



## The Walk for Life an Act of Faith

*From the Pastor*

When I was young my grandmother Rose took a bus on a thousand mile trip to be part of the March for Life in Washington DC. She wanted her voice to be heard and witness to her faith. Inspired by her witness of faith, I seek to express my faith that all life is a gift of God and precious.

Join Fr. Tom on the Walk for Life on Saturday, **January 27th**. 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**

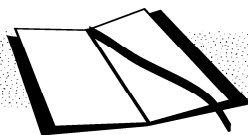
Join Fr. Tom for a unforgettable Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. We will visit Petra, Nazareth, Jerusalem, and Bethlehem. We will visit Cana where Jesus performed his first miracle, Mount Tabor, the place of the Transfiguration, Caesarea Philippi where Peter was named as the rock on which the church would 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 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (January 28th)**

**Mark 1:21-28**

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.



**OUR LADY OF GRACE SCHOOL  
OPEN HOUSE**

Our Lady of Grace School will host its annual Open House for grades TK-8 following the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, **January 28th**. Visitors are invited to join us for coffee and donuts in Stack Center, tour the school, meet teachers, the principal and other parents. There will be Kindergarten presentation in the Kindergarten classroom.

Applications for grades TK-8 will be available for the 2018-2019 school year. Come and meet the principal, Mrs. Anderson, and our faculty. Also, view the various displays in the school classrooms, science lab, technology lab and more. For further information, please call Our Lady of Grace School office @ 581-3155 between the hours of 8:30am--3:00pm.

Please note Our Lady of Grace School offers Transitional Kindergarten for children who do not meet the age requirement of being 5 years old by **September 1st** to enter Kindergarten. Our Transitional Kindergarten includes rigorous academics and age-appropriate play in a Catholic environment to prepare for Kindergarten.

**EVANGELIZATION CORNER**

**Youth Ministry**

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

**1st Holy Communion**

**Next Meetings:** January 28th 9:30am Teaching Mass  
Lesson to follow in Church til 11:15am  
February 4th We Offer Bread

**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 23rd** 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.

**ANNUAL SEMINARY COLLECTION**

If you have not yet contributed, there is still time. 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.

**LENTEN LECTURE SERIES**

*Biblical Reflections on Christian Discipleship  
Presented by Fr. Francisco Nahoe*

This series, offered by Fr. Francisco Nahoe OFM Conv., examines Christian Discipleship in light of Biblical narratives from the Book of Genesis, the Psalms, the Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, the Pauline letters & the letters of John. Following a method laid out by Pope Saint John Paul II, we will address human, spiritual, intellectual & social dimensions of Christian Discipleship in order to foster our own ongoing growth as ever more authentic disciples of the Lord Jesus. Bring your Bible & an open heart & ask the Spirit of God to move within you. Join us for Mass in the Church at 6:00pm, followed by a Soup & Bread Lenten Meal at 6:30pm. Lectures will run from 7:00-8:00pm.

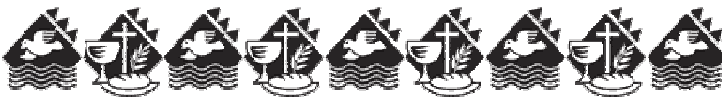
- February 14th** *Sin, Grace & Discipleship*
- February 21st** *The Gospel of Failed Discipleship*
- February 28th** *The Role of the Eucharist in Recovering Authentic Discipleship*
- March 7th** *The Journey of Discipleship in the Gospel of Luke and Acts*
- March 14th** *Portraits of Beloved Discipleship in the Gospel of John*
- March 21st** *Pauline Paths of Christian Discipleship*

**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.

**COME & SEE  
The Life & Ministry of the Friars**

We invite unmarried men, ages 18-50 to meet the Friars, pray with us, learn our Spirituality and learn more about our life! **February 16th-18th**, beginning on **February 16th, Friday** at 4:00pm in Arroyo Grande. Concludes at 1:00pm, Sunday. For more information, call Fr. Paul at 510-671-0537.



**CYO GIRLS BASKETBALL REGISTRATION**

Registration is available online for **CYO Girls Basketball** at [www.olgvcvco.siplay.com](http://www.olgvcvco.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. For more info, email [olgcycvco@gmail.com](mailto:olgcycvco@gmail.com)



**OLG SPRING AUCTION  
SAVE THE DATE--MAY 5TH!**

Our Lady of Grace's Spring Auction is scheduled for **Saturday, May 5th**. This year's theme is **Fiesta Forever**. We look forward to seeing you there!



