


Thank You!
From the Pastor

I felt so blessed that our community worked so hard to make the Faustina play be such a success. We sold out but when people showed up without tickets someone would drop off tickets they could not use. Thank you to all who brought canned goods to share with the needy. Thanks to our Junior High students who helped collect food and greet people at the play. Thanks to Michael Gonzalez and the PPC who took on the Ticket sales and helped with promotion. Thanks to Cheryl Miraglia and the St. Maximilian Kolbe communication Committee for advertising and outreach. Thanks to Colleen, Jay, and Liz and the staff that worked so hard to organize and distribute tickets. Thanks to the Generosity of our sponsors and ticket sales we covered all our costs and have funds to plan other Year of Mercy events. At the end of the Year of Mercy all remaining funds will be shared between the Parish, School, and Charity. Many thanks to all who came and shared this experience.

Lent and Mercy

The Faustina Play was to help us begin our reflection on the Mercy of God in Christ Jesus. The play explored good and evil, sin and forgiveness, love and hatred, and how we can offer ourselves in self sacrificing love for others. Jesus inspired and directed Faustina to have the image of the Divine Mercy created to draw people to contemplate the Mercy of God in Jesus, to encounter His Mercy and to pray for mercy to transform lives and hearts to trust in Jesus.

Beginning in Lent we will begin to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at our parish. The Chaplet will be prayed after Mass on Sunday at Noon in English and at 3pm in Spanish. On Fridays at 3 PM the Chaplet will be prayed in the Church after the Stations of the Cross. The image of Divine Mercy will be placed more prominently in Church for veneration and prayer during Lent. Encountering Gods Mercy draws us to Confession, the Sacrament of Mercy. Confession will be offered more frequently during Lent for your convenience. On Fridays we will have the Hour of Mercy from 2:30pm until 3:30pm. Beginning on Friday, **March 4** at 2:30 pm we will have 24 hours of Mercy with Prayer, Confession hours, Music, and Adoration. Sign up to spend time in prayer with Lord of Mercy!

Peace,

Fr. Tom

Gospel for the First Sunday in Lent (February 14th)
Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, One does not live on bread alone." Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, "I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, and: With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone." Jesus said to him in reply, "It also says, You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test." When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Merciful Like The Father

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES FEBRUARY 10th

All Ash Wednesday services will be in the Church. The schedule is as follows: 7:00am Mass, 8:30am All School Mass, 12:00Noon Communion and Distribution of Ashes, 6:00pm Mass, followed by Soup Meal.

TRIPLE WAY TO GOD LENTEN SERIES

Join us for the *Triple Way to God, Part 1, The Purgative Way* on Wednesday, **February 17th** following the 6:00pm Mass and Soup Meal. The presentation will begin at 7:15pm. The way to God begins by acknowledging our need for salvation and God's invitation to a relationship of Love. We must look deep into our motives, actions and lack of love that has brought alienation between God and yourself. How do we find our way Home?

SHARING GOD'S MERCY 2016 BISHOP'S APPEAL

It is time for the Bishop's Appeal in our parish and in our Diocese. This is a yearly appeal that assists our Diocese in funding a variety of ministries, services, and programs that benefit many throughout the East Bay. It reaches out to help those most in need.

We realized that many of you have been most generous to Reclaiming Christ' Mission Together, the diocesan capital campaign and we thank you for that. While the capital campaign focuses on six specific areas, The Annual Bishop's Appeal provides support for the day-to-day operations of our ministries and services essential to our Church of the East Bay.

Please take the first step in this appeal and pray for the success of the Appeal throughout the Diocese.



ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP MEAL

Please plan on joining us for a simple meal of soup and bread Wednesday's during Lent. It will be a time for fellowship and families coming together. Our Soup Meal follows the 6:00pm Mass. The Ash Wednesday (**February 10th**) Soup Meal is sponsored by The Faith Formation Center. Volunteers and donations are still needed, call 582-9266 to see how you can help. We thank the Faith Formation Families for their ministry of hospitality for this meal. Donations will be accepted to benefit Operation Rice Bowl.

A HOUR OF MERCY EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

There will be an hour of Mercy every Friday during Lent from 2:30pm until 3:30pm. We will begin with the Stations of the Cross with the school children. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited beginning at 3:00pm

DO NOT BE AFRAID OF CONFESSION

During the Lenten season confession will be available every Monday from 7:30am until 8:00am, Friday's from 3:00pm-4:00pm and Saturday's from 3:30pm until 4:30pm. Our Communal Penance service is scheduled for Tuesday, **March 15th** at 7:00pm.

OLG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible Study facilitated by Fr. Paul continues, **February 9th** at 7:00pm now meeting in the Parish Office. The Study will continue every other Tuesday for an hour at each session and is open to all men of the parish 18 years and older. You may join in the study at anytime.

**SUPER BOWL SUNDAY
ICF BAKE SALE**

Come get your goodies for your Super Bowl celebration after all Masses today. ICF has a great offering of their amazing treats so don't miss out and help support ICF!

