


Do not miss the powerful message of mercy given to St. Faustina!
Join us for the St. Faustina Play on January 31st at 7:00pm. Get your tickets after Mass
From the Pastor today, at the office this week, or contact us on the website to order your ticket.

Don't miss FAUSTINA a gripping live production, that will open hearts to Christ's Divine Mercy.

"I encountered Faustina and the message of Divine Mercy on a new and deeper level. And that's saying something."

- Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC

"If you have an opportunity to see this production...run, don't walk!"

- Patricia, NY

"I saw Faustina last night and it was absolutely fabulous! When we left the show, it was as if people were spellbound; we were blown away. I cannot stop thinking about it and the message"

- Jeanne, WI

On February 22nd, 1931, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ appeared to this simple nun, bringing with Him a wonderful message of Mercy for all mankind. Saint Faustina tells us in her diary under this date:

"In the evening, when I was in my cell, I became aware of the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand was raised in blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From the opening of the garment at the breast there came forth two large rays, one red and the other pale. In silence I gazed intently at the Lord; my soul was overwhelmed with fear, but also with great joy. After a while Jesus said to me, 'paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the inscription: Jesus, I trust in You.'"

Some time later, Our Lord again spoke to her:

"The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous; the red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the depths of My most tender Mercy at that time when My agonizing Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross...Fortunate is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him."

Gospel for Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (January 31st)

Luke 4:21-30

Jesus began speaking in the synagogue, saying: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" He said to them, "Surely you will quote me this proverb, 'Physician, cure yourself,' and say, 'Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum.'" And he said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place. Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away.



**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

**SOUTH HAYWARD PARISH
WINTER SHELTER UPDATE**

As you know OLG representatives have been actively involved in South Hayward Parish's Programs to assist the homeless. We are putting out a call for submission of bids to interested licensed plumbers and electricians to install a washer and dryer hook-up for the center and requesting reduced cost bids if possible. Installation of a washer and dryer would lower the many costs of laundry of bedding and towels at the center. The winter shelter is operational now housing and feeding 25 homeless Individuals nightly during these cold winter months. Please contact Sue Merrill or Betty De Forest at South Hayward Parish (785-3663) should you wish to submit a bid.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU
GARY SOUSA**

The faculty, staff, parents, and students of Our Lady of Grace School wish to thank Gary Sousa for installing the new safety doors at the front of the school.



**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 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.

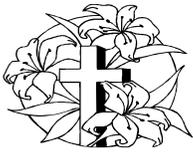
Please note Our Lady of Grace School offers Transitional Kindergarten for children who do not meet the new age requirement of being 5 years old by September 1st to enter Kindergarten. Our Transitional Kindergarten includes rigorous academics and age-appropriate play in a Catholic environment to prepare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



The Faith Formation Center will be closed on Sunday, **January 31st**. Please enjoy the school open house! There will be no classes on Sunday, January 31st or Tuesday, February 2nd. Additionally there are NO Religious Education classes on Sunday, **February 14th**, President's weekend. Have a great holiday!



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**RCIA
YOU'RE INVITED TO INVITE**

We all know non-Catholics that would make great Catholics if they ever made that journey. Many of us have a family member or neighbors who are Catholic and have stopped practicing the faith, and we wish for their sake that they would return yet we don't know where to begin. RCIA or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will begin a class of Inquiry on **Tuesday, February 2nd at 7:00pm** in Stack Center Topic: *Journey of Faith*. A personal invitation goes a long way toward making a newcomer feel welcome. We hope that you will invite a non-Catholic who doesn't practice the faith, and develop their knowledge as a starting point to reconnect. The RCIA process is staggered so that people can join at different times of the year because people come to us at different times of the year. Know that you can invite anyone at any time throughout the year. We welcome you to come with the one you invite.



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 belongs 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.

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 17th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 7,480.00
Last Year this week	\$ 7,684.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$ 25,234.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$ 23,334.00
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.

MARY JOAN GAWLOWSKI

**ANNUAL WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS
CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE LIGHT**

The annual World Day of the Sick Mass will be held on Saturday, **February 6th**, at 11:00am at the Cathedral of Christ the Light. Bishop Michael C. Barber invites all who are sick or ill, as well as family members, caregivers, and healthcare providers to observe this day with the religious and lay people from all over the Diocese of Oakland.

