

SEPTEMBER 7 & 8, 2024
XXIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



By: The Word Among Us

Then will the ...ears of the deaf be cleared. (Isaiah 35: 5)

Anyone who has ever experienced hearing loss knows how isolating it can be. The deaf man in today's Gospel must have also struggled with not being able to take part in conversations or understand what was being said. So, when Jesus took him off by himself, looked to heaven, and said, "Be opened!" the man's life changed radically (Mark 7: 34).

In today's First Reading, the prophet Isaiah promised that when the Lord came to deliver Israel, he would heal the blind and deaf (35: 5). The people who witnessed the deaf man's healing saw this promise fulfilled in Jesus and even alluded to it when they said, "He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak" (Mark 7: 37).

Jesus came to open our ears, too. He doesn't want us to be isolated from him or others. But we can't be healed of our "spiritual deafness" if we fail to spend time with him each day. We need to get "away from the crowd" (Mark 7: 33)—away from all the clatter and distractions so that we can better listen to what Jesus wants to say to us. We also need a heart open to hearing his words, especially if he shows us where we need to change.

We can be deaf, too, to the people around us, most especially our loved ones. We can tune out their concerns and struggles because we've heard them one too many times. Or we can listen to their words but not really try to understand what's going on beneath the surface, in their hearts.

That's why it's important to start each day asking the Lord to "clear" your ears (Isaiah 35: 5). He wants you to hear him speaking to you, and he wants you to really listen to the people in your life. Just as he opened the ears of the man in today's Gospel, you can trust that he will open your ears, too. There's so much he wants you to hear and understand!

"Jesus, I want to listen. Open my ears today!"

Dear Parishioners,

In most churches, a core group of parishioners works tirelessly to help with the many needs of the parish, and that is certainly true at OLCG. Catechists, musicians, singers, lectors, volunteers for fundraisers, altar flowers, and counting the weekly collection- the list of such needs filled by this core group goes on! Several of these volunteers "wear multiple hats" and help in several different capacities. One of these key parishioners is Jim Gross, who has served for many years as a choir director, cantor, lector, and the leader of RCIA. Jim has served our community with remarkable generosity and joy, clear manifestations of his deep faith and love for the Lord and the Church. Recently, Jim shared with me that he will be moving away from Fort Bragg later this month. His departure will be a tremendous loss to the parish and he will be very missed. I am, however, happy to learn that he will be close to family in his new home, and I know that his new parish will be greatly blessed with his presence! I want to express my gratitude for the dedication, generosity, wisdom, and love that Jim has shared with us over many years. May God bless him abundantly, and I hope that his fine example of service encourages others to do likewise!

Blessings,

Fr. Pacheco



**JOIN US IN PRAYING THE ROSARY
SUNDAY – FRIDAY AT 5PM IN THE CHURCH.**

"Every family, every faithful, every religion community, all united spiritually...I will accompany you from here."

Pope Francis



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 ext. 1 and after office hours, please call 707-813-4188.



PORTUGUESE HOLY GHOST SOCIETY

The Fort Bragg Holy Ghost Committee cordially invites the community to our annual **Festa de Espírito Santo**.

Rosary will be read at the Pentecost Hall starting at 7pm on Sunday, September 8th through Wednesday, September 11th. There will be a Mass on Thursday, September 12th at 7pm, followed by the blessing of the bread and meat.

Fish Dinner and Dance will be held on Friday, September 13th, dinner will be served from 5pm – 7pm. Tickets for the dinner are \$35 for adults; \$10 for children 6-12; kids under 5 and younger are no charge. Dinner includes: dover sole, potatoes, salad, beans, bread, wine and juice. Other drinks can be purchased in the bar.

Dinner & Dance with Manuel Silva & Queen Presentation, Saturday, September 14th, dinner will be served starting at 5pm.

Parade, Mass, Sopas, Auction & Dance: Sunday, September 15th, the parade will start forming at 10am at the Pentecost Hall and will leave for church at 10:30am. Following Mass, the parade will return to the hall for Sopas and Dancing. A live auction will take place outside of the Pentecost Hall starting at 2pm.

For more information, please contact Jose Ornelas: 707-964-0485.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SEMI ANNUAL TRI-TIP ROAST SALE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024

PICK UP TIME: 12PM – 4PM
OLGC'S PARKING LOT

ROASTS ARE MARINATED, BBQ'D, AND READY TO EAT

ORDER BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2024
PRE-SALE ONLY

EACH ROAST \$35

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO PLACE ORDERS, PLEASE CALL OR TEXT
DAVE SWENSEN: 707-489-3028,
STEVE BEEMAN: 707-480-4614, OR THE PARISH OFFICE:
707-964-0229 EXT 1, OR BY EMAIL: olgcinfb@gmail.com

SUPPORTS ON GOING EDUCATIONAL GRANT PROGRAM.



**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!

For questions, please contact the office at 964-0229 ext 1.

DON BOSCO YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group at OLGC is starting back up!
Come join us Monday nights at 6:30-8:00pm
in Classroom #1.

Our first exciting opportunity is On Fire NorCal Jam at Six Flags on September 14!

Donations welcome.

For more information contact Noemi Hernández 707.972.6880

MASS INTENTIONS SEPTEMBER 7 - 13, 2024

Saturday (31)	9:00am	Private Intention
	5:00pm	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba † Gerardo Espinoza † Rosa Espinoza †
	6:30pm	Ramiro & Ligia Soto † Maria del refugio Rodríguez † Silvia Durán † Victor Martín & Raquel Dzul †
Sunday (01)	8:00am	Bernardo Martínez †
	10:00am	Missa pro populo
Monday (02)	12:05pm	No Mass
Tuesday (03)	5:30pm	Romelia Gómez † Tereso Soria † Ramón Soria † Gina Soria †
Wednesday (04)	12:05pm	Ronnie Sousa †
Thursday (05)	12:05pm	Sarah Penn •
Friday (06)	12:05pm	Kathy Sommers *

WEEKLY COLLECTION

AUGUST 31 – SEPTEMBER 1, 2024...\$3,249.00

LIABILITY INSURANCE...\$1,040.00

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

**NEXT WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR
DIOCESAN SEMINARIANS**

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY!!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Gerardo Escobedo, Cuca Soto, Yolanda Soto, Rosalío Martínez, Felix Santillán, Esperanza Barba, Bertha Valenzuela, Gina Pivrotto, Angie Gómez, Rose Cortez, Fidela Jara, Martha Sánchez, Gerardo Escobedo, Angie Freitas, Russel Bryant, Derrick Heater, Ann Gallagher, Brianna Lopez, Margaret Milliken, Nick Quin, Mary Servis, Matty Walker & Ofelia Ybarra.

LET'S PRAY FOR ALL OUR FAMILY MEMBERS

AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

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



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS RCIA

We would like to remind you that RCIA classes in Spanish will begin on Monday, September 9th from

6:30pm – 8pm in Classroom #2.

For more information, please contact

Rosa Hernández: 707-962-3774.



**EVERY THURSDAY @ 11:00AM,
WE HAVE THE EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT,
FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 12:05PM.**



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.