
 I found this recent article of interest and thought it important to share with our faith community at OLG.

From the Pastor

Bishop Richard Malone of Buffalo, N.Y., said, 'The crisis of marriage and family today cannot be separated from a crisis of faith and a crisis of meaning. And so we must pray for our nation and for our families.' By Matt Hadro of the National Catholic Register, 5/8/15.

WASHINGTON — Prayer is sorely needed as existential threats face faith, the family and religious liberty in the U.S., Catholic leaders insisted at a prayer breakfast held in the nation's capital on Thursday. "The crisis of marriage and family today cannot be separated from a crisis of faith and a crisis of meaning. And so we must pray for our nation and for our families," said Bishop Richard Malone of Buffalo, N.Y., at the National Catholic Prayer Breakfast in Washington on May 7.

The prayer breakfast has taken place each year in Washington since 2004. Catholic leaders in business and politics, as well as bishops, priests and religious attend. Attendance at the 2015 breakfast was estimated at more than 1,000. Past speakers have included President George W. Bush, Sean Cardinal O'Malley of Boston and Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott joined Bishop Malone in addressing the crowd about the need for prayer, as challenges are presented to religious liberty and the family in today's "crisis of faith," as Bishop Malone said. Abbott, a Catholic, shared his deeply personal story of a horrific accident that left him confined to a wheelchair as an adult. He prayed that God would grant him "the best possible outcome." God answered his prayers, but not in the manner he expected. "[God] responded by giving me challenges that made me stronger," Abbott said. "I learned, as it turned out, that faith doesn't mean trusting God to stop the storm. Instead, it means trusting him to strengthen us as we pass through the storm."


In the same way, the Church in the U.S. must pray for strength to weather the storm that threatens its ability to practice the faith in public, he said. "In America today, we are in a time of great need. There is an urgent need to pray, now more than ever, especially the need to pray for our religious liberties," he insisted, citing the contraception mandate, legalized abortion and the push for acceptance of same-sex "marriage." "We see these assaults of faith continue across the entire country. We see this with the Catholic Little Sisters of the Poor being forced to choose between a law being imposed upon them by their government or instead choose to follow the law of their Lord," he said, referring to an ongoing lawsuit between the nuns and the federal government over their being forced to violate their consciences and provide their employees coverage of contraceptives, sterilizations and abortions through a third party.

Yet through prayer there is hope, he added, quoting Pope Francis and exhorting the faithful to prayer. "I have found that there is no force as indomitable, as formidable, as prayer to almighty God. And as Pope Francis has said, and I quote, 'To not pray is to close the door to God so that he can do nothing.' He went on and said that 'On the other hand, in the face of a problem, a difficult situation, a calamity, is opening the door to the Lord so that he can come in.'"

The family also faces a crisis of faith, Bishop Malone insisted. Recent popes have connected this crisis of faith with a crisis of the family, he added, noting that faith and family are interwoven. "The family needs to be reawakened and supported in its vocation and its mission," he said, noting that young Catholics need to be taught to pray in order to be good husbands and wives as adults. He also noted the importance of "a close accompaniment that encourages baptized married couples to rely on the grace received in the sacrament and that demonstrates the Church's great affection and esteem for the vocation of marriage."

In Christ Jesus,
Rev. Gregory Heidenblut, OSA

A TIME TO SAY "GOODBYE"



There will be a grand gala after the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, **June 28th** to say good bye to the Augustinians and to welcome our new pastor. The Augustinians will host a buffet provided by Miraglia Catering. Provincial, Very Rev. Kevin Mullins, O.S.A., will be the celebrant at the 11:00 am Mass joined by the Augustinians who served Our Lady of Grace over the last 35 years, including Frs. Jim Clifford, Bob Gavotto and Tom Behan, Paul Quante and Gregory Heidenblut. Additional information will be provided in the very near future. Please join with us following the mass to share time together and offer your memories and farewell wishes to the Augustinian Community who has served the Parish so well these past 35 years.

