



Lent

From the Pastor

On the first Sunday of Lent we hear of Jesus' 40 days in the desert where he is tempted. Jesus went to the desert to prepare himself for His ministry and mission to save us. Have you ever thought about Jesus being tempted? If Jesus faced temptation to prepare for his ministry and mission then should not we review our lives and face what temptations keep us from a life of love with him and our brothers and sisters. Lent is a time of purification and enlightenment for us who are willing to take these 40 days to face our temptations and turn to God and His Word to refute sin so we can embrace our mission and purpose. May we embrace the path to salvation where we understand our purpose and mission to encounter God who is love.

Pledge Sunday for the Bishops Appeal

We come to our annual Appeal from the Bishop for our Diocese. Thank you for your participation last year. Last year we exceeded our goal, thank you! Every dollar above our goal is returned for use here at Our Lady of Grace. We needed every one of those dollars last year since our operating expenses exceeds our normal collections. May we ask God how we can support our diocese and our parish. Please help us meet our goal of **\$25,139.54**.

Opportunities for Renewal and Grace

Daily Mass : Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 7:00am, Wednesday at 8:15am, Saturday at 8:30am
Lenten Book: *Resisting Happiness* with daily online reflections--see our webpage (www.olgcv.org) to sign up

Wednesday 6pm Mass followed by a soup meal. Join us for the Pax Christi Presentations on **March 15th, 22nd and 29th**.

Thursday Alpha meeting for dinner at 6pm and our Topic: How to resist evil?

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday at 7pm and Saturday after the Morning Mass.

Confession during Adoration and on Saturday at 3:30pm, our Lenten Communal Penance service will be Thursday **March 30** at 7pm.

Stations of the Cross, Fridays at 2pm

Stations in the Park on March 25 at 11:30am.

Family Movie Night: *The 13th Day* the story of Fatima on **March 25** at 6:30pm

Gospel for The Second Sunday of Lent (March 12th)

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone. As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." .

BEST LENT EVER *RESISTING HAPPINES*

Did you pick up your Lenten book at mass on Ash Wednesday? The book *Resisting Happiness* by Matthew Kelly was distributed to help you have the best lent ever. Don't give up chocolate for Lent this year do something memorable. Go to our webpage, www.olgcv.org and click on the yellow smiley face to sign up with Dynamic Catholic to receive daily emails on your journey this Lent--Be Bold ! Be Catholic !

FINAL YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE Saturday, March 25th, 11:30 am-3:00 pm

Join our Youth Group on our final pilgrimage for this year. We start with lunch then hike (downhill!) to the golf course. We will pray the Stations of Cross while we hike. All are invited! Flyers available beginning Ash Wednesday. Contact the Faith Formation Center to RSVP or get more information (ffc@olgcv.org, 510-582-9266). We hope to see you there!



SOUP MEAL

Please plan on joining us for a simple meal of soup and bread Wednesday's during Lent. It will be a time for fellowship and families coming together. Our Soup Meal follows the 6:00pm Mass. (March 8th) Soup Meal is sponsored by **one of our parish groups**. Financial donations at the Soup Meal will be accepted for Operation Rice Bowl.

CONSIDER ALPHA FOR ADULTS

Alpha is winding down but, you still have time to join the final talks. 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

- **March 9:** *Does God Heal Today?*
- **March 16:** *What about the Church?*
- **March 23:** *Dinner and Prayer*
- **March 30:** *Reconciliation Service*

2017 BISHOPS APPEAL

"All God's People - United in Faith"

We have been involved for the past two weeks in this year's Bishop's Appeal occurring throughout the Diocese of Oakland.

As your pastor, I want to let you know that I support this effort and have assured Bishop Barber that our parish will do everything in our power to make this appeal successful. In fact, I have made my own gift as a sign of my support.

The specifics of the appeal have been outlined in the literature you received. However, I would like to emphasize the spiritual effect the appeal has on our parish and diocese. The appeal provides the means to continue the mission that Christ has entrusted to us: to serve, to educate, to care for the poor, and to be a beacon of hope. The ministries, services, and programs that are funded from this effort allow us to fulfill the mission given to us all.

