
 The *Triduum* liturgy (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil) at Our Lady of Grace was a concert of the many aspects of the Sacred – prayer, joy and renewal of hope – in the Risen Lord. This could only occur with the Holy Spirit alive in our faith community. I was pleased to see so many parishioners and friends coming together to assist in the preparations that make true liturgy so spiritually rewarding. I would like to thank our environment group for the lovely and tasteful decor of the church; the musicians and music ministry; our servers and extraordinary ministers; ushers, parish and school staff and catechists. A heartfelt thank you to all.

We would like to congratulate and welcome our new Catholics to Our Lady of Grace. The following catechumens and candidates were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil, receiving the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) were **Diego Anguiano, Jeremy Dugan, Adianna Eash, Emmit Hancock, Benjamin Jacinto, Alexander Maestas, Alysia Maestas, Sabrina Maestas, Abigail McKinzie** and **Sarah McKinzie**. We were also blessed to welcome two catechumens who received the Sacrament of Baptism; **Annalisa Dugan and James McKinzie** as well as **Sean Paul Dugan** who received his First Holy Communion. We are truly blessed and privileged to have our sisters and brothers respond to the calling of the Holy Spirit.

The neophytes (those recently received into the Church) now begin the final period of the catechumenate – Mystagogy, which lasts from Easter until Pentecost. They will continue their studies of the faith and embrace the joy and privilege of being a member of the Mystical Body of Christ.

Also, I would like to share a letter I recently received from Bishop Michael Barber, S.J. regarding *Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together*.

March 20, 2015

Reverend Gregory Heidenblut
 Our Lady of Grace Parish
 3433 Somerset Avenue
 Castro Valley, CA 94546-3398

Dear Father Heidenblut,

I wish to thank you and the parishioners of Our Lady of Grace Parish for your efforts and hard work on behalf of "Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together," the capital campaign for our diocese. I deeply appreciate the effort which you and your parishioners have made to assist me in my efforts to carry out the work of Jesus Christ here in the East Bay.

On behalf of all our brothers and sisters who will be assisted by your efforts and the efforts of your parishioners, please accept my sincere thanks.

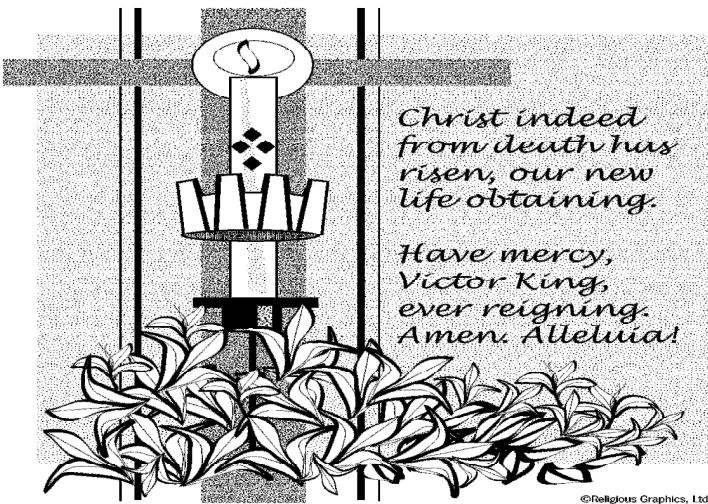
Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, S.J.
 Bishop of Oakland

May the love and blessings of the Risen Christ be upon you and your loved ones throughout the Easter Season.

In Christ Jesus and St. Augustine,
 Fr. Gregory Heidenblut, O.S.A.



Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord

April 5, 2015

Exult hosts of heaven! Rejoice!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Offices will close at 12 Noon on Good Friday, **April 3rd**. Additionally the Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, **April 6th**, and re-open on Tuesday, **April 7th** at 9:00am. The entire staff wishes all of you a very Happy and Holy Easter.

THANK YOU FROM THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Special thanks to all those who joined in helping to take down Lent and decorate for Palm Sunday. We are also grateful to Holy Sepulchre for arranging the delivery of the large palm branches. We sincerely appreciate the generosity of all who helped to make our church environment so special during the Lenten season.



