

**ANOTHER TERRIFIC FESTIVAL EFFORT**

Once again a big thank you to Elena Millard-Zavala and her Team for their extraordinary effort and commitment to all things Festival these past few months!!

We also need to send out a big word of thanks and appreciation to the "Operations Crew" headed up by Dave Swanson for not only the set-up but the dirty and hard work of taking down the Festival in 90 degree heat no less. Many of the volunteers here taking down and cleaning up were here the entire weekend as well.

Elena did an amazing job as Chairperson for the first time and hopefully not her last. We are grateful to all those she solicited to help her achieve her vision of OLG Shakes, Rattles and Rolls back to the 50's. This included a Chili Cook-Off and Chili Dinner hosted by the Knights of Columbus. A particular word of thanks to the Asian Food Booth chefs as well as the Meltz Diner Grilled Cheese chefs who endured record heat in front of hot grills to provide great food to our community and guests.

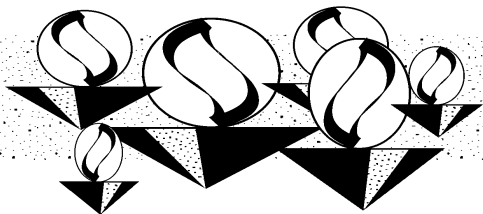
This year we welcomed several new games, Lotteria from the Our Lady Guadalupe community and Potato Throw from the Italian Catholic Federation., and with Elenas vision we added an arcade booth.

It is difficult to not continue to mention by name all those who contribute so overwhelmingly to the many areas – the entertainment was amazing, the accounting booth spends the entire weekend behind the scenes counting and supporting the booths, security keeps us all safe—know that all those who worked hard to make our Festival a wonderful event your efforts were much appreciated by the entire community of Our Lady of Grace. There are a number of you who gave untiringly of your time and effort and we are well aware of who you are.

Many have already asked if the festival was 'successful,' a question that typically has to do with inquiring about how much money we raised. All one really need do was to attend and to watch the children--there's a real indicator of how things went ! All the kids were having a great time. And in all honestly the adults seemed to be having just as good a time. There was a great sense of community and family that seemed to pervade all the fun taking place.

And so to all of you who did so much, to those who came and participated in the weekend activities, to those who generously spent money, to the entertainers, to the behind-the-scenes folk and to our sponsors and donors and to our gracious God *we give thanks*. You are truly magnificent in your commitment to our parish and we are so very grateful to all of you!

Please see page three of this bulletin for a list of our Financial donors to Festival 2016.



*Stir into flame the gift of faith  
you have received*

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**GOSPEL FOR 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (OCTOBER 9TH)****LUKE 17:11-19**

As Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem, he traveled through Samaria and Galilee. As he was entering a village, ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance from him and raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" And when he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

**HIGH SCHOOL TEENS  
GOT QUESTIONS?  
ALPH BEGINS TODAY !**

Come Sunday Evenings, share a **Meal**, watch an exciting **Video** exploring the above questions, join small groups to **discuss** the videos and faith in God, and have **fun** and meet new **Friends!!!**

Jesus says; "Whoever holds to my commandments and keeps them is the one who loves me; and whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and REVEAL MYSELF TO HIM" (Jn 14:21). As we learn our faith, we begin by learning the COMMANDMENTS, but too often we fail to learn that Faith in God is much more than following commandments and rules. Our religion is ideally A RESPONSE TO AN ECOUNTER WITH GOD. This is the hope and prayer of our parish for all those who attend Alpha this year; to have an experience of God that helps us to follow God and practice our Faith, not out of duty, but because of LOVE and in JOY!

Join Fr. Tom, Fr. Paul, Robyn, Deacon Nels and others leading our Alpha program on Oct 2 (Our First Session), and then every Sunday Night beginning Oct 16, at 6-8PM in Stack Center. Invite your friends! All are welcome! (Note we skip Oct 9, because of the Youth Rally on Oct 8<sup>th</sup>.)

**The Lord IS CALLING You!!??  
MEN'S FAITH SHARING**

All men of the parish are invited to join Our Men's Faith Share and Bible Study every TUESDAY evening from 7 – 8:15PM in the Parish office. Each week Fr. Paul leads a discussion on the meaning and application to our lives for the upcoming Sunday Mass readings. COME & YOU WILL SEE! (Jn 1:39).

**RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS**

The Festival Raffle is another great tradition and we are happy to announce the winners. Our Grand Prize Winner is a long time parishioner, C. Reynaud, 2nd Prize Winner, Jennifer Callier, and 3rd Prize went to Lidda in San Jose. Congratulations to them and to our 3 Scrip Winners!

**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: October 9th*

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Prayer shawls are universal and embracing, they comfort and enfold, wrap and warm, shelter and embrace. Those who knit or crochet or receive a shawl are blessed.

If you know of someone in need and would like to give them this gift of prayer, you are welcome to pick one up at the parish office or contact Ruth Picha at 510-538-9063.

**BUNDLE SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 1st & 2nd**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul trailer will be in the church parking lot on Saturday & Sunday, **October 1st & 2nd** after all the masses to accept your donations. Please help us to help families in need by bringing your gently used household goods, clothing or eWaste. We will take furniture, blankets, clothing, lamps, cookware, home decorating items, sleeping bags, sporting goods, toys and other usable goods.

Bags will be at the exits of the church the previous weekend.

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY BEGINS**

Bible Study meets at the Parish Office every Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 10:30. 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. See you this Tuesday!



**COME JOIN US**

All are invited after the **9:30am** Sunday Mass to Gather in Stack Center For coffee and donuts. This is a great opportunity to visit and meet new friends.

