

Dear Parishioners,



From the Pastor

Unfortunately, we are well behind where we should be in the Bishop's Campaign Appeal. To date, only 6.5% of families have unselfishly given to the campaign. We must remember that God will not be outdone in generosity to His children that respond to the needs of His church. We as a family and worshipping community should be joyous givers because it's the right thing to do as Christian men and women. "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10).

The teachings of Jesus and His Church reminds us the we are stewards of God's gifts are not passive beneficiaries. We cooperate with God in our own redemption and in the redemption of others. We are also obliged to be stewards of the Church—collaborators and cooperators in continuing the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, which is the Church's essential mission. This mission—proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying—is our task. It is the personal responsibility of each one of us as stewards of the Church. All members of the Church have their own roles to play in carrying out its mission:

- ✦ Parents, who nurture their children in the light of faith;
- ✦ Parishioners, who work in concrete ways to make their parishes true communities of faith and vibrant sources of service to the larger community;
- ✦ All Catholics, who give generous support—time, money, prayers, and personal service according to their circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs and to the universal Church.

Once again I respectfully ask you to consider contributing to the Bishop's Campaign for the good of our community and the diocese.

In Christ Jesus our Hope,
Fr. Greg



AUGUSTINIAN APPEAL JANUARY 24th-25th

Please join us in welcoming Fr. Tom Whelan O.S.A. who will be here on behalf of the annual appeal of the Augustinian Guild for the Province of St. Augustine (California and Oregon). The appeal seeks support for the religious and theological formation of brothers and priest, who have dedicated their lives to serving God's people, here at Our Lady of Grace, and throughout California and Oregon. The Guild also serves other apostolates such as funding for our retired Augustinians, the orphanage in Tijuana, and missionary activities in Peru. In advance, thank you for your continuing support of our Annual Appeal. There are envelopes in the pews for your use.



OUR LADY OF GRACE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Our Lady of Grace School will host its annual Open House for grades TK-8 following the 9:00am Mass next Sunday, **January 25th**. Visitors are invited to join us for coffee and donuts in Stack Center, tour the school, meet teachers, the principal and other parents. Kindergarten presentation will begin at 11:00am in the Kindergarten classroom.

Applications for grades TK-8 will be available for the 2015-2016 school year. Come and meet the principal, Mrs. Fischer, and our faculty. Also view the various displays in the school classrooms, science lab, technology lab and more. For further information, please call Our Lady of Grace School office, 581-3155 between the hours of 8:30am--3:00pm.

Please note Our Lady of Grace School offers Transitional Kindergarten for children who do not meet the new age requirement of being 5 years old by September 1st to enter Kindergarten. Our Transitional Kindergarten includes rigorous academics and age-appropriate play in a Catholic environment to prepare for Kindergarten.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. FEDERAL HOLIDAY

Monday, **January 19th** is a federal holiday. There will be one mass only at 8:30am in the church. The Parish office will be closed on Monday and will re-open on Tuesday, **January 20th** at 9:00am. We wish you a safe and relaxing holiday.



JANUARY CYO SIGN UPS

It's time for Girls CYO Basketball (grades 2nd–8th) sign-ups this January. The dates will be Wednesday, **January 21st**, in Stack Center from 6:00–8:30pm, and Sunday, **January 18th** 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

ANNUAL SEMINARY COLLECTION

This 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.

EVENING BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN

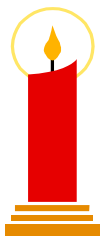
Patricia Hierro continues leading a Bible Study for Women every other Monday, at 7:00pm in the Parish Office. The next meeting is Monday, **January 26th**. The group is currently studying the book of Genesis you may join the group at anytime.

OLG PARISHIONER NEEDED FOR SOUTH HAYWARD PARISH BOARD

Many of you may recall our participation in South Hayward Parish's (SHP) successful drive last winter to provide shelter for homeless people during especially cold or wet nights. SHP is a partnership of faith communities that serves the poor and disenfranchised people in our midst. SHP advocates for the rights and dignity of all people.

Father Greg has approved the suggestion that OLG become a member of this interfaith community, providing we can find two parishioners to serve on the SHP Board of Directors, which is a requirement of membership. We have one volunteer, but need one other person to step forward to serve. One of the two board members will need to be present at every monthly meeting and both will assist in board activities. Serving in this way would provide a meaningful opportunity for someone motivated to live our faith in solidarity with the poor and in collaboration with other faith communities.

