

Preparing for the Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has called for a Jubilee Year of Mercy. Our parishes are to become "islands of mercy in a sea of indifference." Our Lady of Grace parish is responding to the Pope's call in this Year of Mercy. On December 5 and 6 we will unveil our plan for the Year of Mercy at Our Lady of Grace. The Year of Mercy begins on December 8. The Men of Faith have stepped forward to be Ambassadors of Mercy for all who enter our church on Sunday. Our School is integrating Mercy events during the Year. Our Faith formation is planning special events for the year of Mercy. Let us take this opportunity to receive the Mercy of God and be renewed in our salvation through the love of Jesus Christ so we can be missionaries of Mercy in the world that has become indifferent and violent.

Rosary Group Meeting

The Rosary Group will Meet on November 11 at 7PM with Fr. Tom in the Office to receive the plan for our Marian Devotion for the Year of Mercy.

Eucharist ministers Training

The presence of God is eased by the holiness of those who serve at the prayer of the church. I will present a Spirituality to assist our ministers to have an eye and heart for God. Let us live a life rooted in God, driven by the passion and fire of the Spirit and moved by love for the community, the Body of Christ. Let us have an eye to interpret life in the light of God and the Scriptures, to see the spirit shaping the events of life. We are assured by God's history of faithfulness. *All are invited to this time of reflection and spiritual renewal as we contemplate Our Lord in the Eucharist on November 22 at Noon in the Church.* After the presentation those who are called to the ministry may begin training.

Lector Training

On December 16 at 7 PM 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.

Thanksgiving Mass

Join us on Thanksgiving Day for Mass at 9AM. Please bring your baskets of bread and Wine to be blessed for your feast.

Usher Meeting

Fr. Tom will hold a meeting for the ushers after each mass on Saturday, November 14 and Sunday, November 15, please meet Fr. Tom in the sacristy.

GOSPEL FOR THE 33rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (November 15th)

Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. "And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.

"Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

VETERANS DAY



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The Parish offices will be closed on Wednesday, **November 11th** in observance of Veterans Day. The office will re-open on Thursday, **November 12th** at 9:00am.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Our Parish will celebrate our annual Mass of Remembrance on Wednesday, **November 18th** at 7:00pm in the Church. This mass has proven to be a very memorable liturgy for us who recall, in a particular way, those who have died in the past twelve months--as well as those who have gone before us in faith and in death.

Our *Book of Remembrance* also provides an opportunity for you to record names of deceased loved ones to be lifted up in our prayer during the month of November. This book will be displayed in the church at the Baptismal font throughout the month of November.



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 are bins at the entrances of the church for your donation.

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.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE
TODAY

The Faith Formation Center is hosting a Holiday Boutique today, from 12:30 - 4:00pm in the Stack Center. Beat the Black Friday lines and enjoy a leisurely afternoon while getting a head start on your holiday preparations. Kitchen items, Beauty products, Handcrafted items, Live demonstrations and more will fill the day. Free childcare and gift-wrapping! *Admission is free! Refreshments available for purchase.*



FAMILY BINGO NIGHT
It's time to play Bingo!

Mark your calendar and call your friends! Our Lady of Grace Faith Formation Center invites you to our annual Family Bingo Night, Saturday, **November 14th** from 6:30 - 8:30pm in Stack Center. Make your reservations for the event in person at the Faith Formation Center, or by calling 582-9266, or email ffc@olgcv.org. \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Special family pack: \$20 (maximum 2 adults per family). Admission includes hot dog dinner, one bingo card per person and tons of fun! Be sure to make your reservation soon -you don't want to miss the fun! (Each family is asked to bring a few prizes in new or like-new condition for the prize table.)



FESTIVAL RESULTS ARE IN!

We are pleased to announce the results of our Fall Festival. We received \$49,919. in net profit.

As is our tradition we commit 10% of our net profit to local charities benefiting families and children. This year we are targeting FESCO, South Hayward Parish, Oakland Catholic Worker and other local charities for their work on behalf of those most in need in our community.

Our Lady of Grace School received \$24,000. of the net income and \$20,000 will be used for expenses in the Parish programs. Thank you once again to all those who contributed to the success of our annual Parish Fall Festival.

CATHOLIC VOICE ANNUAL APPEAL

There is still time to make your donation for The Catholic Voice for the year. Please be generous in your support. Check should be made payable to Our Lady of Grace. Envelopes are in the pews for your use. Your contribution will help the parish defray its assessment for The Voice. *To date we have received only \$1,862.00 towards our annual assessment of \$8196.00. Please make your contribution towards this assessment today.*

CYO GIRLS 5TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL SERVICE PROJECT FUNDRAISER

The girls from our CYO 5th grade volleyball team will be here next weekend hoping for your financial donations to their service project. The 5th grade girls have chosen to help Project Linus Alameda Chapter. This organization provides love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers." The volleyball players hope to be those "blanketeers" with your financial help they plan on purchasing supplies to make fleece blankets for the children served through Project Linus. For each financial donation they will gift you with a "Friendship Bracelet".

