

■■■■■■■■ Senior Citizens Petition for Life

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From the Pastor passed last month. After Masses next weekend **November 27-28**

you can read and sign the petition to put this on next years ballot. Seniors recognize how dangerous this bill is to their life when they are most vulnerable.

Governor Brown has now given a wide portal for more vulnerable individuals to get off the entitlement rolls and make their way towards eternity. Given the history of California's disinclination to enforce its own laws protecting this high- risk demographic group, we can hardly expect any prosecutions of doctors (or impatient would-be heirs) who trespass the minimal conditions provided in the End of Life Options Act and engage in what is otherwise known as murder.

Bishop Michael Barber has encouraged us to consider the End of Life Options Act which is now law and to take action. "I urge all Catholics to educate themselves on the issue using the resources available from parishes, the Catholic press, and the diocesan website. The sick, elderly and dying deserve our love and support until the moment God calls them to Himself. They deserve better than killing, whether at the hands of their physician, or by their own hands." May we do our part to help protect the vulnerable.

Advent Confessions (Ready the Way of the Lord)

Confessions will be available during Advent

Monday Mornings 7:30AM until 8:00AM on **November 30, December 7, 14, 21**

Thursday Adoration with Confession on **December 3, 10, 17 at 7PM to 8PM**

Saturday Confession 3:30 – 4:30PM

Immaculate Conception Novena, Prepare for the year of Mercy!

Please join us 30 minutes before Masses next Sunday, **November 29** to begin our Immaculate Conception Novena. Monday through Saturday we will pray the Novena at 3 PM in the church. The prayers in our novena were written by Franciscan Saints and may we take a stand against death as we celebrate the conception of the Immaculate Virgin Mary so that God could lead us to eternal Life.

A plenary indulgence is granted to those who pray the novena publically, attend mass, Go to confession, and pray for the Pope.

Third World War?

Pope Francis has called the attacks in Paris "a piece" of the "piecemeal Third World War." Pope Francis said such barbarity leaves us stunned as we wonder how human hearts can think up and carry out such atrocities which "have shocked not only France but the whole world". The Pope stressed again that "the way of violence and hatred does not resolve the problems of humanity", adding that whoever uses God's name to justify that path is guilty of blasphemy.

Prayer of Leo XIII to be prayed after Mass;

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the malice and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00AM

Give thanks to the Lord for your blessings!

Opening of the Holy Door for the Year of Mercy in Oakland

On Sunday, **December 13** (Third Sunday of Advent), Bishop Barber will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral at 10 a.m., inaugurating the Jubilee of Mercy. That same day he will opening the *Holy Door* at the Cathedral, that will be remain open for the pilgrims throughout the Holy Year.



THANKSGIVING

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Our Lady of Grace Parish will celebrate a *Mass of Thanksgiving* on Thursday, **November 26th** at 9:00am. There is much to be thankful for in our lives and this is also a time to consider ways of helping those around us who are in need. The monetary collection from this Mass will benefit the work of our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

As in years past, the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be taking donations of food and money at the Mass. As you give your donations, please pray for those families who will be helped. Items most needed for our pantry are Items most needed are as follows: Peanut butter, jam and jelly, tuna, soup/chili, cereal, and granola bars. Many of those that we serve are homeless or staying in motels. Food items that are single-serving and do not require a can opener or meals that can be prepared in a microwave are needed. Please no expired items.

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN
FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
NOVEMBER 22nd**

Our Parish will hold the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) this weekend (**November 21-22**). The programs funded by CCHD change lives for the 46.2 million people living in poverty here in the United States. Your donation will empower local communities and strengthen families who are on the margins. People with disabilities will find affordable and supportive housing, men and women reentering society after incarceration will have the opportunity to learn new skills, and community agriculture projects will receive grants to become sustainable. Please help us continue this good work by supporting the collection for CCHD.