SAVE THE DATE MAY 16th, 2015 Live & Silent Auction Dinner & Dancing

Our Lady of Grace Spring Auction is coming soon. Help raise funds for our parish and school –and enjoy an adults only sophisticated evening of sumptuous food, and entertaining music. Share the excitement and fun of a fast paced auction with friends and family. Ticket reservations can be made by contacting the Parish Office, 537-0806.

To inquire about making an auction donation or to volunteer for one of the committees please contact Colleen Lindberg in the Parish Office.

UPDATE: OLG TRANSITION TO DIOCESE

The following is the first of occasional updates on the transition of OLG to the Diocese provided by the leader of the Transition Team, Patrick Devine.

The Transition team (named below) whom Fr. Greg appointed to help in the transition of OLG to the Dioceses met with Rev. Paul Schmidt, the Vicar of Priests for the Diocese on Thursday evening (**March 12th**). We shared with him many of the ministries and activities the parishioners are involved in so that he could make the Diocese aware of our history, culture, diversity and charism.

Fr. Schmidt, Vicar of Priests explained that the process of appointing a new pastor is as follows: The Personnel board will meet in about one month and make recommendations on pastor staffing. These recommendations are forwarded to the Bishop for his review and to ultimately assign a Pastor. It is anticipated that the appointment to OLG will be made effective **July 1st**. When we get more information we will update the bulletin.

As we help OLG through the transition process, now would be a good time to reach out to a team member (listed below) and share with them your suggestions and questions about the transition. We would ask that you also keep them in prayer as they help guide the Parish and the Diocese.

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| Susan Anderson | Linda Koceniak |
| Patrick Devine 650-787-8378 | Robyn Lang |
| Claudia Dobbs | Colleen Lindberg |
| Martha Duarte | Anne Martinez |
| Marie Exberger | Sean Nalty 415-500-5432 |
| Lee Fiorina | Lou Richards |
| Jennifer Fischer | Mike Sambo |
| Mike Gonzalez | Rick Snow |
| Deacon Nels Gonsalves | Neil Toda |

**REGISTER TODAY FOR FESCO'S
18th ANNUAL SHUFFLE WALKATHON
San Leandro Marina--May 2nd**

As coalition members of FESCO Our Lady of Grace is grateful to support FESCO in their 18th Annual Shuffle Walkathon. FESCO continues to provide homeless families with shelter, nutritious meals and a hand up in becoming self-sufficient. With your help and support, FESCO can continue to help homeless families. Register today for the annual walk-a-thon Saturday, **May 2nd**, this is a family, pet friendly event. OLG Team Captain's, Chris Ippolito and Colleen Lindberg are asking for your help in support of FESCO, you can walk, be a benchwarmer cheerleader or make a donation to Team OLG. Please send a message to our community that you are committed to ending family homelessness in Alameda County by pledging your support as a donor to FESCO's 18th Annual Shuffle Walkathon. Registration materials are available in the parish office or contact Colleen at olgcv@sbcglobal.net. Chris Ippolito and Colleen will be outside mass on **Sunday, April 12th, 19th and 26th** if you would like to stop by and offer your support.



**ICF ANNIVERSARY DINNER
DANCE**

Time to get out your dancing shoes and polish up those fancy dance steps, the ICF will celebrate their 36th anniversary with a dinner dance on Saturday, **April 25th**. The fun begins at 6:00pm with cocktails, dinner at 7:00pm and dancing to the big band sounds from 8:00 to 10:30. There will be raffle baskets and games. Tickets are \$35.00 and the deadline for reservations is **April 19th**. Please call Roz Crudo at 510-537-6657 or Al Proietti at 510-886-8664 to reserve your spot.

AND SPEAKING OF ICF...

Come join ICF for a new dining experience on **April 9th**. We will be serving pizza and salad along with dessert. Doors open at 6:00pm. For reservations, please call Stella Taddei at 510-581-5863 or Juanita Madrid at 510-582-7242, deadline is **April 5th**. Buon Appetito!

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Stewardship of treasure involves trust in God. You have to really believe in God's Providence and trust that if you give ten percent of your income to the Church and charity for example, God will help you live on the rest.

Offerings of March 29th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 11,494.00
Last Year this week	\$ 7,386.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,815.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$103,494.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$ 94,449.00

March Budgeted Expenses \$68,000.00

May God bless your continuing generosity.



