



### Preparing for our election

This has been an ugly and contentious election year and no matter who is elected it will take time for the nation to heal and unite. As we prepare to cast our ballots may we pray.

*From the Pastor*

Pope Francis has said in reference to the U.S. election that we should 'study the proposals well, pray and choose with your conscience,' and this novena is designed to help Catholic Americans do that.

### Election Novena Prayers

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Day 1: St. Junipero Serra, Patron of California,** join us in praying for this election and these intentions: [State your intentions here.]

**Day 2: St. Frances Cabrini,** you who tirelessly built the Kingdom of God in America, join us in praying for this election and these intentions: [State your intentions here.]

**Day 3: St. Thomas More,** martyred for your uncompromising faith, join us in praying for this election and these intentions: [State your intentions here.]

**Day 4: St. Jose Sanchez del Rio,** martyred for your child-like, yet fearless faith in Christ the King, join us in praying for this election and these intentions: [State your intentions here.]

**Day 5: St. Kateri Tekakwitha,** who fled to Canada in order to freely practice your faith, join us in praying for this election and these intentions: [State your intentions here.]

**Day 6: St. Damien de Veuster of Molokai,** selfless servant of the lepers of Hawaii, join us in praying for this election and these intentions: [State your intentions here.]

**Day 7: St. John Neumann,** Founder of the diocesan Catholic school system in America, join us in praying for this election and these intentions: [State your intentions here.]

**Day 8: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,** first native born American to be declared a Saint, join us in praying for this election and these intentions: [State your intentions here.]

**Day 9: Our Lady of Guadalupe,** Patroness of the Americas, join us in praying for this election and these intentions: [State your intentions here.]

Daily Prayer

"Most Holy Trinity: Our Father in heaven, who chose Mary as the fairest of your daughters; Holy Spirit, who chose Mary as your spouse; God the son, who chose Mary as your mother, in union with Mary we adore your majesty and acknowledge your supreme, eternal dominion and authority.

"Most Holy Trinity, we put the United States of America into the hands of Mary Immaculate in order that she may present the country to you. Through her we wish to thank you for the great resources of this land and for the freedom which has been its heritage.

"Through the intercession of Mary, have mercy on the Catholic Church in America. Grant us peace. Have mercy on our president and on all the officers of our government. Grant us a fruitful economy, born of justice and charity. Have mercy on capital and industry and labor. Protect the family life of the nation. Guard the precious gift of many religious vocations. Through the intercession of our mother, have mercy on the sick, the tempted, sinners — on all who are in need." Prayer from the dedication of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in 1959

Amen.

### A Day at the Cathedral to enter the Holy Door for the Year of Mercy

Join Fr. Tom and our youth for a day at Christ the Light Cathedral on November 5 from noon until 3pm. We will have lunch at the Cathedral, enter the Holy Door, have a tour of our Cathedral and have a Mass in honor of Our Lady. You may join us at the Castro Valley Bart at 11am or drive and Meet us at the Cathedral at noon. We will return around 4:15pm to Castro Valley Bart. I need you to reserve if you are joining us. There is no cost for Adults. Please call the office to reserve. You can send a soul to heaven! Join us!

### Holy Spirit Parish Retreat

Come away and spend time with the Lord to be renewed. This is open to All Adults.

On February 24-26 we are having our first Parish Retreat at the Presentation Center in Los Gatos. I need people to sign up so I may reserve the facility. The cost will be \$225 for the weekend and we have financial assistance for those in need. Please call the office for information or to Sign up. This is in conjunction with participation with Alpha which is recommended but not necessary to be part of the Retreat.

### Fatima Pilgrimage, October 3 - 13, 2017

Join me to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the apparition with a pilgrimage to Fatima, Santiago de Compostela, Madrid, and Lourdes. The 11 day pilgrimage costs \$3499 for Air, hotel, meals, and tour. Contact the Office for More Information.

*Peace,*

*Fr. Tom*



**ALL SAINTS DAY  
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

*All Saints Day*, Tuesday, **November 1st** will be celebrated in the Church at 7:00am, 8:15am (School Liturgy) and 7:00pm.

*All Souls Day* will be celebrated with two masses on Wednesday, **November 2nd** at 7:00am and 7:00pm (Bilingual).

The envelopes both All Saints and All Souls will be placed on the altar for the month of November for those wishing to remember their loved ones.

Our *Book of Remembrance* also provides an opportunity to record names of deceased loved ones to be lifted up in our prayer during the month of November.

**ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE**

Our Parish will celebrate our annual Mass of Remembrance on Wednesday, November 16th at 7:00pm. This mass has proved to be a very memorable liturgy for us who recall, in a particular way, those who have died in the past twelve months--as well as those who have gone before us in faith and in death.



