

**Greetings from Fr. Paul!**

Greetings regular readers of the "Pastor's Column" ... I am taking this space for a week or two!! (Don't tell Fr. Tom!!! - Just kidding!!) It was such a blessing to be able to share and open our home to some of you last week. We understand, and are sad, that we were not able to invite all, it is not a lack of Love, but of Space!) But in the same spirit, of sharing more of our lives with you, I'd like to let you know about an upcoming HISTORIC event. Our Conventual Franciscans have recently combined all our formation programs (the years our students spend in formal studies) into One program, for all of our student friars in the U.S., Canada, and Australia. This helps us provide a better quality formation, and allows our students to have more peers during these formative years, where one often forms relationships that last throughout their lives as friars!

Because of this change, for the FIRST TIME ever, all the provinces of the United States, Canada, and Australia will be sharing in a FIRST PROFESSION of VOWS Ceremony here in Pismo Beach, CA, on July 18-22<sup>nd</sup>. As our Vocation Director, my job is to help those discerning how to serve God, and considering Religious Life as a possibility, to learn more about our way of life. So I am building a Come and See event for young men, 18-50 years old, to drive with me from Castro Valley, to Pismo Beach as part of a 4 day Come and See event, where we will share more about our Franciscan Life! Can you help me get the word out? In the short time I've been vocation director, I've learned that the best approach is to get as many as possible to PRAY for VOCATIONS, and to be on the lookout, to Invite those who you think would make a good priest or brother, and ASK THEM "HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED BEING A PREIST (or Brother/Sister, or Franciscan)." Studies show that most those who've discerned a vocation, have had someone else either get them thinking about it, or get them to act on it, by someone asking THAT QUESTION! And, don't be afraid if they laugh at you!!! My Father first said that to me when I was 19, and I laughed at him..... Don't be afraid to be a prophet! It is part of our Baptismal Call!!!!!! I have put flyers for the event at the entrances to the Church! Please take a few and pass them out!

Also, everyone is invited, to make a "mini-vacation" and come to the event at St. Paul of the Apostle Parish in Pismo Beach (800 Bello St.) on Thursday, July 21, at 11AM! Pismo Beach is a GREAT place to spend a few days! Please Pray for vocations, and hand a flyer to someone!

*Thanks, and God Bless, Fr. Paul.*

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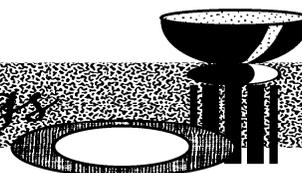
*Dear OLG Community,*

*I will be sending out a letter to you in July to help shape a vision for the next year as I have completed my first year at Our Lady of Grace. After you have read the letter I would ask for your reaction, input and help to implement a vision. Our Community is blessed with many faith filled people and I feel blessed to be a part of Our Lady of Grace.*

*Peace,*

*Fr. Tom*

*Lord, accept our offerings*



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Join us in SonSpark Labs as we discover that GP4U=J – that is: God’s plan for you is Jesus!  
 July 25th – July 29th, 9:00am to Noon or 6:30-8:30 pm (Family VBS)

Don’t miss out on a summer full of friends, food, faith and fun! Children grade 5 & under in September 2016 are welcome to sign up as participants, 6th & 7th Graders as Counselors-In-Training, 8-12th graders serve as Counselors. Fee for Grades K-8 is \$40 for per child. High school students – no fee.

Family VBS includes kids under 5 at no charge. Don’t forget our annual VBS program and (free) dinner on Friday night! Singing, cheers, food (potluck) and slideshow! Mark your calendar, call your friends and plan to be here!



**Volunteers** are needed to make this year’s VBS awesome! Join the team today! Call 582-9266 for more information or email [ffc@olgcv.org](mailto:ffc@olgcv.org)

Also, **donations** gladly accepted! Please see the donation board in the entrances of the church. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the VBS program!



**Registration** packets are available in the Parish and Faith Formation Offices, or you can find them on our website [www.olgcv.org](http://www.olgcv.org) under the Learn tab on the home page. For additional information contact the Faith Formation Center by email at [ffc@olgcv.org](mailto:ffc@olgcv.org), or by phone 510-582-9266. *See you in the Lab!*



**FALL FESTIVAL 2016  
 OLG SHAKES, RATTLES, AND ROLLS  
 BACK TO THE 50’S  
 SEPTEMBER 24th-25th**

Dust off your leather jacket and poodle skirt and make plans to enjoy a weekend harkening back to the 50’s with all the sights and sounds at our Annual Fall Festival !! Details coming soon!