Your Prayers Are Requested

Please lift up in your prayer those many among us who are ill and those who have asked for our prayerful remembrance:

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| Jose Cisneros | Nicholas Guinea |
| Kathleen Denning | Raymond Lowe |
| Estela Enriquez | Richard Martin |
| Mary Franks | Florence Sharp |
| Byron Griffith | James Van Wert |
| Liz Griffith | Yvonne Wheeler |

As we pray for an end to war and violence in our world, let us remember in prayer those family members of our parish community serving on active duty, including:

- DAVID SANCHEZ MICHAEL SANCHEZ**

Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of a loved one.

ALL VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

Gospel for Divine Mercy Sunday (APRIL 12th)
John 20:19--31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

CURSILLO

This is your invitation to make a Cursillo weekend, which is a three day learning, sharing experience of living in a Christian Community. It is a chance to share how God shows up in your life and how you respond to that presence. The next Men's weekend is Thursday, **April 30th thru Sunday, May 3rd**. The weekend is being hosted at Holy Redeemer Center in Oakland. For information you may go to www.oak-cursillo.org. If you need additional information contact Patrick Devine at 650-787-8378

THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 5th:

EASTER SUNDAY

Monday, April 6th:

Women's Bible Study
 7:00pm--Parish Office

Tuesday, April 7th:

Men's Bible Study
 7:00pm--Parish Office

Thursday, April 9th:

Serenity Group
 8:15pm— Stack Center

Sunday, April 12th:

Coffee & Donuts
After all Masses

Children's Liturgy of the Word
 9:00am Mass

Youth Group
 After 9:00am Mass--Stack Center

Religious Education Classes
 10:15am--Stack Center

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, May 17th:

Spring Auction
 6:00pm--Stack Center

OLG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible Study facilitated by Fr. Greg begins again, **April 7th** at 7:00pm now meeting in the Parish Office. The study will continue every other Tuesday for an hour at each session and is open to all men of the parish 18 years and older. You may join in the study at anytime.



HELP WANTED

Individual needed for gardening, clean up and light repair work 6 to 8 hours a week. Must be available during office hours. Please contact Colleen Lindberg in the Parish office, 537-0806 for additional information.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Please note: During the school year, our 8:30am Monday Mass will be celebrated in the Church. Unless otherwise noted all other weekday masses will be held in the Chapel.

MONDAY, APRIL 6th (CHAPEL)

8:30am Marcelino Perdido (D)

TUESDAY, APRIL 7th

7:00am Dorothy & Manuel Callier (D)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8th

7:00am Helen Maes (D)

THURSDAY, APRIL 9th

7:00am Deceased Members & Benefactors
Of the Augustinian Order

FRIDAY, APRIL 10th

7:00am Lilia Sousa (D)

SATURDAY, APRIL 11th

8:30am Helen Maes (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

April 6th through April 12th

- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15
- Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6;
John 20:19-31



**Misa en Español
A las 2:00pm
SPANISH MASS**

Fr. Greg will be offering a mass in Spanish one Sunday of every month at 2:00pm in the Church. The next Spanish Mass will be Sunday, **April 19th** at 2:00pm.

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY OF SERVICE

Augustinian Volunteers are Catholic men and women between the ages of 21-29 who wish to serve God's people in partnership with the Augustinian Order and others. The service of the volunteers is with established educational, social, and health programs and varies according to the needs of the sponsoring site and the individual volunteer. Applications are currently being accepted for the 2015-2016 volunteer year for our sites in Chicago, IL, Lawrence, MA, Philadelphia, PA, San Diego, CA, Ventura, CA and Chulucanas, Peru. If interested, please visit www.osavol.org or contact us at osavol@gmail.com



ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE

The rosary will be recited for World Peace after the 8:30 am Mass each Monday in the Church. Please join us.



EXECUTION ALERTS

The following executions are scheduled to take place in **April:**

April 9th	Kent Sprouse	TX
April 14th	Andre Cole	MO
April 15th	Manuel Garza	TX
April 16th	Gregory Hunt	AL
April 17th	Albert Perez	PA

We ask your prayers for these persons, for the victims of their crimes, and for their families.

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