



## Walk for Life

*From the Pastor*

Join Fr. Tom on the Walk for Life on Saturday, **January 27**. I will be at the Castro Valley Bart Station at 10:05AM to take the BART to the Rally. The Silent no more Campaign begins at 10:45AM, the Rally begins at 12:30PM, and the walk begins at 1:30 PM. I am profoundly amazed at the gathering of young people who attend. They realize that 1/3 of their generation has been aborted. I have found love and faith in the walkers at this event. Please bring sunscreen, drinks, snacks, and your Rosary to pray during the walk.

We intend to establish a new West Coast tradition of celebrating life and we're calling for solidarity among women and all people of good will in affirming human life.

Abortion harms women and men; it divides families and society. Women—and all people—deserve better than abortion.

We strive to shed light on all issues of life, but particularly to change hearts hurt by the violence of abortion. If you would like to join Fr. Tom after the Walk for Life he will be joining Fr. Francisco at the Shrine of St. Francis.

### ***CATHOLIC MASS in the Extraordinary Form***

***National Shrine of Saint Francis of Assisi, 610 Vallejo Street, San Francisco, 5:00PM***

After the Walk, a High Mass in the Extraordinary Form will be celebrated for life by Friar Francisco Nahoe, OFM Conv. The Mass will start at 5:00 p.m. a short walk from the end of the Walk for Life.

Peace,  
Fr. Tom

### **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in October 2018**

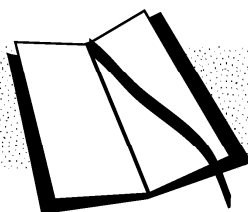
Join Fr. Tom for a unforgettable Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. We will visit Petra, Nazareth, Jerusalem, and Bethlehem. We will visit Cana where Jesus performed his first miracle, Mount Tabor, the place of the Transfiguration, Caesarea Philippi where Peter was named as the rock on which the church would be built, at Capernaum we see where Jesus centered his ministry and we will take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. We will go to the Mount of Olives entering Jerusalem to walk the Via Delarosa to the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher. We will visit the oldest church in the Holy Land as we enter the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem to visit where Christ was born. There is much more we will see and experience.

When: **October 16-28, 2018**

Accommodations: 4 Star Hotels

Price: \$3499 includes Air, Hotel, Breakfast and Dinner, Transportation and Guides.

Hear the Word



of the LORD

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### **Gospel for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (January 21st)**

**Mark 1:14-20**

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.



**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
FEDERAL HOLIDAY**

Monday, January 15th is a federal holiday. There will be one Mass only at 8:15am in the Church. The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday and will re-open on Tuesday, January 16th at 9:00am. The entire Parish staff wishes you a safe and relaxing holiday.

**ANNUAL SEMINARY COLLECTION**

This weekend (January 13th-14th) our diocese asks us to help with the work of education for tomorrow's priests through our contributions to the Seminary Collection. Your prayers and support for our seminarians are a tremendous encouragement to the candidates. Your generous contributions assist these seminarians on their way to the priesthood. Our seminarians are dedicated, enthusiastic and most willing to be of service. Your kindness, generosity, and prayers are deeply appreciated. Envelopes are in the pews for your use.



**EVANGELIZATION CORNER**

**Youth Ministry**

**Alpha Retreat:** February 2-3, at OLG  
**Next Meetings:** January 21st & 28th

**1st Holy Communion**

**Next Meetings:** January 14th *We Gather*  
January 28th *We Listen*

**Whole Family Catechesis**

**Next Meetings:** January 21st *Building the Reign of God*  
February 11th *Lenten Family Day*

For more information, contact the Evangelization Office at 510-582-9266.



**RCIA CORNER  
Knowing Your Faith Series**

We offer a warm, accepting setting in small group discussions to find ways to deepen our faith and to nurture those seeking membership into the Catholic Church. Our next meeting will be on **January 16th** at 6:00pm. For more information, please contact Marie at rcia@olgcv.org



**YEARLY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

For your convenience in preparing your tax return, a contribution statement for 2017 will be prepared at your request. Please phone the Parish Office at 537-0806, with your name and envelope number. Your statement will be available for you to pick up once it has been signed.

**FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES  
Help End Child Sex Trafficking**

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Exploitation of children includes sex trafficking, which takes place in every place imaginable across urban, suburban, and rural communities. Learn how you can make a difference by attending Day Star Mentor & Volunteer Training Orientation taking place Wednesday, January 17th from 5:30pm-8:30pm at Catholic Charities of the East Bay, 433 Jefferson Street, Oakland. Learn more by emailing joythomson@cceb.org



**CYO GIRLS BASKETBALL  
REGISTRATION**

Registration is available online for *CYO Girls Basketball* at [www.olgcvcyo.siplay.com](http://www.olgcvcyo.siplay.com) & click "Login". All players who did not play in our fall program will need to create a new account prior to completing their first registration within the system. Girl's Basketball is open for grades 2nd-8th. Fees for the 2018 year will be \$190.00 with a \$50.00 uniform fee. **\$15 discount if registered before January 16th.** For more info, email [olgcyocv@gmail.com](mailto:olgcyocv@gmail.com)

