
 During his address to the U.S. Congress, in his recent visit to the United States, Pope Francis named four prominent Americans as examples of the American spirit. These four persons were Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King Jr., Dorothy Day, and Thomas Merton. The pope held them up as examples of Americans who through hard work and sacrifice, and some even at the cost of their lives, worked towards a better future.

From the Pastor We Americans are proud when we say that America is a place where individuals can, through hard work and sacrifice, build a better future for ourselves and our children. But so often when we hear that, we think of career and education. The Pope is challenging all of us, to rediscover our greatest American value; to be united as one nation, working to build a better society, with "Justice and liberty for all". These four Americans represent examples of men and women of different ethnicity, race, religious beliefs, and economic status, but who were not afraid to stand for Gospel values and challenge sinful structures.

Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton were Catholics, and perhaps less familiar to us than Martin Luther King Jr., and Abraham Lincoln. Fr. Tom asked me to write a little bit about each these two Catholic figures.

Today I will write a bit about Dorothy Day and in a coming week, about Thomas Merton. Dorothy Day was born in 1897 in New York, attended the University of Illinois Urbana, and after college worked as a journalist in New York, for publications considered radical, challenging various aspects of American society. She had a reputation of living a less than admirable life, including drunkenness, living with a man outside of marriage, and having an abortion. But after the birth of her first child, began to feel God calling her to conversion. She became Catholic in 1927 and dedicated her life to God's service. She credited God for her meeting with Peter Maurin, a French intellectual and Catholic, who convinced Day that social reform and Catholic faith could be united, and together they founded the Catholic Worker Movement. Dorothy and Peter sought not only to help the poor materially, but saw the exclusion of the poor, and powerless, within our society as the greater injustice. They sought to build community by living with the poor, creating community through hospitality houses, and addressing issues that divide us. The Catholic Worker Movement still continues today, and invites members to live simply, in community, serving the poor, and resisting war and social injustice. Community life is centered on the Gospel, prayer, and the Catholic faith. There are 208 Catholic Worker Communities in the United States, 28 outside the United States, and 24 in California.

In 2000, when Cardinal John O'Connor of New York, the archbishop of her native city, proposed her for sainthood, he felt compelled to address her choice to have an abortion early in her life. He wrote that "She regretted it every day of her life" and added that her conversion showed God's mercy and the possibility of turning from "The ultimate act of violence against innocent life in the womb, to a position of total holiness and pacifism." Dorothy Day is currently referred to by the Church as a "Servant of God", which is a title for someone in the first stages of being considered for canonization as a Saint in the Catholic Church.

GOSPEL FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS DAY (November 1st)

Matthew 5:1-12a

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

**ALL SOULS DAY
THE COMMEMORATION OF
ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
NOVEMBER 2nd**

All Souls Day will be celebrated with two masses on Monday, **November 2nd** at 8:30am and 7:00pm.

The envelopes for All Saints and All Souls will be placed on the altar for the month of November for those wishing to remember their loved ones.

You may bring a picture of your loved one to be placed on a table before the Blessed Virgin Mary in Church that will remain there through the month of November. Please put your name and contact on the back of the photo.

Our *Book of Remembrance* also provides an opportunity to record the names of deceased loved ones to be lifted up in prayer during the month of November.

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.



CATHOLIC VOICE ANNUAL APPEAL

This month is our annual appeal for The Catholic Voice. Your donation helps our Parish offset its payment for this important communication ministry. The Voice is the only regular source of Catholic news and information delivered to all parishioners in the Diocese. *Please be generous in your support our Parish pays \$683.00 a month for this subscription.*

Checks should be made payable to Our Lady of Grace. Envelopes are in the pews.



SCOUTS WREATH SALES

Boy Scout Troop 876 will be taking orders for Christmas wreaths next Sunday, **November 1st**. Place your order next week for delivery the first week in December. Enjoy the smell of fresh greenery this holiday season while helping the scouts earn money to support their troop in their only fundraiser of the year.



Religious Education classes have begun! Welcome to the new catechetical year! If you have not signed up for classes yet, there is still space available. Registration forms available in Stack Center and the parish office.

CATECHISTS WANTED

We have a few classes without catechists. If you or someone you know would like to share faith with our wonderful students, please contact the Faith Formation Center (right now would be good!) Wonder what's involved in being a catechist? Come the Faith Formation Center and find out. Bring a friend and team up for the year!

Classes in need of catechists:

On Tuesday: Gr 3, 4 & 5

On Sunday: Kindergarten, Gr 2. Gr 6 needs a co-catechist

You can team up with a friend and double the fun. Still not sure? Be a group assistant. Each class needs 2 adults in the room. Just being here is helpful! Please contact Robyn Lang at the Faith Formation Center for more information (510-582-9266, ffc@olgcv.org)

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Group gatherings are each Sunday from 10:30 - 12 in the gym. Our amazing Youth Ministry leadership team is off and running with great plans for the year. We welcome peer leaders and adults (young and young at heart) to join us. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Faith Formation Center. College students are encouraged to consider this great ministry!

OLG MEN’S BIBLE STUDY

The Men’s Bible Study facilitated by Fr. Paul meets in the Parish Office every other Tuesday beginning at 7:00pm. The group meets next on **October 27th**. Each session lasts for an hour and is open to all men of the parish 18 years and older. You may join in the study at anytime.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

The Faith Formation Center is hosting a Holiday Boutique on Sunday, **November 8th** 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.

