

Called to walk the way of Christ Jesus

Witness, Word, Worship, Welcome

Our Lady of Good Counsel
A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES

First Sunday of Lent — February 22, 2015

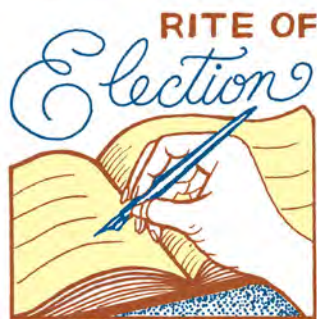


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OLGC Parish congratulates the **RCIA catechumens and candidates** who are preparing for full communion into the Roman Catholic Church. February 22 is the parish celebration of the *Rite of Sending* followed by the afternoon celebration of the *Rite of Election* and the *Call to Continuing Conversion* that will take place at Saint Luke Parish in Middleburg, FL.



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Inside this Bulletin on pages 6 and 7 is a letter from Pope Francis: Challenges Church to Go out to those on the Margins.

Head of the Church: The Glorified Christ
Pastor: Rev. Guy Francis Noonan, S.T.D.

Mass Schedule — Eucharist:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, Noon

Weekdays: Tues. & Thurs.: 8:15 am

Confessions: Saturday 3:15 – 3:45 pm

Rosary begins 1/2 hour (SHARP!) before the 4, 8, 10 Masses.

Prelude begins 10 minutes before all weekend Masses.

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Parish Mission Statement

To become a community of disciples, called to walk "The Way" of Christ Jesus in our households, church community and society.

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OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: February 22, 2015 First Sunday of Lent

First Reading — I will set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth (Genesis 9:8-15).

Psalms — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

Gospel — Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him (Mark 1:12-15)

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From the Chancellor's Office

You are reminded of the Catholic Church's laws for fast and abstinence during Lent: **Good Friday is a day of fasting.** Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are permitted one full meal and two lesser meals per day (which together should not equal one full meal), with no eating between meals. **All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.** Catholics who are 14 years or older should abstain from meat entirely. Soups and gravies made from meat are permitted.



BEAUTY IN FORGIVENESS

Humanity is never so beautiful as when praying for forgiveness, or else forgiving another.

—Jean P. F. Richter



February 21 Sat. Vigil 4 pm	Lois Haas † Requested by Paul Banaszak
February 22 Sunday 8am	Shaun McCarty † Requested by Ruth Mallett
February 22 Sunday 10 am	Robert Anderle † Requested by A. J. & Sue Anderle
February 22 Sunday 12 Noon	Pro Populo (For the Parishioners)
February 24 Tuesday 8:15 am	Intentions of John E. Vecchione for birthday & healing from surgery Requested by Jeanne T. Vecchione
February 26 Thursday 8:15 am	John Kurtz † Requested by Bart O'Leary
February 28 Sat. Vigil 4 pm	Robert Hillyard † Requested by Kathy Hillyard
March 01 Sunday 8am	Michael Riccio † Requested by Anthony Riccio
March 01 Sunday 10 am	Francis Anderle † Requested by A. J. & Sue Anderle
March 01 Sunday 12 Noon	Pro Populo (For the Parishioners)



Pray For

In your prayers, remember our families and friends in need:

Sheila Adkison	Ernie Ernhardt	Colleen Riley
Kenny Anderle	Brad Fitzgerald	Tracy Sabo
Sue Anderle	Jamie Fortney	Jennifer Sanderson
Alfredo & Dora Andrade	Lane Fortney	Vera Schuster
Anastasia Armstrong	Bob & Gaby Geisler	Rosalie Sciano
Marilyn Beach	Maria Gleason	Ronald Sindel
Joan Benedetto	Mary Glorioso	Crystal Sirmans & unborn baby
Jeanne Bequette	Gary Guenther	Donald Skinner
Seema Bharwani	Msgr. Heslin	Charlie Smith
Kassie Billing	Diana Joseph	Deborah Smith
Diane Billings	Sandra Keane	Frances Smith
Wanda Bond	Ed Kuhn	Josh Solana
Karen Brandvold	Lester LaFreniere	Arika Steiglewal
Jesse Burrier	Lena Lednick	Helen Sterling
Don Cason	Pam Louvat	Anne & Leonard Talalai
Roosevelt Charles	Albert Lowros	Donna Thompson
Elliot Cody	Traci Majoris	Bob Thornton
Mary Cofield	Cecelia Mallett	John Vecchione
Francis Curtin-Bass	Jack Mathison	Patrick & Joyce Veit
Shirley Curtin-Bass	Florence Misselwitz	Alan Vogt
Evelyn Daigle	Paul Mumford	Jimmy Wagner
Raymond Daigle	Rev. Guy F. Noonan	Wayne & Caroline Wagner
Anne Depolo	Liz O'Brien	Robert Watkins
Paula V. De Voto	Harold Olsen	Dick Whitehead
Robert De Voto	Rich Pagliaro	Loretta Mallett Zelik
Josh Dick	Bill Pickard	
Agostino DiGirolo	Anthony Riccio	
Tim Donovan	J.C. Riess	
Erickson Family	Linda Riess	

Contact marineman150@bellsouth.net or 940-0582 to have your loved one included.

