

Dear friends, as I've shared with you over the past two years, it is not popular at times to discuss difficult teachings of the Church. But it is a preacher's duty to speak the truth and to die for it.

From the Pastor From the life of Saint John of Sahagun, O.S.A. by John of Seville –

While blessed John was serving in the curia of the bishop of Burgos he devoted himself wholly to divine worship and gave such satisfaction to the bishop that the latter conferred various benefices on him. John however, sought from that most reverend prelate, permission to withdraw to some lonely place where he might serve God more fittingly. The bishop assumed that a petition of this kind must mean that what he had so far conferred fell short of John's ambitions, but John assured him: "That is not my motive, nor is my intention what you suppose. On the contrary, I beseech your Lordship rather to consider to whom you can with a clear conscience transfer those benefices conferred on me, for I am certain that I cannot keep them."

Later he entered upon the state of perfection in our most holy Order, and if I were to be asked how he bore himself afterwards towards the unhappy and afflicted, towards widows and orphans suffering oppression, towards all in need of assistance and sick people, I should reply that he was habitually moved by a kind of natural impulse to help everyone, sometimes with good advice and sometimes with alms collected for the purpose. Moreover he took pains to bring all men to peace and concord by calming feuds and quarrels. By this means he was able while living at Salamanca to prevent many murders, the whole city being at that time rent by civil strife.

Very great crowds attended his sermons, lured as though by so powerful an attraction that on all sides people would say, "We are going to hear our favorite preacher." Nevertheless, he was fearless in discharging this duty, and never sparing with the truth, though he knew the right place and time for speaking it.

In all honesty I declare what was testified to me: he vehemently rebuked the aristocracy for their slothfulness in their households, the swindlers who withheld the goods of others, their accomplices and the patrons of evildoers, as well as those who ill-treated their subordinates, the rioters and the leaders of factions. So stern was his castigation that no one could doubt that almighty God spoke through his mouth for the correction of the high nobility there present.

This freedom of speech gravely upset the Duke of Alba who summoned John to his residence. Among other things the bystanders heard the Duke say, "It looks as though you do not know how to bridle your tongue, Father." The saint, who had until now been silent, answered, "For what purpose do I ascend the pulpit, Sir? Is it to proclaim the truth to my hearers, or to wheedle them by base flattery? It is becoming for Your Grace to know that a preacher must be prepared in his soul to speak the truth, both in denouncing and correcting shortcomings and in praising virtue to such a point that he is willing in that cause even to face death."

In the cause of truth he was indeed exposed to danger in this way not only from the Duke of Alba, but also from many among both the nobility and the common people. We have no doubt in fact we are certain, that his death was due to his being poisoned by a certain unchaste woman. Let it also be known to Your Grace that it was John's custom to offer Mass daily, nor did he ever omit it unless unavoidably hindered. But he took so long over offering the most holy Sacrifice that eventually he could find no one willing to serve his Mass. However, he was in the habit of going to confession to the Prior, and to him he explained his difficulty. In view of the situation the Prior then gave orders to his subjects that they were to comply with John's wishes about the manner of his saying Mass, and were in no way to interfere with him.

The living kindness of God revealed itself to him in the Sacrament. He used to see Christ, who showed himself to his servant in this divine mystery in a form visible to bodily eyes and in such a way that John could speak to him. The Prior, Father Martin de Spinoza, made a formal statement to me in these words: "Father John, I declare to Your Reverence that when he acknowledged to me how many mysteries he had understood while offering the holy Sacrifice, I was seized with sacred awe and rapt from my senses, until it seemed to me that I was about to fall dead to the ground."

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



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.

**FESTIVAL 2014
 SEPTEMBER 27th--28th
 WILD WILD WEST**

Mark your calendars now and plan to enjoy another great OLG Festival. This long standing tradition continues with the Grand Raffle, Pancake Breakfast, great game and food booths, enjoyable local entertainment as well as some new twists and surprised this year that you won't want to miss!!

Watch this space for information on donations to Book Nook, Jewelry Booth, and Kidz Zone.



FATHERS' DAY

In honor of all the Fathers of the parish Our Lady of Grace has made a charitable donation in your name to the Augustinian orphanage in Tijuana, Hogar Infantil. A donation in honor of all the women in the parish was made to "Get On The Bus" program for Mothers Day. This program brings children and their guardians from throughout the state to visit their mothers in prison.

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.



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.



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.

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 30th**. It is not too late to join this group you can join at anytime. All women of the Parish are invited to attend.

