

Embracing our Faith and our Future

From the Pastor

We have begun our faith formation for the year. Your Franciscan priests believe in the power of the Sacraments to transform each person and incorporate us into the Body of Christ. The Sacraments are encounters with our Triune God and are celebrated in the community of the faithful. At Our Lady of Grace we celebrate the Sacraments of initiation with the community during our Sunday liturgies. It is during the Mass, especially when the community is gathered on the day of the resurrection, that we as a community of believers unite in the love of God in Jesus Christ. During Mass we are empowered to be the Body of Christ in our world today.

Fr. Paul and myself will be involved with all children preparing for Sacraments. Your Franciscans are presenting and participating in the *Alpha Youth Series* for those preparing for Confirmation and will be part of the six family gatherings for those preparing for first communion. On October 2, 2016 Fr. Paul and myself began the Alpha Program for our Confirmation youth. Last weekend Fr. Paul, Br. Chris, and myself participated in the Youth Rally with almost 1000 youth. Next weekend I will be with our Families preparing for First Communion. While Our Lady of Grace had the highest involvement of clergy at the Youth Rally we had one of the lowest involvement of youth.

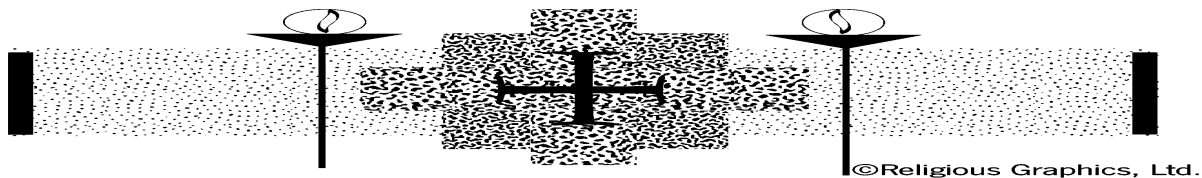
On December 1 we will begin **Alpha** for our Parish. All are welcome so invite your neighbors and friends to join us on Thursdays at 6pm. I invite you to participate as many nights as possible. May we seek to renew the fire of our faith.

I encourage you to join us on the **Parish Retreat February 24-26**. Space is limited so please make your reservation early. The suggested donation for the weekend will be approximately \$200.00.

Peace,
Fr. Tom

Pilgrimage to the Cathedral to enter the Mercy Door

On Saturday, **November 5** we will make a pilgrimage to our Cathedral to enter the Mercy Door. Our youth will be traveling on Bart leaving at 10am. We will meet for lunch, enter the Mercy Door, have Mass, and a tour. Please contact the office if you would like to join us.



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GOSPEL FOR 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (OCTOBER 23RD)

LUKE 18:9-14

Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. "Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity -- greedy, dishonest, adulterous -- or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.' But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

**HIGH SCHOOL TEENS
GOT QUESTIONS?
ALPHA -October 16th !**

Come Sunday Evenings, share a **Meal**, watch an exciting **Video**, 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 ENCOUNTER 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 every Sunday Night; MEETING NEXT ON OCTOBER 16, at 6-8PM in Stack Center. Invite your friends! All are welcome!

HOW DOES YOUR FAITH GROW?

Adult Confirmation Group forming now!

If you have been baptized and received First Communion, but would like to complete your initiation with the Sacrament of Confirmation, please join us for one of our information gatherings.

Our Lady of Grace (Stack Center)
Sunday, **October 16th** at 1:00pm
Wednesday, **October 19th** at 7:00pm
Robyn Lang
510-582-9266, ffc@olgc.org

CATHOLIC VOICE ANNUAL APPEAL

This month is our annual appeal for The Catholic Voice. Your donation helps our Parish offset its payment for this important communication ministry. The Voice is the only regular source of Catholic news and information delivered to all parishioners in the Diocese. *Please be generous in your support our Parish pays \$707.00 each month for this subscription.*

Checks should be made payable to Our Lady of Grace. Envelopes are in the pews.

**ATTENTION PARENTS
AND GRANDPARENTS**

Dr. Doreen Jones will be speaking on Teaching *Faith at An Appropriate Age Level* for parents of children in grades 4-6 on Monday, **October 17th** at 7:00pm in Stack Center. All parents and grandparents are welcome to attend this informative Parent Information Night.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE**

The Knights of Columbus will be here next weekend to conduct a Tootsie Roll Drive for people with Intellectual Disabilities. The Knights offer Tootsie Rolls free or in exchange for donations. The donations collected by Council 3518 provide Christmas gifts to people with Intellectual Disabilities in the SPRED program. These individuals receive disability checks that are just enough to pay for their Board and Care in local facilities; so our gifts of religious pictures, clothing and hygiene supplies enhance their faith, their lives and their Christmas. Please find it in your hearts the weekend of **October 22nd -23rd** to donate when you see the Knights at the doors of the church. Thank you in advance.

