


**Through the Blessed Virgin**, Maximilian encountered the Lord Jesus and in Him the living Water of eternal Life (cf. Jn 4:14), which has to be shared with everyone. At the foot of the Cross, Mary was the first one to welcome Jesus' thirst, the thirst of the Crucified Love to quench the thirst of our hearts, and Maximilian wanted the *MI Militia Immaculata* to be a docile and generous instrument in Our Lady's hands for the fulfilling of this dream: the happiness of all people in God.

It is during the Annunciation (celebrated **Saturday, March 25**) that the plan God and promise of Jesus is proclaimed with a invitation given to Mary to bear God. Her "Yes" changed human history and hope was given to every human being.

Miracles of love are possible, according to the experience of St. Maximilian, when we rely on the intercession and mediation of the Immaculate. In an article from 1924 he states: "Rekindle love and trust in Mary Immaculate everywhere and you shall soon see tears flowing from the eyes of the most hardened sinners. You shall see prisons emptied, the ranks of honest workers increased; while home hearths will be redolent of virtue; peace and happiness will destroy discord and pain, for it will be already a new era" (SK 1069).

### REPORT OF PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS IN 2016

Our parish has one revenue stream and that is your contributions. During the last year the money you entrusted to us in the monthly Maintenance envelope for property improvements was spent in 2016 for the following projects: new carpet and flooring at the entrance to the parish office \$8,450; replaced the two furnaces in the parish office \$7,239.; outdoor lighting replaced for improved lighting and efficiency \$6,100.; Stack Center partition doors repaired \$2,500.; trees trimmed at the entrance on San Miguel \$2,400; front of Church was cleaned and painted \$2,100.; Parish office interior painted in the reception area \$1,580. Total property improvements and repairs came to \$30,369. The amount received thru the Maintenance envelopes last year was \$20,677. We encourage you to contribute using the monthly Maintenance envelopes for the upkeep of our Parish property.

A more complete reporting of the financial results of 2016 will be presented next week. Our expenses exceeded our revenue for the year.

### Gospel for The Fourth Sunday of Lent (March 26th)

**John 9:1-41**

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent —. So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is, " but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out. When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

**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](http://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 or follow along on facebook--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](mailto: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 22nd)** 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 23:***Dinner and Prayer*
- **March 30:***Reconciliation Service*

**2017 BISHOPS APPEAL**

*"All God's People - United in Faith"*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your participation and support of the Bishop's Appeal.

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.

If you have not yet made a gift to the Bishop's Appeal, I encourage you to do so today or as soon as possible. Pledge envelopes are available in the pews, and at the back of the church. Please fill out your commitment and drop it in the offertory today. Thank you in advance for your help in making this year's Bishop's Appeal a success. 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.

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**

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**

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

**The 13th Day - The Miracle of Fatima**  
Saturday, March 25th  
6:30pm - Stack Center



**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.

**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.

**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 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.



**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 March 12th:**

Sunday Plate:	\$ 9,899.00
Last Year this week	\$ 8,050.00
<b>Weekly Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 8,920.00</b>
Year-to-date this year:	\$ 91,697.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$ 94,590.00

*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        | Mary Franks        |
| Kathleen Andrews   | Byron Griffith     |
| Susanna Axe        | Sheila Janes       |
| James Barthman     | Elaine Jordan      |
| Bette Bennett      | Alice McLaughlin   |
| Peggy Burton       | Stephanie Rosevear |
| Leonardo Cabardo   | Florence Sharp     |
| Joseph De Villier  | Pat Silva          |
| Julie Dillon       | Susan Star         |
| Claudia Dobbs      | Mercedes Tellez    |
| Bridgett Foscalina | 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.*

LEHUA ALEJANDRO

**PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH**

To you, O blessed Joseph,  
do we come in our tribulation,  
and having implored the help of your most holy  
Spouse,  
we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you  
to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God  
and through the paternal love  
with which you embraced the Child Jesus,  
we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheri-  
tance  
which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood,  
and with your power and strength to aid us in our ne-  
cessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family,  
defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;  
O most loving father, ward off from us  
every contagion of error and corrupting influence;  
O our most mighty protector, be kind to us  
and from heaven assist us in our struggle  
with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril,  
so now protect God's Holy Church  
from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity;  
shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection,  
so that, supported by your example and your aid,  
we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness,  
and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven.  
Amen.

**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

**THIS WEEK****Tuesday, March 21st:**

Bible Study:  
9:30am--Parish Office  
  
Religious Education Classes:  
3:45pm--Stack Center  
  
Men's Bible Study  
7:00pm--Parish Office  
  
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting  
7:00pm--Parish Office  
  
RCIA Inquiry:  
7:00pm--Stack Center Conference Room

**Wednesday, March 22nd:**

Lenten Soup Meal  
Following the 6:00pm Mass in Stack Center  
  
Lenten Lecture Series  
7:15pm--Stack Center

**Thursday, March 23rd:**

Adult Alpha Series  
6:00pm--Stack Center  
  
Adoration  
7:00pm--Church  
  
Serenity Group  
8:00pm--Stack Center

**Friday, March 24th:**

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

**Saturday, March 25th:**

Adoration  
8:30am--Church  
Hike and Stations of the Cross  
11:30am--Lake Chabot  
Family Movie Night  
**The 13th Day - The Miracle of Fatima**  
6:30pm--Stack Center

**Sunday, March 26th:****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, March 20th**

*St. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY*  
7:00am Susan Thau (D)

**TUESDAY, March 21st**

7:00am Glenn Heestand (D)

**WEDNESDAY, March 22nd**

8:15am Debbie Telles (D)  
6:00pm Robert Gallicano (D)

**THURSDAY, March 23rd**

*St. Turibius of Mogrovejo*  
7:00am Justina Pagdilao (D)

**FRIDAY, March 24th**

7:00am Thomas Clark (D)  
2:00pm Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY, March 25th**

*THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD*  
8:30am Mark Clement (D)

**SUNDAY, March 26th**

9:30am Maria & Domingos (D)  
11:30am Danell Del Rio Petrovia (L)  
1:30am Legia Mejia (L)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**March 20th through March 26th**

Monday: 2 Samuel 7:4-5A, 12-14A, 16;  
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22;  
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24A

Tuesday: Daniel 3:25, 34-43;  
Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9;  
Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday: Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23

Friday: Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34

Saturday: Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10;  
Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38

Sunday: 1 Samuel 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A;  
Ephesians 5:8-14;  
John 9:1-41

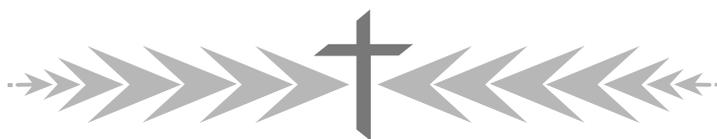
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**ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE**



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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