

The Rite of Acceptance will be celebrated today, **January 15th** during the 9:30 Mass. We are blessed this year to have children and adults in inquiry. Please join with us in welcoming our Catechumens, Daniel Solas, Bret Sanford, Julia Leong, along with our Candidates, Adrian Ayllon, Anthony Garcia, and Alex Robathan.

Rite of Acceptance

Have you ever been intrigued by a travel brochure or the travel section of the Sunday newspaper? They lay before us all the marvels and wonders of distant and different lands. They may show us places and things that we've never seen; they hint at adventures that can't fully be described. Usually we spend a minute or an hour imagining what the journey might be like and then we turn the page or set the brochure down.

Those who come to us to find out about the Catholic church begin with a period of inquiry. The period of inquiry might be compared to reading a travel brochure. What kind of journey might this be? What might we encounter on the way? Where might we end up? These are important questions, but asking them is not the same thing as taking the journey.

The Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens—celebrated at the end of the period of inquiry—is something like sign-up day. At this liturgy, the inquirers who have asked the questions and now are ready to embark on the journey arrive at our door. We greet them and ask them what they want. They want what we told them that we could help them discover: faith, baptism, eternal life. We mark them with the cross, for this is the sign of all who are on this journey. We give them the holy scriptures: It is the guidebook that we use on the way. We promise to be with them on this trip, for we are still on it ourselves. And we give them wise guides—sponsors, catechists, pastors and many others—to surround them and support them as they learn the ways of the road.

Any good travel agent will tell you that she or he cannot guarantee how a journey will end, or what exactly will happen along the way. We can't say, either, what will happen along this way. But in faith we can say that if we and those we invite on this journey are faithful to the one who has called us to make it, then the end of the journey will be more marvelous than we imagined at the onset.

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Walk by the LIGHT of the LORD

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Gospel for The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (January 22nd)

Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen. From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
FEDERAL HOLIDAY**

MONDAY, January 16th is a federal holiday. There will be one mass only at 8:30am in the church. The Parish office will be closed on Monday and will re-open on Tuesday, January 17th at 9:00am.

CONSIDER ALPHA FOR ADULTS

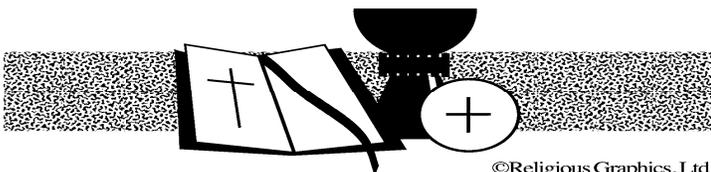
Join us for Alpha in 2017. We will ponder the Questions of Life and Faith. We will Adore, Worship and come into communion with the Lord! We will begin with a meal at 6:00pm--in Stack Center all are welcome.

UPCOMING TALK FOR ALPHA

- 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?*
- March 2: *Why should I tell others?*
- March 9: *Does God Heal Today?*
- March 16: *What about the Church?*
- March 23: *Dinner and Prayer*
- March 30: *Reconciliation Service*

YOUR INVITED TO A TEACHING MASS

Start the New Year by learning more about the Mass. Why does the priest wear vestments? Why are all the reading done from the Ambo? Why does the priest wash his hands? Where does the Mass come from, and what is it really all about? Come join Fr. Paul and the Women's Evening Bible Study Group as he presides over a *Teaching Mass* on **Monday, January 30th, 2017** at 7PM in the church. We will learn the significance of the gestures the priest makes during consecration along with the actual words he uses. Understand and appreciate more of what we do every week during the Mass.



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ANNUAL SEMINARY COLLECTION

This weekend (January 14th-15th) our diocese asks us to help with the work of education for tomorrow's priests through our contributions to the Seminary Collection. Your prayers and support for our seminarians are a tremendous encouragement to the candidates. Your generous contributions assist these seminarians on their way to the priesthood. Our seminarians are dedicated, enthusiastic and most willing to be of service. Your kindness, generosity, and prayers are deeply appreciated. Envelopes are in the pews for your use.



**GIRLS CYO BASKETBALL
SIGN UPS**

Girls Basketball (grades 2nd – 8th) registration is now open. Registration is on line. Go to our website www.olgcv.org and follow the link for CYO. All players who did not play Fall 2016 will need to create an account prior to completing their first registration with in the system. Fees for the 2017 program year will be \$175.00 with a \$50.00 uniform fee. Registration will end February 10th, practices begin the week of January 30th.

If you are interested in coaching or helping with CYO in another position please contact Colleen Lindberg at olgcv@sbcglobal.net

**THANK YOU FROM
THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

The church never looked more beautiful for our Christmas celebrations! Our wonderful volunteers, who came to decorate and clean, included: Phil Berry, Colette Castellino, Imelda Dorado, Marta Duarte, Darlene Futagaki, Mary Groves, Imelda Guerrero, Linda Guzman, Marie Houts, Susan Klas, James Ricketts, Mark Vaz, Helga and Ivan Zambrano, and Friar Paul.

