

■■■■■■■■ **Saints of Mercy Pilgrimage to Poland**

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From the Pastor Join us for the Saints of Mercy Pilgrimage! There is one month left to sign up. This is the 75th Anniversary year of the Martyrdom of St. Maximilian Kolbe and we will go to Auschwitz where he was martyred. We will celebrate the Feast day of St. Faustina at the Divine Mercy Shrine in Krakow where we will visit her tomb and ask her intercession. We will explore locations significant to St. John Paul II. Consider coming as we embrace the Year of Mercy. I need your help to spread the news about the Pilgrimage so I ask that you pick up a flyer for the pilgrimage and pass it on to others. If you would like more information please contact Jay in the office at 510-537-0806.

Friar News

The Conventual Franciscans would like to share with you what is happening in our community. Pick up our publication Friar News in the back of church. Friars Israel and Joseph Martin helped with the Confirmation 2015 program and they will be around the parish at times this Summer. We are currently seeking donations to help pay for their education. We have a matching grant for donations given until **May 31**. Please pick up a copy of the friar news and pray for us. If you can help with the education of our friars so they may serve the church and here we would appreciate a gift.

Youth Retreat day and Pilgrimage August 2

Did you know that less than 20% of young people who are attending church when they go to college continue to practice their faith after college and few ever return to the practice of the faith. The church has been portrayed in our secular society as a group of intolerant haters. The Message of Jesus is that of Love, inclusion, true freedom, peace, purpose and truth. How will they ever hear this message and encounter Jesus?

I am not ready to abandon this generation to an ideology that perverts freedom leaving people lost, broken, enslaved to sin, and pondering the meaning of their identity, relationships, and the ultimate purpose of life.

In my homily last weekend I describe how Jesus got to my heart on a retreat when I was in High School and how that encounter changed my attitude and life. That life changing event was only made possible by people willing to share their experience of faith and relationship with Jesus. Jesus built the church on people giving witness and testifying on what Jesus had done and their experience of encountering Him. The church continues to be built today in the same way. Will you help?

We need your help to create a life changing experience of faith for our youth. On **August 2nd** we will make a pilgrimage to the tomb of St. Junipero Serra at the Mission in Carmel. This is the first of 3 retreat days planned for our youth over the next year. Fr. Serra was the Saint who brought the faith to California building many of the missions in California and giving his life to share the faith and protect the lives of the thousands of people he brought into the faith. Please contact Robyn our Faith Formation Coordinator or me if you can help. May we ask the intercession to touch this generation of Californians with the faith.

Confirmation

May the Holy Spirit touch our people receiving Confirmation this weekend. I would like to thank our youth and families for all their work, preparation, and prayers to prepare for this Sacrament. I thank Very Rev. George Mockel, the Vicar General of the Diocese for confirming our youth. We are grateful for Robyn Lang and Deacon Nels Gonsalves for forming our young people in the faith.

Peace,
Fr. Tom

PEACE
be with you



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CONFIRMATION 2016

Please join in celebration with these young members of our Parish Community who will be Confirmed in faith, today, **May 22nd** by Very Rev. George Mockel.

John Carr	Samantha Jewell
Joseph Cisneros	Emily Klunis
Jeramie De Roma-Ugerio	David Morfin
Audrey Dooley	Cyan Petalver
Kyle Estabillo	Tiffany Salas
Vanessa Galvan	Dominic Richardson

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE EAST BAY ANNUAL APPEAL

Catholic Charities of the East Bay is our charity and so we are the greatest providers of social services in the East Bay! East year, we are given the opportunity to show our support for the good work they do in our name. By making a financial gift or pledge to the annual appeal you help all of us be the hands of hope for the poor and marginalized. Your gift helps us welcome the stranger, offer healing to those suffering trauma and enables our families to move to self sufficiency. In advance thank you for your generosity and for being the hands of hope. For more information contact Steve Mullin, Parish Outreach Manager, 510-768-3165. Envelopes are in the pews for your use and can be returned to the Parish office or the collection baskets.

NEWS FLASH !

With dedication and a great deal of hard work from some very talented Parishioners we have been able to update our webpage. We encourage you to visit us on the web at olgc.org and see our new look. The page is a work in process and we are excited to see it progress. We are also building a nice presence on Facebook so be sure to join us there as well.

SACRAMENT INFORMATION SESSION

Tuesday, May 24, 7:00pm

If you have a child who has completed one or more years of Religious Education or Youth Group and they are interested in receiving any of these sacraments: *Baptism, First Eucharist, First Reconciliation, Confirmation*, then please plan to attend one of our information sessions.

The first session will be **Tuesday, May 24th** at 7:00pm in Stack Center. More dates will follow, please watch for the flyer and email. Any student who will participate in the preparation for Sacraments next year **MUST** have an adult attend one of the sessions **PRIOR** to beginning the special preparation gatherings. Information on preparation, schedules and family commitment will be discussed. Hope to see you there!



FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

Do you have some spare blossoms that you can share? Our Environment Committee needs your help to decorate the altar area each week, either by bringing in flowers from your yard or through a monetary donation towards the purchase of flowers. Flower donations envelopes can be found at the entrances of the church to make a donation in memory of honor of a loved one. If you have any question feel free to contact Jay at 537-0806. Your donation in honor of your loved one will be mentioned in the bulletin.

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: May 22nd.*



Men of Faith

OLG MEN'S MINISTRY
Our Lady of Grace Church

All Men of OLG are invited to join Fr. Tom for the Men of Faith First Monday meeting, **June 6th** 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.

BUNDLE SUNDAY

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will have members and a large trailer in the church parking lot on Saturday & Sunday, **June 4th - 5th** after all the masses to accept your donations. Please help us to help families in need by bringing your gently used household goods, clothing or eWaste on that weekend. We will take furniture, blankets, clothing, lamps, cookware, home decorating items, sleeping bags, sporting goods, toys and other usable goods.

Bags will be at the exits of the church the previous weekend.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

The last Sunday of every month our St. Vincent de Paul Society members are outside to receive your financial donations. Your generosity enables this ministry to help the less fortunate in our parish community. With your support our community families will be more able to handle the economic challenges that are impacting their lives. Thank you for your past support and current generosity.

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

Offerings of May 15th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 7,916.00
Last Year this week	\$ 6,959.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$168,583.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$159,304.00

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	Pat Geiger
Peggy Burton	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
Bridgett Foscalina	

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

Gospel for THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (May 29th) Luke 9:11-17

Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed to be cured. As the day was drawing to a close, the Twelve approached him and said, "Dismiss the crowd so that they can go to the surrounding villages and farms and find lodging and provisions; for we are in a deserted place here." He said to them, "Give them some food yourselves." They replied, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have, unless we ourselves go and buy food for all these people." Now the men there numbered about five thousand. Then he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty." They did so and made them all sit down. Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.

PLEASE REGISTER....

Why is it important that we register at Our Lady of Grace? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass? Why should we bother to use the envelope system?

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend Our Lady of Grace they automatically belong. At times young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parent's registration. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself with Our Lady of Grace. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of Our Lady of Grace. Your registration affects Our Lady of Grace in many ways. Census numbers can determine what obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, confession, and devotions are planned and scheduled.

Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Registering at Our Lady of Grace is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of our parish.

The expense of the envelope system is cost effective. Using the envelope system is a way that our parish can verify your participation in weekly Mass. If you are receiving envelopes but not using them, please consider using them now

THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 22nd:

Coffee & Donuts After All Masses

Children's Liturgy
9:00am--Mass

Monday, May 23rd:

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

Tuesday, May 24th:

Bible Study
9:30am--Parish Office

Men's Bible Study
7:00am--Parish Office

Sacrament Information Meeting
7:00pm--Stack Center

Thursday, May 26th:

Serenity Group
7:30pm--Stack Center

Sunday, May 29th:

Coffee & Donuts After All Masses

Children's Liturgy
9:00am--Mass

A NOTE FROM OLG PASTORAL PLANNING COUNCIL

We would like to hear your comments, suggestions and questions. The OLG PPC will host a table in Stack Center following the 9:00am Mass the first Sunday of each month (**June 5th**) Please come visit with us with questions, concerns or any observations that you might have. We look forward to hearing from you on **June 5th**.

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. The glass globes in the candle stand must be left in the church. Simply insert the plastic candle purchased from the Parish in to the globe in the candle stand.

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY, May 23rd

8:30am Lee, Nick, Yaka & Frank Music (D)

TUESDAY, May 24th

Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Francis, in Assisi

7:00am Maria & Domingos Soares (D)

WEDNESDAY, May 25th

St. Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalne de'Pazzi, virgin

7:00am Manuel & Aurora Soares (D)

THURSDAY, May 26th

St. Philip Neri, Priest

7:00am Dulcidia Chocha (D)

FRIDAY, May 27th

St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

7:00am Mary Borges (D)

SATURDAY, May 28th

8:30am Christina Maria Nunes (L)

SUNDAY, May 29th

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

7:30am Bonnie Sill (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

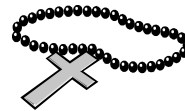
May 23rd through May 29th

- Monday: 1 Peter 1:3-9; Mark 10:17-27
- Tuesday: 1 Peter 1:10-16; Mark 10:28-31
- Wednesday: 1 Peter 1:18-25; Mark 10:32-45
- Thursday: 1 Peter 2:2-5,9-12; Mark 10:46-52
- Friday: 1 Peter 4:7-13; Mark 11:11-26
- Saturday: Jude 17,20-25; Mark 11:27-33
- Sunday: Genesis 14:18-20;
1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11-17



PRAY ALWAYS

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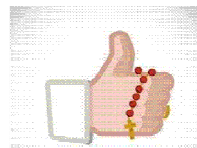


ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE

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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**"Sharing God's Mercy" –
UPDATE: MAY 4th
BISHOPS APPEAL UPDATE
CONGRATULATIONS**

Our Goal for 2016:	\$25,139.54
# of Registered Families	980
# of Acknowledged Donors to date:	115
Funds Raised (includes pledges)	\$28,504.50

We are currently at 113% 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.

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