


Special Franciscan Feast and Indulgence on August 2

From the Pastor The Portiuncula (small portion) refers to the land in Assisi, Italy, that belonged to the Benedictines. On this land was an old church dedicated to the Virgin Mother of God but abandoned.

On a night in July, 1216, Francis was praying in the little church of the Portiuncula devoured by love for God and a thirst to save souls. He prayed for the forgiveness of sins of mankind.

St. Francis prayed to the Lord: "Lord, I a miserable sinner beg You to concede an indulgence to all those who enter this church, who are truly contrite and have confessed their sins. And I beg Blessed Mary, your Mother, intercessor of man, that she intercede on behalf of this grace." Our Lady at once began to beseech her Son on behalf of Francis. Jesus answered: "It is a very great thing that which you ask Me; but you are worthy of even greater things, Friar Francis, and greater things you will have. So I accept your request, but I want you to go to my Vicar, to whom I have given the power to bind and loose in Heaven and on earth, to ask him on my behalf for this indulgence." Pope Honorius granted the indulgence which has been given to every Franciscan to celebrate on August 2.

We are Bringing our Youth to the Mission at Carmel to receive the grace of this indulgence. St. Francis implores us in this feast: "O my Brothers and Sisters, I want you all to go to Heaven!"

Pray for our Youth on August 2nd.

Pray for the Church and the Youth at World Youth Day in Poland

On Tuesday morning, Rev. Jacques Hamel who was 86, was executed at his parish in France as he finished Mass by Islamic extremists. Pope Francis, in a telegraphed message to Archbishop Dominique Lebrun of Rouen, expressed his horror at the killing and said that he "joins in prayer with the suffering of the families and with the pain of the parish and the diocese of Rouen." He offered his prayer for "God, Father of mercy, to welcome Father Jacques Hamel in the peace of his light, and comfort the injured person."

Archbishop Lebrun, who was in Poland with youth for world Youth day, made an appeal for peace. "The Catholic Church has only prayer and brotherhood among men as its weapons," he said. "I leave here hundreds of young people who are truly the future of humanity. I ask them not to give in to the violence, and to become apostles of the civilization of love."

I would ask that we all commit to pray a rosary for Fr. Jacques Hammel and for the Church at St. Etienne-du-Rouvay. May we also pray for the Blessed Mother would watch over and protect our youth and Pope Francis.

Hail Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, Our life, our sweetness and our hope.

To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve, To thee do we send up our sighs, Mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, And after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Amen.

Alpha is coming to Our Lady of Grace
What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe, it's free, and everyone's welcome.

Answering the call for the New Evangelization

Alpha is a tool for the New Evangelization that is being used by thousands of Catholic parishes in over 70 countries around the world. Alpha creates an environment and opportunity for an encounter with Jesus. As Pope Francis likes to say, it's a chance for "Jesus to find them." More than 27 million people have experienced Alpha. It attracts many people, especially youth, who ask, "Is there more to life than this?"



PARISH PICNIC
AUGUST 14th
LAKE CHABOT PARK
Unity in Community

Join us for a Mass in the park at 10am followed by games lunch and more games. Let US unite as a community by sharing time together getting to know new people as we enjoy a day in the park. Please RSVP as soon as possible so we can order food, prepare the area and you can let us know what you will bring to share. Call the office 537-0806 or you can go to our website (www.olgcv.org) and click on the Parish Picnic icon on the main page and sign up!



CYO FALL SPORTS
REGISTRAION
NOW ON LINE



Registration is now available on line for *CYO Boys Basketball and Girls Volleyball* at www.olgcv.org follow the link for CYO. Registration for Boys Basketball will end **August 12th** and for Girls Volleyball **September 2nd**. All players will need to create an account prior to completing their first registration within the system. Boys Basketball is open for grades 2-8 and Girl's Volleyball for grades 4-8. Fees for the 2016-2017 program year will be \$175.00 with a \$50.00 uniform fee. For more information email Liz at olgcy-oregistrar@gmail.com



FALL FESTIVAL 2016
OLG SHAKES, RATTLES, & 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!