**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).



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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.

**HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE
Are you feeling crafty?**

Our 2nd Annual Holiday Boutique will be Sunday **November 13th**. We need folks to showcase and sell their handmade crafts. Know someone who would like to be apart of this wonderful event? Have them contact Robyn Lang 582-9266 or ffc@olgcv.org

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

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!

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY &
CATHOLIC HOME MISSION APPEAL**

An envelope for this special collection is in the pews for the collection on **October 23rd**. Please note that 45.5% of the funds raised will go to the National Office for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, 4.5% to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, and 50% to the office of National Collections, Catholic Home Mission Appeal. Thank you for your response to this appeal.



SCOUTS WREATH SALES

Boy Scout Troop 876 will be taking orders for Christmas wreaths the week-end of **October 30th** after masses. Place your order for delivery the first week in December. Enjoy the smell of fresh greenery this holiday season while helping the scouts earn money to support their troop in their only fundraiser of the year.

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 October 9th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 9,030.00
Last Year this week	\$ 8,029.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$341,304.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$331,968.00

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 | Nicholas Guinea |
| Rolando Barrios | Pat Geiger |
| James Barthman | Byron Griffith |
| Peggy Burton | Sheila Janes |
| Leonardo Cabardo | Elaine Jordan |
| Paris Dahle | Gerard Lek |
| Kathleen Denning | Richard Martin |
| Julie Dillon | Mike Roth |
| Carol Dimaio | Pat Silva |
| Estela Enriquez | Florence Sharp |
| Mary Franks | Iwan Tunggal |
| Bridgett Foscalina | James Van Wert |
| Leo Giacomini | |

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.

VICTIMS OF HURRICANE MATTHEW



RCIA INQUIRY

RCIA Inquiry Group meets **Tuesdays** at 7:00pm in Our Lady of Grace Room in Stack Center. You may join at any-time. This group is offered for those exploring membership in the Catholic Church. The next meeting will be **October 18th**.

**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 20th**,
9:15 to 11:15 am
Speaker: Angie Burke
Topic: "Discuss Hagar as a Model of Spiritual Growth"

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 23rd*



**ADORATION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT
NEW SCHEDULE**

Join us every Thursday for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00pm and the First Saturday of the month following the 8:30am Mass in the church.

ROSARY BEFORE MASS

Come join in prayer of the rosary 30 minutes before each of the weekend liturgies. Pray for our parish and our youth as they journey with the Alpha Youth program. All are welcome!

THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 16th:

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 Meal, Video and Discussion
6:00pm--Stack Center

Monday, October 17th:

Parent Information Night
7:00pm--Dr. Doreen Jones

Tuesday, October 18th:

Bible Study:
9:30am--Parish Office

Religious Education Classes:
3:45pm--Stack Center

Men's Bible Study:
7:00pm--Parish Office

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

Wednesday, October 19th:

Strobridge Dinner
5:30pm--Strobridge Apartments

Thursday, October 20th:

Adoration
7:00pm--Church

St. Vincent de Paul
7:00pm--Parish Office

Serenity Group
8:00pm--Stack Center

Sunday, October 23rd:

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

Youth Alpha Meal, Video and Discussion
6:00pm--Stack Center

Mass Intentions for the Week

Please note:

All masses will be celebrated in the Church.

MONDAY, October 17th

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr
7:00am Debi Telles (D)

TUESDAY, October 18th

St. Luke, Evangelist
7:00am Manuel & Dorothy Callier (D)

WEDNESDAY, October 19th

St. John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jorgues, Priests & Companions, Martyrs
8:15am Maria & Jose Pangelinan (D)

THURSDAY, October 20th

St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
7:00am Joe & Marie Silveria (D)

FRIDAY, October 21st

7:00am Maura Vanderpoorten (D)

SATURDAY, October 22nd

St. John Paul II, Pope
8:30am John Gonsalves (D)

SUNDAY, October 23rd

11:30am Rose Nicasio (D)
1:30am Olivia Herrera

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

October 17th through October 23rd

Monday: Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21
Tuesday: 2 Timothy 4:10-17B; Luke 10:1-9
Wednesday: Ephesians 3:2-12; Luke 12:39-48
Thursday: Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 12:49-53
Friday: Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59
Saturday: Ephesians 4:7-16; Luke 13:1-9
Sunday: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18;
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18;
Luke 18:9-14



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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.



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 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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