


Blessed John Dun Scotus (Franciscan Theologian) November 8

From the Pastor

Bl. John Duns Scotus, "The minstrel of the Word Incarnate" and "Defender of Mary's Immaculate Conception" is presented by Pope John Paul II to our age "wealthy of human, scientific and technological resources, but in which many have lost the sense of faith and lead lives distant from Christ and His Gospel," as "a Teacher of thought and life." For the Church, he is "an example of fidelity to the revealed truth, of effective, priestly, and serious dialogue in search for unity." It is also the Holy Father's hope that "his spirit and memory enlighten with the very light of Christ the trials and hope of our society."

The most influential point of Duns Scotus' theology was his defense of the Immaculate Conception of Mary (i.e., that Mary herself was conceived without sin). Citing Anselm of Canterbury's principle, "potuit, deuit, ergo fecit" (He [i.e., God] could do it, it was appropriate, therefore He did it), Duns Scotus devised the following argument: Mary was in need of redemption like all other human beings, but through the merits of Jesus' crucifixion, given in advance, she was conceived without the stain of original sin.

Praying for the Deceased

Saint Anthony, Reviver of the Dead

Dear St. Anthony, I believe in the resurrection of the body. I have Christ's solemn pledge that whoever believes in Him, though he should die, shall live again. St. Anthony, Reviver of the Dead, through your mighty prayers life was restored to the dead. Confirm my faith in the resurrection. Make me a confident Christian who expects a glorious Easter beyond the grave. Please take my need to God in prayer. (Name your special intentions.)

The *St. Maximilian Kolbe Communications Committee* is responsible for maintaining and supporting the Our Lady of Grace Church Website with its various pages, i.e., Facebook/calendar while the content is provided by Congregation and Our Lady of Grace Church Committees. Please join us on **November 17th** at 7PM in the stack center as we together make plans for the Year of Mercy. Call (510) 537-0806 for more information and to leave your contact information for Friar Tom.

Eucharistic Ministers Meeting Reminder

The presence of God is eased by the holiness of those who serve at the prayer of the church. I will present a Spirituality to assist our ministers to have an eye and heart for God. Let us live a life rooted in God, driven by the passion and fire of the Spirit and moved by love for the community, the Body of Christ. Let us have an eye to interpret life in the light of God and the Scriptures, to see the spirit shaping the events of life. We are assured by God's history of faithfulness. *All are invited to this time of reflection and Spiritual renewal as we contemplate Our Lord in the Eucharist on November 22nd at Noon in the Church.* After the presentation those who are called to the ministry may begin training.

Gospel for OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (November 22nd)

John 18:33b-37

Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Our Parish will celebrate our annual Mass of Remembrance on Wednesday, **November 18th** at 7:00pm in the Church. This mass has proven to be a very memorable liturgy for us who recall, in a particular way, those who have died in the past twelve months--as well as those who have gone before us in faith and in death.

Our *Book of Remembrance* also provides an opportunity for you to record names of deceased loved ones to be lifted up in our prayer during the month of November. This book will be displayed in the church at the Baptismal font throughout the month of November.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL THANKSGIVING OUTREACH

As in the past, the St. Vincent de Paul Conference at Our Lady of Grace will be preparing holiday food boxes for those in need. If you know of someone who could use a Thanksgiving box, please call our help line and leave a message. In the name of those we serve, thank you. *Our Help line is 510-581-2164.*

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

We extend a warm welcome to new parishioners and guests. If you would like to register or update information, please stop by Stack Center on either the 2nd or 4th Sunday of the month immediately following the 9:00am mass to meet with our Hospitality volunteer. Next registration date is **November 22nd**. We are grateful to our volunteers for providing this ministry.



THANKSGIVING

As in years past, the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be taking donations of food and money at the Mass. As you give your donations, please pray for those families who will be helped. Items most needed for our pantry are as follows: Peanut butter, jam and jelly, tuna, soup/chili, cereal, and granola bars. Many of those that we serve are homeless or staying in motels. Food items that are single-serving and do not require a can opener or meals that can be prepared in a microwave are needed. Please no expired items.