Please go to the small table for **prayer request** forms and then place these prayer requests for this Lenten Season in the **urn** at the foot of the Altar.



For 2015:
**February 28 and
March 01**

Saturday 4 pm Vigil Mass

Altar Servers: Tim Turner, Nicole Klucharich.

Lector: Graham Martin.

Sacristan: Kathy Martin.

EMs: Vicky Tyde, Ed Reid, Cathy Ritter, Nancy Harvey.

Sunday 8 am Mass

Altar Servers: Isabel & Elizabeth Vasquez.

Lector: Frank Genuardi.

Sacristan: Vicky Sapienza.

EMs: Jackie Jaquett, Patty DeCesare, Tom & Rosemary DeMuyt.

Sunday 10 am Mass

Altar Servers: Daniel Ho, Grace Wong, Alicia Sawyer.

Lector: Patrick O'Brien.

Sacristan: Bob Mathison.

EMs: Rozanna Rogari, Debbie Troehler, Mindy Benedict, Geraldine Talalai, Martha Ho, Debra Petone, Maureen Duffy, Ines Russ, Allen Gray, Jackie Garon, Joe Zarbo.

Sunday 12 Noon Mass

Altar Server: Jimmy Kennedy, Samantha Castano.

Lector: Frank Coonahan.

Sacristan: John Walsh.

EMs: Diana Hixson, Helen Stafford, Joan Maxcy, Kathy Boice.

Stewardship Reflection

Gn 9: 8-15; Ps 25: 4-9; 1 Pt3: 18-22; Mk 1: 12-15

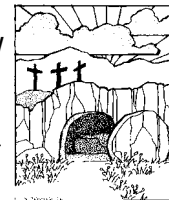
It is no surprise that water literally runs through all the readings on this First Sunday of Lent — from the flood waters experienced by Noah in Genesis, to St. Peter comparing Baptism to this flood, to Jesus venturing into the desert for 40 days immediately after His Baptism, as reported by St. Mark. There are more than 700 references to water in Holy Scripture, but as we begin our Lenten journeys, our concentration needs to be on our own Baptism and our personal Baptismal call. Stewardship has been defined as our response to that Baptismal call through discipleship and service. Just as Jesus entered the desert for 40 days, we are doing the same during Lent. Defining our Baptismal call is part of what we should be striving to do at this time. Baptism calls us to a sense of mission. Another key word in today's scripture is "covenant." The reading from Genesis speaks to God's covenant with us, His people. A covenant, nevertheless, is a two-way street. God has blessed us with the Holy Spirit and the Lord has promised us everlasting life if we fulfill His desires. It is time for us to discover how we are going to live out our covenant with God.



The Holy Land Experience Day Trip:

We are still accepting tickets for the Day Trip to *The Holy Land Experience*.

We need at least 15 more tickets to be sold to cover the cost of the bus ride.



We are inviting all fathers, children, and husbands to join us.

This would be a great opportunity for families to have an enlightening experience during our Lenten Season.

Visit *The Holy Land Experience*, sponsored by OLGCLadies' Guild: All family members are welcomed to please join us on Saturday, **March 7**, 2015 from 9 am to about 5 pm for a trip to the Orlando Holy Land Experience! Cost is \$75 per adult; children ages 3 to 5, cost will be \$45.00; children ages 6 to 18, cost will be \$60.00 (check payable to OLGCLadies' Guild) includes round trip chartered bus, morning refreshments, box lunch from "Chick-fil-A", entrance admission.

Contact Jeanette Raccioppi at 904-315-8111 with additional questions.

<http://www.holylandexperience.com>

OLGC "350 Club" Party

We will celebrate the success of the "350 Club's" 2014 drawings on Saturday, **March 21st**, at the church starting at 6:30 pm.

There is a *RSVP signup sheet* in the church lobby for any family who bought a "350 Club" ticket last year to come and celebrate the raising of \$10,000 for the Church's operating expenses. We will have an open bar (no cost) of wine, beer and soda and have heavy finger foods that we will cater in.

Please RSVP so we know how much food and supplies to provide by signing the sheet in the church lobby or e-mailing marvinsindel@att.net

Again thanks for your support in buying a "350 Club" ticket in 2014 and we hope you continue your support in buying a "350 Club" ticket in 2015.

The "350 Club" Committee.

OLGC Parish Office is in need of *four parishioners* who would be willing to **count** monies typically on Mondays from 8:50 am to 11 am. Your service will be scheduled on a rotating basis as part of existing teams. Please contact Mike Knight in Parish Office or Helen Strohm at email address: faeth@bellsouth.net
Thank you for your consideration of this request.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Lord, may this be my prayer: 'That I be ready to make an account of my stewardship whenever you call me from this life.'

Last Will and Testament: Please consider including your Church in your estate planning. The Church and its diverse ministries exist only through the funding of its members. The name of our Church for legal purposes is "Our Lady of Good Counsel Roman Catholic Church, Mill Creek, Saint Augustine, FL. 32092".