**OUR LADY OF GRACE FESTIVAL 2015  
A WORD OF THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS**

A special word of thanks to all those many generous Sponsors who contributed financially to our Festival this year. This money enable us to do the many things that are a necessary part (and expense) of the Festival and provides operating capital to fund things prior to the weekend. Many of these sponsors have been longtime and faithful contributors to Our Lady of Grace and we are most grateful to them. In turn we especially encourage your consideration and support of our business sponsors who are so generous in supporting us! Next weeks bulletin will list of our Friends and Donors!

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**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 September 25th:**

Sunday Plate:	\$ 6,928.00
Last Year this week	\$ 7,255.00
<b>Weekly Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 8,920.00</b>
Year-to-date this year:	\$323,574.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$313,691.00

*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    |
| Paris Dahle        | Gerard Lek       |
| Kathleen Denning   | Alice McLaughlin |
| Julie Dillon       | Richard Martin   |
| Carol Dimaio       | Mike Roth        |
| Estela Enriquez    | Pat Silva        |
| Mary Franks        | Florence Sharp   |
| Bridgett Foscalina | Iwan Tunggal     |
| Leo Giacomini      | James Van Wert   |
| Nicholas Guinea    |                  |

*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**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
HELP US HELP OTHERS**

Do you know of anyone within our parish boundaries that could use help? Many around us are on fixed incomes and find it difficult to make it through the end of the month. For a number of our clients, we bring them food 1/month to help supplement their food budget. At times when unexpected expenses have arisen (car, medical, etc.) we are also able to help with a portion of the rent or utilities. Names are always kept confidential. The St. Vincent de Paul message machine number is 510-581-2164 and messages are checked daily

**WINGS  
WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT**

*WINGS* is a faith enhancement group that encourages Spiritual growth through prayer, scripture study, catechesis, life sharing and community.

We meet at Transfiguration Church, Marion Room

Next Meeting: **October 6th,**  
9:15 to 11:15 am

Speaker: Sister Joann Heinritz

Topic: Leading Ladies of the Scriptures

Models for our spiritual growth

We invite all women to join us!



**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 **October 4th.**

**ICF NEWS**

Calling all Polenta lovers, it's that time of the year again. The Polenta dinner with chicken and sausage will be Thursday, October 13th. Doors open at 5:45, dinner at 6:30. Reservations are a must for this sure to be sold out dinner. Please contact either Stella Taddei at 510-581-5863 or Juanita Madrid at 510-582-7242. Deadline is October 9th. Enjoy!

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, October 2nd:**

*Coffee & Donuts After 9:30am Mass only*

Children's Liturgy

9:30am--Mass

Religious Education Classes

11:00am--Stack Center - English

11:30am--Stack Center - Bilingual

Youth Alpha Meeting

6:00pm--Stack Center

**Tuesday, October 4th:**

Bible Study:

9:30am--Parish Office

Religious Education Classes:

3:45pm--Stack Center

Baptismal Class:

7:00pm--Parish Office

Men's Bible Study:

7:00pm--Parish Office

RCIA Inquiry:

7:00pm--Stack Center Conference Room

**Thursday, October 6th:**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00pm--Church

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

7:00pm--Parish Office

Serenity Group

8:00pm--Stack Center

**Sunday, October 9th:**

*Coffee & Donuts After 9:30am Mass only*

Children's Liturgy

9:30am--Mass

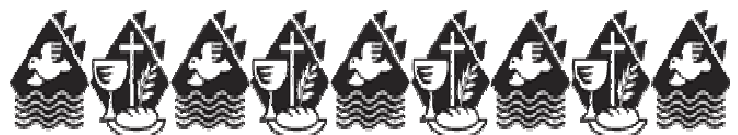
Parish Registration

10:00am--Stack Center

Religious Education Classes

11:00am--Stack Center - English

11:30am--Stack Center - Bilingual



*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Please note:**

All masses will be celebrated in the Church.

**MONDAY, October 3rd**

7:00am Carlo P. Barroso (L)

**TUESDAY, October 4th**

*St. Francis of Assisi*

7:00am Conrado Antonio (D)

**WEDNESDAY, October 5th**

*Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest*

8:15am Elisa Gonsalves (D)

**THURSDAY, October 6th**

*St. Bruno, Priest*

*Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin*

7:00am Richard Benson (D)

**FRIDAY, October 7th**

*Our Lady of the Rosary*

7:00am Louis Rodrigues (D)

**SATURDAY, October 8th**

8:30am Lee, Nick, Yaka & Frank Music (D)


**SUNDAY, October 9th**

11:30am Dorothy & Manuel Callier (D)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**  
**October 3rd through October 9th**

Monday: Galatians 1:6-12; Luke 10:25-37  
 Tuesday: Galatians 1:13-24; Luke 10:38-42  
 Wednesday: Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14; Luke 11:1-4  
 Thursday: Galatians 3:1-5; Luke 11:5-13  
 Friday: Galatians 3:7-14; Luke 11:15-26  
 Saturday: Galatians 3:22-29; Luke 11:27-28  
 Sunday: 2 Kings 5:14-17;  
 2 Timothy 2:8-13;  
 Luke 17:11-19

**PRAY ALWAYS**



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**FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND**

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 7:00 am Mass each Monday in the Church. Please join us.



**EXECUTION ALERTS**

The following executions are scheduled to take place in **October & November** :

October 5th	Barney Fuller	TX
October 19th	Terry Edwards	TX
November 2nd	Ramiro Gonzalez	TX
November 3rd	Tommy Arthur	AL

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

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