FROM BISHOP BARBER

End of Life Care...Death with Dignity... Physician-Assisted Suicide...the variety of labels reveals that this is not a simple topic with a simple resolution. Presently, a bill is working its way through the California legislative process in the form of SB128, which would permit physician-assisted suicide. Bishop Barber, as all California bishops, strongly opposes this legislation. Our bishop asks that pastors and parishioners become knowledgeable advocates for the teachings of our faith with respect to human dignity and human life: "I urge all Catholics to educate themselves on the issue using the resources available from parishes, the Catholic press, and the diocesan website. The sick, elderly and dying deserve our love and support until the moment God calls them to Himself." Read Bishop's full statement and access links to prayers, church teaching, frequently-asked questions, personal testimonies of patients and doctors, and much more at oakdiocese.org/SB128. For further information or assistance, please contact John Watkins in the Office of Life & Justice, jwatkins@oakdiocese.org, 510-267-8379.

PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE



Our photo directories are expected to ship from the publisher May 28th. We will let you know as soon as they arrive and when they can be picked up in the Parish office.

Each family that had their photo included in the directory will receive **ONE FREE** copy. If you didn't have your picture taken, you may purchase one directory for \$7.00. Because of the limited number of directories, please only *one per family*.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE EAST BAY ANNUAL APPEAL, MAY 17th

Catholic Charities of the East Bay is our charity and so we are the greatest providers of social services in the East Bay! Each year, we are given the opportunity to show our support for the good work they do in our name. By making a financial gift or pledge to the annual appeal this weekend you help all of us be the **hands of hope** for the poor and marginalized. Your gift helps us welcome the stranger, offer healing to those suffering trauma and enables our families to move to self-sufficiency. In advance thank you for your generosity and for being the **hands of hope**. For more information contact Steve Mullin, Parish Outreach Manager at 510-768-3165 or smullin@acceb.org. Envelopes are in the pews, please be as generous as you can.



Men of Faith
 OLG MEN'S MINISTRY
 Our Lady of Grace Church

Men of Faith invite OLG men to "MOF First Monday of the Month" Mass, Meal and Meeting on **June 1st**: Mass 6:30 pm, Meal & Meeting 7:00 pm and return home by 8:00 pm at Casa Villanova Chapel in the Rectory at 19950 Anita Avenue, Castro Valley (next to OLG School). The meal is hosted by MOF. Please RSVP jab@bhp-law.com or 510 816-9110.

Subject: **The Best Part of "Proving My Love to My Wife"** - With Love, your wife will appreciate and support you in all that you do. Come and learn what You can do to show your love. You will not want to miss this special event with Fr. Gregory and your OLG brothers.

EVENING BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN

Patricia Hierro continues leading a Bible Study for Women every other Monday, at 7:00pm in the Parish Office. The next meeting is Monday, **May 18th**. The group is currently discussing the books of Esther and Ruth you may join the group at anytime.

OLG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible Study facilitated by Fr. Greg continues , **May 19th** 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.

FROM SOUTH HAYWARD PARISH

South Hayward Parish has a critical need for men's tube socks. If you would like to donate to individuals experiencing hardships during these times please drop your donation of socks to the parish office. Together we can work wonders.

Thank you

Rochelle Elias

OLG representative at South Hayward Parish

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm in the Parish Office. The Society will be gathering next on **May 20th** and invite all those interested in joining the effort to help the poor and homeless in our community to join them.

In order to be more available to those in need, we now have a dedicated phone line where a message can be left 24/7. Please feel free to pick up a few of our business cards in the Parish Office for your neighbors in need. Our new number is 510-581-2164.



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.

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 May 10th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 7,313.00
Last Year this week	\$ 6,759.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,815.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$145,239.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$127,283.00

May Budgeted Expenses \$50,800.00

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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| Dennis Cande | Nicholas Guinea |
| Jose Cisneros | Richard Martin |
| Kathleen Denning | Doree Rivera |
| Estela Enriquez | Florence Sharp |
| Mary Franks | James Van Wert |
| Byron Griffith | Yvonne Wheeler |
| Liz Griffith | |

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.

CHARLES "CHUCK" BENNETT

Gospel for PENTECOST SUNDAY, May 24th
John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me. And you also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning. "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."

SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Our Lady of Grace School will host a two-week summer enrichment program. This fun-filled summer program will include an integrated, academic curriculum and fun enrichment activities. This program is available to all students currently enrolled in grades TK-4, and must be at least 5 years of age.

Students will experience: Hands-on activities, interactive math and reading activities, creative writing, iPad lab, Development of technology skills, dance, art projects, outdoor activities and more!

Summer Program Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
 Week 1: June 15-19 Week 2: June 22-26. Cost: \$200 per week You can sign up for one or two weeks! Extended Care is available 7:30 a.m - 8:30 a.m and 2:30 p.m. - 5:30p.m. at an additional hourly fee of \$5.00. Please contact Our Lady of Grace School, 581-3155 to sign up or for additional information.

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 Women's weekend is Thursday, May 21st thru Sunday, May 24th.* 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 Ruth Picha at 510-583-9063

THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 17th

Coffee & Donuts
After all Masses

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

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

Spanish Mass
 followed by Fiesta in Stack Center
 2:00pm--Church

Monday, May 18th:

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

Tuesday, May 19th:

Bible Study
 9:30am--Parish Office

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

Wednesday, May 20th:

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
 7:00pm--Parish Office

Thursday, May 21st:

Serenity Group
 8:15pm— Stack Center

Sunday, May 24th:

Coffee & Donuts
After all Masses

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

Monday, May 25th:

Memorial Day
Parish Offices Closed

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, **May 17th** at 2:00pm.

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, MAY 18th (CHURCH)

*St. John I, Pope, Martyr,
Blessed William of Toulouse, O.S.A., priest*
8:30am Lilia Sousa (D)

TUESDAY, MAY 19th

*Blessed Clement of Osimo and
Augustine of Tarano, O.S.A.'s, priests*
7:00am Dorothy & Manuel Callier (D)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20th

St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
7:00am Pearl Clark (D)

THURSDAY, MAY 21st

*St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest,
and Companions, Martyrs*
7:00am Lee, Yaka & Frank Music (D)

FRIDAY, MAY 22nd

St. Rita of Cascia, O.S.A., Religious
7:00am Jose Daniel Tellez (D)

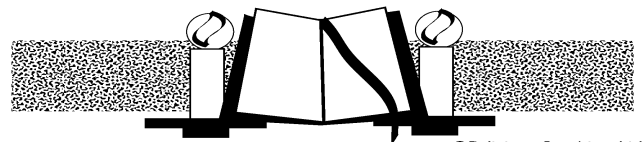
SATURDAY, MAY 23rd

8:30am Mary Borges (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

May 17th through May 24th

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26
 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19
 Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25
 Sunday: Acts 2:1-11;
 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13;
 John 15: 26-27; 16:12-15



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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Did you miss your opportunity with last year's RCIA group? Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Now is the time to think about becoming Catholic.

The RCIA process is open to adults who are not baptized, Christians validly baptized in another Christian denomination, baptized Catholics who have not received the sacraments of Eucharist, and Confirmation and have had little or no faith formation. Through the RCIA Inquiry process you will discover the truth, beauty, and goodness awaiting you in the Catholic Church. Call the parish office for additional information.

SCRIP NEWS

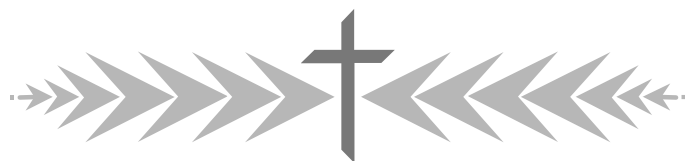
Did you know scrip is available year round in the Parish Office? Buy gift cards (at face value) for various retailers through the Parish office, helping the school earn 2%-17% per certificate. Stop by the Parish office and look over the list. Thank you for your support!

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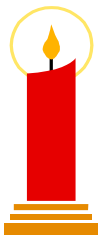
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Candles for our candle stand are available for purchase in the Parish Office or in the Sacristy after mass on Sundays. The candles will burn for 5 days. The cost per candle is \$3.00. *The glass globes in the candle stand must be left in the church. Simply insert the plastic candle purchased from the Parish in to the globe in the candle stand.*