


He has risen from the dead!

From the Pastor

For Holy Week I went to go see the movie, A Case for Christ. My sister several years ago read the book and it inspired her to make a deeper commitment to living her faith. In the movie, the resurrection is the central question Lee Strobel, an atheist, was seeking to disprove. In his research to disprove the resurrection of Jesus through Scientific experts. Lee came to the conclusion that there was so much evidence that he had to put his faith in Jesus who rose from the dead.

The Apostle Paul addressed the necessity of the Resurrection of Jesus for our faith to be true in 1 Corinthians 15:13-19: "But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up – if in fact the dead do not rise. For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable."

We live in a time of skepticism especially about religious beliefs as illogical, emotionally based, and being myth. Many of your family members may give you reasons for their lack of belief. As Catholics can we respond through many means: Prayer, Apologetics of logical explanations of our beliefs, Scientific evidence to the events of Biblical events and Jesus life, the witness of the Saints, the testimony of Faith alive in our lives, Miracles and Apparitions through out history, ect.

We come to the empty tomb today and hear the testimony of the witnesses in the Scripture. Every time we celebrate Mass we proclaim the Resurrection. He has risen! Each of us can reach him, know Him, and be and touch by him. Through our Baptism we are united to him and we have become sons and daughters of God through Him. For this encounter we must believe in Him and put our faith in Jesus. Jesus is risen and He will be with us always.

He has truly Risen Alleluia!

Fr. Tom

Gospel for the Second SUNDAY of EASTER (April 23rd)
John 20:1-9

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

Easter



BLESSINGS

PARISH OFFICE HOURS APRIL 17th

The Parish office will be closed on Monday, April 17th and will re-open Tuesday, April 18th at 9:00am.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Join us on Mercy Sunday for an hour of Adoration, praying the Divine Mercy and confession at 3:00pm on Sunday, **April 23**. After our prayer we will have a video presentation in Stack Center on the Divine Mercy Image given to Saint Faustina.

FIRST EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION

Please pray for our 70 Sacrament students as they prepare to receive 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.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF FATIMA AND THE MISSION OF THE IMMACULATA

Our Lady of Grace Church honors Mary in May with two presentations.

On **May 13th** we will celebrate the Message and Meaning of Fatima on the 100th Anniversary of the first apparition.

On **May 20th** we will consider the Immaculate Conception as the golden thread in Franciscan Marian Devotion culminating in the establishment of the evangelization outreach of the Mission of the Immaculata established by St. Maximilian Kolbe 100 years ago. Information on a October Fatima and Lourdes Pilgrimage will be available.

Join us from 6:30PM until 9:00PM in Stack Center on Saturday, **May 13th and 20th**. RSVP for the Potluck and Presentation to Jay at 510-537-0806 or jay@olgcv.org



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**

Italian Catholic Federation 38th Anniversary Dinner Dance

Come join the ICF as we celebrate our 38th anniversary with a dinner dance on Saturday, **April 22nd** in Stack Center. Hosted wine and beer social hour at 6:00, dinner at 7:00 and dancing to the big band sounds of "In Full Swing", from 8:00 to 10:30, and of course Raffle Baskets. Reservations are required, the cost is \$40.00 per person, deadline is **April 17th**. For more information and to make reservations, please contact Roz at 510-537-6657 or Pat at 510-538-2844. Let's keep dancing!



"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!!

**ALL GOD'S PEOPLE
UNITED IN FAITH
The Bishop's Annual Appeal**

Following is the status of our Annual Bishops

Our Goal for 2017: \$25,139.54
 # of Registered Families 980
 # of Acknowledged Donors to date: 89
 Funds Raised (includes pledges) \$14,918.00

We are currently at 59% of our goal for this years Bishop's Appeal. We are most grateful to all those who have contributed and look forward to completing this appeal. Imagine where we would be if all families participated. If you have not yet made your contribution consider doing so today.

GOT AN AUCTION ITEM?

100% of our auction items are donated. Do you have a vacation cabin? Connections with a local sports team? Frequent Flyer miles? In the past we have received donations for vacation rentals, automobiles, hosted dinner, fine wines, and spirits, spa days and sports and concert tickets. Please be creative and consider what you can donate. Please contact Colleen Lindberg in the parish office with your donation items.

HELP WITH OUR WEBPAGE

Are you comfortable with the computer and interested in learning the basics of Wordpress? Great opportunity to learn and help keep our webpage calendar up to date. You can work in the parish office an hour or two to get started -- training provided. Please call Colleen in the parish office if you are interested.

BAPTISM AT OUR LADY OF GRACE

Our Lady of Grace celebrates the sacrament of baptism for children on the second Sunday of the month.

If you are wishing to have your child, ages infant to six years baptized, parents and godparents need to attend a pre-baptism class. You also need to be registered members of the parish for at least three months. Email Jay or call her 537-0806 for information. The next Pre-Baptism Class will be held **May 2nd** at 7:00pm in the Parish Office.

