



The Raising of Lazarus

In the Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, we encounter what many consider to be Jesus' greatest miracle during his life – the raising of Lazarus four days after his burial. It is in this final Gospel from the scrutinies that we see the end result of our soul searching with the Samaritan woman and gift of sight with the man born blind. It is the promise of rising into new life with Christ.

The Basic Premise for the Scrutinies

Sin and evil are real. They are part of our lives. Their power is strong.

Salvation is also real. Christ's power to save, protect, and strengthen us is stronger.

Sin is only recognized in the light of grace. God's grace is always first.

The three scrutinies ritually celebrate the central mystery of life, death, and resurrection in the lives of the elect. It is the paschal mystery. The faithful see the power of God acting in them by participating in the rites, see the power of God at work, and decide once again to turn from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.

Confessions at Our Lady of Grace

Thursday, April 6th 7:00-8:00pm

Saturday April 8th 9-10am & 3:30-4:30pm,

Wednesday, April 12th 7:00-8:00am

Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) April 8

According to the main document on the celebration of the feasts connected with Easter, [Paschales Solemnitatis](#): Holy Week begins on "Passion (or Palm) Sunday" which joins the foretelling of Christ's regal triumph and the proclamation of the passion. The connection between both aspects of the Paschal Mystery should be shown and explained in the celebration and catechesis of this day.

What does Hosanna mean? (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI)

Originally this was a word of urgent supplication, meaning something like: Come to our aid! The priests would repeat it in a monotone on the seventh day of the Feast of Tabernacles, while processing seven times around the altar of sacrifice, as an urgent prayer for rain.

But as the Feast of Tabernacles gradually changed from a feast of petition into one of praise, so too the cry for help turned more and more into a shout of jubilation.

By the time of Jesus, the word had also acquired Messianic overtones. In the Hosanna acclamation, then, we find an expression of the complex emotions of the pilgrims accompanying Jesus and of his disciples: joyful praise of God at the moment of the processional entry, hope that the hour of the Messiah had arrived, and at the same time a prayer that the Davidic kingship and hence God's kingship over Israel would be reestablished.

Masses of Holy Week and Easter 2017

Mon. & Tue, April 10 & 11 7:00 am

Wednesday, April 12 8:15 am

No morning Masses Thursday – Saturday

The Sacred Triduum

The Sacred Triduum, spanning three days, is one liturgy in 3 parts celebrating the great event of the glorious triumph of Jesus over sin and death. We invite you enter the mystery of our redemption over 3 days.

Holy Thursday, April 13th, 7:30pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Transfer of the Eucharist to the repository in Stack Center follows the Mass.

Good Friday, April 14th

Stations of the Cross at 12:00 pm and 5:00 pm (Spanish).

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 1:30 pm, 6:00pm (Spanish) and 7:30 pm

Holy Saturday, April 15th, 8:00 pm (2 to 3 hours)

The Great Easter Vigil

Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word, Rites of Initiation for the Elect, Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Easter Sunday Masses, April 16th

✠ 7:30 am ✠ 9:30 am ✠ 11:30 am ✠ 1:30 pm

NEWS FROM OUR RCIA TEAM

This Sunday, we celebrate the Final of the three Scrutinies. at the 9:30am Mass In the Scrutinies, we as a parish community intercede for the Elect (those seeking baptism) and offer them support with our unceasing prayer and Christian witness as they approach their Baptism and full initiation to the Catholic Church at Easter Vigil.

Our Elect for 2017 are *Kevin Parra, Daniel Salas, Julia Leong and Bret Sanford*. Let us pray that any attachment to evil might be removed, and that they be truly converted to Christ.



FINAL LENTEN SOUP MEAL

Please plan on joining us for our final soup meal of the Lenten Season following the 6:00pm Mass on Wednesday, **April 5th** . Our simple meal of soup and bread is sponsored by **Our Lady of Grace School**. It will be a time for fellowship and families coming together.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION

Please pray for our 70 Sacrament students as they receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on April 8th and the Sacrament of First Eucharist during masses on April 30th, May 6th & May 7th.

