



Our Lady of Grace Church Campaign Newsletter

January 1, 2015

Pledge Totals Surpass \$228,508 at Our Lady of Grace Church!

The Campaign Committee would like to thank all the families who have contributed to date and have made the campaign a great success. We have received \$228,508 in pledges from only 94 parish families. At this time, we are awaiting a response from over 1,450 families. We hope to hear from those families very soon. Currently, we are at 44% of goal from only 6% of our parish. **Please keep in mind that we will receive 25% of all monies collected up to our campaign target of \$513,246 and 50% of all funds raised above and beyond that target.**

**One of our goals is to have 100% participation.
If you have not yet responded, WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!!!**

Our campaign is based on every family making an equal sacrifice, not an equal gift. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to support this campaign for both our parish and our Diocese. Please respond generously. It is only through prayer and sacrifice that we can make this campaign successful. Make your gift today to help reduce the number of follow-up calls our Campaign Committee will have to make over the next few weeks.

NOTE: Pledge and Gift totals are as of 12/15/14

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (H): _____

E-mail: _____

Parish: _____ City: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

In appreciation for God's gifts, I/we pledge the following:

\$50,000 \$20,000 \$10,000 \$5,000 \$2,000
 \$25,000 \$15,000 \$7,500 \$4,000 Other _____

Payable as follows: Monthly Quarterly Semi-Annually Annually
 For: 4 Years 5 Years Other _____

Amount Pledged: \$ _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Balance Due: \$ _____

PAYMENTS TO BEGIN ON

Month: _____ Year: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY PLEASE Cash Credit Card/Direct Debit
 Check #: _____ Other Payment: _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together
 Please see reverse side for authorization forms for Credit Card and Direct Debit.
 For questions regarding gifts of stock, please contact the Office for Mission
 Advancement at (510) 893-4711.



JANUARY CYO SIGN UPS

It's time for Girls CYO Basketball (grades 2nd–8th) sign-ups this January. The dates will be Wednesday, **January 14th**, in Stack Center from 6:00–8:30pm, and Sunday, **January 11th** from 8:30am–12:30pm in Stack Center. All non–OLG school students must bring copies of their birth certificates and a utility bill (water, PG&E, garbage) that list the property address. These will be the only sign up dates, practices begin **February 1st**.

If you are interested in coaching or helping with CYO in another position please contact Elizabeth Antonio at olgcyo.registrar@gmail.com

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION

This year, we have 23 students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The annual Confirmation weekend retreat will take place this weekend, **January 9th-11th**, 2015. Please keep them in your prayers as they grow in faith.

Looking for a gift-giving opportunity? We have students in need of scholarships for the retreat. The cost for one student for the weekend is \$200. Donations of any amount are welcome. If you are able to help, please mark donations "*Confirmation retreat*" and send them to the Faith Formation Center. For more information, please contact Robyn Lang at 510-582-9266, ffc@olgcv.org. Thank you!

ANNUAL SEMINARY COLLECTION

Next weekend (**January 17th-18th**) our diocese asks us to help with the work of education for tomorrow's priests through our contributions to the Seminary Collection. Your prayers and support for our seminarians are a tremendous encouragement to the candidates preparing to serve the Diocese of Oakland.

Your generous contributions assist these seminarians on their way to the priesthood. Our seminarians are dedicated, enthusiastic and most willing to be of service. Your kindness, generosity, and prayers are deeply appreciated. Envelopes are in the pews for your use.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Collection. Our Christmas Offering for 2014 totaled \$21,805.00. As always we thank you for the generosity of your gift and ask God to bless your continuing generosity.

2014 PLATE COLLECTION RESULTS

Total Sunday Plate Offering 2014:	\$409,190.00
Total Sunday Plate Budget 2014:	\$438,000.00
Shortfall to Budget:	\$ 33,810.00

SPEAKING OF CHRISTMAS..... SPECIAL THANKS FOR ALL THE HELP

The Environment Committee would like to thank everyone who donated towards this year's Christmas flowers. Special blessings on you and those whom you remembered this holiday season.

A very special thank-you to those who helped to prepare the church for the Christmas celebration: Phil Berry, Claudia Dobbs, Darlene Futagaki, Kordula Gardner, Imelda Guerrero, Susan Klas, Ray and Rose Montalban, Cec Penland, James Ricketts, Lee Shilts, Margaret Speranza, Mark Vaz, Mary Lou Vincent, and Ronda White.

The entire parish appreciates your willingness to act on their behalf. May you all know the Lord's peace in 2015. Your ministry is a gift.

