



Changing Mass Times in September

Saturday at 8:30am and 5:00pm (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday at 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm (Spanish)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 7:00am Wednesday at 8:15am with the School

I announced to the community last month a desire to change Mass times. I met with staff, Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), and consulted with various people in ministry. The people consulted sought to accommodate my request. However, many first heard about a change at Mass without consultation. I apologize and you deserve a better explanation and motivation for a change.

I introduced prayers for the Year of Mercy and encouraged people to come early to pray the Rosary adding to our Sunday schedule. In praying about our worship a few things came to my mind. I always felt rushed as a presider at the 7:30am Mass. I also encourage Baptism during our Sunday Masses which can lengthen the Liturgy. I want to make sure there is time to celebrate sacraments and make time to promote devotion to Our Lady.

Weekly participation at Mass is crucial to nurture our faith, since it is the source and summit of our prayer life. I notice that it seemed difficult for families with children to get to Mass on time. My hope was that moving times would help attendance of families with children at Mass. I expanded our Spanish Mass to weekly and the Spanish Mass will be moved to 1:30pm to flow better with the conclusion of Faith Formation Classes.

A final consideration was to make Mass more accessible in Castro Valley. One year ago, Catholic Mass in Castro Valley was only offered during four time slots. In September there will be seven options. The hope and the goal of the change was to grow families attending church. I will work with the PPC and the Communication Committee to evaluate the effect of the change before the end of the year.

Some people, after hearing of a Mass change, have been supportive and positive and others have shared reservations. A few shared that the change may preclude them from participation and that saddens me. My hope is we can address any issues together and work together to renew our Church. I know that only God is all knowing and I invite us to search out our mission and how we may work together.

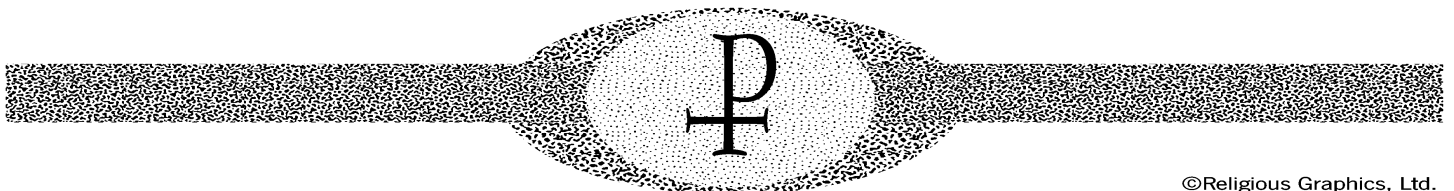
Peace and Good, Fr. Tom

Parish Picnic

In case you haven't heard we are having a Parish Picnic next Sunday at Lake Chabot! I hope you have made plans to join us. We will begin with Mass at 10:00am followed by games, and lunch. The Men of Faith will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs! Let us know if you are coming by calling the office or sign up online at our website. The regular Sunday mass schedule will take place the 10:00am mass at the park is an additional mass.

Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services

This ministry of the Diocese of Oakland, is conducting a short survey that is being distributed after all masses this weekend. This survey will allow them to assess the end-of-life needs of our Parish community. Your help and participation is deeply appreciated. Please complete survey at your earliest convenience and return. Thank you for your participation.





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, 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!

Please note the mass schedule next weekend will be our usual weekend schedule there will be an additional mass at 10:00am at Lake Chabot.



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

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.



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.

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!**

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.



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.

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 dates: August 14th and 28th.*



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.

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 31st:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 8,296.00
Last Year this week	\$10,293.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$259,045.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$250,359.00

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 | 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 |
| 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.

- STUART BATY
GERALD BONORA**

**GOSPEL FOR 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(AUGUST 14TH) LUKE 12:49-53**

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

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)



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 7th:

Coffee & Donuts After 9:00am Mass

Children's Liturgy

9:00am--Mass

Tuesday, August 9th:

RCIA Inquiry---*Prayer*

7:00pm--Stack Center Conference Room

Thursday, August 11th:

Serenity Group

7:30pm--Stack Center

Sunday, August 14th:

Coffee & Donuts After 9:00am Mass only

Children's Liturgy

9:00am--Mass

Parish Picnic

10:00am--Lake Chabot, Cove Picnic area



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 9th** and the topic is: *Prayer*.

ST. PATRICK'S SEMINARY & UNIVERSITY

Parishioners are invited to support St. Patrick's Seminary & University by attending the 2016 Gala on Saturday, September 10th or by purchasing a raffle ticket for a chance to win a 2016 Lexus or \$25,000. This automobile is made possible in conjunction with Putnam Lexus of Redwood City. All proceeds go directly to St. Patrick's Seminary & University towards the ongoing formation of your future priests. Please make your check payable to St. Patrick's Seminary & University. A limited number of tickets will be sold.

If you are interested in attending the gala, or buying raffle tickets please call Leelamma Secastian at 650-289-3320 or go online at stpsu.edu

Mass Intentions for the Week



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

MONDAY, August 8th

Holy Father Dominic, OFM, Priest, Founder Of the order of Preachers

8:30am Joe & Marie Silveria (D)

TUESDAY, August 9th

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin, Martyr

7:00am Manuel & Dorothy Callier (D)

WEDNESDAY, August 10th

St. Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr

7:00am Neal & Carla Lucett (L)

THURSDAY, August 11th

St. Clare, OFM, Virgin, II Order

7:00am Richard Benson (D)

FRIDAY, August 12th

St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

7:00am Dennis Cande (D)

SATURDAY, August 13th

St.'s Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

8:30am Maura Vanderpoorten (D)

SUNDAY, August 14th

9:00am Denise & Claire Burnett (D)



**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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

August 8th through August 14th

Monday: Ezekiel 1:2-5,24-28; Matthew 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ezekiel 2:8—3:4;
Matthew 18:1-5,10,12-14

Wednesday: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26

Thursday: Ezekiel 12:1-12; Matthew 18:21—19:1

Friday: Ezekiel 16:1-15,60,63;
Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday: Ezekiel 18:1-10,13,30-32;
Matthew 19:13-15

Sunday: Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4;
Luke 12:49-53

Ask
in the name of
JESUS

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FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

The flowers on the altar this week-end are in thanks to Robert and Linda Holter in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. 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 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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