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 April 9th:

Sunday Plate: \$ 9,808.00
 Last Year this week \$ 9,067.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal: \$ 8,920.00
 Year-to-date this year: \$127,345.00
 Year-to-date last year: \$124,721.00

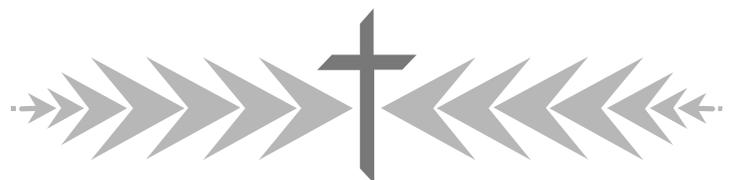
May God bless your continuing generosity.



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 | Elaine Jordan |
| Kathleen Andrews | Alice McLaughlin |
| Susanna Axe | Rosy Pereira |
| James Barthman | Adorec Rivera |
| Peggy Burton | Stephanie Rosevear |
| Leonardo Cabardo | Florence Sharp |
| Julie Dillon | Susan Star |
| Claudia Dobbs | Mercedes Tellez |
| Bridgett Foscalina | Iwan Tunggal |
| Mary Franks | |



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

- EGYPTIAN COPTIC CHRISTIANS**
FRANCES CARTER
EMIL KERN
PAT SILVA

**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 20th,**
9:15 to 11:15 am

Speaker: Fr. Paul Gawlowski

Topic: *Personal Faith Journeys*

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

Support FESCO (Family Emergency Shelter Coalition) in its efforts to end family homelessness in Alameda County by joining us at our 20th Annual FESCO Shuffle Walkathon on **Saturday, May 6th**. You can walk as a team or as an individual in this family-friendly, dog-friendly event along the beautiful path at the San Leandro Marina. Check-in starts at 8:30 am at the Seagull Picnic Site and the walk begins at 10:00. You can walk from one to three miles, or even be a benchwarmer! If you are attending, you can sponsor yourself or get your friends and families to sponsor you. If you are unable to attend, please consider sponsoring a walker or making a direct financial contribution to FESCO. Your donations make it possible for FESCO to help homeless families gain stability and find permanent housing!

Chris Ippolito and Colleen Lindberg will be outside mass on Sunday, April 23rd if you would like to stop by and offer your support for team OLG for this years FESCO Shuffle!

**Franciscan Friar
Come and See Invitation for Men 18 - 50**

What Is the Life of a Friar Like?

Come and See!

April 28-30, 2017

- Meet Friars, hear their story!
- Learn More About St. Francis and the Spirituality of Friars!
- Experience How They Live!!

Stay with us & experience our life from Friday 4pm till Sunday till 1PM Sunday at Holy Family Friary in Castro Valley, CA. For more info call Fr. Paul at 510-671-0537. Or Email: CaliforniaVocation@gmail.com

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, April 18th:

Bible Study:

9:30am--Parish Office

Religious Education Classes:

3:45pm--Stack Center

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

7:00pm--Parish Office

RCIA

7:00pm--Stack Center

Wednesday, April 19th:

Strobridge Dinner

5:30pm--Strobridge Apartments

Thursday, April 20th:

Adoration

7:00pm--Church

Serenity Group

8:00pm--Stack Center

Friday, April 21st:

Hispanic Bible Study

6:00pm--Stack Center - OLG Room

Saturday, April 22nd:

Adoration

9:00am--Church

ICF Dinner Dance

6:00pm--Stack Center

Saturday, April 23rd:

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

COME JOIN US

All are invited after the **9:30am** Sunday Mass to Gather in Stack Center For coffee and donuts.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Please note:

All masses will be celebrated in the Church.

MONDAY, April 17th

7:00am Eira Lindberg (D)

TUESDAY, April 18th

7:00am Robert Polley (D)

WEDNESDAY, April 19th

8:15am Debi Telles (D)

THURSDAY, April 20th

7:30am Richard Benson (D)

FRIDAY, April 21st

7:00am Dorothy & Manuel Callier (D)

SATURDAY, April 22nd

8:00pm Vincenzo & Angela Latora (D)

SUNDAY, April 23rd

7:30am Teresa Ramos de Ibarra (D)

1:30pm Raul Ortega (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

April 17th through April 23rd

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15
 Sunday: Acts 2:42-47;
 1 Peter 1:3-9;
 John 20:19-31



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WELCOME !

If you are visiting or are joining us for the first time, we are glad you came! All are welcome at OLG and received with love. If you are ready to join our parish, we encourage to meet with one of our New Parishioner Volunteers in Stack Center after the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, **April 23rd** during Coffee and Donuts. If you have any questions please call the Parish Office at 537-0806.

**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.

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This week we extend our gratitude to:

CLAYWORTH HEALTHCARE PHARMACY



Celebrating the resurrection we welcome into the faith the following children through Baptism:

April 22nd at 5:00pm, Charlotte Irwin
 April 23rd at 9:30am, Lilia Middaugh and 1:30pm, Layla Mendoza and Gabriel Villaverde

EXECUTION ALERTS

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

April 17th	Don Davis	AR
April 17th	Bruce Ward	AR
April 20th	Stacey Johnson	AR
April 20th	Ledelle Lee	AR

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