

### ■■■■■■■■ The Story of Our Lady of Lourdes

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*From the Pastor*

On **December 8**, 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in the apostolic constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*. A little more than three years later, on February 11, 1858, a young lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous. This began a series of visions. During the apparition on March 25, the lady identified herself with the words: "I am the Immaculate Conception." Join us at 6:30pm on Saturday, **February 11** for a Pot luck dinner and Family Movie night for a new version of the life of Bernadette and the Story of Our Lady of Lourdes.

### Franciscans and the importance of The Immaculate Conception

The teaching of Blessed John Duns Scotus provides the key to understand the importance of Mary in the Redemption of Humanity by Jesus. The Immaculate Conception consists in being the basis for perfect redemption, in turn the means for realizing in fact what was antecedently ordained before the foundation of the world: the predestination and recapitulation of all the elect in Christ. Such redemption is perfect, precisely because it can effect a recirculation of history, restoring its original direction toward the originally planned recapitulation of all in Christ.

The Franciscan reflection on the Immaculate Conception and redemption gave meaning to the visions of Maximilian Kolbe as a child which inspired him eventually to found the Militia Immaculata. The meaning of St. Maximilian's childhood vision of two crowns: white and red, purity and martyrdom, in relation to the place of Mary in the mystery of charity, begun at the Annunciation and consummated on the Cross. Mary Immaculate, Virgin Mother (symbolized by the white crown) and Coredemptrix (symbolized by the red crown), is Queen of Martyrs, like St. Maximilian who gave his life for the salvation of his neighbors in prison, and by extension of all who faithfully follow Christ to the end. Total consecration to the Immaculate Heart is the Marian mode of living and dying in Christ.

We can also perceive in the great Marian apparitions of modern times a certain stress on these doctrinal themes of Franciscan Mariology: universal mediation of Mary because the Immaculate, at Rue du Bac; approval of the solemn definition of the Immaculate Conception and encouragement to make that mystery basis of a life of penance and prayer or participation in the mystery of the Cross for the salvation of souls and renewal of the Church, at Lourdes; promotion of reparation to the heart of Mary and the triumph of that Immaculate Heart as the final complement to the victory of the Cross, at Fatima.

The Franciscan theology of the Immaculate Conception is acknowledged as true, the Marian mode of the objective redemption, both in its foundation in the Incarnation and at its consummation on Calvary, is the maternal Coredemption, basis of Mary's spiritual maternity and mediation of all graces in the Church, namely, the subjective redemption. This is why those who subscribe to the *opinio Minorum* almost connaturally become supporters of the coredemptive movement, which is the most critical issue in contemporary mariology.

### Holy Spirit Retreat

At Pentecost the disciples moved from fear to mission. When the Holy Spirit came they had no more doubts and understood and proclaimed the identity of Jesus and the saving mission of Jesus to remove sin so we could be sons and daughters of God. The power of wisdom, healing, forgiveness, and eternal love of God brought hope and joy to humanity as Jesus established the Church to live love in thanksgiving. The Holy Spirit reveals to us the identity of Jesus and unites us in the love of God.

Join us on our Retreat as we learn about the Holy Spirit and call on the Holy Spirit to fill us so we may find healing, wisdom, peace, and love, so we can encounter and share Jesus with our families, communities, and our world. The Retreat will be on Saturday, **February 18** from 10:00am until 3:00pm in Stack Center. Snacks and lunch will be provided. All are welcome no matter their beliefs. Just call the office to RSVP so we can prepare Lunch and donations are appreciated. On Thursday, **February 16** we will have Dinner at 6:00pm followed by Adoration to pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our Retreat.



### 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.)

### 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

- **Feb. 9:** *How does God guide us?*
- **Feb. 16:** *Who is the Holy Spirit?*
- **Feb. 18:** *Holy Spirit Day Retreat*
- **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*

### FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

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

#### Bernadette

Saturday, **February 18th**  
6:30pm - Stack Center

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

Saturday, **March 11th**  
6:30pm - Stack Center



### 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)

### 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.

### ANNUAL WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE LIGHT

The annual World Day of the Sick Mass will be held on Saturday, **February 11th**, at 11:00am at the Cathedral of Christ the Light. Bishop Michael C. Barber invites all who are sick or ill, as well as family members, caregivers, and healthcare providers to observe this day with the religious and lay people from all over the Diocese of Oakland.

Parking for the World Day of the Sick Event will be located in the Kaiser Center Parking Complex, which is directly across from the Cathedral parking garage, located on 21st street and Kaiser Plaza. Persons needing wheelchair or no stairs access may use the drop off areas located on Harrison, 21st or Kaiser Plaza streets.

**COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND**

Do you have a family member or friend -- maybe someone elderly or ailing -- who cannot attend Mass but might like to receive communion? Our Lady of Grace has a ministry of volunteers who bring the Eucharist on either a regular or occasional basis to homebound parishioners. This is a time for prayer, maybe some conversation and a continuing connection to our parish. Please contact the Parish Office, 537-0806. for information. If you are interested in volunteering to this ministry contact the office.

