



Entering into Holy Week

I invite you to set aside time to spend with Jesus this week. Make a plan this week to enter into prayer to prepare yourself to meet the Resurrected Jesus. Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane invites his disciples to pray while he is praying to follow the will of the Father. "Thy will be done" just as Jesus taught his disciples to pray. Join us in prayer this week. Seek to spend time reading the Passion in one of the Gospels. This year we listen to the Passion in Matthew on Passion or "Palm" Sunday. On Good Friday we always read the Gospel of John. Join our Blessed Mother as she follows Jesus to the Cross where her heart is pierced by a sword as Simeon predicted. Pray the Sorrowful mysteries of the Rosary as a family each night this week. Pray and fast and abstain from meat on Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

Paschal Triduum

Make a plan as a family to join into prayer as much as possible to all the liturgical events of the Triduum. The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery. The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil.

The liturgical services that take place during the Triduum are:

- Mass of the Lord's Supper
- Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
- Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

Good Friday is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Join us on Easter Sunday to Celebrate the Resurrection and be touched by the love of the Risen Lord and bring that love Joyfully to a broken world.

Pope Francis said at Easter, we leave ourselves behind and encounter others by "being close to those crushed by life's troubles, sharing with the needy, standing at the side of the sick, elderly and the out-cast." We are being missioned as Easter People. We find peace in Jesus' love for us and now we share it with others. We find ourselves standing side by side with Jesus, looking together at those we are being sent to love. That is where the real joy of Easter waits for us. Bring your family friends and neighbors to share the Joy!

Mercy Sunday

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

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*Enter into the
Passion and Glory
of the Lord*



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE :

Last opportunities for confessions at O.L.G.
 Wednesday: **April 12th** 7:00-8:00 am

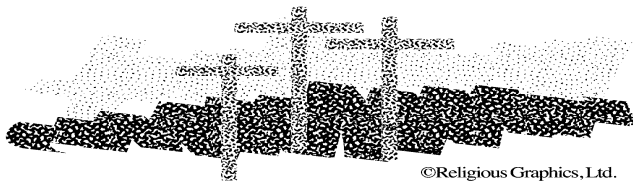
Mass Schedule: Holy Week

Monday, **April 10th,** 7:00 am
 Tuesday, **April 11th,** 7:00 am
 Wednesday, **April 12th,** 8:15 am

No morning Masses Thursday-Saturday

The Sacred Triduum

The Sacred Triduum, spanning three days, is one commemoration celebrating the great event of glorious triumph of Jesus over sin and death. We invite you to share in all the liturgies as we ascend to the joy of Easter resurrection and new life won for us.



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SCHEDULE FOR THE SACRED TRIDUUM:

Holy Thursday, April 13th, 7:30pm:
MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

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

Good Friday, April 14th :

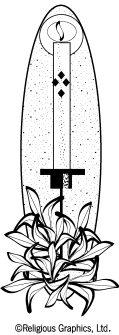
Stations of the Cross
 12:00pm (English) & 5:00pm (Spanish)
CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S PASSION
 1:30pm, 6:00pm (Spanish) and 7:30pm

Holy Saturday, April 15th, 8:00pm

THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL:
 Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word, Rites of Initiation for the Elect and Liturgy of the Eucharist

Easter Sunday Masses, April 16th

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am & 1:30pm (Spanish)



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**CELEBRATE NEW LIFE
 IN CHRIST
 YOU ARE INVITED TO:**

Celebrate the Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation of Our Elect for 2017 *Kevin Parra, Daniel Salas, Julia Leong and Bret Sanford, we will also welcome into full communion with the church, Adrian Ayllon, Anthony Garcia and Alex Robthan.* Rejoice!

The Solemn Easter Vigil
Saturday, April 15th, 2017 at 8:00 pm
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

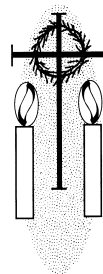


**EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS
 OUR LADY OF GRACE TRADITION**

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 available in the pews. A list of names of all who are remembered will be available after Easter.

