

On Sunday, **June 7th** Bishop Barber will be here to confirm our 21 young Catholics. We pray that they continually turn to the Holy Spirit throughout their lives asking for the fullness of grace given to them on this special day. We are grateful to the catechists who were involved in their formation and preparation for the Sacrament.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is the third, and final, sacrament of initiation that enrolls the confirmandi into the fullness of life in the Catholic Church. All too often, we lose our young after Confirmation. The enticement of the world and society lead many astray from their faith and commitment. Below, is a brief narrative from the Catechism of the Catholic Church explaining the Sacrament of Confirmation.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

1285 Baptism, the Eucharist, and the sacrament of Confirmation together constitute the "sacraments of Christian initiation," whose unity must be safeguarded. It must be explained to the faithful that the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace.⁸⁹ For "by the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed."⁹⁰

Q&A: Confirmation Names

Should I encourage my child to pick a confirmation name?

Our names are used at our baptism and become part of our religious history. For many centuries it was customary only to use the names of saints at baptism, but the baptismal rite now permits other names as long as they are not incompatible with Christian faith and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults even provides a rite for a catechumen to receive a "Christian" name before baptism (RCIA, 202). Any discussion of a "confirmation name" must be placed in the context of the relationship of confirmation to baptism.

Confirmation is a "seal" of the faith and grace given in baptism. The current rite of confirmation tries to link the celebration of this sacrament of initiation to baptism and thus, for example, recommends that the "sponsor" for confirmation be, when possible, the baptismal godparent and includes a formal renewal of baptismal promises after the homily. Since the rite contains no specific directive otherwise, it presumes that those to be confirmed will be addressed by the name used at their baptism.

Choosing a separate confirmation name had been a centuries-old custom for those baptized as infants but confirmed later, but this practice emphasizes a separation between the two sacraments that is at variance with our renewed understanding of the relationship of baptism, confirmation, and eucharist as the three sacraments of Christian initiation. And, although popular in many places, in actual fact a "confirmation name" is nowhere mentioned either in the former rite or in the current rite nor is it mentioned either in the old or new Codes of Canon Law.

Today there may be appropriate and pastoral reasons for someone to choose another patron saint and use this saint's name when being confirmed. This name, freely chosen and reflective of the candidate's devotion to a saint, can be a sign of commitment to living as a Christian in today's world under the patronage of someone they admire. Ideally such a confirmation name would be used in addition to the baptismal name, and not in place of it, and would be a saint to whom the person being confirmed has a particular devotion.

For most individuals, though, using the baptismal name alone can be a powerful reaffirmation of who they are as Christians. Whether a person chooses a special patron and name at confirmation or chooses to honor the name received at baptism should always be considered as really a secondary aspect of the celebration. What is ultimately being celebrated is God's commitment to each baptized Christian through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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Gospel for The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Sunday, June 7th

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water. Follow him. Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?'" Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Make the preparations for us there.'" The disciples then went off, entered the city and found it just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover. While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

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, Fr. Tom Czeck, OFM Conv. All members of our Parish community are invited to the buffet provided by Miraglia Catering. Provincial, Very Rev. Kevin Mullins, O.S.A., will 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 Greg 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. In order to help with the planning please call the Parish Office to RSVP for this event



PARISH DIRECTORY HAS ARRIVED

Our photo directories have arrived. Each family that had their photo included in the directory will receive **ONE FREE** copy. Please stop in the Parish office to pick up your directory. If you are unable to come to the Parish Office they will be available for pick up after the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, **June 7th**. 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*.



FATHERS' DAY

As a means of honoring our fathers, living and deceased, a Triduum of Masses will be celebrated on **June 22nd, 23rd and 24th**. Cards are available in the Parish Office for those wishing to give or send a remembrance card. The names of those to be remembered will be placed at the altar for the three days of remembrance. Please complete the requested information on the half-sheet of paper and return to the parish office.



A NOTE FROM OLG PASTORAL PLANNING COUNCIL

We would like to hear your comments, suggestions and questions. The OLG PPC will host a table in Stack Center following the 9:00am Mass the first Sunday of each month (**June 7th**) Please come visit with us with questions, concerns or any observations that you might have. We look forward to hearing from you on **June 7th**.



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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE EAST BAY ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who donated generously to the Catholic Charities of the East Bay Annual Appeal. You enable the Church to be the Hands of Hope. Envelopes are still in the pews for your use. For more information contact Steve Mullin, Parish Outreach Manager at 510-768-3165 or smullin@acceb.org.

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.

**AN INVITATION IN HONOR OF
DR. DARLENE FUTAGAKI**

In honor of Dr. Darlene Futagaki’s many years of service to the children and families of Our Lady of Grace School you are cordially invited to attend a farewell reception in Stack Center on Wednesday, **June 3rd** from 2:00-4:00pm. All students and families are welcome to join this special celebration as we wish Dr. Futagaki all the best in her retirement.

FROM SOUTH HAYWARD PARISH

Thank you OLG parishioners who recently donated a sizeable quantity of much needed tube socks to the homeless through the South Hayward Parish. The South Hayward Parish is a faith-based organization that provides shelter to the homeless, operates a food pantry, and many other services to those in need in the greater Hayward area. SHP is very thankful for the generosity of our OLG community.

