



### 100 years of the Mission Immaculata (M.I.)

I have just returned from a meeting about the Mission of the Immaculata. In honor of the this 100th Anniversary in 1917 I have planned a pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes in October. There are brochures in the office. May we renew ourselves in the Mission to bring Christ to the world.

St. Maximilian wrote about our spiritual participation in Mary's relationship with God: "To approach her, become like her, permit her to take possession of our heart and all our self, that she may live and act in us and through us, that she may love God with our heart... this is our ideal." (WK 1210).

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta echoed the same understanding: "Mary, Mother of Jesus, give me your heart, so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate, so full of love and humility, that I may be able to receive Jesus in the Bread of Life, and love Him as you loved Him and serve Him in the distressing disguise of the Poorest of the Poor." Mother Teresa spoke very intimately with Fr. James McCurry OFM Conv. about Mary's role in her life, when, on the 9th of December 1991, the two of them privately prayed together the whole text of the "Consecration to Mary" composed by St. Maximilian Kolbe. He enrolled Mother Teresa in the MI on that day.

When Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio was elected to the papacy in 2013, taking the name "Pope Francis," he introduced to the Universal Church a title of Mary that he had earlier discovered in Germany and brought to Argentina: "Mary the Untier of Knots." Like his sainted predecessor Pope John Paul II who lived the "Totus Tuus," (Totally Yours, the motto for his consecration of his pontificate to Mary) Pope Francis regards Mary as actively involved in human affairs, undoing knotty predicaments. No shrinking violet, she accompanies us through the hurly-burly of modern life, never mollycoddling us but always challenging us to be catalysts of hope. She "unties the knots" of sin and despair which bind us.

Fr. Jobe Abbass OFM Conv. has composed a Marian "Consecratory Prayer" for daily use during the MI Centenary Year which began **October 16**. *It is my earnest hope that each member of Our Lady of Grace parish recite the prayer of consecration so that we might live and work in deeper communion under Mary's mantle.*

*O Immaculate Virgin, Mary Our Mother,  
I consecrate myself and our community to You today  
so that You may make use of us especially for the spiritual good of our brothers and sisters.  
(As we celebrate the centenary of the M.I.),  
We ask you, O Queen of the Franciscan Order and Mother of the Church,  
to cooperate fully in Your mission for the coming of the Kingdom of Jesus in the world.  
We offer to you, O Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
our prayers, actions and sacrifices of this day  
so that we know to give witness to the joy and hope of the Risen Lord  
in our daily gift of self to our brothers and those we serve.  
O Mary, conceived without sin,  
pray for us who have recourse to You,  
and for those who do not have recourse to You,  
especially for the enemies of the Church  
and for those who are recommended to You.*

*Peace,  
Fr. Tom*

**HIGH SCHOOL TEENS  
GOT QUESTIONS?  
ALPHA in October!**

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 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 every Sunday Night; MEETING NEXT TODAY, at 6-8PM in Stack Center. Invite your friends! All are welcome!

**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).



**FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP  
YES ON 62**

Two initiatives on the ballot address California's failed death penalty system. Prop 62 solves the problems and saves taxpayers \$150 million a year by replacing the death penalty with life in prison without parole. Prop 66 doubles down on the death penalty and spreads the cost and burdens to local courts and counties. The Bishops of Californian support Prop 62 and oppose Prop 66.

**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.**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE**

The Knights of Columbus will be here this 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 this weekend to donate when you see the Knights at the doors of the church. Thank you in advance.



**SCOUTS WREATH SALES**

Boy Scout Troop 876 will be taking orders for Christmas wreaths the weekend 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.



