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From the Pastor

I went to cast my vote this morning. It is a privilege to be part of this nation and part of the election process. It was difficult this year to get beyond personalities to issues and a vision for the future of the nation. I took the advice of Pope Francis to study the issues and candidates and to pray and vote my conscious. No matter what the result we must pray for those who govern. The ending prayer of the novena I put in the bulletin is my hope for me and all Catholics. I live in hope that every heart may converted to know the value of every human whom God created and loves. Our Nation is dedicated to Mary the Immaculate Conception, may she intercede for us until every person is valued and every heart is converted to Sacred heart of Jesus so the Kingdom of God may reign in peace for all eternity.

Alpha

I have brought Alpha to our community this year to renew us in the Joy of knowing Jesus and to give us a way to reach out to our family, friends, and neighbors with an invitation to conversation to consider the questions of life, faith, and our destiny. Our youth Alpha has been powerful thanks to the Holy Spirit and Fr. Paul. At Alpha we gather to share food, friendship, consider questions of life and faith, then discuss, and of course pray to ask the Holy Spirit to lead us.

On Thursday, December 1 at 6pm Alpha for adults begins, as we consider: Is there more to life than this? If you are coming call the office so we know how much food to prepare. There are pamphlets by the doors of the church so you can invite your family and friends to join us during the Thanksgiving celebration. Finally, we are having a Parish Retreat on February 24-26. If you are considering coming let me know so I can reserve the Retreat center.

Pilgrimage to Fatima, Santiago de Compostela, and Lourdes

October 3-13, 2017

To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Fatima and the Militia Immaculata begun by St. Maximilian Kolbe come join me on a Pilgrimage. Come get a brochure in the Office to find out more.

Peace,

Fr. Tom



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GOSPEL FOR OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (NOVEMBER 20TH) LUKE 20:27-38

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews." Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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.

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN
FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
NOVEMBER 20th**

Our Parish will hold the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) the weekend of **November 19th-20th**. The programs funded by CCHD change lives for the 46.2 million people living in poverty here in the United States. Your donation will empower local communities and strengthen families who are on the margins. People with disabilities will find affordable and supportive housing, men and women reentering society after incarceration will have the opportunity to learn new skills, and community agriculture projects will receive grants to become sustainable. Please help us continue this good work by supporting the collection for CCHD.

CATHOLIC VOICE ANNUAL APPEAL

Please consider a donation to the 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.

MEET OUR REFUGEE FAMILY!

As you know, Our Lady of Grace has adopted a refugee family from Uganda - a mom and her 4 children under the age of 7. Our refugee team has been helping the family get settled in their new home and providing transportation to their many appointments. The family really appreciates the generous response from the parishioners here at OLG and would like to meet you. In order to make that happen, we are planning to bring them to our church on Sunday morning, **November 27th**. They will attend Mass with us at 11:30 a.m. and then we will have a potluck lunch in Stack Center at 12:30 p.m. Bring your whole family!

You can bring an American or African main dish, a salad, side dish, finger food, or dessert to the potluck lunch. It would be helpful if you notified the church office or one of the refugee committee coordinators if you are planning to attend so we will know how many tables to set up.

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HOLIDAY FOOD BOXES

St. Vincent de Paul is once again asking for your help to fill our Holiday Food Boxes. Items needed for the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets: green beans, gravy, fried onion rings, cream of mushroom soup, canned yams, cranberry sauce, \$15-20 gift cards to Safeway, Lucky or Grocery Outlet

We thank you for your generosity in the past and for allowing us to help those in need in our community.

THANKSGIVING DAY LITURGY**THANKSGIVING**

Our Lady of Grace Parish will celebrate a *Mass of Thanksgiving* on Thursday, **November 24th** at 9:00am. There is much to be thankful for in our lives and this is also a time to consider ways of helping those around us who are in need. The monetary collection from this Mass will benefit the work of our St. Vincent de Paul Society. As in years past, the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be taking donations of food and money at the Mass. As you give your donations, please pray for those families who will be helped. Items most needed for our pantry are as follows: Peanut butter, jam and jelly, tuna, soup/chili, cereal, and granola bars. Many of those that we serve are homeless or staying in motels. Food items that are single-serving and do not require a can opener or meals that can be prepared in a microwave are needed. Please no expired items.

You are also invited to bring the bread and wine you will be serving at your own Thanksgiving meal to be blessed for your feast.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

The Faith Formation Center is hosting a Holiday Boutique **today, November 13th** from 8:30am – 2:00pm in the Stack Center. Beat the Black Friday lines and enjoy a leisurely afternoon while getting a head start on your holiday preparations. Kitchen items, Handcrafted items, photo booth and so much more!

