

Last Sunday, Fr. George Mockel, Vicar General of the Diocese of Oakland confirmed our 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. I would like to thank the catechists who were involved in their formation and preparation for the Sacrament. The young men and women who received the sacrament are: Sophie Caldwell, Juliet Gica, Joseph Jerome, Nickolas Klunis, Stuart Maxwell, Patrick Protacio, Caitlyn Stephens, Brian Tognolini, Samuel Troxell and Gigi Vega. Congratulations and may God bless you.

*From the Pastor*

**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, I have provided a brief narrative from the Catechism of the Catholic Church explaining the Sacrament of Confirmation §1285-1289:

### 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.<sup>89</sup> 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."<sup>90</sup>

#### I. CONFIRMATION IN THE ECONOMY OF SALVATION

**1286** In the Old Testament the prophets announced that the Spirit of the Lord would rest on the hoped-for Messiah for his saving mission.<sup>91</sup> The descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus at his baptism by John was the sign that this was he who was to come, the Messiah, the Son of God.<sup>92</sup> He was conceived of the Holy Spirit; his whole life and his whole mission are carried out in total communion with the Holy Spirit whom the Father gives him "without measure."<sup>93</sup>

**1287** This fullness of the Spirit was not to remain uniquely the Messiah's, but was to be communicated to the whole messianic people.<sup>94</sup> On several occasions Christ promised this outpouring of the Spirit,<sup>95</sup> a promise which he fulfilled first on Easter Sunday and then more strikingly at Pentecost.<sup>96</sup> Filled with the Holy Spirit the apostles began to proclaim "the mighty works of God," and Peter declared this outpouring of the Spirit to be the sign of the messianic age.<sup>97</sup> Those who believed in the apostolic preaching and were baptized received the gift of the Holy Spirit in their turn.<sup>98</sup>

**1288** "From that time on the apostles, in fulfillment of Christ's will, imparted to the newly baptized by the laying on of hands the gift of the Spirit that completes the grace of Baptism. For this reason in the Letter to the Hebrews the doctrine concerning Baptism and the laying on of hands is listed among the first elements of Christian instruction. The imposition of hands is rightly recognized by the Catholic tradition as the origin of the sacrament of Confirmation, which in a certain way perpetuates the grace of Pentecost in the Church."<sup>99</sup>

**1289** Very early, the better to signify the gift of the Holy Spirit, an anointing with perfumed oil (chrism) was added to the laying on of hands. This anointing highlights the name "Christian," which means "anointed" and derives from that of Christ himself whom God "anointed with the Holy Spirit."<sup>100</sup> This rite of anointing has continued ever since, in both East and West. For this reason the Eastern Churches call this sacrament Chrismation, anointing with chrism, or myron which means "chrism." In the West, the term Confirmation suggests that this sacrament both confirms and strengthens baptismal grace.

The early Church had a sophisticated process in which a catechist guided seekers through stages of inquiry and purification, culminating in a final phase called "mystagogy" – "the revelation of the mysteries." The instruction the early Christians needed is what we all need, no matter when we were baptized, no matter how much theology we've studied. That's because God's mysteries are inexhaustible and, until we get to heaven, we're all unfinished Christians.

In Christ Jesus and St. Augustine,  
Fr. Gregory Heidenblut, O.S.A.



**FATHERS' DAY**

Honor your father: Father's Day

As a means of honoring our fathers, living and deceased, a Triduum of Masses will be celebrated on **June 16th, 17th and 18th**. 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.

**OUR LADY OF GRACE GUILD**

Our Lady's Guild will have their last luncheon on **June 20th** at 11:30am until September. If you are interested, catered lunch cost \$10.00. Those who wish to bring their own food are welcome to do so. The contact for information is Carolyn Taylor 537-0809. All ladies and their guest are welcome to this monthly and happy event.



**FAITHFUL STEWARDS  
BISHOP'S APPEAL 2014  
CONGRATULATIONS**

The 2014 Bishops Appeal has received over \$2.25 million in gifts and pledges. This total includes \$25,338.00 in gifts and pledges from Our Lady of Grace. Bishop Barber and Fr. Greg extend their thanks to all who made a financial sacrifice to support our diocesan ministries and services.

Once all pledges have been received our Parish will receive back 100% of all funds raised above goal to address some of our own needs.

