

### ■■■■■■■■ The Call to the Faithful, Join us at the Ministry Fair!

□□□□□□  
*From the Pastor*

We have been renewed as we have celebrated the Easter Mysteries of the Resurrection. This encounter with the Resurrected Lord allowed the Apostles to be empowered to Evangelize the world and to move from fear and alienation and to faith and communion in Jesus. Empowered by Jesus in the Holy Spirit they go forth into a seaming impossible situation of rejection and oppression by an empire to proclaim a message of Love, Hope, and Freedom in Jesus Christ. In the Holy Spirit they boldly go forth to proclaim the Good News to the world.

The call to participate in God's mission and to proclaim the Good News requires rootedness in Christ Jesus who calls and sends us out: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you" (Jn 20:21). The same Jesus who said "receive the holy Spirit" (Jn 20:22) continues to enkindle in our hearts the passion for God's mission. It is Jesus Christ, the fountain of Good News, who calls us to discipleship and mission, the Good News we are called to proclaim. "Discipleship and mission are like the two sides of a single coin. When the disciple is in love with Christ, he cannot stop proclaiming to the world that only in him do we find salvation. In effect, the disciple knows that without Christ there is no light, no hope, no love, no future" (AD, no. 3). In the same way, in order to evangelize, a missionary by Baptism must have a deep relationship with him who is the Good News. Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing" (Jn 15:5). Jesus is indeed the way, the truth, and the life (Jn 14:6). As Pope Benedict XVI echoes, "To be disciples and missionaries of Jesus Christ and to seek life 'in him' presupposes being deeply rooted in him" (AD, no. 3). Simply put, the Lineamenta reminds us, "What is not believed or lived cannot be transmitted" (LNE, no. 12). We cannot be witnesses to Jesus and the Good News he proclaims if we do not know who he is or what he is about. Discipleship is, after all, "participating in the Life that comes from the bosom of the Father; it means being formed to take on his own style of life and his same motivations sharing his lot and taking on his mission of making all things new" (AD, no. 131). The evangelizing mission of the Church is "not limited to a program or project, but it is sharing the experience of the event of the encounter with Christ, witnessing it and announcing it from person to person, from community to community, and from the Church to the ends of the earth" (AD, no. 145).

I invite you today to embrace the New Evangelization for this generation and time by putting your faith into action. What is God calling you to do to spread the message of God's Love. Will you help our community with worship of God by proclaiming the word, offering the body of Christ to the faithful, or Singing? Will you take on a corporal Work of Mercy to give witness to the to the care of God for each person in our world? Will you help with a spiritual work of Mercy by joining a prayer group or educating others especially our children in the faith?

We all feel inadequate and are not ready for the task but in the Holy Spirit the church was built and grew on the testimony of an uneducated fisherman. If not you then who? If not now then when? If not for the Kingdom of God then why? Let us express our faith in the Holy Spirit! Join us at the Ministry Fair after the 9AM and 11AM Mass.

#### **Men of Our Lady of Grace**

Join us on Saturday, **April 30th** for a Mass at 5 PM followed by a time of faith, fellowship, and food with Fr. Tom in the Garden. This is a time to share our lives and support each other in living our faith. The Men of Faith are sponsoring this time to encourage all the Men of the church to gather in prayer to support each other to live our faith and evangelize our families and community. Saints and sinners are welcome.

#### **Pilgrimage to Poland**

Join me on Saturday **April 16** at 6:30PM at the Stack Center to learn about a Pilgrimage to explore the Saints of Mercy in Poland. We will explore St. Faustina and the Divine Mercy at the Mercy Shrine in Cracow. We will visit places of significance in the life of St. John Paul II who proclaimed Divine Mercy Sunday. We will also explore the Mission of St. Maximilian Kolbe at Niepokalanów and go to Auschwitz where died in an act of Mercy. The Pilgrimage is **September 30 to October 8** and is \$3499 leaving from San Francisco.

**OLG ONE COMMUNITY MINISTRY FAIR  
LIGHT IN THIS YEAR OF MERCY  
APRIL 10th**



*"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 to the Ministry Fair and meet the many faces of those in the community who are putting their faith into action.

