


For Consecrated Families

I prayed for you at the place where St. Maximilian Kolbe began Consecration to the Immaculate Virgin. I ask that you continue your daily consecration prayer with your families.

From the Pastor

O Immaculata, Queen and Mother of the Church,
I renew my consecration to you this day and for always
so that you may use me for the coming
of the Kingdom of Jesus in the whole world.
To this end, I offer you all my prayers,
actions and sacrifices of this day.

Quote of St. Maximilian Kolbe

"When we encounter difficulties which are not in a state to overcome, or temptations are assailing us, let us not lose heart, children, always turn into her with fullest confidence, and she a and needed light, and the desired strength, and in her heart we will be relieved of all the bitterness."

Divine Mercy St. Faustina

Have you ever wondered what Jesus desires for us. The Message of St. Faustina gives us a glimpse of the desire of Jesus for us. Please invite friends, family, co-workers even strangers to the St. Faustina Play so they can hear this remarkable message. Here is a quote from her Diary:

"My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially for poor sinners. If only they could understand that I am the best of Fathers to them and that it is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from My Heart as from a fount overflowing with mercy. For them I dwell in the tabernacle as King of Mercy. I desire to bestow My graces upon souls, but they do not want to accept them. You, at least, come to Me as often as possible and take these graces they do not want to accept. In this way you will console My Heart. Oh, how indifferent are souls to so much goodness, to so many proofs of love! My Heart drinks only of the ingratitude and forgetfulness of souls living in the world. They have time for everything, but they have no time to come to Me for graces. (367)"

Gospel for Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (January 24th)

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received. Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.* Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."



**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY
FAUSTINA: MESSENGER OF DIVINE MERCY
JANUARY 31, 2016**

Our Lady of Grace Church and School invite you to the live theatrical one-woman drama performed by actress Maria Vargo and directed by Leonardo Delfilippis of Saint Luke Productions, to be presented at Castro Valley Center for the Arts on Sunday, **January 31st** at 7:00pm. Tickets: \$15.00 Adult, \$12.00 Senior; \$40.00 Family of Four. \$12.00 Youth 17 and under. Suitable for ages 12 and up.

Experience firsthand the life and message of Saint Faustina whose personal encounters with Jesus have inspired a world-wide devotion to Christ's Divine Mercy. This drama also brings audiences a riveting modern story that makes Divine Mercy remarkably relevant and urgent for our world today. The program is filled with all the elements of professional theater, runs 90 minutes, and is suitable for ages 13 and up.

For tickets and additional information, contact Our Lady of Grace Church Office at 510-537-0806, email newsletter@olgcv.org, or visit our website www.olgcv.org.

Watch the trailer & learn more about St. Faustina at www.DivineMercyDrama.com

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
FEDERAL HOLIDAY**

Monday, **January 18th** 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 19th** at 9:00am.

2015 PLATE COLLECTION RESULTS

Total Sunday Plate Offering 2015: \$425,834.
Total Sunday Plate Budget 2015: \$425,000.
Total Sunday Plate Offering 2014: \$409,040.

We are most grateful to those who have consistently supported our Parish and have maintained their level of giving. For those in the Parish not using the offering envelope we ask you to prayerfully consider committing your support to our ministries, liturgies, outreach and all that a Parish is expected to provide its members and the members of the larger community in which we reside. Our Lady of Grace belong to all the faithful. May we continue to be good stewards of so great a gift and remember that God will not be outdone in generosity.

A more complete Financial Review will be made available in mid February.



**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 today Sunday, **January 31st**. 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 2016-2017 school year. Come and meet the principal, Mrs. Anderson, 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.



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CHRISTMAS OFFERING RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Christmas Collection. Our Christmas Offering for 2015 totaled \$22,251 compared to \$21,805 in 2014 and against a Budget of \$28,000. As always we thank you for the generosity of your gift and ask God to bless your continuing generosity.

**SPEAKING OF CHRISTMAS....
SPECIAL THANKS FOR ALL THE HELP
FROM THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Our beautiful Christmas 'scene' was created by a small, but dedicated group of parishioners. Special thanks goes out to Phil Berry, Claudia Dobbs, Darlene and Stan Futagaki, Imelda Guerrero, Ron Johnson, Susan Klas, James Ricketts, Lee Shilts, Mark Vaz, Kate, Megan and Ronda White, Ivan Zambrano, and two wonderful Franciscans 'in formation', Angel and Chris. Blessings of peace and joy to all. Thank-you to all those who donated to the flowers, as well. If you meant to help decorate but the rain scared you away, there is always the take-down .



