



**Election Day Prayer**

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

*From the Pastor*

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned,

Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. From USCCB

**Alpha to Renew the Fire of His Love in your Heart!**

Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega. Alpha is the beginning and the Alpha course is to bring us to the beginning love that we felt for the lower or to introduce someone to the Lord who loves them. The Alpha Course is an invitation to ponder the questions about life, purpose, and God. This is a time for discussion on the big questions of life. For some of us this is a time to remember, for others it is new, for all of us it is time to share our thoughts and experiences in a welcoming, loving and non-judgmental environment.

**Dates for Alpha in a Catholic Context At Our Lady of Grace from 6-8pm**

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| Dec 1 Is there more to life? | Dec 15 Who is Jesus?           | Jan 12 Why did Jesus die? |
| Jan 19 How can I have faith? | Jan 26 How do I Pray?          | Feb 2 Why read the Bible? |
| Feb 9 How does God guide us? | Feb 16 Who is the Holy Spirit? |                           |

**Alpha Holy Spirit Retreat Feb 24-26**

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| March 2 Why should I tell others? | March 9 Does God Heal Today? | March 16 What about Church? |
| March 23 Dinner and Prayer        |                              |                             |

**Parish Holy Spirit Retreat**

Come away and spend time with the Lord!

Join us for a parish retreat on **February 24 to 26**. This retreat is in connection with the Alpha program however you do not need to attend the Alpha program to attend the retreat. Please call to reserve your spot or for more information. Maybe we knew the fire of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in our parish.

Peace,  
Fr. Tom

**GOSPEL FOR 33ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (NOVEMBER 13TH)**

**LUKE 20:27-38**

While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All that you see here--the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." Then they asked him, "Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?" He answered, "See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them! When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky. "Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name. It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute. You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

**REMEMBERING OUR DECEASED FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

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

You may bring a picture of your loved one to be placed on a table before the Blessed Virgin Mary in Church that will remain there through the month of November. Please put your name and contact on the back of the photo.

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

**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.

**APPEAL FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE FOR MILITARY SERVICES**

The Archdiocese for the Military Services was created by Pope John Paul II to provide the Catholic Church's full range of pastoral ministries and spiritual services to those in the United States Armed Forces. This includes more than 220 installations in 29 countries, patients in 153 V.A. Medical Centers, and federal employees serving outside the boundaries of the USA in 134 countries. Numerically, the AMS is responsible for more than 1.8 million men, women, and children. Thank you for your financial support.



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).



**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**

The Faith Formation Center is hosting a Holiday Boutique on Sunday, **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.*

**HOLIDAY FOOD BOXES**

As in the past, the St. Vincent de Paul Conference at Our Lady of Grace will be preparing holiday food boxes for those in need. If you know someone who could use a Thanksgiving box, please call our help line and leave a message. In the name of those we serve, thank you. Our Help Line number is 510-581-2164.

**“SCREENAGERS” MOVIE  
NOVEMBER 8th--STACK CENTER**

“Screenagers” probes into the vulnerable corners of family life, including the director’s own, and depicts messy struggles, over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Through surprising insights from authors and brain scientists solutions emerge on how we can empower kids to best navigate the digital world. For more information about the movie go to [www.screenagersmovie.com](http://www.screenagersmovie.com). The movie will be shown in Sack Center at 7:00pm tickets will be sold at the door for \$10.00.

**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!



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**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 30th:**

Sunday Plate:	\$ 7,687.00
Last Year this week	\$ 9,419.00
<b>Weekly Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 8,920.00</b>
Year-to-date this year:	\$365,438.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$355,744.00

*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.*

**LUCIA ROMUAR**



**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 8th**.

**ICF NEWS**

During this season of being Thankful for what we have been given by God, it is also a time to share with others 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 7th**. Grazie.

**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. Dennise – dcburgess1@juno.com; Chris – christineipolito@comcast.net

**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 6th:**

*Coffee & Donuts After 9:30am Mass only*  
*Franciscan Christmas Cards 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

**Monday, November 7th:**

Women’s Evening Bible Study:  
7:00pm--Parish Office

**Tuesday, November 8th:**

- Bible Study:  
9:30am--Parish Office
- Religious Education Classes:  
3:45pm--Stack Center
- Screenagers  
7:00pm--Stack Center
- Men’s Bible Study:  
7:00pm--Parish Office
- RCIA Inquiry:  
7:00pm--Stack Center Conference Room

**Thursday, November 10th:**

- Adoration  
7:00pm--Church
- ICF Meeting & Dinner  
6:00pm--Stack Center
- Serenity Group  
8:00pm--Stack Center

**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

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Please note:**

All masses will be celebrated in the Church.

**MONDAY, November 7th**

7:00am Debi Telles (D)

**TUESDAY, November 8th**

*Blessed John Duns Scotus, Conv. Franc, priest*

7:00am All Souls

**WEDNESDAY, November 9th**

**THE DEDICATION OF  
THE LATERAN BASILICA**

8:15am Helen Maes (D)

**THURSDAY, November 10th**

*St. Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church*

7:00am Richard Benson (D)

**FRIDAY, November 11th**

*St. Martin of Tours, Bishop*

7:00am Lilia Sousa (D)

**SATURDAY, November 12th**

*St. Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr*

8:30am Martina Tina (D)

**SUNDAY, November 13th**

11:30am Angelina Sousa Kevo (D)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**November 7th through November 13th**

- Monday: Titus 1:1-9; Luke 17:1-6
- Tuesday: Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Luke 17:7-10
- Wednesday: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12  
1 Corinthians 3:9C-11, 16-17  
John 2:13-22
- Thursday: Philemon 7-20; Luke 17:20-25
- Friday: 2 John 4-9; Luke 17:26-37
- Saturday: 3 John 5-8; Luke 18:1-8
- Sunday: Malachi 3:19-20A;  
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12  
Luke 21:5-19



**FRANCISCAN FRIAR  
COME AND SEE INVITATION**

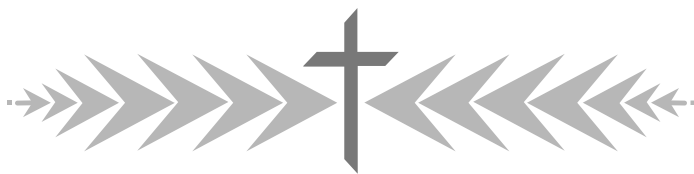
**For Men 18-50**

**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



**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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This week we extend our gratitude to:

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*In Memory of*

**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.