Everyone has something to offer from the God given gifts we all have. The OLG One Community Ministry Fair in Stack Center is **TODAY**, Sunday, **April 10th** following the 9:00 and 11:00am Masses. Come see the variety of opportunities available to serve.

*"This little light of mine,  
I'm going to let it shine."*

Come enjoy our OLG School Faith Families Ministry Fair Art Show in Stack Center during the One Community Ministry Fair.

**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 !

**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.



**Our Lady of Grace  
Mother's Day High Tea  
Saturday, April 30, 2016**

Join us as we celebrate Mother's Day with a traditional English High Tea. We know you won't be able to resist tiny sandwiches and tasty scones. Sample sweet and savory delights while sipping your choice of teas.

Reserving a table for 4 or more? Decorate it with your own linens, china, silverware and teapot. Signing up individually? Bring your teacup and meet some new friends.

The Faith Formation Center will provide the tea and delicious treats! Reservations required - choice of two seatings. Make your reservations by **April 24th** for either the 11:00am seating Adults \$15, children \$10. Children's tea service available at 11:00 seating only; or 2:00pm seating \$15. There will also be raffles for exciting prizes! Call or email for reservations and information. 510-582-9266, ffc@olgcv.org



**TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS  
THROUGH MARY**

Please join us in this special Marian devotion recommended by saints and recent popes. We will use the book *33 Days to Morning Glory: A Do-It-Yourself Retreat In Preparation for Marian Consecrations* by Fr. Michael Gaitley available for purchase in the church office.

We will meet for six DVD presentations at 7:00pm on Mondays starting **April 25th**, and Tuesday **May 31st**. The consecration will take place on **June 4th**, the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**SUMMER YOUTH PILGRIMAGE PLANNING**

As Part of our Year of Mercy Celebration we are having a Youth Pilgrimage **August 2nd to August 4th**. I need your help to plan this event for our Youth 14-17. Please contact me by email if you can help. Contact me at: friar\_tom@olgcv.org

**SAINTS OF MERCY  
PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND**  
September 30 to October 8, 2016  
\$3,499.00 per person  
Spiritual Director:  
**Fr. Thomas Czeck, OFM Conv.**

Information Night--Saturday, **April 16th** at 6:30pm in Stack Center.

**A NOTE OF THANKS FROM  
THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Thank-you to all those who contributed to this year's Easter flowers.

Special thanks to the small, but diligent group who came to beautify the church for Easter: Adriana and Francisco Barrios, Phil Berry, Claudia Dobbs, Darlene Futagaki, Imelda Guerrero, Sabina Hill, Susan Klas, James Ricketts, Margaret Speranza, Mark Vaz, Ken and Ronda White, and other assorted 'anonymous' parishioners who helped decorate, clean pews, provide flowers, etc.

*May the Lord continue to bless you with His many graces and mercy.*

**REGISTER FOR FESCO'S  
19th ANNUAL SHUFFLE WALKATHON  
San Leandro Marina--April 30th**

As coalition members of FESCO Our Lady of Grace is grateful to support FESCO in their 19th Annual Shuffle Walkathon. FESCO continues to provide homeless families with shelter, nutritious meals and a hand up in becoming self-sufficient. With your help and support, FESCO can continue to help homeless families. Register for the annual walk-a-thon Saturday, **April 30th**, this is a family, pet friendly event. OLG Team Captain's, Chris Ippolito and Colleen Lindberg are asking for your help in support of FESCO, you can walk, be a benchwarmer cheerleader or make a donation to Team OLG. Please send a message to our community that you are committed to ending family homelessness in Alameda County by pledging your support as a donor to FESCO's 19th Annual Shuffle Walkathon. Registration materials are available in the parish office or contact Colleen at olgcv@sbcglobal.net. Chris Ippolito and Colleen will be outside mass on **Sunday, April 17th**, if you would like to stop by and offer your support.

