


Jesus Christ has Risen

From the Pastor

Happy Easter! We celebrate the Feast of Feasts when love conquered death. The tomb is empty and our Gospels and readings give testimonies of the Apostles and disciples who encounter the Risen Lord. This event has changed human history. We have passed through the three days that changed our lives, our world, our destiny. We know the way to paradise and that is Jesus. We have heard the word of life that is the truth in a world of lies, manipulation and error. We are fearless because sin and death no longer has reign over our lives for those who are in Christ. We are not abandoned and alone in the world. We have become, in Christ Jesus, sons and daughters of the Father to live in the kingdom of love, abundance, and peace that is eternal.

We have seen this last week those who seek to impose death, reign with terror, who seek to force submission to a god of oppression. Terrorists have struck again in Brussels as they seek to impose a caliphate on the world. Innocent victims were slaughtered by people who have been radicalized by hate. How do we make sense of these senseless deaths? How do we defend ourselves? How do we respond? How do we find hope, peace, and love?

St. Maximilian Kolbe responded to the message of hate in his time by embracing and living the message of Love. "Hate destroys, only Love creates." He sought the transformation of humanity by saying yes to the plan of God. Mary was the human response to God's invitation to a relationship of love. Her response: "Be it done unto me according to your Word," is the acceptance of the will of God in her life to be the Mother of God. Mary is the Theotokos, the Christ bearer. Maximilian sought to say yes to God through Mary and her mission to bear Christ to the world. On the Cross Jesus gave us his most precious gift on earth when he said to the beloved disciple, Behold your Mother! She was present and faithful to Jesus as he was crucified. Maximilian said: "The Cross is the school of love." We encounter the Love of Jesus to the end, who gave himself totally for us. We rejoice with Mary today and the other women who went to the tomb and found it empty. Love conquered death! St. Maximilian said "A single act of love makes the soul return to life." This act of self giving love in Jesus has given us life, eternal life, and death cannot hold us from Jesus who has loved us into eternity. St. Maximilian embraced the cross when he says: "For Jesus Christ I am prepared to suffer still more."

When Maximilian was arrested by the Gestapo he told the friars: "Courage, my sons. Don't you see that we are leaving on a mission? They pay our fare in the bargain. What a piece of good luck! The thing to do now is to pray well in order to win as many souls as possible." In Christ Jesus, we are never alone. In Christ Jesus, we are loved into eternity, In Christ Jesus, we find peace in the midst of Hell. In Christ Jesus we encounter our dignity and destiny. In Christ Jesus we are empowered to fearlessly partake and embark on the mission of Love to transform the world, one soul at a time.

Gospel for Sunday of Divine Mercy (April 3rd)
John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
APRIL 3rd**

Join us at 3:00pm next Sunday to celebrate
Divine Mercy Sunday.

3:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet in Spanish

3:30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet in English

Confession will be available 3:00pm until 4:00pm

Benediction at 4:00pm



**SAVE THE DATE
WE HOPE TO
"MEET YOU IN PARIS"**

Saturday, May 21st

At the

OLG Spring Auction !

Enjoy a Silent and Live Auction, catered dinner, Dessert Dash & Dancing ! 6pm--10:30pm--
More information and ticket sales to come. You don't want to miss this fun adult evening out. Childcare for a nominal donation is provided by "Team Dawson". Come hang out with old friends and make some new ones !

Have a Donation? Contact: Liz Huizar--
lizhuizar79@gmail.com

GOT AN AUCTION ITEM?

100% of our auction items are donated. Do you have a vacation cabin? Connections with a local sports team? Frequent Flyer miles? In the past we have received donations for vacation rentals, automobiles, hosted dinner, fine wines, and spirits, spa days and sports and concert tickets. Please be creative and consider what you can donate. Please contact Liz Huizar--
lizhuizar79@gmail.com or Colleen Lindberg in the parish office, 537-0806 with your donation items.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

We extend a warm welcome to new parishioners and guests. If you would like to register or update information, please stop by Stack Center on either the 2nd or 4th Sunday of the month immediately following the 9:00am Mass. There will be a hospitality volunteer there to greet you at the New Parishioner Registration Table. We are grateful to our volunteers for providing this ministry on our behalf.

