

I've recently been working with couples, not from OLG, who are experiencing difficulty in conceiving children. I've known these couples for many years who have been terrific parents but would like additional children. Their attitude towards a society who views children as dispensable is understandable. I would ask the faithful at Our Lady of Grace to add to their prayer lists couples who desire children but for whatever reason are unable to conceive.

With this in mind, I read a recent article from the Huffington Post, June 3, 2014 concerning our Holy Father, Pope Francis' homily to married couples. I share the article below:

**Pope Francis Tells Married Couples Not To Substitute Dogs And Cats For Children
(Huffington Post, June 3, 2014)**

VATICAN CITY (RNS) Pope Francis on Monday (June 2) warned married couples against substituting cats and dogs for children — a move that he said leads to the “bitterness of loneliness” in old age.

The pope made his comments as he celebrated daily Mass with 15 married couples in the chapel at the Santa Marta residence where he lives inside the Vatican.

He reminded the couples, whose marriages ranged from 25 to 60 years, of the need for faithfulness, perseverance and fertility in maintaining a Christian marriage.

But he went a step further and strongly criticized those couples who choose not to have children, saying they had been influenced by a culture of “well-being” that says life is better without kids.

“You can go explore the world, go on holiday, you can have a villa in the countryside, you can be carefree,” the pope said.

“It might be better — more comfortable — to have a dog, two cats, and the love goes to the two cats and the dog. Is this true or not? Have you seen it?”

“Then, in the end this marriage comes to old age in solitude, with the bitterness of loneliness.”

The 77-year-old pontiff made his comments after recent figures confirmed a drop in birth rates in the U.S., Italy and elsewhere.

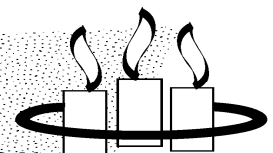
Figures released by Italy's official statistics agency last week showed the country's birth rate hit a record low in 2013, with the birth of only 515,000 babies — a drop of 64,000 over the past five years — and a worrying trend as the population ages.

Last year, Time magazine provoked a national debate with a controversial issue entitled “The Childfree Life,” which also showed a dramatic fall in the U.S. birth rate and the role of personal choice.

“Married life must be persevering, because otherwise love cannot go forward. Perseverance in love, in good times and in difficult times, when there are problems: problems with the children, economic problems,” the pope said.

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

All praise to GOD the Creator,
to JESUS the Redeemer,
and to the HOLY SPIRIT the Sanctifier





FATHERS' 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. The contact for information is Carolyn Taylor 537-0809. All ladies and their guest are welcome to this monthly and happy event.

**UPDATE
SPRING AUCTION PROCEEDS**

We were delighted with the Spring Auction results this year due to the efforts of a great committee and of course the enthusiastic bidders who attended this fun event. After expenses the OLG School received \$20,000.00 and \$8,000.00 was set aside for Parish programs.

In addition to the money raised for Our Lady of Grace School, and parish programs we were able to send charitable donations to the following organizations: St. Vincent de Paul Dining Center, St. Vincent de Paul Visitation Center for Women and Children, St. Vincent de Paul Guidance Center for Men, Catholic Charities of the East Bay, Davis Street Resource Center, FESCO and South Hayward Parish Outreach.

SUMMER WEEKDAY MASSES

Please note unless otherwise advised during the summer months all weekday masses will be held in the Casa Villanova Chapel on Anita Avenue.

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. There will be a hospitality volunteer there to greet you at the New Parishioner Registration Table. We are grateful to our volunteers for providing this ministry on our behalf.

Next registration date: June 22nd.

EVENING BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN

Patricia Hierro continues a Bible Study on the 1st Letter of Paul to the Corinthians meeting every other Monday, at 7:00pm in the Parish Office. The next meeting date is Monday, **June 16th.** It is not too late to join this group you can join at anytime. All women of the Parish are invited to attend.



Men of Faith

OLG MEN'S MINISTRY

Our Lady of Grace Church

**OLG MEN OF FAITH
FELLOWSHIP**

The Men's Fellowship gathers this Tuesday, **June 17th** at 6:00pm in Stack Center. All men of the parish are encouraged to join this growing group. The evening will begin with dinner followed by a time for fellowship.





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.



**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.

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 8th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 11,546.00
Last Year this week	\$ 9,203.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,519.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$180,983.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$182,274.00
June Budgeted Expenses	\$ 56,000.00

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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| Frances Arzino | Joan Scarlett |
| Connie Deitrick | Florence Sharp |
| Kathleen Denning | Pat Silva |
| Hilda Engel | Janet Smith |
| Estela Enriquez | Carolynne Steen |
| Mary Franks | Nancy Swinyer |
| Guy Marchetti | James Van Wert |
| Vernon Rodrigues | |

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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| KEVIN DIAS | 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.

Gospel for THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST June 22nd: John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the Jewish crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

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.

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 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

Tuesday, June 17th:

Nursing Home Mass
1:30pm--Baywood

OLG Men of Faith Fellowship
6:00pm--Stack Center

Wednesday, June 18th:

Nursing Home Mass
10:30am--Life House

Thursday, June 19th:

Strobridge Senior Dinner
6:00pm--Strobridge Apts.

Serenity Group
8:15pm— Stack Center

Friday, June 20th:

Our Lady of Grace Guild
11:30am--Stack Center

Saturday, June 21st:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:00am--Chapel

Sunday, June 22nd:

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

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Please note: During the summer, our 8:30am Monday Mass will be celebrated with the other weekday masses in the Chapel.

MONDAY, JUNE 16th (CHAPEL)
8:30am Fathers' Day Remembrance

TUESDAY, JUNE 17th
7:00am Fathers' Day Remembrance

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18th
St. Barnabas, apostle
7:00am Fathers' Day Remembrance

THURSDAY, JUNE 19th
St. Romuald, abbot
7:00am Macario Zaldivar (D)

FRIDAY, JUNE 20th
7:00am Louis Rodrigues (D)

SATURDAY, JUNE 21ST
St. Aloysius Gonzaga, religious
8:30am Jose Daniel Tellez (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**:

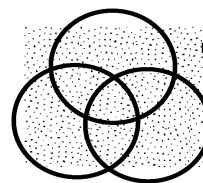
June 14th	Ricky Blackwell	SC
June 18th	Lewis Jordan	PA
June 18th	John Winfield	MO
June 18th	John Henry	FL

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

June 16th through June 22nd

- Monday: 1 Kings 21:1-16; Matthew 5:38-42
- Tuesday: 1 Kings 21:17-29; Matthew 5:43-48
- Wednesday: 2 Kings 2:1,6-14; Matthew 6:1-6,16-18
- Thursday: Sirach 48:1-14; Matthew 6:7-15
- Friday: 2 Kings 11:1-4,9-18,20;
Matthew 6:19-23
- Saturday: 2 Chronicles 24:17-25;
Matthew 6:24-34
- Sunday: Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16;
1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-58



The MYSTERY of
THREE in ONE

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A NOTE FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

As we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity we also realize the mystery of how much God loves and cares for us each day. Believing in this our lives can then overflow in thanksgiving and praise. The Society will be gathering next on **June 18th** in the Parish office at 7:00pm and invite all those interested in joining the effort to help the poor and homeless in our community to join them. For more information please contact Bob Lindberg at 925-360-1771.

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.

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