**THANKSGIVING DAY
PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

The Parish offices will be closed on Thursday, **November 26th**. The office will re-open on Friday, **November 27th** at 9:00am.



**ONE WARM COAT
ST. VINCENT de PAUL**

Please consider making a donation of a new or gently used clean, useable coat to the St. Vincent de Paul One Warm Coat Drive. The coats collected go directly to at-risk men, women and children who wouldn't have otherwise been able to buy a coat to stay warm this winter. There at bins at the entrances of the church for your donation.



**FESCO &
CASTRO VALLEY OUTREACH**
Christmas Giving Trees
Tis The Season

Beginning Thursday **November 19th**, Our Lady of Grace is helping the families of Castro Valley this Christmas with our Giving Trees. As members of CV Outreach, an organization dedicated to helping children from our CV Schools have a happy holiday season, we are sponsoring 8 families. Each family member has ornaments on our Giving Trees, which you will find in the church, in Stack after church, & in the school and parish offices. Please take an ornament to help a child have a blessed holiday.

All gifts need to be returned with the ornament, box and receipt, unwrapped to the parish office by **Wednesday December 11th** in order for our REC students & Parent Group members to catalog and wrap.

In addition to helping CV Outreach, we are helping FESCO keep their programs running. They are asking for monetary donations. Donation envelopes are on the Giving Trees. Please return donations to the parish office. *Thank You & Merry Christmas*

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL
THANKSGIVING OUTREACH**

As in the past, the St. Vincent de Paul Conference at Our Lady of Grace will be preparing holiday food boxes for those in need. If you know of someone who could use a Thanksgiving box, please call our help line and leave a message. In the name of those we serve, thank you.

Our Help line is 510-581-2164.

**AN OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 5th IN STACK CENTER**

Our Lady of Grace school community invites you to a social celebration with entertainment provided by our scholars and musicians including yummy snacks and tree lighting. Fr. Tom will be there as well with a special message--all this begins after the 5:00pm mass on **December 5th.**

**RECLAIMING CHRIST'S MISSION TOGETHER
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN STATUS REPORT**

Once again we convey our gratitude to all those who participated financially in the Diocesan Capital Campaign. As a Parish we raised \$248,368 against a goal of \$513, 246. The funds raised are a result of pledges and outright donations. We are grateful to the pledges and encourage your continued commitment to making your pledge donations. We have received \$24,160 to our Diocesan Campaign Savings account representing our 25% share of donations received as of June 30, 2015. These funds have been restricted for the use of repair to the parking lot as well as renovation to Stack Center and the Church.

LECTOR TRAINING

On **December 16th** at 7pm in Stack Center we will have a night of prayer and renewal in the Word of God. This night will provide a process of prayer to bring the scriptures to life in your heart. **All are welcome to attend this night of renewal.** After the experience of praying the Scripture with Lectio Divina those called to the Ministry of Lector will begin their application and orientation.

**OUR LADY OF GRACE SCHOOL
FUNDRAISER**

Fox Sox is offering 30% off their great socks for the holidays. These socks make great gifts for adults and children. Just go to www.FoxSox.com and click on "Shop Online" to get started. Order soon as popular styles may sell out! Use promo code: PR15OLG and get a discount as well as earning money for our school!

Hurry offer expires December 31st.

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 November 15th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 8,197.00
Last Year this week	\$ 7,712.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,815.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$373,687.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$362,034.00
November Budgeted Expenses	\$68,042.00

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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| Dennis Cande | Elaine Jordan |
| Kathleen Denning | Emy & Rico Maquiling |
| Julie Dillon | Richard Martin |
| Estela Enriquez | Doree Rivera |
| Juanita Estrellas | Florence Sharp |
| Mary Franks | Iwan Tunggal |
| Byron Griffith | James Van Wert |
| Liz Griffith | 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 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
(November 29th) Luke: 21:25-28, 34-36**

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

**COME AND SEE
CONVENTUAL FRANCISCANS OF CA
RETREAT: NOVEMBER 27-29, 2015**

Come and see the Franciscan life. Learn more about Franciscan Spirituality, meet Friars and hear their vocation story. Learn prayer and discernment tools, stay at one of our Friaries, visit one of our ministries, ask questions and more!