Next registration date: April 10th.



LIGHT IN THIS YEAR OF MERCY

"Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house."

Come find a candle to light.
Share your Gifts.

***OLG One Community
Ministry Fair***

April 10th after the 9:00 and 11:00am Masses

**THANK YOU FROM
THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Special thanks to all those who joined in helping to take down Lent and decorate for Palm Sunday. We are also grateful to Holy Sepulchre for arranging the delivery of the large palm branches. We sincerely appreciate the generosity of all who helped to make our church environment so special during the Lenten season.

ICF ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE

Time to shine those shoes and practice your dance steps! The ICF will celebrate their 37th Anniversary on Saturday, **April 23rd**, beginning with a hosted bar at 6 P.M. Dinner is at 7 and "In Full Swing" begins playing from 8 to 10:30. And of course there will be a raffle during the evening. For reservations please call, Roz Crudo at 510-537-6657 or Pat Grasso at 510-538-2844. The cost is \$40.00 each and the deadline is **April 16th**. Let's Dance the night away!

**“Sharing God’s Mercy” –
The Bishop’s Annual Appeal**

Following is the status of our
Annual Bishops Appeal

Our Goal for 2016: \$25,139.54
of Registered Families 980
of Acknowledged Donors to date: 42
Funds Raised (includes pledges) \$18,985.00

We are currently at 76% of our goal for this
years Bishop’s Appeal. We are most grateful to
all those who have contributed and look forward
to completing this appeal. If you have not yet
made your contribution consider doing so today.

VIVA FRANCIS FOUNDATION

The mission of the Viva Francis Foundation is to
promote the vision of Saint Francis by devoting our-
selves to the growth and development of the Francis-
can mission in today’s world, especially by assisting
the Conventual Franciscan Friars who live and minis-
ter in the Pacific Rim.

The Viva Francis Foundation has offered to Match
Gifts up to \$40,000 in support of the 2016/2017 Aca-
demic Year for 4 student Friars. The Matching dead-
line is **May 31st**, 2016. The Conventual Franciscan
Friars are extremely grateful for any help you can pro-
vide to the future of the ministries of our Order.

Fr. Tom

**SOUTH HAYWARD PARISH
WINTER SHELTER NEEDS**

As you know OLG representatives have been ac-
tively involved in South Hayward Parish’s programs
to assist the homeless. The winter shelter opens
nightly during the cold and rain. Currently they are in
need of donations of the following items: travel
toothbrushes, travel-size tooth paste, razors, woman's
hairbrushes (a few), plain white socks, and men's
white T-shirts. Thank you for considering.

GRAPHIC ARTIST NEEDED

Are you a professional graphic artist or a creative
amateur with desk top publishing software who is
looking to use your gifts for the glory of God? The
Maximillian Kolbe Communications Committee has
just the place for you! On occasion , we will need
help with outreach materials. If you can give a little of
your time and talent to the parish, please contact
Colleen Lindberg at the parish office 537-0806.

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 in-
come to the Church and charity for example, God
will help you live on the rest.

Offerings of March 20th:

Sunday Plate: \$10,308.00
Last Year this week \$ 7,235.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal: \$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year: \$103,607.00
Year-to-date last year: \$ 99,035.00

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 |
| Virginia Cabardo | Elaine Jordan |
| Dennis Cande | Richard Martin |
| Kathleen Denning | Mike Roth |
| Julie Dillon | Florence Sharp |
| Estela Enriquez | Iwan Tunggal |
| Juanita Estrellas | James Van Wert |
| Mary Franks | 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.*

EMILY HERNANDEZ

AN UPDATE FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL

SVdP is grateful to the OLG community for their prayers & financial support. Who are we helping?

D. is an elderly woman who lives with a couple of roommates. Her health is poor and she needs a knee replacement. We have been helping her with food on a monthly basis. During one of these visits we discovered that she really needed a recliner. That would enable her to sit with her feet up and reduce the pain and swelling in her knee. One of our SVdP members know of someone who was getting rid of furniture and D. now has a recliner for her room.

