

EASTER BLESSINGS CONTINUE

We continue to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! On the Easter Vigil we initiated six of our children into our faith in Jesus Christ, we celebrated Divine Mercy Sunday, we had the Baptism of young children at Masses last weekend, and the next two weekends we have First Communions. This is a time of life and celebration. We are Blessed!

Peace,
Fr. Tom

MINISTRY FAIR

Thank you to all who participated in the Ministry Fair. Our Lady of Grace is a remarkable place of faith, love, and action. As I saw all the many ministries happening I felt blessed to be a part of the Kingdom of God in Castro Valley at Our Lady of Grace.

YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

Come join me as we explore the Saints of Mercy from Poland. 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.

The Pilgrimage is **September 30 through October 8, 2016.**

We leave from San Francisco and the cost is \$3499.

The next informational Meeting will be Sunday, **May 15** at 12:30pm.



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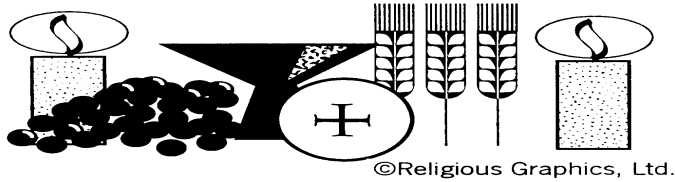
Gospel for the 5th Sunday of Easter (April 24th)**John 13:31-33A, 34-35**

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."



**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--Call the Parish for School office to make your reservation. 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 !



FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS

Please join us in welcoming these young members of our community to the table for the first time. First Eucharist (Communion) Masses are being celebrated 5:00 p.m. Saturday, **April 16th** , and 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Sunday, **April 17th**.

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| Sebastian Abadiano | Rosalie Lara |
| Roy Cardenas | Ramon Lara |
| Felicita Castillo | Hannah Matzen |
| Paola Garcia | Lily Zavala |
| Daniel Garcia | Carlos Fernandez |
| Diego Garcia | Yezenia Gomez |
| Zackery McCann | Bryanna Bucio |
| Noah McCann | Carly Dillon |
| Rohan Punnoose | Caitlin Lucett |
| Antonio Bonuan | Benjamin Nguyen |
| Aline Doan | Gabriel Tonel |
| Hope Hudson | Kayden Wallkvist |
| Faith Hudson | |

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.

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



VBS 2016

Attention Adults and Teens:

Come and make a difference for our kids this summer!! Find out how you can share your talent with Son Spark VBS 2016. Do you like to sing? Do you like to make crafts? Lead games? Do you love Science experiments? What about being goofy and acting out in short skits? Then come to our informational meeting on May 1st at 12:00 noon in Stack Center and find out how you can participate and share your gifts and talents. With your involvement, you can make this a fun and engaging summer experience for our youth. VBS dates: July 25-29, 2016. Registration begins May 1, 2016. For more information, contact the Faith Formation Center at 510-582-9266 or ffc@olgcv.org

**FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL
“NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS”**

Do you know of anyone living within the Our Lady of Grace boundaries that needs help? Members of our St. Vincent de Paul Conference would be happy to bring them food, help with utilities, give them resources and let them know that someone cares. Please have them call our message line at 510-581-2164.

**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 10th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 9,067.00
Last Year this week	\$ 8,177.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$124,721.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$121,924.00

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 |
| Kathleen Denning | Richard Martin |
| Julie Dillon | Mike Roth |
| Estela Enriquez | Florence Sharp |
| Juanita Estrellas | Iwan Tunggal |
| Mary Franks | James Van Wert |
| Pat Geiger | |

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

**“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 19th** and the topic is *Catholics and Prayer*.

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 24th.*

OLG MEN’S BIBLE STUDY

The Men’s Bible Study facilitated by Fr. Paul continues , **April 19th** at 7:00pm now meeting in the Parish Office. The Study will continue every 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.

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, 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

Monday, April 18th:

ICF Meeting

6:30pm--Augustine Center

Tuesday, April 19th:

Bible Study

9:30am--Parish Office

RCIA Inquiry: *Catholics and Prayer*

7:00pm--Stack Center

Men’s Bible Study

7:00pm--Parish Office

Wednesday, April 20th:

Strobridge Dinner

5:30pm--Strobridge Apartments

Thursday, April 21st:

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

7:15pm--Parish Office

Serenity Group

7:30pm--Stack Center

Saturday, April 23rd:

ICF Anniversary Dinner Dance

6:00pm--Stack Center

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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

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY, April 18th

8:30am Louis Rodriguez (D)

TUESDAY, April 19th

7:00am Raul Ortega (D)

WEDNESDAY, April 20th

7:00am Helen Maes (D)

THURSDAY, April 21st

*St. Anselm, Bishop, Martyr
Doctor of the Church*

7:00am Helen Maes (D)

FRIDAY, April 22nd

7:00am Fabian Abellana (D)

SATURDAY, April 23rd

*St. George, Martyr
St. Adalbert, Bishop, Martyr*

8:30am Vincenzo & Angela Sebastiano (D)

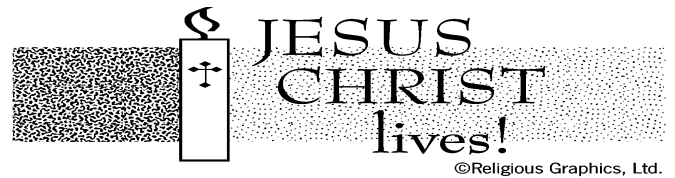
SUNDAY, April 24th

11:00am Dorothy & Manuel Callier (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

April 18th through April 24th

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a; John 12:44-50
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14
 Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Revelation 21:1-5a
 John 13:31-33a, 34-35



WINGS

WINGS is a faith enhancement group that encourages Spiritual growth through prayer, scripture study, catechesis, life sharing and community.

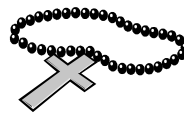
We meet at Transfiguration Church
 Next Meeting: **April 21st,**
 9:15 to 11:15 am

Speaker: Aggie Burke
 Topic: Kinship, Loyalty & Confidence

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

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.



DEVOTIONAL CANDLES



Candles for our candle stand are available for purchase in the Parish Office or in the Sacristy after mass on Sundays. The candles will burn for 5 days. The cost per candle is \$3.00.

**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

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