Parking for the World Day of the Sick Event will be located in the Kaiser Center Parking Complex, which is directly across from the Cathedral parking garage, located on 21st street and Kaiser Plaza. Persons needing wheelchair or no stairs access may use the drop off areas located on Harrison, 21st or Kaiser Plaza streets.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
NEW MEETING DAY**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:00pm in the Parish Office. The Society will be gathering next on **February 4th** and invite all those interested in joining the effort to help the poor and homeless in our community to join them.

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.

RETROUVAILLE

Marriage Help - Retrouvaille (pronounced reto-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment for misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on **February 26th, 27th & 28th** call (510) 276-4118, email Oakland@RetroCA.com or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

IMMACULATE HEART RADIO

Dedicated to sharing the heart of the Catholic Faith and changing lives, Immaculate Heart Radio brings you the best in Catholic Radio 24/7! Now playing 1260AM.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 24th:

Coffee & Donuts After All Masses

CYO Girls Basketball **FINAL** Registration
10:00am-- Stack Center

Parish Registration
10:00am-- Stack Center

Monday, January 25th:

WEBS - Women's Bible Study
7:00pm--Stack Center

Tuesday, January 26th:

Bible Study
9:30am--Parish Office

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

Thursday, January 28th:

Serenity Group
7:30pm--Stack Center

Saturday, January 30th:

Our Lady of Grace Crab Feed
6:00pm--Stack Center

Sunday, January 31st:

Coffee & Donuts After All Masses

Our Lady of Grace Open House
After 9:00am Mass--School

Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy
7:00pm-- Castro Valley Center for the Arts

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: **February 4th**, 2016
9:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Speaker: Fr. Michael Castori
Topic: "Discernment in Changing Times"

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 25th (CHURCH)
The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
 8:30am Dale Pickart (L)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26th (CHURCH)
St. Timothy and Tisus, Bishops
 7:00am Lerida Torneros (L)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27th (CHURCH)
St. Angela Merici, Virgin
 7:00am Vernon Ross Heaton (D)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28th (CHURCH)
St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church
 7:00am Richard Benson (D)

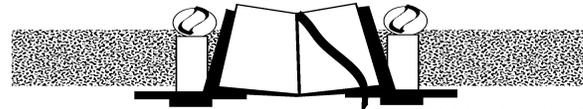
FRIDAY, JANUARY 29th (CHURCH)
 7:00am Liz Griffith (D)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30th (CHURCH)
St. Vincent, Deacon, Martyr
St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
 8:30am Joni & Kathleen Linney (D)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31st (CHURCH)
 7:30am Delia Villegas (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:
January 25th through January 31st

Monday: Acts 22:3-16; Mark 16:15-18
 Tuesday: 2 Timothy 1:1-8; Mark 3:31-35
 Wednesday: 2 Samuel 7:4-17; Mark 4:1-20
 Thursday: 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29;
 Mark 4:21-25
 Friday: 2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17;
 Mark 4:26-34
 Saturday: 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17;
 Mark 4:35-41
 Sunday: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19;
 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13
 Luke 4:21-30



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**LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN
 YOUR HELP IS NEEDED**

Our Sunday morning Liturgy of the Word program takes place during the 9:00 Mass. Each week, children age 3-11 are dismissed to the Augustine Center to hear the gospel and discuss the message in an age appropriate setting.

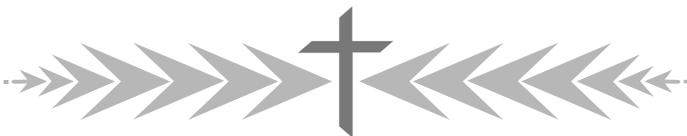
Please consider being part of this great ministry. If your child is currently enjoying this special celebration of Liturgy of the Word, celebrate with them! We are looking for someone to share the Word with our 7-11 year olds on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Shadow a current presider and let them know you would like to help. We need you! Partner with a friend and share the joy!

Material and mentoring available. Please let us know how we can help you help us! Contact the Faith Formation Center at 510-582-9266 or ffc@olgcv.org



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 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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