**The Lord IS CALLING You!??  
MEN'S FAITH SHARE**

All men of the parish are invited to join Our Men's Faith Share and Bible Study every Tuesday evening from 7 – 8:15pm in Stack Center-Room 7. Each week Fr. Paul leads a discussion on the meaning and application to our lives for the upcoming Sunday Mass readings. **COME & YOU WILL SEE!** (Jn 1:39). Next meeting is **January 16th.**

**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION**

We extend a warm welcome to new parishioners and guests. Please stop by Stack Center, **January 14th**, from 10:00am-11:00am. to register or update your information. A Hospitality volunteer will greet you at the New Parishioner Registration Table.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING RESULTS**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Christmas Collection.. Our Christmas Offering for 2017 totaled \$30,012 compared to \$29,297 in 2016 against a Budget of \$29,000. As always we thank you for the generosity of your gift and ask God to bless your continuing generosity.

**2017 PLATE COLLECTION RESULTS**

Total Sunday Plate Offering 2017: \$454,820  
 Total Sunday Plate Budget 2017: \$438,000  
 Total Sunday Plate Offering 2016: \$432,766

We are most grateful to those who have consistently supported our Parish and have maintained their level of giving. For those in the Parish not using the offering envelope we ask you to prayerfully consider committing your support to our ministries, liturgies, outreach and all that a Parish is expected to provide its members and the members of the larger community in which we reside. May we continue to be good stewards of so great a gift and remember that God will not be outdone in generosity.

**MAINTENANCE FUND 2017 RESULTS**

Total 2017 Collection	\$25,168
Total 2016 Collection	\$19,976
Budget 2017	\$25,000

We are grateful to all those who regularly contribute to the Maintenance Fund through the monthly envelope offering. As you are aware in your own homes utilities, property taxes, maintenance expenses have continued to rise. If you are not regularly contributing to this funds please consider a monthly contribution.

**2018 CALENDARS AVAILABLE**

Catholic Extension 2018 Family Appointment Calendars are available. We are grateful and we extend our sincere appreciation to the Holy Angels Catholic Funeral, Cremation & Cemetery Services of the Diocese of Oakland for again sponsoring the 2018 calendars. If you have not picked up a copy in the church you may find one in the parish office. *Please only one per household.*

**COME JOIN US**

All are invited after the **9:30am** Sunday Mass to gather in Stack Center for coffee and donuts.



**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 January 7th:**

Sunday Plate:	\$ 8,795.00
Last Year this week	\$ 7,714.00
<b>Weekly Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 8,920.00</b>
Year-to-date this year:	\$ 8,795.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$ 7,714.00

*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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| Glen Alcorn          | Dieter Hahn        |
| Kathleen Andrews     | Don Jordan         |
| Susanna Ax           | Elaine Jordan      |
| James Barthman       | Kathi Leal         |
| Jackson Tyler Bishop | Laura Martell      |
| Leonardo Cabardo     | Alice McLaughlin   |
| Antonio O. Chocha    | Rosy Pereira       |
| Jose Cisneros        | Stephanie Rosevear |
| Claudia Dobbs        | David Rountree     |
| Lynn Franks          | Florence Sharp     |
| Bill Fuller          | Mercedes Tellez    |
| Byron Griffith       | Iwan Tunggal       |

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

**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE**

**VICTIMS OF CALIFORNIA FIRES**

**2018 WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST**

Join us for the 14th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on **January 27th** at 11:00am. Rally starts at Civic Center Plaza, walking down Market Street (2 miles). Ends at Justin Herman Plaza/Ferry Building. BART stations at both locations. Ample parking. For more information visit: [www.WalkForLifewc.com](http://www.WalkForLifewc.com)

**OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED**

Still pondering your resolutions for 2018? Why not consider our Parish Mission Statement: *A community that endeavors to live our faith grounded in Jesus Christ. We celebrate Christ's presence in Word, Sacrament, and the shared experiences of our faith—community.*

1. Servicing meals to the elderly at Strobridge
2. Helping Hands (helping prepare receptions after funerals at OLG.)
3. Parish Maintenance & Gardening
4. St. Vincent DePaul Outreach (outreach to the poor)
5. CYO Athletic Programs
6. The Parish Festival
7. Working in the Religious Education Program
8. Working on the Confirmation team
9. Working with the RCIA team
10. Visit the Sick/Eucharistic Minister to the Sick and Homebound
11. Eucharistic Minister at Mass
12. Lector at Mass
13. Altar Society
14. Pax Christi/Social Justice Group



**THANK YOU FROM THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

A wonderful group of parishioners, family members & friends helped to create our beautiful environment for Christmas. We thank the following for their help in cleaning & decorating the Church: Phil Berry, Matt Daly, Carolina De La Torre, Claudia Dobbs, Marta Duarte, Brian & Darlene Futagaki, Mary Groves, Imelda Guerrero, Marie Houts, Robin & Warren Hudson, Susan Klas, Adriana Perino, Bonnie & James Ricketts & James' friend, Joe, Sandra Aguilar-Sanford, Lee Shilts, Mark Vaz & Franciscan Br. Chris. We also thank all those who contributed to the flower fund. May you all be blessed in 2018.

