


An Invitation to our High School Youth by Fr. Tom and Fr. Paul!

From the Pastor

“I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!” are the words we hear in today’s Gospel. How does Jesus wish to set the earth “On Fire”? By setting each heart on Fire! Jesus’ desire, is the desire of Fr. Tom and Myself also! I praise God, that at this late-age of my life, serving God, and loving God, still sets my heart on Fire! I know that this is nothing I’ve done, but God’s Holy Spirit at work! I am sure Fr. Tom has experiences the same... I’ve seen it in him too!! (But not too early in the morning! Usually his heart catches fire a bit later in the day!) I’ve seen the same Fire in many of you too!! But let’s fan these flames even more! Let’s let Jesus set OLG, and Castro Valley, completely On Fire!

“In The Beginning....” These are the words that begin Genesis and of St. John’s Gospel. Sometimes it is important for all of us, to go back to the beginning of our Faith, and ask God to rekindle our Fire! This fall, Fr. Tom and Myself have decided to invite our Youth back to the Beginning! We’ve moved our Youth Program to Sunday evenings from 6 – 8 PM, so that we can join Robyn, Deacon Nels, and our other faith leaders in sharing our faith with our Youth. We are beginning with... well, the BEGINNING! We are using a program called **Alpha** (first letter of the Greek alphabet) to rediscover Jesus, ask Him to set our heart on Fire for the first time, or rekindle the Fire already set. This program, **Alpha** in the Catholic context for youth, is a proven program of evangelization. It is recommended by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), and used by many other Catholic Churches. It is a program that introduces who Jesus is, why He came, how He saves us, and how to open our Hearts to allow Him to set our Hearts on FIRE! It is that simple. A Catholic Christian is not only a person whose mind knows the teachings of Christ (catechesis), but also who’s heart has been touched by the Power of God (conversion or evangelization), so that we follow those teachings not because of obligation, but because of Joy of what God has done for us!

I would like to URGE all our High School age youth to join Fr. Tom, Myself, and the rest of the team, and we ask God to set our hearts on FIRE! We begin at 6PM on **September 11th!** This will be an orientation night where we’ll explain more. Our first session will be **Oct 2nd**, then after our Youth Rally, we’ll begin on **Oct 16th** with weekly gathers on Sunday evening 6-8PM, to share a meal, watch a dynamic series of videos about our Faith, and discuss these videos in small groups of about 8 students along with an adult leader. I also am asking our youth to invite your High School age friends too! You don’t even have to be Catholic!! Just invite them to learn more about the purpose of life, and who Jesus is. If there are any adults in the parish who would like to help, contact Fr. Tom, Myself, or Robyn! Peace! Hope to see you all at our New Youth Program, Sunday evenings 6PM, starting this fall!

-Fr. Paul

Mission in Vietnam

I had the privilege to go to Vietnam to witness the Solemn Profession of our first 10 Men in 2013. My province took on the Mission in Vietnam in 2010. We continue to grow in numbers with over 20 men in formation to become Franciscans. The Frairs help the Lepers in Van Mon and reach out to the poor who have been neglected by the society. Our Vietnamese friars are men of faith bring joy and offering mercy to the poor and neglected in Vietnam. Our Friars depend on the generosity of people like you to continue to educate our men to be of service to the poor. It is being present and bringing the hope of the Gospel through works of Mercy that they spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The apostolic life of the friars in Vietnam focuses principally on the corporal works of mercy. In the Red River Delta area in the north, the friars minister both to the rural poor of Thai Binh Province and especially to elderly leprosy patients in Vãn Môn Village. In the south, the friars have created the Bread of Saint Anthony program which assists poor families — often headed by single mothers — with basic necessities: food, clothing and school supplies for the children. On weekends, the Conventual Franciscan student friars who study philosophy and theology at either the Franciscan Institute of Saigon or the Centrum Dominicanum Studiorum bring meals to the sick in Thủ Đức Hospital in the metro-Saigon.

My favorite message from the mission was the testimony of a man with leprosy who only wished to die because his life was over when he contracted leprosy and was sent to the leper colony at Van Mon. After meeting and working with the friars he wants to live each day with joy and give praise to God.

Please be generous to support our Mission Appeal **August 20-21.**

Peace,
Fr. Tom



**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.

Raffle Tickets: Tickets have been mailed you could be the lucky winner but, you have to return your tickets to the parish office.

Help us to continue our theme of **Unity in the Community** by volunteering to work in work in a Festival booth!! **Booth Sign Up Sheets** are in Stack Center.