Special thanks to Lyn De Guzman for the beautiful nativity quilt that graced the altar and to Theresa Erwin for the new trees. Blessings on all our parishioners who contributed to our flower and decorations fund. May 2017 be a year of joy and peace for the wonderful community of Our Lady of Grace.

WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Evening Bible Study will begin "Mary - A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother" on Monday, **February 27th**, 2017 at 7PM. This study will reveal Mary's unique role in God's kingdom and in our lives. You will experience the gospel through the eyes of Mary and get a vivid glimpse into her daily life. Seeing her in this way will lead you to a deeper relationship with the Blessed Mother and her son, Jesus. Cost of this 8-Session study is \$27. Please sign up with Jay in the Parish Office by Monday **February 6th** so that materials can be ordered.



OUR LADY OF GRACE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Our Lady of Grace School will host its annual Open House for grades TK-8 following the 9:00am Mass today Sunday, **January 29th**. Visitors are invited to join us for coffee and donuts in Stack Center, tour the school, meet teachers, the principal and other parents. There will be Kindergarten presentation in the Kindergarten classroom.

Applications for grades TK-8 will be available for the 2017-2018 school year. Come and meet the principal, Mrs. Anderson, and our faculty. Also view the various displays in the school classrooms, science lab, technology lab and more. For further information, please call Our Lady of Grace School office, 581-3155 between the hours of 8:30am--3:00pm.

Please note Our Lady of Grace School offers Transitional Kindergarten for children who do not meet the age requirement of being 5 years old by **September 1st** to enter Kindergarten. Our Transitional Kindergarten includes rigorous academics and age-appropriate play in a Catholic environment to prepare for Kindergarten.

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.

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 January 8th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 7,714.00
Last Year this week	\$ 9,557.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$ 11,961.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$ 17,754.00

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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| Susanna Axe | Robert Gallicano |
| Kathleen Andrews | Nicholas Guinea |
| Rolando Barrios | Byron Griffith |
| James Barthman | Sheila Janes |
| Peggy Burton | Elaine Jordan |
| Leonardo Cabardo | Alice McLaughlin |
| Paris Dahle | Richard Martin |
| Kathleen Denning | Flora Molina |
| Julie Dillon | Pat Silva |
| Carol Dimaio | Florence Sharp |
| Claudia Dobbs | Iwan Tunggal |
| Estela Enriquez | James Van Wert |
| Mary Franks | |

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.

EIRA LINDBERG



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 **January 17th**.

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: **January 19th**,
9:15 to 11:15 am

Speaker: Fr. Terry O'Malley
Topic: Prayer

OLG CYO HELP WANTED

The OLG CYO Board is looking for potential board members for the upcoming year. The last year we had a full and active board was 2006. Since that time several dedicated individuals, some without children in the program have continued to run this program that benefits children in our communities'. If you are interested and feel you could contribute to this very important parish ministry please contact Colleen Lindberg in the parish office.

FATIMA & LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 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 roundtrip 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.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 15th:

Coffee & Donuts After 9:30am 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

Tuesday, January 17th:

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

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting:
7:00pm--Parish Office

Wednesday, January 18th:

Strobridge Dinner
5:30pm--Strobridge Apartments

Thursday, January 19th:

Adult Alpha Series
6:00pm--Stack Center

Adoration
7:00pm--Church

Serenity Group
8:00pm--Stack Center

Sunday, January 22nd:

Adoration
8:30am--Church

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Coffee & Donuts After 9:30am Mass

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

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, January 16th

8:30am Roy Michelini (D)

TUESDAY, January 17th

St. Anthony, Abbot

7:00am Cohen Sigmon (L)

WEDNESDAY, January 18th

8:15am Joe Ortiz (D)

THURSDAY, January 19th

7:00am Richard Benson (D)

FRIDAY, January 20th

St. Fabian, Pope, Martyrs & St. Sebastian, Martyrs

7:00am Lorraine Laver Soldo (L)

SATURDAY, January 21st

St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

8:30am Caden Sigmon (L)

SUNDAY, January 22nd

9:30am Margaret Speranza (L)

11:30am Debbie & Doug Reets & Family (L)

1:30pm Martha Duarte (L)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

January 16th through January 22nd

Monday: Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22
 Tuesday: Hebrews 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28
 Wednesday: Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Mark 3:1-6
 Thursday: Hebrews 7:25-8:6; Mark 3:7-12
 Friday: Hebrews 8:6-13; Mark 3:13-19
 Saturday: Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14; Mark 3:20-21
 Sunday: Isaiah 8:23-9:3;
 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
 Matthew 4:12-23



EXECUTION ALERTS

The following executions are scheduled to take place in **January** :

January 18th	Ricky Gray	VA
January 23rd	Gary Haugen	OR
January 25th	Kosoul Chanthakoumanne	
January 26th	Terry Edwards	TX

We ask your prayers for these persons, for the victims of their crimes, and for their families.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT NEW SCHEDULE

Join us every Saturday for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8:30am Mass in the church.



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.

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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