

Devotion to the Blessed Mother in May



From the Pastor

In May we celebrate Mothers. The Church honors Our Mother, Mary. We invite you in this month to pray and reflect with Mary. Join us for the Rosary before Mass on Sunday's. Join one of our groups preparing for consecration. On Monday nights beginning **April 25** there is a DVD series connected with the book **33 days of Morning Glory** (see page 3 of this bulletin for details). On the Feast of the Immaculate heart of Mary on **June 4** we will have a public consecration to Mary. There will be a **May Crowning of Mary** on **May 2** following the 8:30am Mass at the Mary Statute behind church.

St. Maximilian Koble was considered a wild child until he completely changed his life in 1906 after he received a vision from Mary. St. Kolbe said, "I asked the Mother of God what was to become of me. Then she came to me holding two crowns, one white, the other red. She asked if I was willing to accept either of these crowns. The white one meant that I should persevere in purity, and the red that I should become a martyr. I said that I would accept them both."

The Holy Spirit and Confirmation

We celebrate Pentecost on **May 15**. The Holy Spirit came down upon Mary and the Apostles and the Proclamation of the Gospel went forth from Jerusalem to change the world forever. Come dressed in red to celebrate the Holy Spirit that unites us to God in love. On **May 22**, we will confirm our young men and women at the 11am Mass. May we pray as the Apostles did for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our young men and women so the Gospel may be proclaimed and transform people of our times.

Men of Faith Dinner Invitation: Calling all Men of Parish and School

All Men of OLG Parish and School are invited to join me for a dinner hosted by OLG Men of Faith. This is a time for fellowship and getting to know each other better. Dinner will be served following the 5:00pm mass on Saturday, **April 30th** in the garden courtyard between the church and Parish office. Mark your calendar now for **April 30th** --5:00pm Mass, 6:00pm Meal! RSVP is not necessary but appreciated for planning--please call the office at 537-0806.

Peace,
Fr. Tom

SAINTS OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND: September 30 to October 8, 2016

\$3,499.00 per person~Spiritual Director: Fr. Thomas Czeck, OFM Conv.

Sign Up Meeting--Sunday, May 15th at 12:30pm in Stack Center.

Gospel for the 6th Sunday of Easter (May 1st)

John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me. "I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe."



**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 Office or 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 !



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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 23rd**, and 9:00am & 11:00am Sunday, **April 24th**.

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| Julian Barajas | Sean Edens |
| Jozyah Becerra | Julian Talauta |
| Xahlaya Gacula-Vazquez | Nicholas Christen |
| Tahliana Gascon | Christian Gudino |
| Anthony Hunter | Joaquin Harder |
| Christopher Lothrop | Sebastian Nunez |
| Jena Wong | |

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**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



MOTHER'S DAY

As a means of honoring our mothers, living and deceased, a Triduum of Masses will be celebrated on **May 9th, 10th, and 11th**. Cards are available in the Parish office for those wishing to give or send a remembrance card. The names of those to be remembered will be placed at the altar for the three days of remembrance. Please complete the requested information on the half sheet of paper and return it to the Parish Office. A donation will be given to the "Get On the Bus" program that will bring children and their guardians from throughout the state of California to visit their mothers in prison.



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.

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.

**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.

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 17th:

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| Sunday Plate: | \$ 8,514.00 |
| Last Year this week | \$ 7,446.00 |
| Weekly Budgeted Goal: | \$ 8,920.00 |
| Year-to-date this year: | \$133,235.00 |
| Year-to-date last year: | \$129,370.00 |

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 THE EARTHQUAKES IN
ECUADOR AND JAPAN**

**“Sharing God’s Mercy” –
The Bishop’s Annual Appeal
UPDATE: APRIL 14th**

Following is the status of our
Annual Bishops Appeal

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| Our Goal for 2016: | \$25,139.54 |
| # of Registered Families | 980 |
| # of Acknowledged Donors to date: | 81 |
| Funds Raised (includes pledges) | \$24,262.00 |

We are currently at 97% 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 26th** and the topic is *Catholics Practices*.

**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, Dennise Burgess 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 24th**, if you would like to stop by and offer your support.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 24th:

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--Gathering Area

Parish Registration
10:00am--Stack Center

Monday, April 25th:

WEBS - 33 Day Reflection
7:00pm--Stack Center

Tuesday, April 26th:

Bible Study
9:30am--Parish Office

RCIA Inquiry: *Catholic Practices*
7:00pm--Stack Center

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

Thursday, April 28th:

Serenity Group
7:30pm--Stack Center

Friday, April 29th:

PTG Movie Night
6:30pm--Stack Center

Saturday, April 30th:

Mother’s Day Tea
11:00am--Stack Center
2:00pm--Stack Center

Sunday, May 1st:

Coffee & Donuts After All Masses

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 25th

St. Mark, Evangelist
8:30am Debi Telles (D)

TUESDAY, April 26th

7:00am Marvin Picha (D)

WEDNESDAY, April 27th

7:00am Henry Maravella (D)

THURSDAY, April 28th

St. Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr
St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest
7:00am Fabian Abellana (D)

FRIDAY, April 29th

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Dr. of the Church
7:00am Felix Tomenbang (D)

SATURDAY, April 30th

St. Pius V. Pope
8:30am Hans Friedeberg (D)

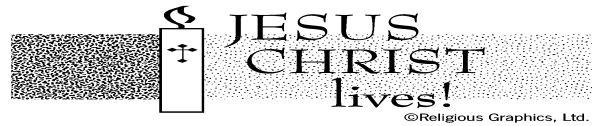
SUNDAY, May 1st

9:00am Louis Rodrigues (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

April 25th through May 1st

Monday: 1Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20
Tuesday: ACTS 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a
Wednesday: ACTS 15:1-6; John 15:1-8
Thursday: ACTS 15:7-21; John 15:9-11
Friday: ACTS 15:22-31; John 15:12-17
Saturday: ACTS 16:1-10; John 15:18-21
Sunday: ACTS 15:1-2, 22-29;
Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
John 14:23-29



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.*

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

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

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.

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