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS  
COLLECTION  
FAITH WORSHIP WITNESS**

Flyers are available at the entrances of the Church highlighting this years Catholic Communication Campaign.



**Men of Faith**

OLG MEN'S MINISTRY

*Our Lady of Grace Church*

**OLG Guys Night Out!**

Our Lady of Grace Men of Faith invite all men to our free evening of  
Fun, Food, Fellowship & Faith

Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> (of June) - 5pm to 7:30 pm

Paint ball, broomball and dodge ball start at 5pm.

If that's too early, join us for dinner at 6pm!

Who: All men age 12 and up. Bring a neighbor, son, nephew, brother or friend  
...and don't forget dad!

Where: Stack Center

Cost: Free!

**We need to know how much tri-tip to cook, so  
RSVP today!**

[www.olgcv.org/men-of-faith](http://www.olgcv.org/men-of-faith)

or call Jerome Blaha @ 510-816-9110

**BECAUSE WE CARE  
OUTREACH SUNDAY:**

Next Sunday, **June 15th** is the third Sunday of the month, and therefore *Outreach Sunday at Our Lady of Grace*. Please consider making donations of non-perishable food items to St. Vincent de Paul, signing up to serve at Strobridge Senior Apartments, or exploring one of the many ways you can better serve those in need in our greater community. For additional information contact Colleen Lindberg at the Parish office, 537-0806

**A NOTE FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Today as we celebrate Pentecost, Jesus says to his disciples: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that we can bring peace to those who are hungry. We can be reached at 510-581-2164. You can pick up some business cards to hand out in the Parish Office.



**SUMMER VBS FUN !!**

**DATE:** July 28th to August 1, 2014

**TIME:** 9:00 am to Noon OR Family VBS - 6:30 to 8:30 pm

**LOCATION:** Our Lady of Grace- Stack Center and classrooms

**AGES:** entering Kindergarten thru entering 5th grade; 6th grade and up- consider becoming a volunteer counselor or CIT "counselor in training"

**COST:** \$40/ per student; (Scholarships available). Family VBS 5 and under FREE. Children participate with their parents/ guardian. Kids Kindergarten to 5th \$40/student. \$100.00 maximum per family. Teen Volunteers- **no cost.**

The incredibly popular **Hero Head Quarters VBS** is **BACK AGAIN** with dynamic Bible lessons, characters, games, crafts and more! At Hero Head Quarters, kids will meet Bible heroes and ordinary everyday heroes who are often overlooked. They will discover that if they're willing to be used by God in any situation, no matter how big or small, they can be heroes' right where they are! With God's power at work, we can be the best we can be in any situation.

**AN INVITATION FROM THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION**

Please join the ICF on Sunday , **June 22nd**, as we celebrate our 90th Anniversary and support our future priests, the seminarians. Festivities will begin with Mass at the Immaculate Conception Church in San Francisco at 10:30 A.M. This is where the first ICF Mass was celebrated. Following Mass a sit down luncheon will be held at the Basque Cultural Center in south San Francisco. Deadline for reservations is Friday, June 20th. Please contact Lisa Crudo at 510-537-3256 for menu choices and reservations. This is a fund raiser and proceeds will go to the seminarian fund.

Please note there is no ICF dinner/meeting in June.

**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 June 1st:**

Sunday Plate:	\$ 9,104.00
Last Year this week	\$ 9,643.00
<b>Weekly Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 8,519.00</b>
Year-to-date this year:	\$169,437.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$173,071.00
<b>June Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 56,000.00</b>

*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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| Frances Arzino   | Vernon Rodrigues |
| Connie Deitrick  | Joan Scarlett    |
| Kathleen Denning | Florence Sharp   |
| Hilda Engel      | Pat Silva        |
| Estela Enriquez  | Carolynne Steen  |
| Mary Franks      | Nancy Swinyer    |
| Byron Griffith   | James Van Wert   |
| Raymond Lowe     |                  |

*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:*

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| <b>KEVIN DIAS</b>      | <b>DAVID SANCHEZ</b> |
| <b>MICHAEL SANCHEZ</b> |                      |

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

**MICHAEL JOSEPH TALAUTA**

**Gospel for THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

**June 15th: John 3:16--18**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OLG CLASS OF 2014**

Friday, June 6th our 8th grade students celebrated their final events leading to graduation. We congratulate them and their families as they complete their educational pursuits at OLG and now prepare to move on to their various new High Schools. We can be rightly proud of the many accomplishments of this year's graduation class—it is a clear indication of the talents of our students, and of the commitment and support they received from family and teachers along the way. We wish them well, and we offer profound thanks to our school's wonderful principal, faculty and staff who have done so much to prepare them for this new adventure!