Festival Donations are Needed: It's that time again! We are preparing for Festival 2016 and you get to clean our your closets of the following for our various booths: gently used jewelry and purses for our Jewelry Booth; used books, CD's and DVD's are needed for the Book Nook; and don't forget to clean the kids closets we need gently used and loved stuffed animals and small toys for the Kid Zone Prize prizes. We also need gently used clean children's clothing for the Kids Clothing Corner: Wine donations are needed for Wheel of Fortune! Donations can be brought to the Parish Office.



**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

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 olgcv.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.

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!**

CONVENTUAL FRANCISCAN APPEAL

Please join us in welcoming Fr. Francisco Nahoe OFM, Conv., who will be here the weekend of **August 20th-21st** on behalf of the appeal of the Conventual Franciscans of California. In advance, thank you for your support of the appeal for the good works of the Conventual Franciscans of California.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration continues for the Religious Education program, grades K - 8. Classes begin October 2. Don't delay! Forms available in Stack Center, parish office and church entrances. Contact the Faith Formation Center for more information, 582-9266 or ffc@olgcv.org.

**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

**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.

**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES
PARISH OUTREACH WEEKEND
AUGUST 28th**

Please join us in welcoming Fr. Padraig Greene the weekend of **August 28th**. Fr. Padraig Greene, parish relationship director with Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services will be the homilist at each mass. Fr. Padraig will not be here to market Catholic Cemeteries but to make families aware of how it can be a resource to parishes and families at a very significant time in their lives, including the availability of grief ministry. Surveys will be distributed to assess the needs of our Parish community.

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 August 7th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 9,411.00
Last Year this week	\$ 7,999.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$268,456.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$258,358.00

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

ALL VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

**GOSPEL FOR 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(AUGUST 21ST) LUKE 13:22-30**

Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door, then will you stand outside knocking and saying, 'Lord, open the door for us.' He will say to you in reply, 'I do not know where you are from. And you will say, 'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.' Then he will say to you, 'I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!' And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and you yourselves cast out. And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."



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 16th** and the topic is: *Catholic Practices*.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Our dedicated Liturgy of the Word of Children presiders are taking a some well deserved time off this month. Dismissal at the 9:00am Mass will resume Sunday, September 4th at the new mass time, 9:30am. *Thank you, LOTW volunteers, for your ministry.*



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

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 14th:

Coffee & Donuts After 9:00am Mass

Outdoor Mass at Lake Chabot

10:00am --Lake Chabot Cove

Parish Picnic

Following 10:00am Mass at Lake Chabot

Tuesday, August 16h:

Safe Environment Training

7:00pm--Stack Center

RCIA Inquiry---*Prayer*

7:00pm--Stack Center Conference Room

Thursday, August 18th:

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

7:00pm--Parish Office

Serenity Group

7:30pm--Stack Center

Sunday, August 21st:

Franciscan Mission Appeal Weekend

Coffee & Donuts After 9:00am Mass only

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) in Stack Center

Mass Intentions for the Week



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

MONDAY, August 15th

**ASSUMPTION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
8:30am Debi Telles (D)

TUESDAY, August 16th

St. Stephen of Hungary
7:00am Alvarinho Gonsalves (D)

WEDNESDAY, August 17th

7:00am Thomas & Mary Hayes (D)

THURSDAY, August 18th

7:00am Neal & Carla Lucett (L)

FRIDAY, August 19th

**St. John Eudes, OFM, Priest;
St. Louis, bishop, OFM**
7:00am Johnny Rodriguez (D)

SATURDAY, August 20th

St. Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church
8:30am Paul & Gretchen Reets & Family (L)
5:00pm Barbara Jane Ruthedge (D)

SUNDAY, August 21st

9:00am Dennis Cande (D)
2:00pm Angela Martinez (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

August 15th through August 21st

Monday: Revelations 11:19;12:1-6,10;
Luke 1:39-56
Tuesday: Ezekiel 28:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ezekiel 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-6;
Matthew 20:1-16
Thursday: Ezekiel 36:23-28; Matthew 22:1-14
Friday: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 22:34-40
Saturday: Ezekiel 43:1-7; Matthew 23:1-12
Sunday: Isaiah 66:18-21;
Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13; Luke 13:22-30



FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

In Memory of The flowers on the altar this weekend thanks to the Pasquini Family We are grateful for their donation and may God's Blessings be upon 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 donation 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.



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

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