Our hope is that each family will be generous and make a gift from its substance and not merely one of convenience. This appeal is based on equal sacrifice, not equal giving. We cannot ask everyone to consider the same size gifts, but we ask that everyone let their gift reflect how generous God has been with His gifts. Can you consider a gift of \$15, \$20 or \$30 each month for the rest of this year? That amount will equal a pledge of \$150, \$200 or \$300.

At this point, I will ask everyone, over the next few minutes, to make your commitment and complete a pledge envelope found in your pew if you haven't already completed a pledge from home. For those of you who have already made a gift or pledge by sending in your pledge card, I thank you for your generosity. In a few minutes, I will have the ushers pick up all envelopes and pledge cards, including those that have been brought today.

Thank you once again for listening today and over the past couple of weeks. I know with your response, we will have done our part as a parish family here in the Diocese of Oakland and I sincerely thank you.

Fr. Tom



**SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, MAY 6th
OLG SPRING AUCTION !**

Enjoy a Silent and Live Auction, catered dinner, Dessert Dash & Dancing ! 5:30pm--10:30pm--More information and ticket sales to come. You don't want to miss this fun adult evening out. Childcare for a nominal fee will be provided. Come hang out with old friends and make some new ones !

Have a Donation? 100% of our auction items are donated. Do you have a vacation cabin? Connections with a local sports team? Frequent Flyer miles to donate? In the past we have received donations for vacation rentals, hosted dinner parties, fine wines, and spirits, spa days and sports and concert tickets, please, contact: Liz Huizar--lizhuizar79@gmail.com or Colleen Lindberg in the parish office with your donation items.

ICF NEWS

Calling all Irish and those who wish to be Irish, it's time for the ICF Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. We will also have a St. Joseph's table with the proceeds going to St. Vincent de Paul at Transfiguration parish. Dinner will be on **March 9th**, at 6:30, doors open at 6:00, please enter by the side door. Deadline for reservations is Monday **March 6th**. For reservations please call Stella Taddei at 510-581-5863 or Juanita Madrid at 510-582-7242. Dinner is \$17.00 for nonmembers. Happy St. Paddy's Day!

CALLING ALL BISCOTTI LOVERS

We know you are out there. You have a chance to satisfy your craving and help the ICF replenish their scholarship/charitable funds. **Final week-end to place an order after each Mass** for Biscotti to be picked up on Palm Sunday, **April 9th**, between 9 and 11 A.M. The price is \$6.00 a dozen. In case you cannot be here to sign up, you may call Toni Proetti 510-886-8664 to place an order, deadline for orders will be March 26th. Just be sure to tell Toni from which parish you will be picking up your order. Buon Appetito!

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 February 26th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 7,311.00
Last Year this week	\$ 9,404.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$ 72,171.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$ 68,575.00

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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| Glen Alcorn | Bridgett Foscalina |
| Kathleen Andrews | Mary Franks |
| Susanna Axe | Byron Griffith |
| James Barthman | Sheila Janes |
| Bette Bennett | Elaine Jordan |
| Peggy Burton | Alice McLaughlin |
| Leonardo Cabardo | Florence Sharp |
| Frances De Villier | Pat Silva |
| Julie Dillon | Susan Star |
| Claudia Dobbs | Mercedes Tellez |
| | Iwan Tunggal |

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Join us every Saturday for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8:30am Mass, and every Thursday at 7:00pm in the church.

Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of a loved one.

ALL VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Our Sunday morning Liturgy of the Word program takes place during the 9:30 Mass. Each week, children age 3-11 are dismissed to the Augustine Center to hear the gospel and discuss the message in an age appropriate setting.

Please consider being part of this great ministry. If your child is currently enjoying this special celebration of Liturgy of the Word, celebrate with them! We are in need of some help on the 1st & 4th Sunday of the month. Material and mentoring available. Contact the Faith Formation Center at 510-582-9266 or ffc@olgcv.org

LENTEN LECTURE SERIES

Building Bridges for a Peaceful Future:

We all desire peace – in our hearts, our community, our country, and in the world. But how, as Catholic Christians, can we achieve peace? The Pax Christi/Social Justice group at OLG gives you an opportunity to explore the topic of peace in our Lenten series. We will offer 3 presentations on Wednesdays in Lent from 7:15 - 8:30 p.m. in Stack Hall immediately following the 6:00 p.m. Mass and soup dinner.