You are also invited to bring the bread and wine you will be serving at your own Thanksgiving meal to be blessed for your feast.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT NOVEMBER 22nd

Our Parish will hold the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) the weekend of **November 21-22**. The programs funded by CCHD change lives for the 46.2 million people living in poverty here in the United States. Your donation will empower local communities and strengthen families who are on the margins. People with disabilities will find affordable and supportive housing, men and women reentering society after incarceration will have the opportunity to learn new skills, and community agriculture projects will receive grants to become sustainable. Please help us continue this good work by supporting the collection for CCHD.



ONE WARM COAT ST. VINCENT de PAUL

Please consider making a donation of a new or gently used clean, useable coat to the St. Vincent de Paul One Warm Coat Drive. The coats collected go directly to at-risk men, women and children who wouldn't have otherwise been able to buy a coat to stay warm this winter. There are bins at the entrances of the church for your donation.

CATHOLIC VOICE ANNUAL APPEAL

There is still time to make your donation for The Catholic Voice for the year. **Checks should be made payable to Our Lady of Grace.** Envelopes are in the pews. Your contribution will help the parish defray its assessment for The Voice. Our annual assessment is \$8,196.00.

THANKSGIVING DAY LITURGY

Our Lady of Grace Parish will celebrate a *Mass of Thanksgiving* on Thursday, **November 26th** at 9:00am. There is much to be thankful for in our lives and this is also a time to consider ways of helping those around us who are in need. The monetary collection from this Mass will benefit the work of our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**RECLAIMING CHRIST'S MISSION TOGETHER
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN STATUS REPORT**

Once again we convey our gratitude to all those who participated financially in the Diocesan Capital Campaign. As a Parish we raised \$248,368 against a goal of \$513, 246. The funds raised are a result of pledges and outright donations. We are grateful to the pledges and encourage your continued commitment to making your pledge donations. We have received \$24,160 to our Diocesan Campaign Savings account representing our 25% share of donations received as of June 30, 2015. These funds have been restricted for the use of repair to the parking lot as well as renovation to Stack Center and the Church.

FESCO & CASTRO VALLEY OUTREACH
Christmas Giving Trees- Tis The Season

Beginning Thursday **November 19th**, Our Lady of Grace is helping the families of Castro Valley this Christmas with our Giving Trees. As members of CV Outreach, an organization dedicated to helping children from our CV Schools have a happy holiday season, we are sponsoring 8 families. Each family member has ornaments on our Giving Trees, which you will find in the church, in Stack after church, & in the school and parish offices. Please take an ornament to help a child have a blessed holiday.

All gifts need to be returned with the ornament, box and receipt, unwrapped to the parish office by **Wednesday December 11th** in order for our REC students & Parent Group members to catalog and wrap.

In addition to helping CV Outreach, we are helping FESCO keep their programs running. They are asking for monetary donations. Donation envelopes are on the Giving Trees. Please return donations to the parish office.

Thank You & Merry Christmas

**OUR LADY OF GRACE SCHOOL
FUNDRAISER**

Fox Sox is offering 30% off their great socks for the holidays. These socks make great gifts for adults and children. Just go to www.FoxSox.com and click on "Shop Online" to get started. Order soon as popular styles may sell out! Use promo code: PR15OLG and get a discount as well as earning money for our school!

Hurry offer expires December 31st.

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 November 8th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 9,333.00
Last Year this week	\$ 8,687.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,815.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$365,490.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$354,322.00
November Budgeted Expenses	\$68,042.00

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 | Elaine Jordan |
| Kathleen Denning | Emy & Rico Maquiling |
| Julie Dillon | Richard Martin |
| Estela Enriquez | Doree Rivera |
| Juanita Estrellas | Florence Sharp |
| Mary Franks | Iwan Tunggal |
| 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

**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 meet at Transfiguration Church
 Marion Room

Next Meeting: **November 19, 2015**
 9:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Speaker: Mrs. Kris East
 Topic: Mission as a Path to Spiritual Growth

DOMINICAN SISTERS HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

November 21-22, 2015

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

43326 Mission Blvd., Fremont

Enter off Mission Tierra Pl.