Rochelle Elias Sean Nalty
OLG representatives for South Hayward Parish

BUNDLE SUNDAY

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will have members and a large trailer in the church parking lot on Saturday & Sunday, **June 6th - 7th** after all the masses to accept your donations. Please help us to help families in need by bringing your gently used household goods, clothing or eWaste on that weekend. We will take furniture, blankets, clothing, lamps, cookware, home decorating items, sleeping bags, sporting goods, toys and other usable goods.

NEWS FROM ICF

Come join the ICF for their popular Ravioli dinner on Thursday, **June 11th**, at 6:30pm in Stack center.

This will also be a chance to meet the winner of our first year college scholarship. Hint, she is related to someone from the parish school. We are able to offer scholarships because of support from all of you. For reservations please call either Stella Taddei at 510-581-5863 or Juanita Madrid at 510-582-7242. Deadline is Monday, **June 8th**. Grazie!

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 24th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 6,455.00
Last Year this week	\$ 7,363.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,815.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$158,643.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$142,553.00

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 |
| Juanita Estrella | Iwan Tunggal |
| Mary Franks | James Van Wert |
| Byron 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 IN OUR WORLD

CRS RESPONSE TO NEPAL EARTHQUAKE

Catholic Relief Services is extremely grateful for the generous outpouring of financial support it has received already from Catholics in our diocese and around the country. Special collections by parishes and individual donations continue to be welcomed by the agency because the need is so great and the work of rebuilding is expected to take years. For information on how to make a donation, please go to the CRS website www.crs.org. For questions or further information, please contact Marc McKimmey, CRS Diocesan Coordinator, 510-768-3176..

**ANNUAL APPEAL
CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

The annual Special Collection for Communications will be held on the weekend of **June 6th-7th** in our diocese.

The proceeds of this collection are divided evenly between the communications office of the US Catholic Bishops Conference and our diocese. Here in Oakland, these funds support websites and social media for the cathedral and the diocese, as well as The Catholic Voice newspaper and website. Envelopes are in the pews.

**ADORATION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT
SATURDAY, JUNE 7th**



Our next Holy Hour with the Blessed Sacrament:
Saturday, **June 7th**
3:30pm--4:30pm
Followed by Benediction
In the Church
All are welcome.

**DEVOTIONAL CANDLES
OUR LADY OF GRACE**



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.*

THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 31st:

*Coffee & Donuts
After all Masses*

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

Wednesday, June 3rd:

Retirement Celebration for Darlene Futagaki
2:00pm--Stack Center

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

Thursday, June 4th:

Serenity Group
8:15pm— Stack Center

Friday, June 5th:

8th Grade Graduation Mass
9:00am--Church

Saturday, June 6th:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
3:30pm--Church

Sunday, June 7th:

*Coffee & Donuts
After all Masses*

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

Confirmation Mass
11:00 Mass



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
COLLECTION**

The last Sunday of every month our St. Vincent de Paul Society members are outside to receive your financial donations. Your generosity enables this ministry to help the less fortunate in our parish community. With your support our community families will be more able to handle the economic challenges that are impacting their lives. Thank you for your past support and current generosity.

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, JUNE 1st(CHURCH)

St. Justin, Martyr

8:30am Dorothy & Manuel Callier (D)

TUESDAY, JUNE 2nd

St.'s Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

7:00am Rudy Enriquez (L)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3rd

St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

7:00am Joni & Kathleen Linney (D)

THURSDAY, JUNE 4th

Blessed James of Viterbo, O.S.A., bishop

7:00am Douglas Clark (D)

FRIDAY, JUNE 5th

St. Boniface, Bishop, Martyr

7:00am Richard Benson (D)

SATURDAY, JUNE 6th

St. Norbert, Bishop

8:30am Debi Telles (D)

EXECUTION ALERTS

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

June 3rd	Les Bower	TX
June 9th	Richard Strong	MO
June 18th	Gregory Rousseau	TX

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

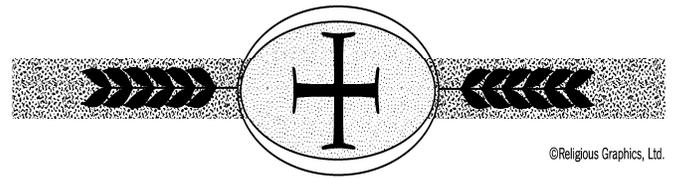
**Misa en Español
A las 2:00pm
SPANISH MASS**

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, **June 21st** at 2:00pm.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

June 1st through June 6th

- Monday: Tobit 1:3; 2:1b-8; Mark 12:1-12
- Tuesday: Tobit 2:9-14; Mark 12:13-17
- Wednesday: Tobit 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Mark 12:18-27
- Thursday: Tobit 6:10-11; 7:1, 9-17; Mark 12:28-34
- Friday: Tobit 11:5-17; Mark 12:35-37
- Saturday: Tobit 12:1,5-15,20; Mark 12:38-44
- Sunday: Exodus 24:3-8; Hebrews 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16, 22-26



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.



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.

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