


**Thank you!**

From the Pastor

I want to thank all of you for thinking of me with all your gifts and cards I received at Christmas. Thanks for the coffee maker, peanuts, oranges, cookies, fudge, coffee, wine, gift cards, money, but especially for all the thoughts and prayers. I spent some quiet days with my family, went on Retreat with the Friars and spent a little vacation with some friends since Christmas. I hope I am renewed so I can be a good pastor for you.

**Prayer that Transforms the World**

We are in prayer this week for Christian Unity. I ask that we pray especially for our Christian brothers and sisters under persecution. Our Coptic brothers and sisters in Egypt, The Orthodox Church in Constantinople and through out the Middle East, Our Eastern brothers and Sisters in the Maronite Church. Protestant churches in the Sudan.

For the fourth year in a row, the level of overall persecution has risen, with Asia, particularly, showing a rapid rise. North Korea is still number one. As Hindu nationalists batter the churches, India climbs to its highest ever ranking of 15. Islamic extremism continues to strangle the expression of the Christian faith, fuelling persecution in 14 out of the top 20 countries, and 35 of the top 50. Millions of Christians around the world now live their lives against varying levels of discrimination, discovery, violence and arrest.

**Praying the Rosary**

How do we respond to violence, discrimination, harassment, and murder? I take a key from the message of Our Lady of Fatima 100 years ago. Selfless prayer for the conversion of souls, the exposure and reputation of erroneous ideologies, and for true peace that comes from a free soul and the grace of God that removes barriers that separate humanity. The children of Fatima were asked to do penance, pray the rosary, and give their lives in prayer for others so that the world could find peace. I remember in 1989 as the Berlin Wall came down and nations oppressed by Communism were freed. Prayer can Change the World!

**St. Francis and the love of Mary!**

Two themes, anchored in the conversion experience of St. Francis in the Church of San Damiano, unlimited devotion to Mary as Mother of God: a sense of her unique mediation, first as an active co-cause of the Incarnation and then as spiritual Mother of the Church and its members; and then, as a consequence, a sense of her person as one capable of being the Mother of God and our Mother. For she is Spouse of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin made Church, who is able to bring into this world the Son of God and Savior by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and, by the operation of the same Spirit, make of the Church virginal Mother of Christ in the minds and hearts of the faithful.

**Gospel for The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (January 29th)**
**Matthew 5:1-12A**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."



## OUR LADY OF GRACE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Our Lady of Grace School will host its annual Open House for grades TK-8 following the 9:30am Mass today Sunday, **January 29th**. Visitors are invited to join us for a continental breakfast in Stack Center hosted by the Men of Faith, 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.

## 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. 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*



## 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](http://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](mailto:olgcv@sbcglobal.net)

## YOU ARE 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 readings 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.

## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

All families are welcome to a light dinner and movie with Fr. Tom to see:

### The Song of Bernadette

Saturday February 18th  
6:30pm - Stack Center

### The 13th Day - The Miracle of Fatima

Saturday March 11th  
6:30pm - Stack Center



**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.



**IT'S TIME TO PLAY BINGO !**

Mark your calendar and call your friends! OLG Faith Formation Center invites you to our Family Bingo Night, Saturday, **February 11th** from 6:30 - 8:30pm in Stack Center. Make your reservations for the event in person at the Faith Formation Center, by calling 582-9266, or email [ffc@olgcv.org](mailto:ffc@olgcv.org). \$10 for adults and \$6 for children. Special family pack: \$25 (maximum 2 adults per family). Admission includes hot dog dinner, one bingo card per person and tons of fun! Be sure to make your reservation soon -you don't want to miss the fun! (Each family is asked to bring a few prizes in new or like-new condition for the prize table.)



**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.



**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

**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 15th:**

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| Sunday Plate:                | \$ 8,826.00        |
| Last Year this week          | \$ 7,480.00        |
| <b>Weekly Budgeted Goal:</b> | <b>\$ 8,920.00</b> |
| Year-to-date this year:      | \$ 20,780.00       |
| Year-to-date last year:      | \$ 25,234.00       |

*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        | Mary Franks      |
| 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   |
| 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.*

**EIRA LINDBERG**

**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.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Super Bowl Sunday will be here shortly and that means it's *ICF Bake Sale Sunday February 5th*. We will have home made baked goods on sale after all the Sunday Masses in Stack Center. Let us do the baking and you enjoy your party.

**Dare to Love, Dare to Serve**  
*Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne*

All young women who are discerning a religious vocation are invited to join for a week-end of sharing in life of prayer and apostolate.

Hawthorne, New York

March 10-12th & July 14-16th, 2017

Atlanta, Georgia

April 21-23rd & September 22-24th, 2017

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

June 10th & November 11th, 2017

Reservations are required:

[vocationdirector@hawthorne-dominicans.org](mailto:vocationdirector@hawthorne-dominicans.org)

[www.hawthorne-dominicans.org](http://www.hawthorne-dominicans.org)

**THIS WEEK****Sunday, January 22nd:**

*Coffee & Donuts After 9:30am Mass*

Children's Liturgy

9:30am--Mass

Parish Registration

10:30am--Stack Center

Religious Education / Sacrament Preparation

11:00am--Stack Center - English

11:30am--Stack Center - Bilingual

Youth Alpha Meal, Video and Discussion

6:00pm--Stack Center

**Monday, January 23rd:**

Women's Bible Study

7:00pm--Stack Center

**Tuesday, January 24th:**

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, January 26th:**

Adult Alpha Series

6:00pm--Stack Center

Adoration

7:00pm--Church

Serenity Group

8:00pm--Stack Center

**Saturday, January 28th:**

Adoration

8:30am--Church

Hispanic Bible Study

10:00am--Stack

**Sunday, January 29th:**

*Unity Breakfast After 9:30am Mass*

Children's Liturgy

9:30am--Mass

Open House

After the 9:30am Mass - School

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 23rd**

*Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn*  
7:00am Hilda Serpa (D)

**TUESDAY, January 24th**

*St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Dr. of the Church*  
7:00am Mary Guzman (L)

**WEDNESDAY, January 25th**

*The Conversion of St. Paul*  
8:15am Taylor & Felicity Hill (L)

**THURSDAY, January 26th**

*St.'s Timothy & Titus, Bishops*  
7:00am Erlinda Barroso (L)

**FRIDAY, January 27th**

*St. Angela Merici, Virgin*  
7:00am David Ikegami (L)

**SATURDAY, January 28th**

*St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Dr. of the Church*  
8:30am Danae Zytouskee

**SUNDAY, January 29th**

7:30am Anthony Mirande (L)  
11:30am Evelyn & Patricia Serpa (D)  
1:30pm Ana Maria Macias (L)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**January 23rd through January 29th**

Monday: Hebrews 9:15, 24-28; Mark 3:22-30  
Tuesday: Hebrews 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-35  
Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16; Mark 16:15-18  
Thursday: 2 Timothy 1:1-8; Mark 4:21-25  
Friday: Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34  
Saturday: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Mark 4:35-41  
Sunday: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13;  
1 Corinthians 1:26-31;  
Matthew 5:1-12A



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**FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND**



*In Memory of* 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.

**EXECUTION ALERTS**

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

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|--------------|------------------------|----|
| 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.

**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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