**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.

**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION**

We extend a warm welcome to new parishioners and guests. If you would like to register or update information, please stop by Stack Center on either the 2nd or 4th Sunday of the month immediately following the 9:30am Mass. There will be a hospitality volunteer there to greet you at the New Parishioner Registration Table. We are grateful to our volunteers for providing this ministry on our behalf. *Next registration date: February 12th.*

**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 29th:**

Sunday Plate:	\$ 9,280.00
Last Year this week	\$ 8,093.00
<b>Weekly Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 8,920.00</b>
Year-to-date this year:	\$ 38,237.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$ 41,965.00

*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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| Glenn Alcorn       | Estela Enriquez    |
| Kathleen Andrews   | Bridgett Foscalina |
| Susanna Axe        | Mary Franks        |
| Rolando Barrios    | Byron Griffith     |
| James Barthman     | Nicholas Guinea    |
| Bette Bennett      | Sheila Janes       |
| Peggy Burton       | Elaine Jordan      |
| Leonardo Cabardo   | Richard Martin     |
| Paris Dahle        | Alice McLaughlin   |
| Frances De Villier | Flora Molina       |
| Kathleen Denning   | Florence Sharp     |
| Julie Dillon       | Pat Silva          |
| Carol Dimaio       | Mercedes Tellez    |
| Claudia Dobbs      | Iwan Tunggal       |
|                    | 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.*

**GENE SLATER**

**NEWS FROM THE  
ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION**

Our ever popular Polenta, chicken and sausage dinner will be on Thursday, **February 9th**. Reservations are required, cost is \$17.00 for non members. For reservations, call either Stella Taddei at 510-581-5863 or Juanita Madrid at 510-582-7242, deadline is Monday, **February 6th**.

**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.



**DEVOTIONAL CANDLES  
PLEASE NOTE: NEW PRICE**

Candles for our candle stand are available for purchase in the Parish Office or in the Sacristy after mass on Sundays. The candles will burn for 5 days. The cost per candle is \$4.00. The glass globes in the candle stand must be left in the church.



**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, and every Thursday at 7:00pm also in the church.



**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 **February 7th**.

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, February 5th:**

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

ICF Bake Sale  
9:30am--Mass

Children's Liturgy  
9:30am--Mass

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

Youth Ministry  
6:00pm--Stack Center

**Tuesday, February 7th:**

Bible Study:  
9:30am--Parish Office

Religious Education Classes:  
3:45pm--Stack Center

Baptismal Class  
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting  
Men's Bible Study  
7:00pm--Parish Office

RCIA Inquiry:  
7:00pm--Stack Center Conference Room

**Thursday, February 9th:**

Adult Alpha Series  
ICF Polenta Dinner  
6:00pm--Stack Center

Adoration  
7:00pm--Church

Serenity Group  
8:00pm--Stack Center

**Friday, February 10th:**

Hispanic Bible Study  
6:00pm--Stack

**Saturday, February 11th:**

Adoration  
8:30am--Church

Family Bingo Night  
6:30pm--Stack

**Sunday, February 12th:**

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

Children's Liturgy  
9:30am--Mass

Religious Education / Sacrament Preparation  
11:00am--Stack Center - English  
11:30am--Stack Center - Bilingual

Youth Ministry  
6:00pm--Stack Center

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



**Please note:**

All masses will be celebrated in the Church.

**MONDAY, February 6th**

*St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs*  
7:00am Annette & Hans Friedeberg (L)

**TUESDAY, February 7th**

7:00am Maria Isabel Manalang (D)

**WEDNESDAY, February 8th**

*St. Jerome Emiliani*  
*St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin*  
8:15am Adelaida Alcantara (D)

**THURSDAY, February 9th**

7:00am Regis & Betty Ahearn (L)

**FRIDAY, February 10th**

*St. Scholastica, Virgin*  
7:00am Stella Velasquez (D)

**SATURDAY, February 11th**

*Our Lady of Lourdes*  
8:30am Danae Zytkowski (D)  
5:00pm Glen Alcorn

**SUNDAY, February 12th**

7:30am Carmen Riel (L)  
11:30am Nola Little (D)  
1:30pm Jesus Manuel Diaz Carrasco (D)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**February 6th through February 12th**

Monday: Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56  
Tuesday: Genesis 1:20-2:4a; Mark 7:1-13  
Wednesday: Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mark 7:14-23  
Thursday: Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30  
Friday: Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37  
Saturday: Genesis 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10  
Sunday: Sirach 15:15-20;  
1 Corinthians 2:6-10  
Matthew 5:17-37



**FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND**

We are grateful to Peggy Winkenhah for her donation for the flowers in memory of Ed Winkenhah on the fourth anniversary of his death. May God's Blessings be upon you Peggy and your intentions.

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 **February** :

February 7th	John Ramirez	TX
February 15th	Ronald Phillips	OH

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

**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!

**ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE**



The rosary will be recited for World Peace after the 8:15 am Mass each Wednesday in the Church. Please join us.

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This week we extend our gratitude to:

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