



Alpha Course for Youth

Information and Orientation on Sunday, September 11 at 6PM
 The Alpha youth Course begins Sunday, October 2, 2016 at 6PM

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am inspired by the way that Pope Francis has captured the attention of the world with his provocative and prophetic witness to Christ. He is challenging to all people but he is especially challenging to us who already believe in Jesus. He wrote at the very beginning of his pontificate in *The Joy of the Gospel*: “I invite all Christians everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ.” For many years now, throughout the world, God has used the Alpha Course to help millions of people, both those young in faith and those mature in faith, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ.

- Every Catholic needs to experience and constantly renew a deep personal encounter with Jesus Christ. We gather weekly to *renew ourselves* in our relation with Jesus through Communion however we need reflect on our faith and relationship with Jesus since it is an everlasting dynamic encounter.
- Every Catholic needs to understand how vital it is to share the best thing that ever happened to us with those to whom God is sending us, and to be equipped to do so sensitively. *We have a Mission to share the Joy.*
- We cannot do this on our own. We must do this *together*. Catholic means universal and together we live and share our faith.

The Alpha Course is the best way I know to accomplish these three things. And this is not just my personal opinion. As you have seen over the summer in the bulletin, it is the experience of many of the most trusted and influential leaders in the Catholic Church.

As we get closer to the October Alpha Youth launch you will continue to hear more about Alpha. There will be updates through out the Fall as we experience Alpha with the Youth and prepare for Adult Alpha beginning in Advent. I ask that we at Our Lady of Grace do 3 things:

Pray Spend time in quiet prayer asking God to prepare us to receive people and to be able to share our faith. I have begun a *Holy Hour* on Thursday Nights from 7Pm to 8PM.

Invite Please pray that the Lord will direct us on who to encounter to invite. Our High School Youth for the Youth Series Beginning in October and for the Adult Series Beginning in Advent. Post cards will be available to share and invite others.

Participate Consider volunteering to help us execute the event. We need people for many tasks, food preparation, Hospitality, discussion. Ask your High School Children to Attend even if only a few meetings. Adults consider participating in Advent. This is for everyone and not just people who are new to the faith. Just call the office and Fr. Paul or myself will call you back.

Peace,

Fr. Tom

GOSPEL FOR 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (SEPTEMBER 11TH)

LUKE 15:1-10

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So to them he addressed this parable. “What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and, upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.’ I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance. “Or what woman having ten coins and losing one would not light a lamp and sweep the house, searching carefully until she finds it? And when she does find it, she calls together her friends and neighbors and says to them, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found the coin that I lost.’ In just the same way, I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

**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 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
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 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

LABOR DAY

Monday, **September 5th** is a federal holiday. There will be one mass only, at 8:30am in the Church. The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday and will reopen at 9:00am on Tuesday, September 6th. Have a safe Labor Day weekend.

**REFUGEE ADOPTION PROGRAM
DONATIONS TO OUR REFUGEE FAMILY
REFUGEE FAMILY ARRIVING SOON!**

The refugee family that our parish has committed to adopt is arriving this coming Friday, September 9th. The family consists of a mother with 4 children under the age of six from the Democratic Republic of Congo. They had to flee the Congo and have been living in a refugee camp in Uganda. We are still trying to find them a place to live in the East Bay, so if you have any suggestions, please let us know. Most of all, we need cash donations to cover their cost of their first three months of rent and other needs. 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.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT UPDATES

Additional Safe Environment classes offered for on-site training.

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.

Training dates (register online for on-site training or call the Faith Formation Center to RSVP – 510-582-9266)

Saturday, September 10th: 6:30 pm (English) in Stack Center

Sunday, September 11th: 11:00am (English) in Stack Center, Spanish in Augustine A2.

Wednesday, September 14th: 6:30pm (English and Spanish) in Stack Center

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 28th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 7,974.00
Last Year this week	\$ 9,411.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$290,449.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$283,265.00

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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| 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.

DONNA BABEL

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!*

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 9:30am 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 date: September 11th.*



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 **September 6th** and the topic is: *Catholic Practices.*

**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

THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 4th:

NEW MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS

Coffee & Donuts After 9:30am Mass only

Children's Liturgy
9:30am--Mass

Monday, September 5th:

Labor Day
Parish Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 6th:

Baptismal Class
7:00pm--Parish Office

Festival Planning Meeting
7:00pm--Stack Center

Men of Faith Meeting
7:00pm--Parish Office

RCIA Inquiry:
7:00pm--Stack Center Conference Room

Thursday, September 8th:

ICF Dinner & Meeting
6:00pm--Stack Center

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm--Church

Serenity Group
8:00pm--Stack Center

Saturday, September 10th:

Safe Environment Training
6:30pm--Stack Center

Sunday, September 11th:

Coffee & Donuts After 9:30am Mass only

Children's Liturgy
9:30am--Mass

Parish Registration
10:00am--Stack Center

ALPHA Group Orientation
6:00pm--Stack Center



Mass Intentions for the Week

Please note:

All masses will be celebrated in the Church.

MONDAY, Sunday 5th

7:00am Debi Telles (D)

TUESDAY, September 6th

7:00am Burt Richards (D)

WEDNESDAY, September 7th

8:15am Helen Maes (D)

THURSDAY, September 8th

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:00am Richard Benson (D)

FRIDAY, September 9th

St. Peter Claver, Priest

7:00am Antonio Gonsalves (D)

SATURDAY, September 10th

8:30am Maria Grace Ferreira (D)

SUNDAY, September 11th

7:30am Danny Sill (L)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

September 5th through September 11th

- Monday: 1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11
- Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Luke 6:12-19
- Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26
- Thursday: 1 Micah 5:1-4a; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23
- Friday: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22B-27; Luke 6:39-42
- Saturday: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Luke 6:43-19
- Sunday: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32



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FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND



In Memory of 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration continues for the Religious Education program, grades K - 8. Classes begin **October 2nd**. 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.



ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE

The rosary will be recited for World Peace after the 7:00 am Mass each Monday in the Church. Please join us.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT NEW SCHEDULE



Beginning this month we will have more opportunities for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday at 7:00pm and the First Saturday of the month following the 8:30am Mass.

EXECUTION ALERTS

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

September 14th Robert Jennings TX

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

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This week we extend our gratitude to:

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