**OLG FOLK GROUP CD
*Our Lord's Grace***

Lent will shortly be upon us (*Ash Wednesday is February 10th*). Allow the Folk Group's music to accompany you through this time of prayer and Reconciliation with God and lead you into the joy of Easter and Pentecost. You will find on this 16-track CD songs like "Day of Peace," "I Hunger and Thirst," "My God, My God" and "O Sacred Head," and many more. The CD is available for purchase in the parish office. Share this prayerful gift with your family and friends and don't forget yourself! The CDs are \$15.00. Proceeds from the sales benefit upgrading the OLG sound system.

Thanks for your support and may God's mercy and peace embrace you during this most holy Lenten Season.

Our Lady of Grace Folk Group



**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 offers a class of Inquiry each Tuesday. This coming **Tuesday, February 9th at 7:00pm** in Stack Center the topic is, *How can I know God is Real?* 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. Know that you can invite anyone at any time throughout the year. We welcome you to come with the one you invite.

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 31st:

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| Sunday Plate: | \$ 8,093.00 |
| Last Year this week | \$ 9,488.00 |
| Weekly Budgeted Goal: | \$ 8,920.00 |
| Year-to-date this year: | \$ 41,263.00 |
| Year-to-date last year: | \$ 39,642.00 |
| 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.

CLAIRE M. BURNETT

**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@olgc.org

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

Get a head start on St. Valentine's Day, which is just around the corner, and join the ICF for our Polenta, chicken and sausage dinner on **Thursday, February 11th**. Doors open at 6:00pm, dinner is served at 6:30.

For reservations please call either Stella Taddei at 510-581-5863 or Juanita Madrid at 510-582-7242 by Monday **February 8th**.

Happy St. Valentine's Day to All

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 18th, 2016**
9:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Speaker: Fr. Tom Bonacci

Topic: *A mother's love - a father's care*
Mercy in the Gospel of Luke

THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 7th:

Coffee & Donuts After All Masses

ICF Bake Sale

7:00am--Stack Center

Monday February 8th:

WEBS-Women's Bible Study

7:00pm--Stack Center

Tuesday, February 9th:

Bible Study

9:30am--Parish Office

Men's Bible Study

7:00pm--Parish Office

RCIA - *How Can I know God is real?*

7:00pm-- Stack Center

Wednesday, February 10th:

Ash Wednesday Soup Meal

6:30pm--Stack Center

Thursday, February 11th:

ICF Dinner

6:00pm--Stack Center

Serenity Group

7:30pm--Stack Center

Friday, February 12th:

Stations of the Cross

2:30pm--Church

Divine Mercy Chaplet

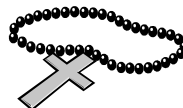
3:00pm--Church

Sunday, February 14th:

Coffee & Donuts After All Masses

Parish Registration

10:00am--Stack Center



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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8th (CHURCH)

St. Jerome Emiliani, Priest
St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
 8:30am Liz Griffith (D)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9th (CHURCH)

7:00am Charley Spink, Sr. (D)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10th (CHURCH)

ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00am Mass with Ashes
 8:30am Mass (School Liturgy)
 12:00pm Communion Services with Ashes
 6:00pm Mass with Ashes

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11th (CHURCH)

Our Lady of Lourdes
 7:00am Rudy & Augie Enriquez (D)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12th (CHURCH)

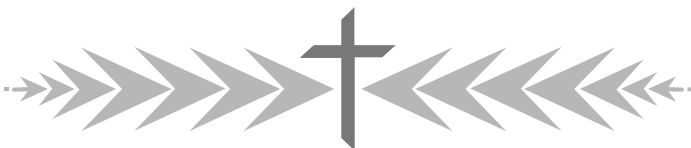
7:00am Lilia Sousa (D)
 2:30pm Stations of the Cross
 3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13th (CHURCH)

8:30am Marvin Picha (D)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14th (CHURCH)

9:00am Cohen Sigmon (L)



EXECUTION ALERTS

The following executions are scheduled to take place in **February** :

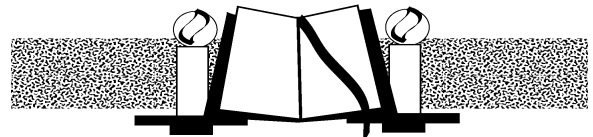
February 11th Michael Ray Lambrix FL
 February 16th Gustavo Garcia TX

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

February 8th through February 14th

Monday: 1 Kings 8:2-7, 9-13;
 Mark 6:53-56
 Tuesday: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Mark 7:1-13
 Wednesday: Joel 2:12-18; 2
 Corinthians 5:20-6:2;
 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Deuteronomy 30:15-20;
 Luke 9:22-25
 Friday: Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15
 Saturday: Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32
 Sunday: Deuteronomy 26:4-10;
 Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13



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**FRANCISCAN FRIAR
 Come and See Weekend**

We are looking for Good Men to be a Conventual Franciscan Priest or Brother! Come and see what the life of a Friar is like.

Visit the Conventual Franciscans **February 12-14th**, to see:

- What the life of a Priest or Brother is like
- The Spirituality of St. Francis
- What Friars do

This is a discernment weekend for men ages 18-50 considering Religious Life. For more information, call Fr. Paul at 510-671-0537

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