**INDEPENDENCE DAY**

The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, **July 4th** in honor of the federal holiday. The Parish Offices will re-open on Tuesday, **July 5th** at 9:00am. Monday’s Mass will be in the **Church at 8:30am**. The entire Parish staff wishes all a safe and relaxing holiday.

**MEN OF FAITH FIRST MONDAY MEETING  
 July 11th, PARISH OFFICE**

All Men of OLG are invited to join Fr. Tom for the Men of Faith First Monday meeting, **July 11th** 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.

**OUR LADY OF GRACE  
 YOUTH MINISTRY**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 2nd. 8:00am-7:00pm**

All youth entering grades 9th thru 12th are invited to join Fr. Tom for a day exploring the Missions in Carmel and Monterey. We will depart Our Lady of Grace parking lot at 8:00am and make our way to the mission in Carmel. After a morning at the mission, we head to Monterey to visit the Cathedral for the Diocese and walk through the Holy Door. We conclude the day with a potluck dinner at OLG with family, for a great opportunity to share stores from the day.

**Chaperones** are needed! Please consider being a part of this great day. Contact the Faith Formation office (582-9266) for additional information or to RSVP or volunteer to help.

**MASS TIMES  
 EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 4TH**

**MASSES:**

**Saturday:** Vigil Mass 5:00pm

**Sundays:** 7:30; 9:30, 11:30 am  
 1:30pm Spanish Mass

**Weekdays:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 7:00am, Wednesday: 8:15am, Saturday: 8:30am

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

First Saturday: Following the 8:30am Mass  
 Every Thursday: 7:00pm

**REFUGEE ADOPTION PROGRAM  
HOUSING FOR OUR REFUGEE FAMILY**

We still don't know when our refugee "family" will arrive, and sometimes Catholic Charities is not able to give much advance notice. They could arrive in few weeks or not for several months, but when they come, they will need a place to live. Occasionally a refugee family has an extended family member in the area to live with, but often they need housing. As you know, affordable housing in the East Bay is extremely difficult to find. Right now we are just putting out "feelers" to see if anyone in the parish knows of any inexpensive housing possibilities such as a rental property that is vacant or may become vacant, an in-law unit, or a cottage. Please email Dennise at dcburgess1@juno.com with any information on housing you may have.



**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 **July 5th** and the topic this week is *The Saints*.



Our Lady of Grace celebrates the sacrament of baptism for children on the second Sunday of the month.

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 **July 5th** at 7:00pm in the Parish Office.



**COME JOIN US**

All are invited after the **9:00am** Sunday Mass to Gather in Stack Center for coffee and donuts. This is a great opportunity to visit and meet new friends.

**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 June 26th:**

Sunday Plate:	\$ 7,528.00
Last Year this week	\$ 9,670.00
<b>Weekly Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 8,920.00</b>
Year-to-date this year:	\$217,446.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$206,833.00

*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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| James Barthman     | Pat Geiger         |
| Larry Bronzini     | Byron Griffith     |
| Peggy Burton       | Sheila Janes       |
| Leonardo Cabardo   | Elaine Jordan      |
| Kathleen Denning   | Alice McLaughlin   |
| Julie Dillon       | Richard Martin     |
| Estela Enriquez    | Salvacion Protacio |
| Juanita Estrellas  | Mike Roth          |
| Mary Franks        | Florence Sharp     |
| Bridgett Foscalina | Iwan Tunggal       |
| Nicholas Guinea    | James Van Wert     |

*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:*

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| <b>DAVID SANCHEZ</b> | <b>MICHAEL SANCHEZ</b> |
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*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 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (JULY 10TH) LUKE 10:25-37**

There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test him and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" He said in reply, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." He replied to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live." But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.' Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."



**PARISH PICNIC  
AUGUST 14th  
LAKE CHABOT PARK  
*Unity in Community***

We will Gather at Lake Chabot Park for a Parish Picnic **August 14th**. Come for a day of family fun and meet the many wonderful people who are part of Our Lady of Grace Parish and School. We will begin at 10AM with Mass in the Park followed by games, food, and more fun and games for all. Mark your Calendar the Parish office is ready to take your RSVP of how many will be attending and what you plan to bring to share. Please call the Parish office 537-0806 or send an email to [jay@olgcv.org](mailto:jay@olgcv.org). to give your RSVP.