**FESCO SHELTER SHUFFLE UPDATE**

Once again we thank all those who supported Team OLG in the recent FESCO Shelter Shuffle. Our giving page was recently update to reflect a total of \$3,340.00 in donations!! Team Captain Colleen Lindberg along with our Parish Representative, Chris Ippolito are most grateful for the financial support of our Parishioners to our fund raising effort on behalf of the Shelter Shuffle.

**REMEMBER OUR LADY OF GRACE**

Please consider remembering Our Lady of Grace in your Will or Trust.

Should you have any questions, call Fr. Greg at the Parish Office, 537-0806.

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, June 8th:**

*Coffee and Donuts  
After all Masses*

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

**Tuesday, June 10th:**

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

**Thursday, June 12th:**

Serenity Group  
8:15pm— Stack Center

**Friday, June 13th:**

OLG Men of Faith Guy's Night Out  
5:00pm--Stack Center

**Sunday, June 15th:**

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

*Coffee and Donuts  
After all Masses*

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

Spanish Mass  
2:00pm--Church

**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 15th** at 2:00pm.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
SATURDAY, JUNE 21st**



Our next Holy Hour with the Blessed Sacrament:  
Saturday, **June 21st**  
Following the 8:30am Mass  
Private Devotions  
In the Chapel

*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 9th (CHURCH)**  
*St. Ephrem, deacon, doctor of the Church*  
 8:30am Elva M. Gabriel (D)

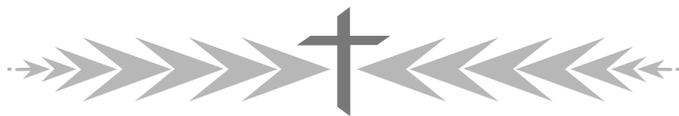
**TUESDAY, JUNE 10th**  
 7:00am Jacquelyn Tidwell (D)

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11th**  
*St. Barnabas, apostle*  
 7:00am Lilia Sousa (D)

**THURSDAY, JUNE 12th**  
 7:00am Deceased Members & Benefactors  
 Of the Augustinian Order

**FRIDAY, JUNE 13th**  
*St. Anthony of Padua, priest,  
 doctor of the Church*  
 7:00am Manuel & Dorothy Callier (D)

**SATURDAY, JUNE 14th**  
 8:30am Tom Hayes (D)



**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 **June**:

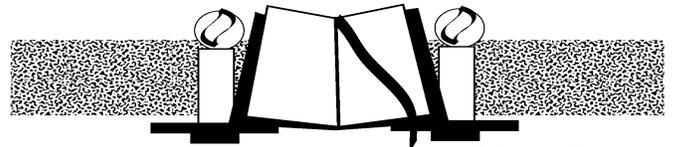
June 14th	Ricky Blackwell	SC
June 18th	Lewis Jordan	PA
June 18th	John Winfield	MO
June 18th	John Henry	FL

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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**June 9th through June 15th**

- Monday: 1 Kings 17:1-6; Matthew 5:1-12
- Tuesday: 1 Kings 17:7-16; Matthew 5:13-16
- Wednesday: Acts 11:21-26;13:1-3;  
 Matthew 6:1-6,16-18
- Thursday: 1 Kings 18:41-46; Matthew 5:20-26
- Friday: 1 Kings 19:9,11-16; Matthew 5:27-32
- Saturday: 1 Kings 19:19-21; Matthew 5:33-37
- Sunday: Exodus 34:4-6,8-9;  
 2 Corinthians 13:11-13;  
 John 3:16-18



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**NO-COST RAFFLE  
 WIN A CHILDRENS BOOK**

Tickets are available in the Parish and School Offices and after Masses **June 7th--8th** for a chance to win Sheba's Miracle. This illustrated children's book is written by our Parishioner Terry King. The drawing will be held in Stack Center on Sunday, **June 15th** following the 11:00am Mass. Child need not be present to win.

Sheba is part Australian Shepherd and part wolf. She is known to be adventurous. Little did anyone know that she would one day be the center of this modern day miracle.

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