



OUR LADY OF THE PILLAR CATHOLIC CHURCH
Iglesia Católica de Nuestra Señora del Pilar

400 Church Street, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 • 650-726-4674

First Sunday of Lent
February 17, 2013

Our Parish Clergy

Rev. Juan Manuel Lopez, Parish Administrator

Rev. Charles Fermeglia, Parochial Vicar
email: frcharlie@yahoo.com

Rev. Charles Onubogu, In Residence

Deacon John McGhee

Deacon John Sequeira, Parish Manager

Mass Schedule

Monday through Friday: 8:00 am

Saturday, February 16, 2013

8:00 am - Fr. Onubogu

4:00 - 4:45 pm - Reconciliation / Confessions

5:00 pm - Fr. Charlie

8:00 pm (Spanish) - Fr. Juan Manuel

Sunday, February 17, 2013

8:00 am and 10:00 am - Fr. Charlie

12:00 Noon (Spanish) - Fr. Juan Manuel

6:00 pm - Fr. Charlie

*** **SPECIAL LENT SERVICES** ***

VESPERS | Sunset Evening Prayer with Fr. Charlie with visiting speaker reflections. February 20 and 27; March 6 and March 13. See announcement on Page 2.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7:00 pm | Bilingual

St. Anthony's — Pescadero

696 North Street, Pescadero, CA 94060

Saturday: 6:00 pm (Spanish) - Fr. Juan Manuel

Sunday: 9:00 am - Fr. Onubogu

Our Lady of Refuge — La Honda

146 Sears Ranch Road, La Honda, CA 94020

Sunday: 10:30 am - Fr. Onubogu

WELCOME *Bienvenidos*

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings to each of you as we spend this first Sunday of Lent together. The Gospel and other readings remind us that Lent is a time for us to take a look at ourselves, to turn away from our sins, and to choose again to follow our Lord Jesus Christ. As you pray, ask God to help you see where you have disappointed Him and to give you the strength to confess your sins and to be a better follower of our Lord.

Saludos a todos Uds. celebrando juntos el primer domingo de Cuaresma. El Evangelio y otras lecturas nos recuerdan que éste es un tiempo de mirarnos y huir de nuestros pecados y escoger otra vez el seguir a Nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Cuando oremos, pidamos a Dios que nos ayude a ver dónde lo hemos decepcionado y que nos dé la fuerza de confesar nuestros pecados y ser fieles seguidores de Nuestro Señor.

May God Bless you all,
Fr. Juan Manuel



Parish Coordinators and Staff

RCIA | Adult Faith Formation: Terry Ruppel
Religious Education K-6th Grade: Eileen Arnold
Religious Education (Spanish): Claudia Miramontes
Spanish Weddings: Juana Ruano
Youth Confirmation: Elizabeth Neapolitan

Church Office:

Monday – Friday 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon; 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
650-726-4674 FAX: 650-726-0980 Religious Ed 650-726-5587
- Parish Secretary and Bulletin Editor: Hilda Krup
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- Management Advisor: Dr. James Spilker

As a Catholic community, we strive to grow in faith together through the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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VESPERS | Sunset Evening Prayer During Lent

Join us for a special series of vespers on four Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM during Lent with Fr. Charlie and reflections from visiting speakers. First Vespers will be held **Wednesday, February 20**, followed by Wednesdays, **February 27, March 6**, and **March 13**. Hope you can be with us.

*Stay with us, O Lord Jesus Christ,
Night will soon fall.
Then stay with us, O Lord Jesus Christ,
Light in our darkness.*

— Hymn by Communauté de Taizé



OLP Penance Service | Wednesday, March 20, 7PM

Join our parish family as we meet together to receive the Sacraments of Penance. See INSIGHTS | *Jesus, the Forgiver* online at <http://bit.ly/ForGiver> It provides an overview of this experience and how Jesus knows our needs.

OLP Parish Teens go to YOUTH DAY Anaheim!

Through generous donations from our parish family, teens from our new OLP YOUTH GROUP will be traveling to the Religious Education Youth Congress in Anaheim on February 20. Keep them in your prayers. Thank you for your support.

TV Mass | Sunday Mornings for the Homebound

The Archdiocese of San Francisco is now offering televised mass with Monsignor Harry Schlitt, celebrant, for those who cannot come to church. It airs on Sunday mornings at times noted, on the following stations: KTSF (26) at 6:00 AM on Comcast Station 8; KOFY (20) at 6:00 AM on Comcast Station 13. For inquiries, contact: JanSchachern@aol.com | 415-614-5643

NOW SHOWING! at Our Parish Photo Gallery

Don't miss photos from our new OLP Teen Youth Group's 2nd Bake Sale fundraiser, Hospitality Sunday, our *Valentine's Day Supper* at the TABLE of PLENTY, and K-6 Grade Religious Education's response to Lent.