We will also celebrate the Rite of Confirmation at our 5:00pm mass, Saturday April 29th, Bishop Barber will preside.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross lead by our **Hispanic Group** are offered on Thursday April 6th at 6pm.in the Church.



Our Lady of Grace Spring Tea Saturday, April 29, 2017

Join us as we celebrate spring with a traditional English High Tea. We know you won't be able to resist tiny sandwiches and tasty scones. Sample sweet and savory delights while sipping your choice of teas. Decorate it with your own linens, china, silverware and teapot. The Faith Formation Center will provide the tea and delicious treats!

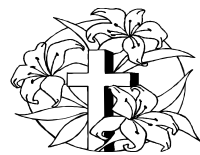
Reservations required - choice of two seatings available, 10:30am Children's Tea Service, Adults \$20, children \$10; or 2:00pm seating (Adults Only) \$20. There will also be raffles for exciting prizes! Call or email for reservations and information.

510-582-9266, ffc@olgcv.org

Make your reservations by **April 18th**



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**EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS
A BEAUTIFUL OUR LADY OF GRACE TRADITION**

Once again, this year we are inviting you to remember family members and friends through a Flower Offering which will help us to purchase the plants and other decorations we need to beautify our sanctuary. You may list the names of loved ones you wish to remember or memorialize by using the special Easter Flower Offering envelopes or submitting the names of your loved ones on this form and returning to the Parish office. A list of names of all who are remembered will be available after Easter.

In Memory of: _____
From: _____ Daytime phone number: _____
Offering: \$10. _____ \$20. _____ \$25. _____ \$50. _____ Other _____
Questions please call Jay at the Parish office 537-0806

**“Sharing God’s Mercy” –
The Bishop’s Annual Appeal**

Update: As previously stated during the early stage of this Bishop’s Appeal a small portion of our parish’s membership has been quite faithful to this Appeal and we have been able to meet our goal for the past 17 years. We are very grateful to them for their continuing generosity. In the past years we have also benefited from the money returned to us that was raised over and above our goal.

This year’s appeal will target the ministries of our Catholic Schools, clergy formation and retirement, and support of needy parishes. A further percentage will be targeted to Faith & Formation of pastoral ministers and services that focus on strengthening our faith, our families and building parish communities. The Diocese helps to insure that our local Church and churches adequately meet the spiritual and parochial needs of our members. We must not forget that we are part of something much larger than ourselves. I once again invite all of you to consider how you might join us in this important endeavor.

**ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION
38TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE
SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017**

6:00pm Hosted Wine and Beer Happy Hour

7:00pm Dinner

Raffle

Dance to the Big Band sounds of

“In Full Swing”

8:00pm - 10:30pm

Menu:

Antipasto, Salad, Chicken Cordon Bleu with Potatoes and Vegetables, Dessert, Wine and Coffee

\$40 per person

For reservations call:

Rosalind Crudo (510) 537-6657 or

Pat Grasso (510) 538-2844

Reservation deadline **April 17th**

**“UNITY SHINES BRIGHT”
DINNER AUCTION**

Saturday, May 6, 2017

Join us for an amazing night!

Silent & Live Auctions, Dinner by Miraglia

Dessert Dash , Dancing , No-Host Bar

& much more!

Sponsor a 10-person table \$250 or \$30 per person open seating (Adults only)

Purchase tickets online at www.olgcv.org/ auction or tickets can be purchased in the school or parish offices

Limited tickets available until Tuesday, **May 2nd.**

Tickets will Not be sold at the event.

Proceeds benefit OLG Parish and School & selected charities.

Don’t miss out on this fun annual event!!



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:

Glen Alcorn
Kathleen Andrews
Susanna Axe
James Barthman
Peggy Burton
Leonardo Cabardo
Julie Dillon
Claudia Dobbs
Bridgett Foscalina
Mary Franks
Sheila Janes

Elaine Jordan
Alice McLaughlin
Rosy Pereira
Adorec Rivera
Stephanie Rosevear
Florence Sharp
Pat Silva
Susan Star
Mercedes Tellez
Iwan Tunggal

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.