Consider being a *Festival Sponsor* --many generous individuals and businesses have sponsored the Festival in the past. Your Sponsorship will be acknowledged with a sign at the Festival as well as in all our social media. Call the office for details.

OUR LADY OF GRACE
YOUTH MINISTRY

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 **ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 2nd** 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 stories 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS
REGISTRATION

All students in grades 9-12 are invited to be part of the Youth Ministry program at Our Lady of Grace. The registration form is available in the Faith Formation Center, parish office. All students interested in being confirmed must be part of and participate in Youth Ministry. Contact the Faith Formation Center for more information. 510-582-9266, ffc@olgcv.org

WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Evening Bible Study will begin meeting on Monday October 10th at 7PM in the OLG room in Stack Center. We will be studying *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* which is part of the Great Adventure Bible Studies. This study will take us on a scriptural tour through the prayers, hymns, and rituals of the Liturgy. It moves from examining particular books and sections of the bible to studying the scriptural roots of the Liturgy. After providing a general overview of the Mass, this study devotes a session to each of the major sections of the Mass. This study is based on the 2011 revised translation of the Mass. Cost is \$22 for this 5 session study. Please contact Jay in the Parish office to sign-up and pay. You can also sign up in the gathering area on **August 21st** after the Sunday masses. Last day to register is **September 19th!**

SAFE ENVIRONMENT UPDATES

It's that time again! Every 3 years, all volunteers at Our Lady of Grace MUST renew Safe Environment Training and 2016 is our year!!

You are encouraged to do the training online, if possible (www.virtusonline.org/virtus). We will also hold a few on-site sessions beginning in July (see schedule below). Both the online and on-site trainings will bring everyone into compliance for the next 3 years.

All parishioners are encouraged to participate in these trainings. Anyone who volunteers anywhere with the parish MUST complete the training – even if you only volunteer once.

Please note: All training needs to be renewed, even if you did a training during the last 12 months. The 3-year cycle is by PARISH, and our last major renewal was in 2013. Training dates (register online for on-site training or call the Faith Formation Center to RSVP – 510-582-9266)

August: Tuesday, August 16th 7:00 pm
(English & Spanish)

**REFUGEE ADOPTION PROGRAM
DONATIONS TO OUR REFUGEE FAMILY**

We are now officially signed up with Catholic Charities to adopt a refugee family. Even though we don't know how soon the family will arrive, we need to have a fund of money to cover their rent and other expenses when they first arrive. Our goal is to raise \$6000 before August 15. If you are able to make a donation, please make your check out to Our Lady of Grace Church and put "Refugee Family" in the memo line. You can put it in the collection basket or take it to the parish office.



Men of Faith
OLG MEN'S MINISTRY
Our Lady of Grace Church

MEN OF FAITH MONTHLY MEETING

Men of Faith 1st Monday of the Month Meal and Meeting is 7:00pm on **August 1st**, at the Parish Office, 3344 Somerset Avenue. Please come and help us plan our participation in the Parish Picnic OLG projects.

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 July 24th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 7,508.00
Last Year this week	\$ 7,342.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$250,749.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$240,666.00

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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| Rolando Barrios | Pat Geiger |
| James Barthman | Byron Griffith |
| Larry Bronzini | Sheila Janes |
| Peggy Burton | Elaine Jordan |
| Leonardo Cabardo | Gerard Lek |
| Paris Dahle | Alice McLaughlin |
| Kathleen Denning | Richard Martin |
| Julie Dillon | Ray Montalban |
| Estela Enriquez | Salvacion Protacio |
| Mary Franks | Mike Roth |
| Bridgett Foscalina | Florence Sharp |
| Nicholas Guinea | Iwan Tunggal |
| | 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:

- 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.