OLG SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Help send a 6th Grader from Our Lady of Grace School to Outdoor Camp! The OLG 6th Grade Class is kicking off their Caritas CYO Camp fundraiser to help raise money for each student to attend an environmental science camp. This year they have chosen to go green with fun reusable bags and products that are durable, fun and affordable. It’s easy to support our kids just by shopping online!

If you would like to help our school student Fundraiser, head over to <http://www.mixedbagdesigns.com/Retail-Home?fundraiserid=478897> and shop around from all of their reusable bags, eco-friendly accessories and other products. When you are checking out and reviewing your order, add the Fundraiser ID# 478897 to make sure you give credit to OLG 6th Graders. 40% of every purchase will go towards ensuring every child is able to have this enriching experience.

This fundraiser ends on November 12th.

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 October 18th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 6,662.00
Last Year this week	\$ 8,169.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,815.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$339,043.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$329,397.00

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 | Emy & Rico Maquiling |
| Kathleen Denning | Richard Martin |
| Julie Dillon | Doree Rivera |
| Estela Enriquez | Florence Sharp |
| Juanita Estrellas | Dianne Staszko |
| 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:

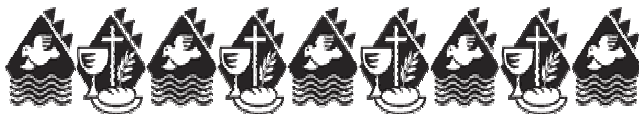
- DAVID SANCHEZ MICHAEL SANCHEZ**

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 GUN VIOLENCE

**FROM THE OAKLAND DIOCESE
CURSILLO COMMUNITY**

This is your invitation to make a Cursillo weekend, which is a three day learning, sharing experience of living in a Christian Community. The word "Cursillo" in Spanish, means a little course. During the three days of the weekend, a person not only hears what it really means to be a Christian but actually get to experience the joy of building and being a part of a genuine Christian Community. The next Women's Weekend: **November 5th--8th.** at Holy Redeemer Center in Oakland, For information you may go to www.oak-cursillo.org. If you need additional information contact Ruth Picha at 538-9063.



COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Do you have a family member or friend -- maybe someone elderly or ailing --who cannot attend Mass but might like to receive communion? Our Lady of Grace has a ministry of volunteers who bring the Eucharist on either a regular or occasional basis to homebound parishioners. This is a time for prayer, maybe some conversation and a continuing connection to our parish. Please contact the Parish Office, 537-0806. for information. If you are interested in volunteering to this ministry contact the office.



**PRE-BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS
AND GODPARENTS**

If you are wishing to have your child, ages infant to six years baptized, parents and godparents need to attend a pre-baptism class. You also need to be registered members of the parish for at least three months. Email Jay or call her 537-0806 for information. The next Pre-Baptism Class will be held **November 3rd** at 7:00pm in the Parish Office.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 25th:

Coffee & Donuts After All Masses

OLG Scholastic Book Fair

After all Masses--Stack Center

Children's Liturgy of the Word

9:00am--Mass

Religious Education Classes

10:30am--Stack Center

Youth Ministry

After 9:00am Mass--Gym

Spanish Mass

2:00pm--Church

Monday, October 26th:

Women's Bible Study

7:00pm--Parish Office

Tuesday, October 27th:

Morning Bible Study

9:30am--Parish Office

Religious Education Classes

3:45pm--Stack Center

Thursday, October 29th:

Serenity Group

8:15pm— Stack Center

Sunday, November 1st:

ALL SAINTS DAY

Coffee & Donuts After All Masses

Boy Scout Wreath Sale

After Masses

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Mass Intentions for the Week

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25th (CHURCH)

11:00am Dorothy Sawyer (D)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26th (CHURCH)

8:30am Jose, Teresa & Julia Sousa (D)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27th (CHURCH)

7:00am Sgt. Scott Lunger (D)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28th (CHURCH)

SAINTS SIMON, AND JUDE, APOSTLES

7:00am Jimmy Mullins (D)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29th (CHURCH)

7:00am James Robb (D)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30th (CHURCH)

7:00am James Rene Bouligny (D)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31st (CHURCH)

8:30am Bonnie Sill (D)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1st (CHURCH)

ALL SAINTS DAY

9:00am Julsandra Calalo (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

October 26th through November 1st

- Monday: Wisdom 3:1-9; John 6:37-40
- Tuesday: Romans 12:5-16; Luke 14:15-24
- Wednesday: Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33
- Thursday: Romans 14:7-12; Luke 15:1-10
- Friday: Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8
- Saturday: Romans 16:3-9,16,22-27; Luke 16:9-15
- Sunday: 1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44



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**THE MINISTRY OF MASS CARDS
MASS INTENTIONS**

There is no better gift to give than the gift of God's love and compassion as celebrated in the Sacrifice of the Mass.

Many of you have received a Mass Card for the passing of a loved one, and many of you have given them to friends when someone they love has died.

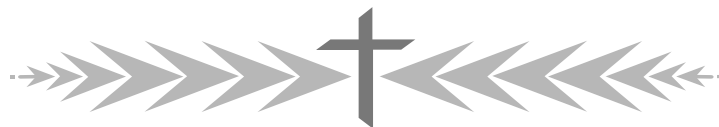
Mass intentions can be given for almost any occasion, and are a way to reach out and touch someone with the gift of faith. We have recently opened Mass Intentions to one Sunday Mass each weekend. Please stop in the Parish office to inquire about open dates.

Stop by the Parish office where we keep a variety of deceased and living Mass cards on hand. We are looking forward to getting to know you and sharing in your sorrow and joy as you travel through a life of faith.



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 **October:**

- October 28 Christopher Wilkins TX
- October 28 John Grant OK

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

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