**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 14th:**

Sunday Plate:	\$ 9,512.00
Last Year this week	\$ 8,826.00
<b>Weekly Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 8,920.00</b>
Year-to-date this year:	\$ 18,307.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$ 16,540.00

*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.*

**IRMA HASTON  
SUZANNE MOSCHETTI**

**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 23rd**.



### 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!

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - Thank You!

On behalf of St. Vincent de Paul, I would like to thank the many people in our parish that have supported us this past year. We have received cash, gift cards, food and approximately 200 coats in our recent One Warm Coast Drive. Over my years as president, I have watched the needs in our community increase. In 2017 you helped us assist 39 people with rent, 42 with utilities, 596 with food and 8 with vehicle related expenses. This amounts to \$34,900 worth of help that we have given to those in this community. Last year the Our Lady of Grace Conference made 111 home visits and 155 other in-person visits. Again, thank you for your generosity. If you would like more information on what we do or are interested in being a part of this ministry, please give me a call at 510-881-7850. -Heidi Denzler-Halsey, President

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus monthly meetings are held the last Thursday of every month at 7:00pm in Stack Center. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, visit <https://oaklandkofc.org/> or join us at our next meeting **January 25th**.

### CASTRO VALLEY HOMELESS OUTREACH

A very special thank you to all who supported Homeless Outreach over the last year. Your kindness and generosity were truly a blessing and was greatly appreciated by those who received your help. As we go into the new year, we will be redoubling our efforts to reach out to those in need. Our next drop off dates are **February 3rd & 17th**. We will gladly pick up your donation or you may drop your donation at the Parish Office. Your help is truly a blessing. For a list of needed items, please contact Ken White at [k2rm@comcast.net](mailto:k2rm@comcast.net) or 510-909-5774 or Sean Nalty at [sean.nalty@ogletree.com](mailto:sean.nalty@ogletree.com) or 415-369-3552.

## THIS WEEK

### *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

### *Monday, January 22nd:*

Women's Evening Bible Study  
7:00pm--Stack Center

### *Tuesday, January 23rd:*

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

### *Thursday, January 25th:*

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

### *Saturday, January 27th:*

Adoration  
8:45am--Church

### *Sunday, January 28th:*

Liturgy of the Word  
9:30am--Augustine Center  
Coffee & Donuts  
After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center  
1st Holy Communion Class  
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 22nd**

*Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*

8:15am Frank Heffernan (D)

**TUESDAY, January 23rd**

*St. Vincent, Deacon, Martyr  
St. Marianne Cope, Virgin*

8:15am Patrick Murry (D)

**WEDNESDAY, January 24th**

*St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*

8:15am Mary Guzman (L)

**THURSDAY, January 25th**

THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

8:15am Visitacion Perdido (D)

**FRIDAY, January 26th**

*Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops*

8:15am Heidi Halsey (L)

**SATURDAY, January 27th**

*St. Angela Merici, Virgin*

8:15am Taylor & Felicity Hill (L)

5:00pm Lilia Sousa (D)

**SUNDAY, January 28th**

*The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30am Helen Maes (D)

1:30pm Ralph Velasco (D)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**January 22nd through January 28th**

Monday: 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10; Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19;  
Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Samuel 7:4-17; Mark 4:1-20

Thursday: Acts 22:3-16; Mark 16:15-18

Friday: 2 Timothy 1:1-8; Mark 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17;  
Mark 4:35-41

Sunday: Deuteronomy 18:15-20;  
1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28



**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: **February 1st, 2018**

9:00am to 11:15am

Speaker: Fr. Francisco Nahoe

Topic: Spirituality through Bible Stories

**2018 WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST**

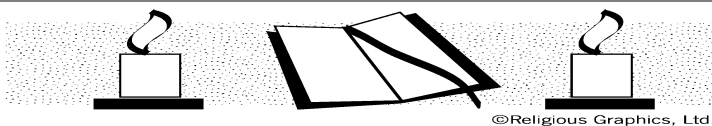
Join us for the 14th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on **January 27th** at 11:00am. Rally starts at Civic Center Plaza, walking down Market Street (2 miles). Ends at Justin Herman Plaza/Ferry Building. BART stations at both locations. Ample parking. For more information visit: [www.WalkForLifewc.com](http://www.WalkForLifewc.com)

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