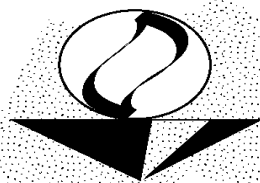
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A NEW OPPORTUNITY

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.

FESCO was organized for the purpose of providing services to homeless and very low income families in Alameda County. FESCO’s mission is: helping homeless families move toward self-sufficiency by instilling or restoring dignity, self-esteem, and self-reliance so that families, their individual members, and the community are strengthened.

Today, FESCO services have evolved to include basic and support services for homeless families in several categories — those who reside in the Shelter, those who formerly resided in the Shelter and are now in either FESCO's permanent apartment units or the Banyan House transitional co-housing facility, and former residents who have moved into their own housing. FESCO employs a holistic approach to empower families, recognizing that a healthy lifestyle balances mental, physical, emotional and spiritual attitudes.

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 Meatloafers” “ 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.*



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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 January 4th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 8,007.00
Last Year this week	\$ 7,361.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,815.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$ 8,007.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$ 7,361.00

January Budgeted Expenses \$59,000.00

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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| Jose Cisneros | Richard Martin |
| Kathleen Denning | Vernon Rodrigues |
| Estela Enriquez | Florence Sharp |
| Mary Franks | Josephine Sisler |
| Byron Griffith | James Van Wert |
| Liz Griffith | Yvonne Wheeler |
| 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:

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

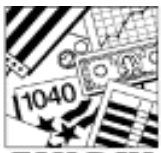
**Gospel for The 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
(January 18th) Mark 1: 7-11**

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

Augustinian Volunteers are Catholic men and women between the ages of 21-29 who wish to serve God’s people in partnership with the Augustinian Order and others. The service of the volunteers is with established educational, social, and health programs and varies according to the needs of the sponsoring site and the individual volunteer. Applications are currently being accepted for the 2015-2016 volunteer year for our sites in Chicago, IL, Lawrence, MA, Philadelphia, PA, San Diego, CA, Ventura, CA and Chulucanas, Peru. If interested, please visit www.osavol.org or contact us at osavol@gmail.com



YEARLY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

For your convenience in preparing your tax return, a contribution statement for 2014 will be prepared at your request. Please phone the Parish Office at 537-0806, with your name and envelope number. Your statement will be available for you to pick up once it has been signed.

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, January 11th:

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 in the Gym

Monday, January 12th:

Women’s Bible Study
7:00pm--Parish Office

Tuesday, January 13th:

Bible Scripture Study
9:30am--Parish Office

Religious Education Classes
3:45pm--Stack Center

Wednesday, January 14th:

CYO Girl’s Basketball Registration
6:00pm--Stack Center

Thursday, January 15th:

Serenity Group
8:15pm— Stack Center

Saturday, January 17th:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
8:30am--Chapel

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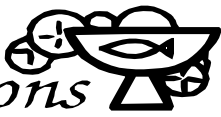
Spanish Mass
2:00pm--Church



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.

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, JANUARY 12th (CHURCH)

8:30am Lilia Sousa (D)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13th

St. Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

7:00am Petronella Van Staveren (L)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14th

7:00am Deceased Relatives
of the Augustinian Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15th

7:00am Helen Maes (D)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16th

7:00am Joe & Isabel Furtado (D)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17th

St. Anthony, Abbot

8:30am Thomas Hayes (D)



EXECUTION ALERTS

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

- January 8th Christopher Roney PA
- January 15th Dennis Reed FL
- January 15th Johnny Komondy FL
- January 15th Richard Vasquez TX
- January 15th Charles Warner OK
- January 21st Arnold Prieto TX
- January 28th Marcellus Williams MO
- January 28th Garcia White T TX
- January 29th Richard Glossip OK
- January 29th Robert Ladd TX

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

January 12th through January 18th

- Monday: Hebrews 1:3-6 15:16-23; Mark 1:14-20
- Tuesday: Hebrews 2:5-12; Mark 2:23-28
- Wednesday: Hebrews 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39
- Thursday: Hebrews 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45
- Friday: Hebrews 4:1-5,11; Mark 2:1-12
- Saturday: Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 2:13-17
- Sunday: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; 1 John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11

WINGS

(Women in God's Spirit)

We invite all women to join us for **WINGS**.

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: **January 22nd, 2015**
9:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Speaker: Father Robert Rien

Topic: Spirituality for a New Year

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT SATURDAY, JANUARY 17th



Our next Holy Hour with the Blessed Sacrament:

Saturday, **January 17th**

Following 8:30am Mass

In the Chapel,
Private Devotions

All are welcome.

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