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

FRANCES CARTER



FLOWER REMEMBRANCE

In loving memory of Dennis Cande.

Kathleen Cande donated this weekend's flowers, placed in front of Mary, Our Lady of Grace, in memory of her dear husband, Dennis, on the first anniversary of his entrance into Heaven. May the Lord continue to wrap his loving arms around you and all who loved Dennis.

The LORD is my shepherd

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**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: **April 6th,**
9:15 to 11:15 am

Speaker: Sr. Marie Stafford
Topic: *Personal Faith Journeys*



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ST. VINCENT de PAUL

Is God calling you to help your neighbors as a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society? It's not for everyone - but being a member allows you to put your faith into action. This vocation is a desire to participate personally and directly in helping the needy by person-to-person contact and the gift of one's heart and friendship. We do this within a Conference - a community of faith. For more information, please contact: Heidi Denzler-Halsey at 510-881-7850.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, April 4th:

- 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

Wednesday, April 5th:

- Lenten Soup Meal
Following the 6:00pm Mass in Stack Center
- Men of Faith Meeting
7:00pm--Parish Office

Thursday, April 6th:

- Stations of the Cross - Spanish
6:00pm--Church
- Communal Penance Service & Adoration
7:00pm--Church
- Serenity Group
8:00pm--Stack Center

Friday, April 7th:

- Stations of the Cross
2:00pm--Church
- Hispanic Bible Study
6:00pm--Stack Center

Saturday, April 8th:

- Adoration
Following the 8:30am Mass--Church
- First Reconciliation
9:00am --Church

Sunday, April 9th:

PALM SUNDAY

Coffee & Donuts After 9:30am Mass

- Children's Liturgy
9:30am--Mass
- Parish Registration
10:30am--Stack Center
- Religious Education
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, April 3rd

7:00am Mary Borges (D)

TUESDAY, April 4th

St. Isidore, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

7:00am Helen Maes (D)

WEDNESDAY, April 5th

St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

8:15am Rudy & Augie Enriquez (D)

6:00pm Joan Gabrielli & Family (L)

THURSDAY, April 6th

7:00am Marcelino Perdido (D)

6:00pm Stations of the Cross - Spanish

7:00pm *Communal Penance Service*

FRIDAY, April 7th

St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

7:00am Raquel Lopez de Zegarra (D)

2:00pm Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, April 8th

8:30am Louis Rodrigues (D)

SUNDAY, April 9th

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

9:30am Aurora & Manuel Soares (D)

1:30am Silvia De Mendez (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

April 3rd through April 9th

Monday: Daniel 13:41C-62; John 8:1-11

Tuesday: Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30

Wednesday: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95;

John 8:31-42

Thursday: Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59

Friday: Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42

Saturday: Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56

Sunday: Matthew 21:1-11

Philippians 2:6-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66

FESCO

**REGISTER FOR FESCO'S
20th ANNUAL SHUFFLE WALKATHON**

As coalition members of FESCO Our Lady of Grace is grateful to support FESCO in their 19th Annual Shuffle Walkathon. FESCO continues to provide homeless families with shelter, nutritious meals and a hand up in becoming self-sufficient. With your help and support, FESCO can continue to help homeless families. Register now for the annual walk-a-thon to be held Saturday, **May 6th**, this is a family, pet friendly event. OLG Team Captain's, Chris Ippolito and Colleen Lindberg are asking for your help in support of FESCO, you can walk, be a benchwarmer cheerleader or make a donation to Team OLG. Please send a message to our community that you are committed to ending family homelessness in Alameda County by pledging your support as a donor to FESCO's 20th Annual Shuffle Walkathon. Registration materials are available in the parish office or contact Colleen at clindberg@olgcv.org. You can also sign up or donate by going to www.firstgiving.com/21524/20th-annual-fesco-shuffle. For more information or a pledge sheet, go to www.fescofamilyshester.org or call Stephanie Miller at the FESCO office at 510-886-5473, ext. 101.



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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