**YEARLY CONTRIBUTION
STATEMENTS**

For your convenience in preparing your tax return, a contribution statement for 2015 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.

ANNUAL SEMINARY COLLECTION

This weekend (January 16th-17th) 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. 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.

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 10th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 9,557.00
Last Year this week	\$ 7,692.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$ 17,754.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$ 15,650.00
January Budgeted Expenses	\$ 69,310.00

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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| Larry Bronzini | Byron Griffith |
| Dennis Cande | Elaine Jordan |
| Kathleen Denning | Richard Martin |
| Julie Dillon | Doree Rivera |
| Estela Enriquez | Mike Roth |
| Juanita Estrellas | Florence Sharp |
| Mary Franks | Iwan Tunggal |
| Theresa Fuller | James Van Wert |

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



**FINAL CALL FOR
CRAB FEED TICKETS
JANUARY 30TH**

The OLG Crab Feed is on. We will be getting our Crab from Oregon and Washington (their season was opened by Fish and Game). Despite the higher cost we will hold our ticket price at \$40.

Your ticket gives you the choice of crab 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 the fun night 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. Reservations will close Friday, **January 22nd**. To reserve your ticket please contact Jeanenne Deorsey by email at deorseyj@gmail.com

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: **January 21st**, 2016
9:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Speaker: Mary Ann Wiesinger
Topic: "Interior Freedom"

**AMAZON SMILE
OUR LADY OF GRACE**

If you shop at Amazon.com, please consider going to smile.amazon.com and choosing Our Lady of Grace to receive 0.5% of all qualifying purchases you make when shopping through smile.amazon.com. Products and prices are the same, and Our Lady of Grace will receive a donation each time you shop!

THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 17th:

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

Monday, January 18th:

Martin Luther King Day
Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, January 19th:

Bible Study
9:30am--Parish Office

Wednesday, January 20th:

Strobridge Dinner
6:00pm--Strobridge Apartments

Thursday, January 21st:

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
7:15pm--Parish Office

Serenity Group
7:30pm--Stack Center

Friday, January 22nd:

Hispanic Music Rehearsal
7:00pm-- Augustine Center

Saturday, January 23rd:

Our Lady of Grace Family Dance
8:00pm--Stack Center

**ST.VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY
"NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS"**

Please help us keep our pantry stocked. We will be taking food donations on the 3rd Sunday of every month. These donations can be left at the entrances of the church. Items most needed are: peanut butter, pasta sauce, tuna, jelly, canned vegetables, canned fruit, soup, tea bags, hot chocolate mix and instant coffee. Please no expired food. We thank you for your continued support.

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 18th (CHURCH)

8:30am Mike Maloney (D)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19th (CHURCH)

7:00am Martyr Martin (D)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20th (CHURCH)

St. Fabian, Pope, Martyr;

St. Sebastian, Martyr

7:00am Rudy & Augie Enriquez (D)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21st (CHURCH)

St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

7:00am Ron Sullivan (D)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22nd (CHURCH)

7:00am Lilia Sousa (D)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23rd (CHURCH)

St. Vincent, Deacon, Martry

St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

8:30am Abel George Machado (D)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24th (CHURCH)

11:00am Debbie & Doug Reetz & Family (L)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

January 18th through January 24th

Monday: 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22
 Tuesday: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28
 Wednesday: 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51
 Mark 3:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7
 Mark 3:7-12
 Friday: 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19
 Saturday: 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27
 Mark 3:20-21
 Sunday: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10;
 1 Corinthians 12:12-30
 Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21



**WALK FOR LIFE
JANUARY 23rd**

The 12th Annual Walk for Life will take place on **January 23rd**. Walk for Life is a peaceful protest against abortion that involves walking through San Francisco every year on or near January 22nd, the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, which was the US Supreme Court decision to legalize abortion. The goal of Walk for Life is to be a vocal and visual message that states the people of the West Coast stand for life while informing and educating society of the harm abortion can cause in an attempt to change the perceptions of those who believe abortion is an answer.

Patricia Heirro has invited those interested in joining in the Walk, to meet her at Castro Valley BART on Saturday, **January 23rd** at 11:00am. Feel free to join her for the Walk for Life!



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 **January** :

- January 20th Richard Masterson TX
- January 21st Christopher Brooks AL
- January 27th James Freeman TX

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

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This week we extend our gratitude to:

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