HELP US DECORATE FOR EASTER

We will be readying the church for our Easter Services beginning at 9:00am on Saturday, **April 15th.** If you are available to help place flowers, dust and spruce up the church we would be most appreciative of your help. No need to RSVP just looking forward to seeing you then!



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GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity’s holiest places. Please be generous.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will close at 12 Noon on **Good Friday, April 14th.**



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**“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!!

**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!

**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:	79
Funds Raised (includes pledges)	\$13,083.00

We are currently at 52% 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.

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 2nd:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 9,103.00
Last Year this week	\$ 8,288.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$117,537.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$115,654.00

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 | Pat Silva |
| Claudia Dobbs | Susan Star |
| Bridgett Foscalina | Mercedes Tellez |
| Mary Franks | Iwan Tunggal |
| Sheila Janes | |

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

FRANCES CARTER



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.

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@olgc.org

**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*

ST. VINCENT de PAUL

St. Vincent de Paul is completely dependent on your monthly donations. We are grateful for all your support and want you to know where your donations are going.

Who are we helping?

JJ is homeless and living in a storage facility. He called and asked for food that is microwaveable. He was upbeat and thankful for the help that we could give to him. Due to the growing number of people who are homeless or have limited cooking facilities, we now stock a variety of items that can be microwaved or do not require any cooking.

THIS WEEK

Monday, April 10th:

Womens Evening Bible Study
7:00pm--Stack Center

Tuesday, April 11th:

Bible Study:
9:30am--Parish Office
Funeral for Teresa Lavin
11:00--Church

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

Men's Bible Study
7:00pm--Parish Office

Thursday, April 13th:

Serenity Group
8:00pm--Stack Center

Saturday, April 15th:

Decorate the Church for Easter
9:00am--Church

A REMINDER FROM ICF

A great big Italian "Thank You" to all who ordered Biscotti from the ICF! Remember pick up is Sunday April 9th, Palm Sunday, after all Masses. See you then.



**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@olgc.org

Make your reservations by **April 18th**

Mass Intentions for the Week



Please note:

All masses will be celebrated in the Church.

MONDAY, April 10th

7:00am Lilia Sousa (D)

TUESDAY, April 11th

7:00am Helen Maes (D)

WEDNESDAY, April 12th

8:15am Christopher Guerrero (D)

6:00pm Wednesday Lenten Mass

THURSDAY, April 13th

HOLY THURSDAY

7:30pm *Evening Mass of the Lord's Passion*

FRIDAY, April 14th

GOOD FRIDAY

12:00pm Stations of the Cross

1:30pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Veneration of the Cross

& Communion

5:00pm Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

6:00pm Veneration of the Cross

& Communion (Spanish)

7:30pm Veneration of the Cross

& Communion

SATURDAY, April 15th

HOLY SATURDAY

8:00pm **THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL**

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES, APRIL 16th

7:30am~9:30am~11:30am~1:30pm (Spanish)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

April 10th through April 16th

Monday: Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11

Tuesday: Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33,36-38

Wednesday: Isaiah 50:4-9; Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday: Isaiah 61:1-3,6,8-9; Luke 4:16-21

Friday: Isaiah 52:13—53:12; John 18:1--19:42

Saturday: Genesis 1:1-2, 26-31;

Matthew 28:1-10

Sunday: Acts 10:34,37-43; Colossians 3:1-4;

John 20:1-9

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 6. 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 bench-warmer! The event also offers morning refreshments, lunch, entertainment, and a raffle!

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!

Sign up to walk or to donate at www.firstgiving.com/21524/20th-annual-fesco-shuffle.

For more information or a pledge sheet, go to www.fescofamilysHELTER.org or call Stephanie Miller at the FESCO office at 510-886-5473, ext. 101.

EXECUTION ALERTS

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

April 12th	Paul Storey	TX
April 17th	Don Davis	AR
April 17th	Bruce Ward	AR

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

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