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Our Parish will hold the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) soon. 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.

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 1st:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 9,419.00
Last Year this week	\$ 8,069.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,815.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$356,157.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$345,635.00

October Budgeted Expenses \$66,034.00

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.

- OLIVIA HERRERA
DIANNE STASZKOW**

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

The next ICF dinner will be our Marvelous Minestrone Soup meal prepared by Lisa and crew, on **November 12th**. Doors open at 6:00pm and the cost is \$8.00. With the money saved on dinner we are asking for nonperishable food items to be donated as part of our gift to St. Vincent de Paul here at OLG. Let's help others to have a nice Thanksgiving.

For reservations please call either Stella Taddei at 510-581-5863 or Juanita Madrid at 510-582-7242 by Monday **November 9th**. Thanks for your support.

**MOVIE NIGHT AT OLG
Pax Christi/Social Justice Group**

Are you concerned about fracking? Would you like to understand more about the procedure and its ramifications? How should we respond as Christians to this issue? If you are interested in learning more about this moral problem that affects our health, join us in viewing and discussing the stimulating 80-minute documentary film, "GROUNDSWELL RISING." This movie documents the opposition from both sides of the political spectrum to the practice of fracking for natural gas, and the health and environmental consequences of this practice. **Friday, November 20th**, at 7:00pm.in Stack Center. Admission is free we invite you to bring a favorite snack to share (optional). Beverages will be provided. For more information, call Dennise at (510) 538-6071.

**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.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 8th:

Coffee & Donuts After All Masses

ICF Bake Sale
After Masses

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

Religious Education Classes
10:30am--Stack Center

Youth Ministry
After 9:00am Mass--Gym

Parish Registration
10:00am--Stack Center

Holiday Boutique
12:30pm--Stack Center

Spanish Mass
2:00pm--Church

Monday, November 9th:

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

Tuesday, November 10th:

Morning Bible Study
9:30am--Parish Office

Religious Education Classes
3:45pm--Stack Center

Men's Bible Study
7:00pm--Parish Office

Thursday, November 12th:

Italian Catholic Federation
Dinner 6:00pm— Stack Center

Serenity Group
7:30pm— Stack Center

Saturday, November 13th:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
3:30pm - Church

Sunday, November 14th

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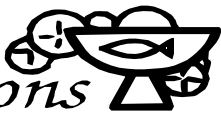
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Mass Intentions for the Week



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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8th (CHURCH)

11:00am Luis Martinez (D)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9th (CHURCH)

*THE DEDICATION OF
THE LATERAN BASILICA*

8:30am Luis Martinez (D)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10th (CHURCH)

St. Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church

7:00am All Souls

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11th (CHURCH)

St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

7:00am Lilia Sousa (D)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12th (CHURCH)

St. Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13th (CHURCH)

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

7:00am Jake Souza (D)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14th (CHURCH)

*St. Nicholas Tavelic, Franciscan, priest,
and his companions*

8:30am Rudy Enriquez (D)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15th (CHURCH)

8:30am Chet & Betty Heavingham (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

November 9th through November 15th

Monday: Ezekiel 47: 1-2; Corinthians 3:9C-11
 Tuesday: Wisdom 2:23-3:9; Luke 17:7-10
 Wednesday: Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19
 Thursday: Wisdom 7:22b-8:1; Luke 17:20-25
 Friday: Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37
 Saturday: Wisdom 18:14-16;19:6-9;
 Luke 18:1-8
 Sunday: Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18;
 Mark 13:24-32

**OUR LADY OF GRACE CRAB FEED
SAVE THE DATE**



Saturday, January 30th, 2016

We're bringing back the Crab Feed!
 Our Crab Feed this year is on **Saturday, January 30, 2016**, but in order to make this event a success, we need your help.

We are currently looking for volunteers in the areas of Set Up/Decorating, Food Preparation, Food Pick Up, Cooking, and Clean Up.
Have a knack for cooking and/or managing kitchen volunteers in dinner preparation? We need you!!

Set up and food prep will begin in the late morning/early afternoon of the event. The event is from 6- 11pm, clean up immediately following.

If you can help, please email, text or call

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Anne Martinez: anne.martinez@sumcousa.com



AN INVITATION FROM BISHOP BARBER

Bishop Barber has invited the Community of Sant'Egidio, a lay community dedicated to communicating the gospel through prayer, a dedication to peace, and solidarity with the poor, to present their community prayer and the pillars of their ministry. Come to pray and be inspired on Friday, **November 13th; Monday, November 16th; and Tuesday, November 17th** at St. Joseph the Worker in Berkeley from 7:00pm-9:00pm. Bishop Barber will attend on Friday, **November 13th.**

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