



*From the Pastor*

### All High School Students You are invited!

The Alpha Course is for you and your friends to come and discuss the meaning of Life in an open environment. Alpha is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life through a basic introduction to Christianity. To learn more, Bring a parent to the **introductory session on Sunday, September 11, at 6:00pm**. Parents must complete an emergency contact form they receive at the introductory session. I hope to see you there! The Alpha Course allows us to **ask ANY question** we want about life, Jesus, God, the Holy Spirit. Basically when you come you will find four things. **FOOD**, we begin each night with a dinner; **FUN**, we will spend time interacting with games; **VIDEO**; we will have an exciting video presentation to introduce us to our topic for the evening; **DISCUSSION**, you will be invited to join a small group where any question is allowed and you can share your thoughts. The Alpha Film Series begins October 2. Contact the Office to Register!

### Thursday Holy Hour beginning in September

"Holy Hour" is a form of Eucharistic adoration made in response to a revelation by Christ to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690), as a part of our devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The focus of Holy Hour is Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane. In response to His question, "Could you not watch one hour?" (Mark 14:37), we respond, "Yes, Lord, we are here with Thee." Pope Pius XI, in *Miserentissimus Redemptor* (1928), writes of these reparative acts of consolation to the Sacred Heart. I ask that we as a parish come spend an hour before the Lord praying that each of us and especially our youth may be touched by His Sacred Heart and know the Love and Friendship of Jesus. May we ask the Holy Spirit to prepare us to receive this generation and share our love of Jesus so they may come to know Jesus and love Him. Come and Pray!

### Thank you for your Support of our Mission in Vietnam.

Fr. Francisco Nahoe OFM Conv. thanks you for your generous response to Our Mission in Vietnam. This last weekend four men took Solemn Vows at our Mission in Vietnam: Dominic Hoang, Joseph Nguyen, Peter Nguyen, John the Baptist Nguyen. Please keep them and our Mission in your prayers. May the Lord Bless you for your Generosity!

### September Mass Times

#### Beginning in September

**Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30, 1:30 (Spanish)**

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 7:00AM**

**Wednesday: 8:15Am with the School**

**Saturday: 8:30 AM and Sunday Vigil at 5PM**

### GOSPEL FOR 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (SEPTEMBER 4TH)

**LUKE 14:25-33**

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

**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 traveling back to the 50's with all the sights and sounds at our Annual Fall Festival !! Details coming soon!

**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 one of the Festival booths!! **Booth Sign Up Sheets** are in Stack Center.

**FESTIVAL DONATIONS NEEDED  
TIME TO CLEAN YOUR CLOSETS**

It's that time again !! We are preparing for Festival 2016 and you get to clean out your closets of the items listed below !

**FESTIVAL JEWELRY BOOTH**

Volunteers are ready and waiting for your gently used jewelry, purses and wallets. These donations will be cleaned, shined and available for purchase at the Festival 2016 Jewelry Booth.

Donations may be dropped off in the parish office – please clearly mark them for the Festival 2016 Jewelry Booth. Thank you!

**USED BOOK DONATIONS**

Your gently used, books, CD's and DVD's are needed for the Book Nook! Please help us stock this great booth by donating now! Please no magazines, or other periodicals. Donated materials can be dropped off at the parish office.

**....AND DON'T FORGET  
THE KIDS CLOSETS, CLOTHES &  
STUFFED ANIMALS NEEDED TOO !**

We need your gently used and loved stuffed animals and small toys for the Kid Zone prize booth! Once again we will be setting up a Kids Clothes Corner selling gently used children's clothing. So please drop off clean children's clothing to the parish office clearly marked for the Kids Clothes Corner.



**BE A FESTIVAL SPONSOR**

Many generous individuals and businesses have sponsored the Festival in the past. Your sponsorship will be acknowledged with a sign that recognizes your generosity and will be displayed during the Festival. Call the Parish Office for details.

**FALL FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS,  
T-SHIRTS, & FOOD AND GAME TICKETS  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST TICKETS  
AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE**

Need additional Raffle tickets? How about a Festival T-shirt or some Food and Game tickets for the Festival? All are available in the Parish Office. Stop in and get ready for the Festival.

**FALL FESTIVAL  
GREAT BALLS OF FIRE CHILI COOK-OFF  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th**

Time to cook up your best batch of Chili and enter the *Great Balls of Fire Chili Cook-off!*

Top voted chili gets a prize and bragging rights! To enter please send your contact info to [olgchilicookoff@olgcv.org](mailto:olgchilicookoff@olgcv.org) by Tuesday, **September 20th**. All entries please bring your chili in a one gallon crock pot and an extension cord. Judging will be from Noon to 4:00pm---Chili dinner to follow with all the fixings. \$8 for adults \$5 children 10 & under.