February 14 & 15, 2015:	
Saturday Vigil 4 pm	\$ 2,318.00
Sunday 8 am	\$ 1,108.00
Sunday 10 am	\$ 4,145.00
Sunday 12 Noon	\$ 1,867.00
OLGC Mass Total *	\$ 9,438.00

Parish population approximately = 496 households with 49%* of Parishioners contributing

Cumulative Totals as of February 17, 2015:

Ash Wednesday (Feb. 18):	\$ 75.00
OLGC Parish Poor (from Feb. 14 & 15):	\$ 50.00

Diocesan Non-Parochial collections:

Respect Life (January 2015):	\$ 983.00
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Pope Francis Challenges Church to Go out to those on the Margins -- Within Itself and Beyond Itself.

Vatican City, Feb 15, 2015 / 04:27 am (CNA/EWTN News).

After elevating 20 new cardinals, Pope Francis reminded them that true honor is found in service, and urged them to follow Jesus in breaking rigid ways of thinking and touching society's marginalized.

"Jesus is not afraid of scandal! He does not think of the closed-minded who are scandalized even by a work of healing, scandalized before any kind of openness, by any action outside of their mental and spiritual boxes," the Pope said Feb. 15.

Rather than seeking to conform to the norms of others or adhere to a ritualistic purity, Jesus seeks to "reinstate the outcast, to save those outside the camp."

The logic of Jesus and therefore of the Church is "not only to welcome and reinstate with evangelical courage all those who knock at our door, but to go out and to seek, fearlessly and without prejudice, those who are distant," he said.

"Total openness to serving others is our hallmark, it alone is our title of honor... Truly the Gospel of the marginalized is where our credibility is found and revealed!"

Pope Francis addressed his words to the 20 new cardinals created in yesterday's Feb. 14 consistory, which followed a two-day meeting in which cardinals from around the world gathered with the Pope to discuss the reform of the Roman Curia.

They celebrated Mass with the Roman Pontiff Feb. 15 to wrap-up the consistory events.

In his homily, Francis focused on the compassion of Jesus in the Gospel, taken from Mark, in which he heals a leper who approaches him and asks to be "made clean."

After doing this Jesus could no longer go about the town freely, and had to remain on the outskirts, since lepers were considered unclean and were therefore ostracized, the Pope noted.

By healing the leper, Jesus not only shows the man compassion, but seeks to reinstate him into society, and identifies with the man's shame and suffering by becoming marginalized himself, Francis said.

Although Moses' law confined lepers to the outskirts of society in order to "safeguard the healthy," Jesus fulfills that law by showing that welcoming and healing the leper not only kept the healthy safe, but also gave them a new brother.

"Jesus revolutionizes and upsets that fearful, narrow and prejudiced mentality. He does not abolish the law of Moses, but rather brings it to fulfillment," the Pope said.

By answering the leper's plea without thinking of the potential consequences, Jesus shows that what is most important is "reaching out to save those far off," and he is not afraid to scandalize the closed-minded who are stuck inside the rigid confines of the law.

Pope Francis noted that there are two ways of approaching the faith in this regard, saying that the first is to think like the doctors of the law, who fear losing those who are already saved, and therefore cast out the diseased.

The second approach, he said, is to think like God, who embraces and welcomes the diseased man with mercy, and seeks to turn evil into good by reinstating him into society.

The path of the Church, the Pope observed, is not to "condemn anyone for eternity, (but) to leave her four walls behind and to go out in search of those who are distant, those on the 'outskirts' of life."

“It is to adopt fully God’s own approach, to follow the Master who said: ‘Those who are well have no need of the physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call, not the righteous but sinners to repentance.’”

Jesus, by healing the leper, does not harm the healthy but rather frees them from fear, Francis explained. Jesus does not devalue the law, but rather places greater value on those for whom it was given.

Charity, the Pope said, “cannot be neutral, indifferent, lukewarm or impartial! Charity is infectious, it excites, it risks and it engages! For true charity is always unmerited, unconditional and gratuitous!”

He noted that charity must always be creative in finding the right ways of approaching those considered to be “untouchable,” adding that “contact is the true language of communication.”

“How many healings can we perform if only we learn this language! The leper, once cured, became a messenger of God’s love,” Francis said, and encouraged the cardinals to turn to Mary in learning how to embrace the poor and those cast-off from society.

Pope Francis urged them to be true servants of the Church to the extent that all Christians would be inspired to turn to Jesus as well as the outcast, and therefore resist the temptation of becoming “a closed caste with nothing authentically ecclesial about it.”

He told them to seek the face of the Crucified Jesus in each marginalized and excluded person they meet, whether they are prisoners, sick, persecuted, unemployed or those who have turned away from the faith.

“We will not find the Lord unless we truly accept the marginalized!” the Pope said, and prayed that all would remember the example of St. Francis of Assisi, “who was unafraid to embrace the leper and to accept every kind of outcast.”



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