**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.



**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.

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

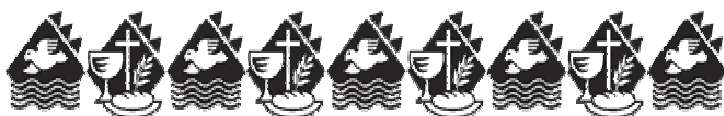
An envelope for this special collection is in the pews for the collection on **October 23rd**. Please note that 45.5% of the funds raised will go to the National Office for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, 4.5% to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, and 50% to the office of National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

**PETER'S PENCE ANNAUL APPEAL**

The annual Peter's Pence collection will be taken up the weekend of **October 30th**. This collection supports Pope Francis' charitable outreach to the suffering and marginalized around the world. "Participation in the Peter's Pence collection is particularly important in this Jubilee Year of Mercy," said Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi of Mobile, Alabama, chairman of the Committee on National Collections. "By supporting this collection we become witnesses to charity and help Pope Francis reach out in merciful love to those who are in need." Envelopes are in the pews for your use. Please be as generous as you are able.

**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!



**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 16th:**

Sunday Plate:	\$ 8,480.00
Last Year this week	\$ 6,662.00
<b>Weekly Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 8,920.00</b>
Year-to-date this year:	\$349,784.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$338,630.00

*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  |

*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.*

**LEO AND BARBARA GIACOMMINI  
FRANCIS HEINEMANN**



**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 25th**.



**WELCOME INTO THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

This past month we welcomed the following children into our Parish Community through the waters of Baptism: *Reagan and Addison Joe, Brendan Noble, and Bianca Tercero*. May our community embrace *Reagan, Addison, Brendan and Bianca* and may our word and example be a reflection of God's love for them. Let us offer our joy-filled prayers and congratulations as a sign of our support and welcome!

**FRANCISCAN FRIAR COME AND SEE INVITATION**

For Men 18-50  
**What is the life of a Friar like?  
 Come and See!**  
**November 25-27, 2016**

- Meet Friars, hear their story !
- Learn More About St. Francis and the Spirituality of Friars !
- Experience How The Live !

Stay with us & experience our life from Friday 4:00pm till Sunday 1:00pm at Holy Family Friary in Castro Valley. For more information or to register, call Fr. Pau at 510-671-0537. Or Email: CaliforniaVocation@gmail.com

**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

**THIS WEEK**

**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

**Monday, October 24th:**

- Women's Evening Bible Study  
7:00pm--Stack Center

**Tuesday, October 25th:**

- 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

**Thursday, October 27th:**

- Adoration  
7:00pm--Church
- Serenity Group  
8:00pm--Stack Center

**Sunday, October 23rd:**

- Coffee & Donuts After 9:30am Mass only*
- Knights of Columbus  
Tootsie Roll Drive*
- 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

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Please note:**

All masses will be celebrated in the Church.

**MONDAY, October 24th**

*St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop*  
7:00am Maura Vanderpoorten (D)

**TUESDAY, October 25th**

7:00am Neal & Carla Lucett (L)

**WEDNESDAY, October 26th**

*Blessed Bonaventure of Potenza, Conv. Fran.*  
8:15am Bill Moal (D)

**THURSDAY, October 27th**

7:00am Herbert Miller (D)

**FRIDAY, October 28th**

*ST.'S SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES*  
7:00am Ron Vilig (D)

**SATURDAY, October 29th**

8:30am JC Dalton (D)

**SUNDAY, October 30th**

11:30am Robert Patrick McElroy (D)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**October 24th through October 30th**

Monday: Ephesians 4:32-5:8; Luke 13:10-17  
 Tuesday: Ephesians 5:21-33; Luke 13:18-21  
 Wednesday: Ephesians 6:1-9; Luke 13:22-30  
 Thursday: Ephesians 6:10-20; Luke 13:31-35  
 Friday: Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16  
 Saturday: Philippians 1:18b-26; Luke 14:1, 7-11  
 Sunday: Wisdom 11:22-12:2;  
 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2  
 Luke 19:1-10



**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: **November 3rd,**

9:15 to 11:15 am

Speaker: Dr. Margaret Turek

Topic: "And Now I See"

**DEVOTIONAL CANDLES**



Candles for our candle stand are available for purchase in the Parish Office or in the Sacristy after mass on Sundays. The candles will burn for 5 days. The cost per candle is \$3.00. The glass globes in the candle stand must be left in the church. Simply insert the plastic candle purchased from the Parish in to the globe in the candle stand.

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This week we extend our gratitude to:

**GROWING YEARS PRE-SCHOOL**



**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.

**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.