Where: Holy Family Friary, Castro Valley

When: Arrive between Noon --4:00pm, Friday, **November 27th**. We will finish after 11:00am Mass on Sunday, **November 29th**

Cost: You come, we'll cover room and food
Contact Fr. Paul Gawlowski OFM Conv., to register 510-671-0537; CaliforniaVocation@gmail.com Flyers are at the entrances of the church.

SCRIP NEWS

Beat the mall madness and purchase gift cards instead of waiting in line at the mall. Did you know scrip is available year round in the Parish Office? Buy gift cards (at face value) for various retailers through the Parish office, helping the school earn 2%-17% per certificate. Stop by the Parish office and look over the list.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 22nd:

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--Gym

New Parishioner Registration
10:00am--Stack Center

Thursday, November 26th:

Thanksgiving Day--Office Closed

9:00am--Mass of Thanksgiving

Serenity Group
7:30pm--Stack Center

Saturday, November 28th:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Following the 8:30am Mass

Sunday, November 29th:

Coffee & Donuts After All Masses

*Immaculate Conception Novena
30 minutes before each mass*

Spanish Mass
2:00pm--Church

WINGS


We invite all women to join us for—
WINGS (Women in God's Spirit)
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: **December 3, 2015**
9:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Speaker: Dr. Doreen Jones
Topic: Martha & Mary -
A Closer Look at Lazarus' Sisters

Mass Intentions for the Week



Please note: All weekday masses will be celebrated in the Church until further notice.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd (CHURCH)

*St. Clement I, Pope, Martyr;
St. Columban, Abbot;
Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest, Martyr*
8:30am Virginia San Pascual (D)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24th (CHURCH)

*St. Andrew Dung-Luc, Priest,
and Companions, Martyrs*
7:00am Marvin Picha (D)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25th (CHURCH)

St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin Martyr
7:00am Julia Dedace (D)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26 (CHURCH)

9:00am Mass of Thanksgiving

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27th (CHURCH)

7:00am Leslie Braga (D)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28th (CHURCH)

8:30am Ernie Selmeczki (D)
5:00pm Mary Barstad (D)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29th (CHURCH)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11:00am Julieta Perez (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

November 23rd through November 29th

Monday: Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Luke 21:1-4
Tuesday: Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11
Wednesday: Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28;
Luke 21:12-19
Thursday: Daniel 6:12-28; Luke 21:20-28
Friday: Daniel 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33
Saturday: Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36
Sunday: Jeremiah 33:14-16;
Thessalonians 3:12-4:2;
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



**COME JOIN IN THE FEAST!
Reserve your Crab Feed Tickets
Today! Save the Date:
Saturday, January 30, 2016**

Yes! OLG is still planning a Community Crab Feed in spite of the delay to the opening of California's crab season! We will be receiving our crab from Canada or Washington state this year at an increased cost! However, the ticket price will be the **same as 2014: \$40.**

Price of the ticket includes: crab and/or chicken, salad, pasta, garlic bread, and another year of great entertainment by OLG's local bands Triple Play and Rust! **Instead of charging more for the event, we are asking groups of friends joining in this great evening of food and fun to bring appetizers and desserts to share at your table.** Beer, wine and limited mixed drinks will be available at a cost.

This is a GREAT community event that benefits CYO, the Church, and School. Don't delay, please reserve your tickets today!

Volunteers are needed for:

***Running the kitchen
Set-up and clean-up***

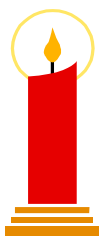
To reserve your ticket: Contact Jeanenne Deorsey (deorseyj@gmail.com).



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.

**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.

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