

■■■■■■■■ MARY AND MOTHERS

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From the Pastor

In May, we remember mothers! We will crown our Blessed Mother in the church on **May 1** at the 9AM Mass and with our School Children after the 8:30AM Mass on Monday, **May 2**. On Mothers day we will have our Special Blessing for mothers and a small gift for our Mothers after weekend Masses on **May 7 and 8**. We will celebrate a Spiritual Bouquet of three Masses for mothers on **May 9-11** at our morning Masses. If you would like to remember your Mother with prayers, please fill out a Spiritual Bouquet envelope in the back of Church.

At the beginning of the third session of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Paul VI announced that Mary would be honored under the title "Mother of the Church." From Christ's conception until his death, Mary was united to her Son in his work of salvation. From the Cross, Jesus entrusted his beloved disciple to Mary, telling him to see her as his own mother (Jn 19:27). When the Apostles and disciples gathered to pray after the Ascension of Jesus, Mary was with them praying for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Mary continues to pray before God for the Church and all humanity.

From the earliest times, Christians have sought Mary's prayers and help. During May, we remember Mary as our Queen and Mother, may we honor her with song, flowers and prayers. Mary continues in heaven as our Mother to intercede for us and to draw us closer to her son, Jesus.

Prayer to Our Lady of Czestochowa

O Mother of God, Immaculate Mary, to thee do I dedicate my body and soul, all my prayers and deeds, my joys and sufferings, all that I am and all that I have. With a joyful heart I surrender myself to thy love. To thee will I devote my services of my own free will for the salvation of mankind, and for the help of the Holy Church whose Mother thou art.

From now on my only desire is to do all things with thee, through thee, and for thee. I know I can accomplish nothing by my own strength, whereas thou can do everything that is the will of thy Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Thou are always victorious. Grant, therefore, O Helper of the Faithful, that my family, my parish, and my country might become in truth the Kingdom where thou reigns in the glorious presence God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

Amen.

Youth Pilgrimage Planning

I need your help to plan the Youth Pilgrimage **August 2-4** for youth Ages 14-17. I will have a planning meeting on Wednesday **May 11** in Stack Center at 7PM. I will give an outline of the days and I need parents help to make it happen for our young people. My hope is that we could make this an annual event for our youth. I need help from Parents who could help with chaperoning, food, transportation, advertising, and help with some of the sporting events and games. If you would like to help but cannot make the meeting please call the office. Without parental help this event will not be possible. I need you!

Mass with Anointing Next Saturday

We will have a healing Mass on Saturday **May 7th** at 8:30AM for our elderly and those with illness. Come celebrate this Sacrament of Healing. In this Easter Season we have seen in the readings from Acts of the Apostles how the healing power of Jesus continued in the Ministry of the Apostles in the name of Jesus. We continue to call upon Jesus for healing and pardon of our sins in this Sacrament. May the mercy and healing of Jesus renew all of us during this year of Mercy.

Gospel for the SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (May 8th)

Luke 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God.



**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 !



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.

WELCOMING REFUGEES AT OLG

Pope Francis has called for every parish and religious community to respond to the teaching of Jesus to "welcome the stranger" by adopting a refugee family. OLG Church, consistent with its long history of outreach and loving care to those in need, is preparing to answer this call. Our church will be participating in Catholic Charities' program to resettle impoverished refugee families who have been thoroughly vetted and granted permission to settle in the U.S. Catholic Charities will provide job placement and education, and our parish will try to provide housing, food, household goods, social visits, and other community assistance when they first come into our area.

This is an enriching opportunity in which you can work with other parishioners and share your talents in order to make a huge difference in the life of a refugee family. You will be hearing more about this project at the Masses on **May 14th and 15th**, and there will be an important planning meeting on Wednesday **May 18th**, at 7:00 p.m. in which you can get answers to all of your questions and to find out the ways in which you can best participate. Please put this date on your calendar now!



**DON'T MISS OUT ON THESE
AUCTION ITEMS !**

Here is just a sampling of the wonderful live and silent auction items we have lined up and waiting for your bid:

- **Santa Cruz Family Weekend Package:** Includes a 2 Night Stay at Hilton Santa Cruz plus Boardwalk Vouchers, and \$65. certificate for dinner for 4 at Warf House Restaurant in Capitola!
- **Relaxing Weekend for 2 in Livermore;** includes a one night stay at the Resident Marriott in Livermore, a certificate for 2 guest on their All Inclusive Taste of Livermore Wine Tour. Plus Wine tastings at 4 wineries and a delicious made to order lunch. And a \$50.00 Gift Card for Sauced BBQ & Spirits in Livermore.
- **Disneyland Adventure Basket!** Includes FOUR 1 Day Hoppers! 2 Night Stay at Quality Inn Placentia-Anaheim, Plus fleece blanket, autograph book and much more!
- **And much more !!!!**

*Must be present at the Spring Auction to bid!
Don't delay get your tickets today!*

See the Auction Flyers at the entrances of the church for further details!