**ICF DISTRICT CRAB FEED!**

Come join us for our annual Crab Feed on **Saturday February 17th at 6pm** at St. Philip Neri/O'Brien Hall, 3112 Van Buren St., Alameda. We will begin with hors d'oeuvres, followed by dinner with salad, pasta con pesto, cracked crab or 1/2 chicken and dessert. The price is \$50.00. There will also be raffle baskets to bid on and a card raffle. For reservations, contact Fran LaTorre @ 510-887-1509 no later than Feb. 10th as space is limited. No tickets sold at the door. Buon Appetito!

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, January 14th:**

- Liturgy of the Word  
9:30am--Augustine Center
- Coffee & Donuts  
After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center
- New Parishioner Registration  
10:00am--Stack Center
- First Holy Communion Class  
10:50am--Stack Center

**Monday, January 15th:**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday  
Parish Offices Closed**

**Tuesday, January 16th:**

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study  
9:30am--Parish Office
- RCIA Inquiry  
6:00pm--Stack Center
- Men's Faith Share  
7:00pm--Stack Center, Room 7
- St. Vincent de Paul Meeting  
7:00pm--Parish Office

**Wednesday, January 17th:**

- Strobridge Dinner  
5:30pm--Strobridge Apartments

**Thursday, January 18th:**

- Adoration  
7:00pm--Church
- AA Serenity Group  
7:30pm--Augustine Center, Room A2

**Saturday, January 20th:**

- Adoration  
8:45am--Church

**Sunday, January 21st:**

- Liturgy of the Word  
9:30am--Augustine Center
- Coffee & Donuts  
After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center
- Whole Family Catechesis  
10:50am--Stack Center
- ALPHA/Youth Ministry  
6:00pm--Stack Center

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

All Masses are celebrated in the Church.

**MONDAY, January 15th**

8:15am Amelia Davis (D)

**TUESDAY, January 16th**

*St. Berard & Companions, OFM, protomartyrs*

8:15am John Baptista Barreto (D)

**WEDNESDAY, January 17th**

*St. Anthony, Abbot*

8:15am Thomas & Mary Hayes (D)

**THURSDAY, January 18th**

8:15am Cohen Sigmon (L)

**FRIDAY, January 19th**

8:15am Marty Martin (D)

**SATURDAY, January 20th**

*Blessed John Baptist Triquerie, OFM, Conv, Priest*

*St. Fabian, Pope, martyr*

*St. Sebastian, martyr*

8:15am Rudy & Augie Enriquez (D)

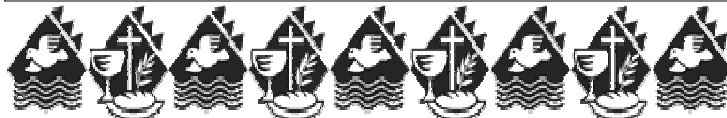
5:00pm Louis Rodrigues (D)

**SUNDAY, January 21st**

*The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:30am Caden Sigmon (L)

1:30am Luz Estela Brown (L)



**HOMEWORK HELPERS NEEDED!**

Our 2 oldest refugee children, Harriet (1<sup>st</sup> grade) and Reponse (kindergarten) are in need of someone to help them with their homework. There is no adult at home who is able to assist them, and as a result, they are not turning in their homework packets. They could be making better progress in school if they had someone to help them with their assignments & read with them after school 1x or 2x/week. Let me know if you would be willing to work with them for a weekly 45 min. session in a room at their school, Allendale, in Oakland (near 35<sup>th</sup> Ave.) You could choose one of these times: 2:50–3:35pm on Mon, Tues, or Thur, or from 1:25– 2:10pm on Wed. Contact Dennise Burgess at dcburgess1@juno.com or 510-538-6071.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**January 15th through January 21st**

Monday: 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Samuel 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mark 3:20-21

Sunday: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20



**ROSARY BEFORE MASS**

Come join in prayer of the Rosary 30 minutes before each of the weekend liturgies. Pray for our Parish and our youth as they journey with the Alpha Youth program. All are welcome!

**WINGS**

**WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT**

We invite all women to join us for WINGS (Women in God's Spirit).

WINGS is a faith enhancement group that encourages spiritual growth through prayer, scripture study, Catechesis, life sharing and community.

We will meet at Transfiguration Church Marian Room (Hall)

Next Meeting: **January 18th, 2018**

9:00am to 11:15am

Speaker: Krista Lucchesi

Topic: Spirituality through Bible Stories

**RELEVANT HEART RADIO**

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