**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 April 3rd:**

Sunday Plate:	\$ 8,288.00
Last Year this week	\$ 3,547.00
<b>Weekly Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 8,920.00</b>
Year-to-date this year:	\$115,654.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$113,747.00

*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:

- |                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| Larry Bronzini    | Byron Griffith |
| Virginia Cabardo  | Elaine Jordan  |
| Kathleen Denning  | Richard Martin |
| Julie Dillon      | Mike Roth      |
| Estela Enriquez   | Florence Sharp |
| Juanita Estrellas | Iwan Tunggal   |
| Mary Franks       | James Van Wert |
| Pat Geiger        | 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.*

**WILLIAM B. ANDRADE  
DENNIS CANDE  
BARBARA ROUNDTREE**

**“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:	46
Funds Raised (includes pledges)	\$20,050.00

We are currently at 80% 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.



**RCIA INQUIRY**

RCIA Inquiry Group meets **Tuesdays** at 7:00pm in Our Lady of Grace Room in Stack Center. You may join at anytime. This group is offered for those exploring membership in the Catholic Church. The next meeting will be **April 12th** and the topic is *Who’s who in the Church*.

**FRANCISCAN FRIAR  
COME AND SEE WEEKEND**

Visit the Conventual Franciscans **April 29 -May1,** 2016 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 at our Arroyo Grande, CA Friary for men ages 18-50 considering Religious Life. For more information call Fr. Paul at 510-671-0537

**VIVA FRANCIS FOUNDATION**

The mission of the Viva Francis Foundation is to promote the vision of Saint Francis by devoting their time to the growth and development of the Franciscan mission in today’s world, especially by assisting the Conventual Franciscan Friars who live and minister in the Pacific Rim.

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

*Fr. Tom*

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, April 10th:**

*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

**Year of Mercy Ministry Fair**  
9:00am--Stack Center

Parish Registration  
9:00am--Stack Center

FESCO Shuffle Sign-Ups  
9:00am--Ministry Fair

**Tuesday, April 12th:**

Bible Study  
9:30am--Parish Office

RCIA Inquiry: *Who’s who in the Church*  
7:00pm--Stack Center

**Wednesday, April 13th:**

Pax Christi/Social Justice Meeting  
7:00pm--Augustine Center

**Thursday, April 14th:**

Serenity Group  
7:30pm--Stack Center

**Friday, April 16th:**

Poland Pilgrimage Information  
6:30pm--Stack Center

**Sunday, April 17th:**

*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

FESCO Shuffle Sign-Ups  
9:00am--Ministry Fair

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

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

**MONDAY, April 11th**

*St. Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr*

8:30am Helen Maes (D)

**TUESDAY, April 12th**

7:00am Lilia Sousa (D)

**WEDNESDAY, April 13th**

*St. Martin I, Pope, Martyr*

7:00am Christopher Guerrero (D)

**THURSDAY, April 14th**

7:00am Richard Benson (D)

**FRIDAY, April 15th**

7:00am Lee, Nick, Yoka & Frank Music (D)

**SATURDAY, April 16th**

8:30am Mary Joan Gawlowski (D)

**SUNDAY, April 17th**

9:00am Thomas & Mary Hayes (D)

**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!

**EXECUTION ALERTS**

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

April 12th Kenneth Fults GA

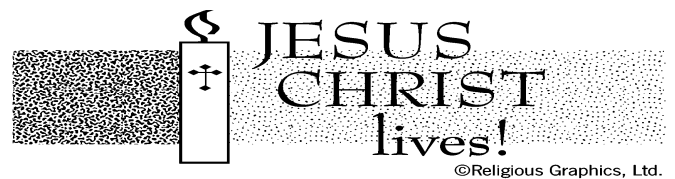
April 13th Ivan Teleguz VA

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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**April 11th through April 17th**

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29  
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a; John 6:30-35  
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40  
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51  
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59  
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69  
 Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52;  
 Revelation 7:9, 14b-17  
 John 10:27-30



**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!

**THANK THEM WITH YOUR SUPPORT**

Please support our advertisers who make our weekly bulletin possible and so generously support our parish. We are grateful to them !

This week we extend our gratitude to:

**PONIATOWSKI LEDING PARIKH  
 LAW CORPORATION**