 Visit! Like us! www.facebook.com/OLP_community

INSIGHTS *with Fr. Charlie*

40 Days Understanding Lent and What It Offers Us

*"In these days you may wash clean the sins
of the whole year." — St. John Chrysostom
Doctor of the Church*

The origins of Lent date back to the 4th Century. This is when the observance developed into a 40-day season that symbolizes two Biblical stories: the 40 years of wandering in the wilderness by the Hebrew people; *"These 40 years the Lord has been with you; you have not lacked anything."* (Deuteronomy 2:7) and when Jesus *"was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil."* (Luke:4:1-2) Like the Hebrews and Jesus himself, we are tested each year when we experience Lent.

In our Catholic faith, the Sacraments of Initiation and Healing are at the heart of the true meaning of Lent. We renew and build the Church by preparing new members to be received into our parish family through reconciliation, baptism, and confirmation at the Easter Vigil. Also, we, the Church, are renewed through this season of prayer, penance, and recommitment to our own Baptismal vows.

Historically, there are three early and enduring influences on the Lenten journey that we know today:

- The ancient paschal fast. Originally, it was a two-day observance before Easter, but over time it was lengthened to 40 days.
- The catechism or *catechismus* (Latin), which means *"instruction by word of mouth."* This is the instruction that a Christian convert (catechumen) went through before Baptism, including an intense period of preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation to be celebrated at Easter.
- The Order of Penitents, which sought a "second conversion" for people, who had fallen back into serious sin after Baptism. Penance took many forms, including constructing, repairing, and rebuilding churches, and caring for the poor and sick.

The 40-day season of Lent helps us reach a common goal: finishing the journey better than when we started. *"For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved."* (Romans 10:10)

Lent is a 40-day retreat. What we do with it is up to us.

Peace,
Fr. Charlie

WISDOM to KEEP

"The Lord measures our perfection neither by the multitude nor the magnitude of our deeds, but by the manner in which we perform them."

— St. John of the Cross
Priest, Mystic, and Doctor of the Church

Table of Plenty



TOP Valentine Day's Supper hosted by Sr. Jeanette and our team of volunteers. See our Parish Photo Gallery for last Thursday's community supper story. We created a special Valentine's Day evening, complete with hand-made Valentines by the 4H Club for all our guests. Learn more, volunteer, be our guest, make a donation to support this new OLP community ministry. Contact Sr. Jeanette

Braun: 650-483-9037 or email: tableofplenty.olp@gmail.com or get connected ONLINE: ourladyofthepillar.org/tableofplenty

Pray for Our Parish Family Who are Sick

Pray that God's healing power will fill them with strength and hope. To add a name, please call the Parish Office at 726-4674.

Geraldine Carter
Nicki Galle
Casey Cunningham

Nancy Madieros
Natalino Marchi
Deacon McGhee
Margaret Phelan

Cherie Schwing
Donald Thierry
Mike Warner
Marilyn Wright

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Supporting Our Parish | Your Offerings

February 9 and 10 OFFERINGS

Our Lady of the Pillar \$ 5,726
Our Lady of Refuge \$ 342
St Anthony's \$ 306

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday EVENING, February 16, 2013

5:00 pm Harry Golembiewski+

8:00 pm Guadalupe Ramirez Garcia+

Sunday, February 17, 2013

8:00 am Joe Alvaro Lourenco+

10:00 am Manuel Machado+

12:00 noon Mariana Melo+

6:00 pm Kupono Ching+

Monday, February 18, 2013

8:00 am Jose & Maria Matos+

Tuesday, February 19, 2013

8:00 am Pablo & Ines Labaj+

Wednesday, February 20, 2013

8:00 am Candace Lilly+

Thursday, February 21, 2013

8:00 am Belarmino Vaz & Family+

Friday, February 22, 2013

8:00 am Alda Capitao+

Saturday, February 23, 2013

8:00 am The Minoletti Family+

Sacrament Preparation

Baptism • Marriage

Communion in the Home • Anointing the Sick

SPECIAL NOTE: English Baptism classes have been changed to the 3rd Thursday each month at 7:00 pm.

For preparation information, call the Church Office 726-4674 or visit our website:

<http://www.ourladyofthepillar.org/sacraments>

Parish Organizations and Services

We have a wide array of organizations, committees, faith formation groups, and service organizations that serve our parish community. For a complete list and meeting times, go to our parish website:

www.ourladyofthepillar.org/groups; find other information in the vestibule in the back of the church.