


**Tweet from Pope Francis**


*From the Pastor*

God changes the world by transforming our hearts. When God finds an open and trusting heart, he can work wonders there.

**Alpha has begun**

Last Sunday we began Alpha for Our youth. Alpha is about asking questions and discussing. If you had only 24 hours to live what would you do? Our discussion was lively and we had fun getting to know each other by sharing our thoughts. Invite youth to Join us next Sunday, **October 16**, as we consider who is Jesus.

Come join in prayer for our youth and our parish by praying the Rosary 30 minutes before Mass on Sunday and by coming to our Thursday night Holy Hour at 7 pm.

**Fatima Miracle of the Sun**

On October 13, 1917 the last apparition at Fatima Portugal concluded with the miracle of the Sun.

"... The silver sun, enveloped in the same gauzy grey light, was seen to whirl and turn in the circle of broken clouds ... The light turned a beautiful blue, as if it had come through the stained-glass windows of a cathedral, and spread itself over the people who knelt with outstretched hands ... people wept and prayed with uncovered heads, in the presence of a miracle they had awaited. The seconds seemed like hours, so vivid were they."—Reporter for the Lisbon newspaper O Dia

Join me as I make a pilgrimage to Fatima next October in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Fatima Apparition.

*Peace,  
Fr. Tom*

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**
**Honor First Responders and Their Families Next Week**

**Friday, October 14, 10:00 am**

The Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison St., Oakland

[Oakdiocese.org/BlueMass2016](http://Oakdiocese.org/BlueMass2016)

All first responders and their families are cordially invited to attend the Blue Mass at The Cathedral of Christ the Light. Every day, lives are saved and touched by first responders. This interfaith service will honor all those men and women who serve the citizens of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, as well as remember all those who lost their lives in the line of duty in the past year.

A luncheon will follow in the Event Center; advance reservations are required.

**GOSPEL FOR 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (OCTOBER 16TH)**
**LUKE 18:1-8**

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, "There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.' For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.'" The Lord said, "Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says. Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

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 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!

**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).

**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@olgc.org

**COLUMBUS DAY**

In honor of Columbus Day the Parish office will be closed on Monday, **October 10th**. The offices will re-open on Tuesday, **October 11th** at 9:00am.

**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.

**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.

St. John the Baptist (R.E. Office)  
Sunday, **October 9th** at 1:00pm  
Wednesday, **October 12th** at 7:00pm  
Kathleen Kennedy  
510-351-5050 x1-6  
kathleenstjohnsparishslz@gmail.com  
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

**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.

**WE THANK OUR 2016 FESTIVAL FRIENDS AND DONORS**

We are grateful to the many individuals and businesses who donated goods and services to our Festival 2016! Their efforts and donations were most appreciated by the Festival Committee and in turn we especially encourage your consideration and support of them.

- Alameda County Sheriffs
- Al's Market
- Boy Scout Pack 722
- Castro Valley Sanitary District
- Castro Valley Village Bowl
- Catholic Management Services
- C&L Produce
- Cresco
- Debbie Laughlin at Barretta Design
- Don Jose's
- Karin John Specialty Cakes
- Knights of Columbus
- La Pinata
- Lagunitas Brewery
- Luckys
- Massage Envy
- Miraglia Catering
- Martinez Family
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- Rancho Al Afortunado
- Rust
- Safeway
- Shasta
- Stephen Kwok Photography
- The Conventual Franciscan Community
- Traders Joes
- Volunteers, Booth Chairs, and Coordinators



**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 2nd:**

Sunday Plate:	\$ 8,700.00
Last Year this week	\$10,248.00
<b>Weekly Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 8,920.00</b>
Year-to-date this year:	\$332,274.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$323,939.00

*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.*

*Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of a loved one.*

FRANCIS RIDLEY, PATRICIA SERPA  
MARIA SIERRA & KEVIN EULAR



**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



**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 11th**.

**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!



**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 9th:**

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

Children's Liturgy  
9:30am--Mass

Parish Registration  
10:30am--Stack Center

Religious Education Classes  
11:00am--Stack Center - English  
11:30am--Stack Center - Bilingual

**Monday, October 10th:**

*Columbus Day  
Parish Offices Closed*

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

**Tuesday, October 11th:**

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 13th:**

ICF Meeting & Dinner  
5:30pm--Stack Center

Serenity Group  
8:00pm--Stack Center

**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

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Please note:**

All masses will be celebrated in the Church.

**MONDAY, October 10th**

7:00am Lilia Sousa (D)

**TUESDAY, October 11th**

*St. John XXIII, Pope*

7:00am Ernie Selmeczki (D)

**WEDNESDAY, October 12th**

8:15am Helen Maes (D)

**THURSDAY, October 13th**

7:00am Rudy & Augie Enriquez (D)

**FRIDAY, October 14th**

*St. Callistus I, Pope, Martyr*

7:00am Arcadia Arellano (D)

**SATURDAY, October 15th**

*St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Dr. of the Church*

8:30am Marty Martin (D)

5:00pm Patricia Curry

**SUNDAY, October 16th**

9:00am Thomas & Mary Hayes (D)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**October 10th through October 16th**

Monday: Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1;  
Luke 11:29-32  
Tuesday: Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41  
Wednesday: Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46  
Thursday: Ephesians 1:1-10; Luke 11:47-54  
Friday: Ephesians 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7  
Saturday: Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12  
Sunday: Exodus 17:8-13;  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:2  
Luke 18:1-8

PRAY ALWAYS



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**FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND**

In Memory of 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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