**BE AN INFORMED VOTER**

The California Catholic Conference has prepared a brief summary and report of the argument for and against the propositions that will appear on the **November 8th** ballot. Information can be found on line at [www.cacatholic.org](http://www.cacatholic.org). You are encouraged to study your voter guides, pray and go to the polls and vote **November 8th!**

**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](mailto:ffc@olgcv.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.**



Faithful  
Citizenship

**FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP  
YES ON 62**

Pope Francis reminds us that the commandment "thou shall not kill" pertains to the innocent as well as the guilty, in order to respect the sacredness and human dignity of all people. As a society, we should strive towards restorative justice that contributes to the healing of the guilty, victims' families and society to strengthen the common good and stop perpetuating the culture of death. *The California Catholic Conference of Bishops are supporting Prop 62 to end the use of the death penalty and opposing Prop 66 which would speed up executions.* For information and more on Catholic teaching, visit [www.cacatholic.org](http://www.cacatholic.org).



**SCOUTS WREATH SALES**

Boy Scout Troop 876 will be taking orders for Christmas wreaths **Today** after all 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.



**Men of Faith**

OLG MEN'S MINISTRY  
*Our Lady of Grace Church*

**MEN OF FAITH MONTHLY MEETING**

Men of Faith 1st Tuesday of the Month Meal and Meeting is 7:00pm on **November 1st** at the Parish Office.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS**

The Franciscans will have Christmas Cards available for purchase next weekend (**November 5th-6th**). The money raised for the cards helps support the Vietnam Mission.

**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 at 6-8PM in Stack Center. Invite your friends! All are welcome!

**PETER'S PENCE  
ANNAUL APPEAL**

The annual Peter's Pence collection will be taken up **Today**. 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.

**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 23rd:**

Sunday Plate:	\$ 7,967 .00
Last Year this week	\$ 7,695.00
<b>Weekly Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 8,920.00</b>
Year-to-date this year:	\$357,751.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$346,325.00

*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.*

**ALL VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE**



**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 **November 1st**.

**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 They 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](mailto:CaliforniaVocation@gmail.com)

**BIRTHRIGHT THANK YOU  
FOR BABY BOTTLE DRIVE**

Birthingright of San Lorenzo wishes to thank Fr. Tom and all the priests and parishioners of Our Lady of Grace for your generosity, encouragement and kindness. Your donations of \$1,625.41 will go far toward helping Moms and babies (Dad's too). We are always in need of volunteers to help in the office, on special projects and as Board members. If you are interested please call Theresa at the Birthingright office 582-6358.

**ICF NEWS**

During this season of being Thankful for what we have been given by God, it is also a time to share with ours what we can. So when you join the ICF for our soup, salad and dessert dinner on **November 10th**, we are asking that you also bring nonperishable food items, for us to donate to the St. Vincent de Paul society here at OLG. Doors open at 6 P.M., dinner is at 6:30 P.M.. Please contact either Stella Taddei at 510-581-5863 or Juanita Madrid at 510-582-7242 by Monday **November 6th**. Grazie.

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, October 30th:**

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

*Boy Scouts Wreath Sales after Masses*

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

**Tuesday, November 1st:**

Bible Study:

9:30am--Parish Office

Religious Education Classes:

3:45pm--Stack Center

Men of Faith Meeting

7:00pm--Parish Office

Baptismal Class:

7:00pm--Parish Office

Men's Bible Study:

7:00pm--Parish Office

RCIA Inquiry:

7:00pm--Stack Center Conference Room

**Thursday, November 3rd:**

Adoration

7:00pm--Church

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

7:00pm--Parish Office

Serenity Group

8:00pm--Stack Center

**Saturday, November 5th:**

Adoration

8:30pm--Church

**Sunday, November 6th:**

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

*Franciscan Christmas Cards After Mass*

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 31st**

7:00am Bonnie Sill (D)

**TUESDAY, November 1st**

**ALL SAINTS DAY**

7:00am Velasquez & Movan Families (D)

8:15am All Saints Day (school liturgy)

7:00pm John Fernandes (D)

**WEDNESDAY, November 2nd**

**ALL SOULS DAY**

8:15am Macario Zaldivar (D)

7:00pm Bob Gann (D)

**THURSDAY, November 3rd**

**ST. Martin de Porres, Religious**

7:00am Rudy & Augie Enriquez (D)

**FRIDAY, November 4th**

**ST. Charles Borromeo, Bishop**

7:00am Louis Rodrigues (D)

**SATURDAY, November 5th**

8:30am Burt Richards (D)

**SUNDAY, November 6th**

9:30am Maura Vanderpoorten (D)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**October 31st through November 6th**

Monday: Philippians 2:1-4; Luke 14:12-14  
 Tuesday: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12A  
 Wednesday: Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11; John 6:37-40  
 Thursday: Philippians 3:3-8A; Luke 15:1-10  
 Friday: Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 16:1-8  
 Saturday: Philippians 4:10-19; Luke 16:9-15  
 Sunday: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5 Luke 20:27-38

**PRAY ALWAYS**



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**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.



**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 **November** :

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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This week we extend our gratitude to:

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