If you would like more detail about SHP, their web site is: www.southhaywardparish.org. If you are interested in becoming a board member, or would like more information about the responsibilities and the organization, please call OLG parishioner Sandra Hodges at 510-889-8132.



**DEVOTIONAL CANDLES
OUR LADY OF GRACE**

Candles for our candle stand are available for purchase in the Parish Office or in the Sacristy after mass on Sundays. The candles will burn for 5 days. The cost per candle is \$3.00.

The glass globes in the candle stand must be left in the church. Simply insert the plastic candle purchased from the Parish in to the globe in the candle stand.

**DO NOT BE AFRAID
HAVE FAITH**

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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 11th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 7,692.00
Last Year this week	\$ 8,448.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,815.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$ 15,699.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$ 15,809.00

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 | Raymond Lowe |
| Kathleen Denning | Richard Martin |
| Estela Enriquez | Vernon Rodrigues |
| Mary Franks | Hilda Serpa |
| Byron Griffith | Florence Sharp |
| Liz Griffith | Josephine Sisler |
| Nicholas Guinea | James Van Wert |
| | 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

**Gospel for The 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
(January 25th) Mark 1:14-20**

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm in the Parish Office. The Society will be gathering next on **January 21st** 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.

In order to be more available to those in need, we now have a dedicated phone line where a message can be left 24/7. Please feel free to pick up a few of our business cards in the Parish Office for your neighbors in need. Our new number is 510-581-2164.



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.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 18th:

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

Spanish Mass
2:00pm--Church

Monday, January 19th:

Martin Luther King Federal Holiday
Parish Offices Closed

Tuesday, January 20th:

Bible Scripture Study
9:30am--Parish Office

Religious Education Classes
3:45pm--Stack Center

Wednesday, January 21st:

Nursing Home Mass
10:30am--Life House

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

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

Thursday, January 22nd:

Serenity Group
8:15pm— Stack Center

Sunday, January 25th:

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Coffee & Donuts After All Masses

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



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 19th (CHURCH)

8:30am Martyr Martin (D)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20th

St. Fabian, Pope, Martyr;

St. Sebastian, Martyr

7:00am Ann & Al Ortiz (D)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21st

St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22nd

7:00am Jose Daniel Tellez (D)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23rd

St. Vincent, Deacon, Martyr;

St. Marianne, Cope, Virgin

7:00am Dorothy & Manuel Callier (D)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24th

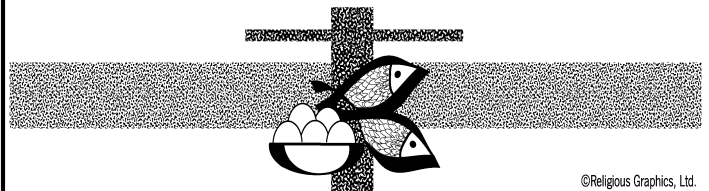
St. Frances de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

8:30am Shirley Parmantica (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

January 19th through January 25th

Monday: Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 2:18-22
 Tuesday: Hebrews 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28
 Wednesday: Hebrews 7:1-3; Mark 3:1-6
 Thursday: Hebrews 7:25--8:6; Mark 3:7-12
 Friday: Hebrews 8:6-13; Mark 3:13-19
 Saturday: Hebrews 9:2-3; Mark 3:20-21
 Sunday: Jonah: 3:1-5; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
 Mark 1:14-20



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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

FAIR TRADE COFFEE

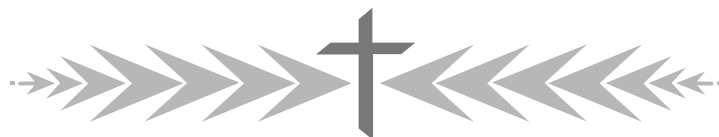
We have a few bags of *Just Coffee* ground organic Fair Trade coffee available for purchase in the Parish Office. If you missed your chance to buy it last weekend during the Fair Trade Christmas Boutique stop in the Parish Office and pick up a 12oz bag for \$12.00.

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This week we extend our gratitude to:

CASA SANDOVAL



EXECUTION ALERTS

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

- 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.