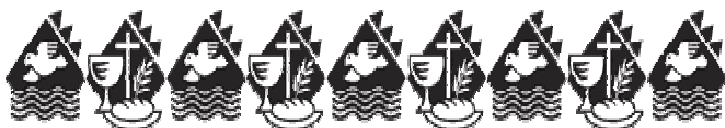
**FAITHFUL STEWARDS
BISHOP'S APPEAL 2014
CONGRATULATIONS**

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.

**"MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS
AT HOLY SEPULCHRE – JULY 5TH**

Please join us on the first Saturday of each month, as we celebrate a Memorial Mass at 11:00am in our Mausoleum of the Apostles chapel. Although this monthly celebration is in memory of all those who have been served by Holy Angels Funeral & Cremation Center and Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, we specifically recognize those we served the prior month. We hope to see you **July 5th** at 11:00. For more information, please call us at 510-537-6600."



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 15th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 6,714.00
Last Year this week	\$ 6,717.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,519.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$187,697.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$188,991.00
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:

- 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.

ANNE BURDETTE

**Gospel for; The Solemnity of
SAINTS PETER AND PAUL APOSTLES
June 29th Matthew 16:13--19**

When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

**FESCO
BECAUSE WE CARE MINISTRY
A NEW OPPORTUNITY**

FESCO — the Family Emergency Shelter Coalition — is a nonprofit organization comprised of over 30 churches and community members in the Hayward, Castro Valley, San Lorenzo and San Leandro, and Union City area. FESCO serves homeless families with food, shelter, counseling and links to community resources.

As Coalition members there are many ways to further assist FESCO as a volunteer. Currently Banyan House is looking for help with Meal Service. Do you have a group of friends, family members, co-workers, service club or a group from church that would be interested in preparing and serving a meal once a month at Banyan House (their transitional housing site)? This is a great opportunity to get together with some friends and make a difference in the lives of homeless families. Feel free to come up with a group name to make it even more fun. : "Monday's Meatloaf-ers" " Team Taco Tuesday" are a just a few ideas. *Please contact Colleen Lindberg at the Parish Office, 537-0806 to become involved in this new outreach to those in need in our local community.*

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 22nd:
Coffee and Donuts
After all Masses

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

Thursday, June 26th:

Serenity Group
8:15pm— Stack Center

Sunday, June 29th:

Coffee and Donuts
After all Masses

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

OLG FOLK GROUP CD

Our Lord's Grace

Need a birthday present, wedding gift, or just want to do a random act of kindness for a friend? Consider giving the gift of prayer through song. Allow the Folk Group's music to bless your family member, the newly married couple, or your friends. This 16-track CD includes songs like Norbert's "Ave Maria," "Day of Peace," "I Hunger and Thirst," "Sweet Redeemer," and an original piece written by OLG parishioners Susan Klas and Ruth Picha. The CD is available for purchase in the parish office. You can also ask any member of the Folk Group after the 9 o'clock Sunday Mass. The CDs are \$15.00. Proceeds from the sales will be directed towards upgrading the OLG sound system.

*Thanks for your continuous support.
Our Lady of Grace Folk Group*

**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, **July 6th** 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 23rd (CHAPEL)

8:30am Reynaldo Mendoza (D)

TUESDAY, JUNE 24th

THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

7:00am Lee, Yaka & Frank Music (D)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25th

7:00am Greg Wurtz (D)

THURSDAY, JUNE 26th

7:00am Vincenzo & Giuseppa Latora (D)

FRIDAY, JUNE 27th

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

7:00am Justino Manansala (D)

SATURDAY, JUNE 28th

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary;

St. Irenaeus, bishop, martyr

8:30am Esperanza & Juanistor Lopez (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**:

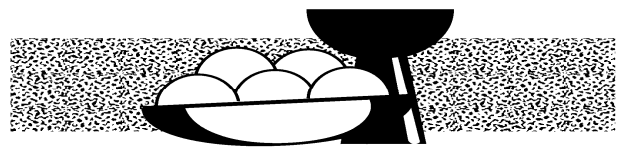
June 14th	Ricky Blackwell	SC
June 18th	Lewis Jordan	PA
June 18th	John Winfield	MO
June 18th	John Henry	FL

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

June 23rd through June 29th

- Monday: 2 Kings 17:5-8,13-15,18; Matthew 7:1-5
- Tuesday: Isaiah 49:1-6; Luke 1:57-66,80
- Wednesday: 2 Kings 22:8-13;23:1-3; Matthew 7:15-20
- Thursday: 2 Kings 24:8-17; Matthew 7:21-29
- Friday: Deuteronomy 7:6-11; Matthew 11:25-30
- Saturday: Lamentations 2:2,10-14,18-19; Matthew 8:5-15
- Sunday: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18; Matthew 16:13-19



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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.

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