Admission is free! Refreshments available for purchase.

ICF BAKE SALE

The ICF Bake sale will be happening after all the Masses **today, November 13th**. So come get some goodies while you shop at the Holiday Boutique. Looking forward to seeing many of our usual and some new customers. Think about all the pre-Thanksgiving work you can save!

ALPHA FOR ADULTS

Join us for Alpha and our retreat. Alpha begins on **December 1st** at 6pm in Stack Center. We will ponder the Questions of Life and Faith. We will Adore, Worship and come into communion with the Lord!

Jesus is waiting to spend time with you! Come away and spend time with the Lord to be renewed. Our first *Parish Retreat* will be on **February 24th-26th** at The Presentation Retreat Center the cost is \$225 per person for the weekend, financial assistance is available. All are welcome. Contact the Parish office for more information or to reserve your spot (510) 537-0806

**HIGH SCHOOL TEENS
GOT QUESTIONS?
ALPHA HAS THE ANSWERS !**

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!!!

Join Fr. Tom, Fr. Paul, Robyn, Deacon Nels and others leading our Alpha program every Sunday Night from 6-8PM in Stack Center. Invite your friends! All are welcome!

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 November 6th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 9,563.00
Last Year this week	\$ 9,333.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$375,001.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$365,077.00

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 | Richard Martin |
| Kathleen Denning | Mike Roth |
| Julie Dillon | Pat Silva |
| Carol Dimaio | Florence Sharp |
| Estela Enriquez | Iwan Tunggal |
| Mary Franks | James Van Wert |
| Bridgett Foscalina | |

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.

DANAE ZYTKOWSKIE



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 15th**.

**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 17th**,
9:15 to 11:15 am

Speaker: Patricia Bruketta

Topic: "Spiritual Growth through Patience"

**OUR LADY OF GRACE SCHOOL
FUNDRAISER**

Fox Sox is offering 30% off their great socks for the holidays. These socks make great gifts for adults and children. Just go to www.FoxSox.com and click on "Shop Online" to get started. Order soon as popular styles may sell out! Use promo code: PR16OLG and get a discount as well as earning money for our school!

Hurry offer expires December 31st.

**FATIMA & LOURDES PILGRIMAGE
WITH SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA
CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE APPARITIONS AT FATIMA!!**

Information and brochures for Fr. Tom's pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes are available in the parish office. The eleven day trip begins **October 3rd , 2017** and is only \$3,499 per person. The trip includes round-trip air from San Francisco, first class/select hotels, most meals and services of a professional tour director. Space is limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

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.



THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 13th:

Coffee & Donuts After 9:30am Mass only

Holiday Boutique

8:30am--Stack Center

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

Tuesday, November 15th:

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, November 16th:

Strobridge Dinner

6:00pm--Strobridge Apartments

Mass of Remembrance

7:00pm--Church

Thursday, November 17th:

Adoration

7:00pm--Church

St. Vincent de Paul

7:00pm--Parish Office

Serenity Group

8:00pm--Stack Center

Saturday, November 19th:

CYO Thanksgiving of Talents Mass

5:30pm--Church

Sunday, November 20th:

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, November 14th

St. Nicholas Tavelic, Conv. Franc., priest, and his companions

7:00am Dorothy & Manuel Callier (D)

TUESDAY, November 15th

St. Albert the Great, Bishop, Dr. of the Church

7:00am Martina Tiña (D)

WEDNESDAY, November 16th

St. Margaret of Scotland & St. Gertrude, Virgin

8:15am Neal & Carla Lucett (L)

7:00pm Mass of Remembrance

THURSDAY, November 17th

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Patroness of the Secular Franciscan Order, Religious

7:00am Thomas & Mary Hayes (D)

FRIDAY, November 18th

The Dedication of the Basilicas of St.'s Peter & Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

7:00am Marlene Faye Dexter (D)

SATURDAY, November 19th

8:30am Hans Friedeberg (D)

SUNDAY, November 20th

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

9:00am Rosalie Gessman (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

November 14th through November 20th

Monday: Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Luke 18:35-43
 Tuesday: Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22; Luke 19:1-10
 Wednesday: Revelation 4:1-11; Luke 19:11-28
 Thursday: Revelation 5:1-10; Luke 19:41-44
 Friday: Revelation 10:8-11; Luke 19:45-48
 Saturday: Revelation 11:4-12; Luke 20:27-40
 Sunday: 2 Samuel 5:1-3;
 Colossians 1:12-20;
 Luke 23:35-43

PRAY ALWAYS



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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.

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