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, July 3rd:**

*Coffee & Donuts After 9:00am Mass*

Children's Liturgy

9:00am--Mass

**Tuesday, July 5th:**

RCIA Inquiry---*The Bible*

7:00pm--Stack Center Conference Room

**Thursday, July 7th:**

Serenity Group

7:30pm--Stack Center

**Sunday, July 10th:**

*Baby Bottle Fundraiser --after Masses*

*Coffee & Donuts After 9:00am Mass only*

Children's Liturgy

9:00am--Mass

**BIRTHRIGHT BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER**

The weekend of **July 9th and 10th**, the volunteers from Birthright of San Lorenzo will pass out baby bottles to parishioners who wish to help mothers. Fathers, and babies. We will be here after each Mass and hope you will take a baby bottle home, fill it with change-- of course, dollars and checks are fine too -- and return it to the Parish Office or Birthright. Birthright is a crisis pregnancy center helping mothers. Everything is free and confidential. Our volunteers are not paid and we get no government help. Birthright exists so mothers in crisis will not feel they have to abort their babies. If you are interested in volunteering please see one of the volunteers at the Baby Bottle Fundraiser, or call 510-481-9677.

**NEWS FROM ICF**

Come join the ICF "in the good old summertime". We will be serving hotdogs and all the fixin's at our meeting **July 14th**. Doors open at 6:00pm, dinner is at 6:30. For reservations please contact either Stella Taddei at 510-581-5863 or Juanita Madrid at 510-582-7242 by Sunday **July 10th**. Grazie.

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

Please note: All masses will be celebrated in the Church.

**MONDAY, July 4th**

8:30am Louis Rodrigues (D)

**TUESDAY, July 5th**

*St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest;  
St. Elizabeth of Portugal;  
Our Lady, Refuge of Sinners,  
Patroness of the Californias*

7:00am Anthony Velasquez (D)

**WEDNESDAY, July 6th**

*St. Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr*

7:00am Helen Maes (D)

**THURSDAY, July 7th**

7:00am Rudy & Augie Enriquez (D)

**FRIDAY, July 8th**

7:00am Joe & Marie Silveria (D)

**SATURDAY, July 9th**

*St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and  
Companions, Martyrs*

8:30am Joe & Isabel Furtado (D)

**SUNDAY, July 10th**

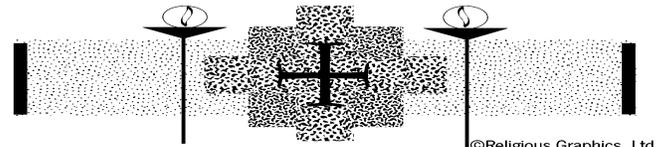
11:00am Joe Harongozo (D)

2:00pm Juan Garcia Lozano (D)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**July 4th through July 10th**

Monday: Hosea 2:16-18,21-22; Matthew 9:18-26  
 Tuesday: Hosea 8:4-7,11-13; Matthew 9:32-38  
 Wednesday: Hosea 10:1-3,7-8,12; Matthew 10:1-7  
 Thursday: Hosea 11:1-4,8-9; Matthew 10:7-15  
 Friday: Hosea 14:2-10; Matthew 10:16-23  
 Saturday: Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 10:24-33  
 Sunday: Deuteronomy 30:10-14;  
 Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37



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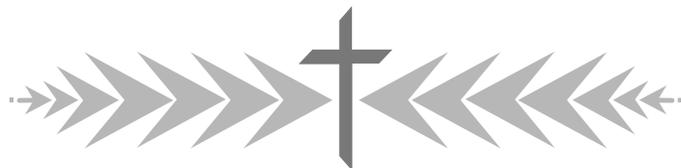
**FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND**

*In Memory of* The Flowers on the altar this week-end are in remembrance of the *Truong & Nguyen Family*. May God's Blessings be upon them and their intentions.

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 a loved one. If you have any questions feel free to contact Jay at 537-0806. Your donation in honor of your loved one will be mentioned in the bulletin.

**FR. TOM'S PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND CANCELED**

Please note Fr. Tom's Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Poland has been canceled. Please contact Fr. Tom if you have any questions.



**EXECUTION ALERTS**

The following executions are scheduled to take place in July :

July 14th Perry Williams TX  
 July 14th John Wayne Conner GA

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

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