M & J are a middle aged couple who are currently homeless. Their teenage son is living with friends so that he can finish school and stay off the street. J is disabled and her husband cares for her. He has applied for IHSS so that he can get paid for the full-time care that she requires. Unfortunately, the paperwork keeps stalling. We gave them a number of resources to call, put them in a motel for several nights, gave them 2 Clipper Cards and a laundry voucher.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT SATURDAY, APRIL 2nd



Our next Holy Hour with the Blessed Sacrament:
Saturday, April 2nd
 3:30--4:30pm
 Followed by Benediction
 In the Church
 All are welcome.

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
 Next Meeting: **April 7th,**
 9:15 to 11:15 am
 Speaker: Sr. Joann Heinritz
 Topic: Opening Doors of Mercy

THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 27th:

EASTER SUNDAY

Tuesday, March 29th:

Bible Study
 9:30am--Parish Office

Thursday, March 31st:

Serenity Group
 7:30pm--Augustine Center

Saturday, April 2nd:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 3:30pm--Church

Sunday, April 3rd:

Coffee & Donuts After All Masses

Children's Liturgy
 9:00am--Mass

Religious Education Classes
 10:30am--Stack Center

Youth Ministry

In the Gym after 9:00am Mass

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

Join Fr. Thomas Czeck OFM Conv. for a Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Poland September 30 through October 8. We will encounter the Saints of Mercy as we explore the missionary center Started by St. Maximilian Kolbe in honor of the Immaculate Virgin Mary at the Niepokalanow monastery. We will also go to the bunker at Auschwitz where he was killed as he offered his life for another. We Travel to encounter the places significant to St. John Paul II who gave us Divine Mercy Sunday. We will pray the message of Divine mercy as we go to the Divine Mercy Center to pray at the tomb of St. Faustina and pray before the Divine Mercy Image.

For more information contact the office at 510 - 537- 0806 or email: jay@olgc.org

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY, March 28th

8:30am Manuel & Dorothy Callier (D)

TUESDAY, MARCH 29th

7:00am Marshal Jay Morisset (D)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30th

7:00am Lin Tangcungco (D)

THURSDAY, MARCH 31st

7:00am Chris Sullivan (D)

FRIDAY, April 1st

7:00am Joe & Marie Silveria (D)

SATURDAY, April 2nd

8:30am Florence Grassi (D)

SUNDAY, April 3rd

9:00am Mary Borges (D)



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.

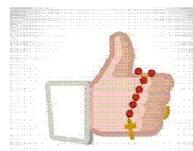
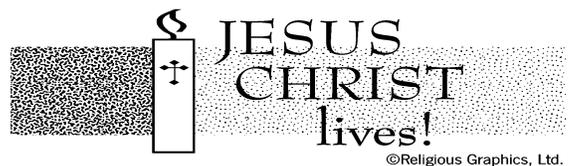
RECYCLING COMES TO STACK CENTER

You may have noticed the green, blue, and gray bins that have replaced the old garbage cans in Stack Center. OLG parish is initiating recycling in Stack Center in the spirit of being good stewards of our Earth. As Pope Francis tells us, "You are called to care for creation not only as responsible citizens, but also as followers of Christ!" (1/18/15) Having a successful recycling program in a place like Stack Center, which is used by many groups, can be a challenge, but it should help that most people are probably now used to separating their trash at home. To make it even easier, there are clear labels to let you know what goes in each bin. Most of our bowls, plates, and cups are now compostable and can go in the green bins. If we all work together and help each other, we can make this work!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

March 28th through April 3rd

- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Like 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15
- Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31



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Are you on Facebook? Have you joined our Facebook page yet? If not please look us up by going to www.facebook.com/olgcv/ When you come to mass at OLG be sure to check in then turn your phone off.

LATE NIGHT CATECHISM

Remember all that Sister taught you in Catechism class? No! Well maybe a visit to "Late Night Catechism" will refresh your memory. Late Night Catechism will be presented @ Holy Names University Regents Theatre, 3500 Mountain Blvd., Oakland, CA. Performance is **Saturday, April 16th** at 7:00 P.M., wine and cheese reception beginning at 5:30 P.M. Tickets are \$40.00, Mezzanine and \$50.00 for Orchestra and Box seats. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more by calling brown paper tickets at 800-838-3006 or on-line at <http://ICFLNC.brownpapertickets.com>.

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