- STUART BATY
GERALD BONORA**

**GOSPEL FOR 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(AUGUST 7TH) LUKE 12:35-40**

Jesus said to his disciples: "Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have the servants recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

**NEWS FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
*Who are we helping?***

Requests for help don't just come from individuals in our area. Often a neighboring Conference will need help with a particular individual and they don't have the resources to do so. The Our Lady of Grace, thanks to your generosity, is often able to help them out.

We have been helping A. for about 6 months. He is a middle-aged man who never expected to find himself homeless. Though he has a strong faith, he can sometimes sink into despair. We help him occasionally with a motel stay and with food. We have given him resources for housing and job training. He recently found a job and called to say thank you for our help. After receiving his first paycheck he stopped by and gave us \$20 as a thank you and so that we could continue to help others. Very humbling for all of us and a story right out of the scriptures. We continue to stay in touch with him as he tries to find a better paying job and get his life back on track. Please keep him in your prayers. Members of St. Vincent de Paul will be outside mass this weekend for your donations, your generosity enables this ministry to help the less fortunate in our community.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 31st:

Coffee & Donuts After 9:00am Mass

Children's Liturgy

9:00am--Mass

Monday, August 1st:

Men Of Faith Monthly Meeting

7:00pm--Parish Office

Tuesday, August 2nd:

Youth Pilgrimage

8:30am--meet in Church Parking Lot

RCIA Inquiry---*Church Tour*

7:00pm--Stack Center Conference Room

Thursday, August 4th:

St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting

7:00pm--Parish Office

Serenity Group

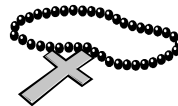
7:30pm--Stack Center

Sunday, August 7th:

Coffee & Donuts After 9:00am Mass only

Children's Liturgy

9:00am--Mass



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.



BACKPACK REMINDER

Many thanks to all of you who took a backpack "bag" to fill for a child from FESCO (Family Emergency Shelter)! Because of your generosity, OLG will be able to provide backpack supplies for 60 students! Please remember that the bags need to be returned to OLG no later than Monday, **August 8th**. If you have not already turned in your bag, you can bring it in next weekend when you come to Mass and put it in one of the boxes by the doors, or you can drop it by the church office on a weekday between 9:00 and 5:00.

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY, August 1st

*St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop,
Doctor of the Church*
8:30am Louis Rodrigues (D)

TUESDAY, August 2nd

**OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS
OF PORTIUNCULA, OFM;**
St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop
7:00am Maura Vanderpoorten (D)

WEDNESDAY, August 3rd

7:00am Helen Maes (D)

THURSDAY, August 4th

St. John Vianney, Priest
7:00am Rudy & Angie Enriquez (D)

FRIDAY, August 5th

*The Dedication of the Basilica of
St. Mary Major*
7:00am Jesusa Perdido (D)

SATURDAY, August 6th

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
8:30am Lee, Nick, Yaka & Frank Music (D)

SUNDAY, August 7th

11:00am Helen Ormsby (D)
2:00pm Maria De Jesus (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

August 1st through August 7th

Monday: Jeremiah 28:1-17; Matthew 14:13-21
Tuesday: Jeremiah 30:1-2,12-15,18-22;
Matthew 14:22-36
Wednesday: Jeremiah 31:1-7; Matthew 15:21-28
Thursday: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 16:13-23
Friday: Nahum 2:1,3;3:1-3,6-7;
Matthew 16:24-28
Saturday: Daniel 7:9-10,13-14; Luke 9:28-36
Sunday: Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19;
Luke 12:32-48



HELP WANTED

Individual needed for gardening, clean up and light repair work 12 to 15 hours a week. Must be available during office hours. Please contact Colleen Lindberg in the Parish office, 537-0806 for additional information



FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

The flowers on the altar this weekend are in remembrance of John McCann and Neta Smith. May God's Blessings be upon them and their families who remember them.

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.

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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 **August 2nd** we will be doing a church tour.

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