**CYO FALL SPORTS  
REGISTRATION  
NOW ON LINE**



Registration is now available on line for *CYO Boys Basketball and Girls Volleyball* at [www.olgcv.org](http://www.olgcv.org) follow the link for CYO. Registration for Boys Basketball and for Girls Volleyball will end **September 16th**. 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 [olgyoregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:olgyoregistrar@gmail.com)



**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

**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. Last day to register is **September 19th!**

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY BEGINS**

Bible Study meets at the Parish Office every Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 starting **September 13th**. This year we will be reading the Gospel of Mark. Reading the Bible is an important part of our faith and it is easy to get started. Join the group! You just need to bring a Bible to read. No testing and thoughtful discussions. You can't beat that for a more interesting Tuesday morning than you usually have.

**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 21st:**

Sunday Plate:	\$ 7,124.00
Last Year this week	\$ 8,842.00
<b>Weekly Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 8,920.00</b>
Year-to-date this year:	\$282,475.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$273,854.00

*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:

- |                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Kathleen Andrews   | Pat Geiger       |
| 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    | 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:*

- 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.*

**RAY MONTALBAN**

**ICF INVITATION**

Come join the ICF as we kick off our fall dinners with Chicken Marsala on Thursday, **September 8th**. We will follow dinner with our regular meeting and a report from our convention in Fresno.

Doors open at 6:00pm., dinner will be served at 6:30. Reservations are required, deadline is Monday, September 5th. Please contact either Stella Taddei at 510-581-5863 or Juanita Madrid at 510-582-7242. *Buon Appetito!*



**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 30th** and the topic is: *The Sacrament of Baptism*.

**MEETING ON PROP. 62**

In November, Californians have the opportunity to vote for Proposition 62, which will end capital punishment in California and replace it with life imprisonment. Catholics can play a vital part in supporting this measure, which has the endorsement of the California Catholic Conference of Bishops. On Wednesday, **August 31st**, at 7:00 p.m., in the OLG Conference Room in Stack Center, Cristina Hernandez, the coordinator for the Office of Life and Justice for our diocese, will be speaking with our Pax Christi/Social Justice group and all other interested parishioners on ways we can be advocates for this important issue. Please join us!

**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.

**THIS WEEK**

*Sunday, August 28th:*

*Coffee & Donuts After 9:00am Mass only  
Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Presentation  
Following all Masses in Stack Center*

*Tuesday, August 30th:*

RCIA Inquiry---*The Sacrament of Baptism*  
7:00pm--Stack Center Conference Room

*Thursday, September 1st:*

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting  
7:00pm--Parish Office  
Serenity Group  
7:30pm--Stack Center

*Sunday, September 4th:*

**NEW MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS**  
*Coffee & Donuts After 9:00am Mass only*  
Children's Liturgy  
9:30am--Mass

**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.*

**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

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

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

**MONDAY, August 29th**

*The Passion of St. John the Baptist*  
8:30am Mary Tavanas (D)

**TUESDAY, August 30th**

7:00am Neal & Carla Lucett (L)

**WEDNESDAY, August 31st**

7:00am Marvin Picha (D)

**THURSDAY, September 1st**

7:00am Rudy & Augie Enriquez (D)

**FRIDAY, September 2nd**

7:00am Louis Rodrigues (D)

**SATURDAY, September 3rd**

*St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Dr. of the Church*  
8:30am Lynn Slater (D)

**SUNDAY, September 4th**

9:00am Maura Vanderpoorten (D)  
2:00pm Angela Martinez (D)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**August 29th through September 4th**

Monday: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Mark 6:17-29  
 Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 2:10b-16; Luke 4:31-37  
 Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Luke 4:38-44  
 Thursday: 1 Corinthians 3:18-23;  
 Luke 5:1-11  
 Friday: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Luke 5:33-39  
 Saturday: 1 Corinthians 4:6b-15; Luke 6:1-5  
 Sunday: Wisdom 9:13-18b;  
 Philemon 9-10, 12-17;  
 Luke 14:25-33



©Religious Graphics, Ltd.



**FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND**

*In Memory of* The flowers on the altar this weekend are in honor of Johan E. Falla. We are grateful for the donation from Lucia, Steve and Frankie 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 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.



**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.



**EXECUTION ALERTS**

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

August 23rd	Robert Pruett	TX
August 24th	Jeffrey Wood	TX
August 31st	Roland Ruiz	TX

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

**THANK THEM WITH YOUR SUPPORT**

Please support our advertisers who make our weekly bulletin possible and so generously support our parish. We are grateful to them !

This week we extend our gratitude to:

**CERTIFIED FAMILY LAW SPECIALIST  
BERNIE KEMPEN**