Wed., March 15 – Building Bridges to a Sustainable Future. Sandra Hodges from OLG will speak on time banking as a way to re-energize peaceful, caring communities by giving and accepting gifts of time.

Wed., March 22 - Developments in Catholic Peace Making: From Just War Theory to Non-Violence – Deacon Matt Dulka, Regional Director of Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers, will look at the difficulties of applying the principles of the Just War Theory in modern circumstances and how the Gospel challenges us to be "artisans of peace" by adopting the attitude and practice of non-violence.

Wed., March 29 – Gandhian Non-Violence – Lorin Peters, a teacher of social justice and non-violence and a St. Leanders parishioner, will present the principles of Gandhian non-violence and how, as Catholic Christians, we can apply them to our world today to our world today.

For more information call Dennise at 510-538-6071 or Sandra at 510-889-8132.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, March 7th:

Bible Study:

9:30am--Parish Office

Religious Education Classes:

3:45pm--Stack Center

Baptismal Class

Men's Bible Study

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

7:00pm--Parish Office

RCIA Inquiry:

7:00pm--Stack Center Conference Room

Wednesday, March 8th:

Lenten Soup Meal

Following the 6:00pm Mass in Stack Center

Thursday, March 9th:

Adult Alpha Series

6:00pm--Stack Center

ICF Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

6:00pm--Stack Center

Adoration

7:00pm--Church

Serenity Group

8:00pm--Stack Center

Friday, March 10th:

Stations of the Cross

2:00pm--Church

Hispanic Bible Study

6:00pm--Stack Center

Saturday, March 11th:

Adoration

8:30am--Church

Sunday, March 12th:

Coffee & Donuts After 9:30am Mass

Children's Liturgy

9:30am--Mass

Parish Registration

10:30am--Stack Center

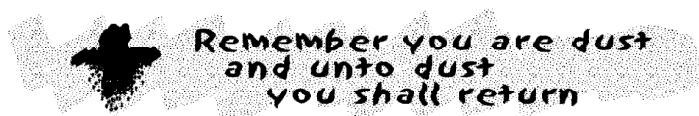
Religious Education/Sacrament Prep Classes

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, March 6th

7:00am Maura Vanderpoorten (D)

TUESDAY, March 7th

St. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

7:00am Lou Maravella (D)

WEDNESDAY, March 8th

St. John of God, Religious

8:15am Helen Maes (D)

6:00pm Luz Estela Brown (L)

THURSDAY, March 9th

St. Frances of Rome, Religious

7:00am Richard Benson (D)

FRIDAY, March 10th

2:00pm Stations of the Cross

7:00am Lilia Sousa (D)

SATURDAY, March 11th

8:30am Danae Zytrowskie (D)

SUNDAY, March 12th

7:30am Joan Dexter (D)

9:30am Heidi Halsey (L)

1:30pm Bella Martinez (L)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

March 6th through March 12th

- Monday: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18;
Matthew 25:31-46
- Tuesday: Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32
- Thursday: Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25
Matthew 7:7-12
- Friday: Ezra 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26
- Saturday: Deuteronomy 26:16-19;
Matthew 5:43-48
- Sunday: Genesis 12:1-4A;
2 Timothy 1:8B-10
Matthew 17:1-9



his word and gospel
are our light

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**CASTRO VALLEY
WRESTLING
CRAB FEED
MARCH 18th**

Come join the CV Wrestlers and their families for their Crab Feed fundraiser in Stack Center. Social hour begins at 6:00pm dinner at 7:00pm. Tickets can be purchased in the OLG Parish office, for information contact Denise Ramirez at 510-909-4994

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!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross lead by our school students are offered at Our Lady of Grace, Friday's at 2:00pm during Lent in the Church.



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.

**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.

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