Dominican Fruitcakes, Baked Goods,
 Art, Entertainment, and Homemade Articles.

**COME AND SEE
 CONVENTUAL FRANCISCANS OF CA
 RETREAT: NOVEMBER 27-29, 2015**

Come and see the Franciscan life. Learn more about Franciscan Spirituality, meet Friars and hear their vocation story. Learn prayer and discernment tools, stay at one of our Friaries, visit one of our ministries, ask questions and more!

Where: Holy Family Friary, Castro Valley

When: Arrive between Noon --4:00pm, Friday, **November 27th**. We will finish after 11:00am Mass on Sunday, **November 29th**

Cost: You come, we'll cover room and food
 Contact Fr. Paul Gawlowski OFM Conv., to register 510-671-0537; CaliforniaVocation@gmail.com Flyers are at the entrances of the church.

A NOTE FROM ICF

A big Italian ICF thank you to all who supported our bake sale last weekend. Thanks to you and your "sweet" tooth we are able to continue to support many charities in the parish and the diocese. Hope to see you Super Bowl Sunday!

THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 15th:

Coffee & Donuts After All Masses

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

Religious Education Classes
 10:30am--Stack Center

Youth Ministry
 After 9:00am Mass--Gym

Spanish Mass
 2:00pm--Church

Tuesday, November 17th:

Morning Bible Study
 9:30am--Parish Office

Religious Education Classes
 3:45pm--Stack Center

Wednesday, November 18th:

Strobridge Dinner
 6:00pm--Strobridge Apts.

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

Thursday, November 19th:

Serenity Group
 7:30pm--Stack Center

Friday, November 20th:

Pax Christi Movie Night
 7:00pm--Stack Center

Saturday, November 21st:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 Following the 8:30am Mass

Sunday, November 22nd

Coffee & Donuts After All Masses

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

Religious Education Classes
 10:30am--Stack Center

Youth Ministry
 After 9:00am Mass--Gym

New Parishioner Registration
 10am--Stack Center

Spanish Mass
 2:00pm--Church

Mass Intentions for the Week

Please note: All weekday masses will be celebrated in the Church until further notice.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16th (CHURCH)

St. Margaret of Scotland;

St. Gertrude, Virgin

8:30am Debi Telles (D)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17th (CHURCH)

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Franciscan, religious

7:00am Thomas & Mary Hayes (D)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18th (CHURCH)

The Dedication of the Basilicas of

St's Peter and Paul, apostles;

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, virgin

7:00am Marlene Faye Dexter (D)

7:00pm Mass of Remembrance

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19th (CHURCH)

7:00am Carl Lomelino (D)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20th (CHURCH)

7:00am Richard Benson (D)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21st (CHURCH)

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am Jose Daniel Tellez (D)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd (CHURCH)

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,

KING OF THE UNIVERSE

7:30am Guadalupe Bustos (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

November 16th through November 22nd

Monday: Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday: Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday: Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28

Thursday: Maccabees 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44

Friday: Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48

Saturday: Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40

Sunday: Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 1:5-8, John 18:38B-37



**OUR LADY OF GRACE CRAB FEED
SAVE THE DATE**

Saturday, January 30th, 2016

We're bringing back the Crab Feed!

Our Crab Feed this year is on **Saturday, January 30, 2016**, but in order to make this event a success, we need your help.

We are currently looking for volunteers in the areas of Set Up/Decorating, Food Preparation, Food Pick Up, Cooking, and Clean Up. *Have a knack for cooking and/or managing kitchen volunteers in dinner preparation? We need you!!*

Set up and food prep will begin in the late morning/early afternoon of the event. The event is from 6- 11pm, clean up immediately following.

If you can help, please email, text or call

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Anne Martinez: anne.martinez@sumcousa.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 **November** :

November 16th Zachary Holly AK

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

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