**MEN OF FAITH FIRST MONDAY MEETING
MAY 2nd, PARISH OFFICE**

All Men of OLG are invited to join Fr. Tom for the Men of Faith First Monday meeting, **May 2nd** in the Parish office at 7:00pm. Fr. Tom is leading the group spiritually to serve as Ambassadors of Mercy for the Parish.. Please come to learn how you can help in our Parish and be more fulfilled.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION APPEAL

The weekend of **May 7th-8th**, our parish will take up the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through podcasts, television, radio and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our diocese and support local needs, so please be generous in this collection.

OLG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible Study facilitated by Fr. Paul continues , **May 3rd** 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.

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

33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY RETREAT

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.

There will be a video presentation each Monday leading up to the consecration which will take place on **June 4th**, the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. You do not need to go to the video presentations to do the retreat. Books are available in the office for purchase.

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 24th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 9,286.00
Last Year this week	\$ 6,786.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$142,521.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$136,156.00

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 19th
BISHOPS APPEAL UPDATE
CONGRATULATIONS**

Our Goal for 2016:	\$25,139.54
# of Registered Families	980
# of Acknowledged Donors to date:	100
Funds Raised (includes pledges)	\$25,637.50

We are currently at 102% of our goal for this years Bishop’s Appeal. We are most grateful to all those who have contributed! From this point forward, our parish will receive 100% of all funds raised above goal back to address some of our own parish needs.



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 **May 3rd** and the topic is *Catholics and Church*.

**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.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
MEETING SCHEDULE**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul meets the first and third Thursday of every month at 7:00pm in the Parish Office. The Society will be gathering next on **May 5th** and invite all those interested in joining the effort to help the poor and homeless in our community to join them.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 1st:

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

Monday, May 2nd:

WEBS - 33 Day Reflection

7:00pm--Stack Center

Men of Faith

7:00pm--Parish Office

Tuesday, May 3rd:

Bible Study

9:30am--Parish Office

RCIA Inquiry: *Catholics and Church*

7:00pm--Stack Center

Men’s Bible Study

7:00pm--Parish Office

Baptismal Class

7:00pm--Parish Office

Thursday, May 5th:

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

7:00pm--Parish Office

Serenity Group

7:30pm--Stack Center

Saturday, May 7th:

Mass of Anointing

8:30am Mass--Church

Sunday, May 8th:

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY

Children’s Liturgy

9:00am--Mass

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, May 2nd

St. Athanasius, Bishop, Dr. of the Church
8:30am Debi Telles (D)

TUESDAY, May 3rd

St. Philip & James, Apostles
7:00am Mary Maravella (D)

WEDNESDAY, May 4th

7:00am Helen Maes (D)

THURSDAY, May 5th

7:00am Rudy & Augie Enriquez (D)

FRIDAY, May 6th

7:00am Jimmy Mullins (D)

SATURDAY, May 7th (Mass of Anointing)

8:30am Adelaide Martin (D)

SUNDAY, May 8th

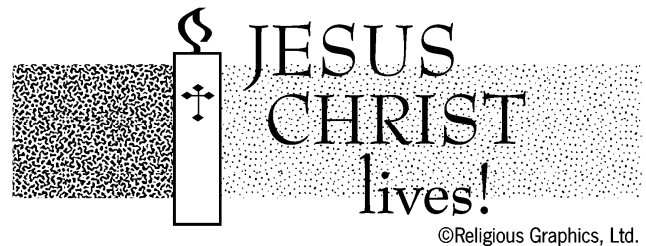
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

7:30am Antonio S. Barroso, Sr (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

May 2nd through May 8th

- Monday: ACTS 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4a
- Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14
- Wednesday: ACTS 17:15, 22-18:1; John 16:12-15
- Thursday: ACTS 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53
- Friday: ACTS 18:9-18; John 16:20-23
- Saturday: ACTS 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28
- Sunday: ACTS 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53



PRE-BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS AND GODPARENTS

If you are wishing to have your child, ages infant to six years baptized, parents and godparents need to attend a pre-baptism class. You also need to be registered members of the parish for at least three months. Email Jay or call her 537-0806 for information. The next Pre-Baptism Class will be held **May 3rd** at 7:00pm in the Parish Office.

NEWS FROM IMMACULATE HEART RADIO

Don't miss the Immaculate Heart Radio Bay Area "ELEVATE CONFERENCE". This special day is packed with encouraging and inspirational talks by your favorite Immaculate Heart Radio personalities! **June 25th** at the Santa Clara Marriott. Go to ihradio.com/elevate/ for tickets and details.



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.

EXECUTION ALERTS

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

- May 11th Earl Forrest MO
- May 12th Vernon Madison AL

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

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