez, Gerardo Escobedo, Angie Freitas, Russel Bryant, Derrick Heater, Ann Gallagher, Brianna Lopez, Margaret Milliken, Nick Quin, Mary Servis, Matty Walker, Ofelia Ybarra.

TEMPORARY TUESDAY MASS TIME
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, MASS WILL BE AT 5:30PM

NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are new to Our Lady of Good Counsel's Church, Welcome! We hope you find a spiritual home here. Please formally register in the parish and be a part of our family.

Come to the Parish Office Mon - Fri,
10am – 2pm to register.

Registration forms are also available in the church vestibule.

~UPDATE YOUR RECORDS ~

Have you changed your address? Phone number? Email address? If so, please contact the parish office and let us know your changes so that we can update your parishioner record. Email changes to olgcinfb@gmail.com or call at 707-964-0229.



WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT:

**Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish now provides
“ParishSOFT Giving,” an online giving software!**

To get started, you can go to olgcinfb.org.

From this link you will be allowed to manage your own account online, set up gifts on a schedule that you choose or a one-time donation, and can be set up with a credit card, debit card, checking or savings account!

*If you have any questions, please contact
the Parish Office at 964-0229.*



EVERY THURSDAY @ 11:00AM,

**WE HAVE THE EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 12:05PM.**



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

When a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized and would like Father Pacheco to pay them a visit to receive Holy Communion and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office at 707-964-0229 and after office hours, please call 707-813-4188.



IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH, ON THE SOUTHERN
WALL IS A BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL TREE.

ITS BRIGHT LEAVES REPRESENT PERMANENT MEMORIALS TO THE
DEPARTED OF OUR PARISH. FOR THE SUM OF \$200.00, YOU CAN
GIVE TO THE PARISH SECRETARY, THE CORRECT SPELLING AND
DATES OF THE DEPARTED AND IN DUE TIME THE LEAF IS PRINTED
AND ATTACHED TO THE TREE, AS A PERMANENT REMINDER
OF A LOVED ONE WHO IS GONE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 707-964-0229.

