


Blessings on Mother's Day

From the Pastor

May All our Mothers, Grandmothers, and Godmothers be blessed today. We at Our Lady of Grace offer you a flower and prayer card as a sign of our thanks and appreciation for nurturing us with love over the years. The Friars and staff give thanks for the loving care and nurturing you offer to all our children at Our Lady of Grace parish and school.

O Most Blessed Mother, heart of love, heart of mercy, ever listening, caring, consoling, hear our prayer. As your children, we implore your intercession with Jesus your Son. Receive with understanding and compassion the petitions we place before you today, especially ...(special intention).

We are comforted in knowing your heart is ever open to those who ask for your prayer. We trust to your gentle care and intercession, those whom we love and who are sick or lonely or hurting. Help all of us, Holy Mother, to bear our burdens in this life until we may share eternal life and peace with God forever.

Amen.

Franciscan Devotion for Our Blessed Mother

Join us on Saturday, **May 20** at 6:30pm, for a special evening considering the devotion of the Franciscans to Our Lady, the Immaculate Conception. Come and learn about the evangelization mission propagated by Saint Maximilian Kolbe and the Franciscan Friars. There will be a multimedia presentation with a prayer service and veneration of a relic of Saint Maximilian Kolbe.

Parish Survey next weekend

Next weekend there will be a parish survey to help us understand where we are and plan for our future. The information from the survey will help the Parish Pastoral Council create a vision statement and a plan for the future of our community. The survey will be given during Mass and collected. Next month we will report on the results of the survey and create priorities for our future. We need your participation and honesty.

Peace,
Fr. Tom

HAPPY Mother's DAY

Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter (May 21st)
John 14:15-21

"If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever – the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

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 celebrated 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 an October Fatima and Lourdes Pilgrimage will be available.

Join us from **6:30PM until 9:00PM** in Stack Center on Saturday, **20th**.

RSVP for the Potluck and Presentation for **May 20th** to Jay at 510-537-0806 or jay@olgcv.org



SPRING AUCTION A WORD OF THANKS

A great time was had by all who attended the Spring Auction last week. We extend some well deserved praise and gratitude to Liz Huizar and her small but dedicated crew who brought this fun event to Stack Center yet again! Thank you also to Roger Lowe for stepping in as Auctioneer and he did a fabulous job. Thank you also to Sean and Jeanenne Deorsey for the awesome bartending as well as to the Moreau student volunteers who helped out abundantly. Again we want to recognize Liz Huizar for her tireless solicitation of the amazing donations that comprised both the Live and Silent Auction listings. Stack Center was transformed to an elegant setting thanks to the efforts of the PTG and Liz's crew.

The Auction evening was great fun. When the results are tallied we will be happy to inform you of the outcome--and we again thank everyone who made this such a fun and positive gathering of our Parish and School community.



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MOTHER'S DAY

As a means of honoring our mothers, living and deceased, a Triduum of Masses will be celebrated on **May 15th, 16th, and 17th**. Cards are available in the Parish office for those wishing to give or send a remembrance card. The names of those to be remembered will be placed at the altar for the three days of remembrance. Please complete the requested information on the half sheet of paper and return it to the Parish Office. A donation will be given to the "Get On the Bus" program that will bring children and their guardians from throughout the state of California to visit their mothers in prison.

PARISH SURVEY MAY 20th-21st

On **May 20th and 21st**, our Parish Pastoral Council will be conducting a survey of parishioners in order to gather ideas on how we can become an even more vibrant faith community. Your responses will guide the development of a Parish Mission Statement and ultimately a planning and visioning process intended to help the Parish adapt to the changing needs of parishioners and the local community. Your feedback is crucial and will provide valuable insight into parish life. We thank you in advance for your participation!

A NOTE FROM DEACON NELS

With mixed emotions, a full heart and a time to face reality, I am saying good-bye, in the role of deacon, at Our Lady of Grace. On June 1st of this year I will retire from active ministry. The 40 years of serving as deacon in the Diocese of Oakland and the previous 10 as youth minister has energized, formed and blessed me beyond measure. Here at OLG, I thank all of you for your patience, assistance and friendship in the last 6 years of serving this faith filled community. I especially thank the Vincentians and the Youth and their leaders for the privilege of working side by side with them. I will miss them terribly as well as the Franciscan priests who have shown me the way to a deeper relationship with Christ.

I look forward to trying to respond to God's call at this time in my life which includes spending more time with my family.

Remember, 'Keep the peace, but Give it Away.'

Deacon Nels



**SAVE THE DATE
PARISH PICNIC
AUGUST 20TH
LAKE CHABOT PARK**

Mark your summer calendar now for our Parish Picnic ! It will be a time for our Parish family coming together for Prayer, Fun, and Food. More details to come.

**ALL GOD'S PEOPLE
UNITED IN FAITH
UPDATE: MAY 5th
The Bishop's Annual Appeal
CONGRATULATIONS**

Our Goal for 2017: \$25,139.54
of Registered Families 980
of Acknowledged Donors to date: 136
Funds Raised (includes pledges) \$26,599.00

We are currently at 106% of our goal for this years Bishop's Appeal. We are most grateful to all those who have contributed! From this point forward, our parish will receive 100% of all funds raised above goal back to address some of our own parish needs.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE EAST BAY
ANNUAL APPEAL
MAY 20th-21st**

Catholic Charities is the greatest provider of social services in the East Bay. Each year, we are given the opportunity to show our support for the good work they do in our name. By making a financial gift or pledge to the annual appeal next weekend you help all of us be the hands of hope for the poor and marginalized. Your gift helps us welcome the stranger, offer healing to those suffering trauma and enables our families to move to self sufficiency. In advance thank you for your generosity and for being the hands of hope.

BAPTISM AT OUR LADY OF GRACE

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 **June 6th** 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 May 7th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 10,460.00
Last Year this week	\$ 9,126.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$158,728.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$160,768.00

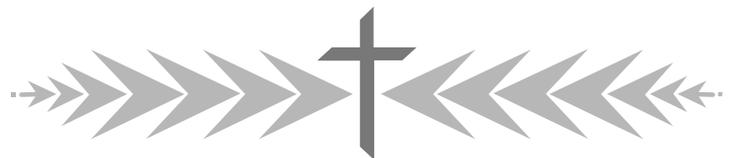
May God bless your continuing generosity.



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 Ax | Rosy Pereira |
| James Barthman | Adoree Rivera |
| Peggy Burton | Stephanie Rosevear |
| Leonardo Cabardo | Florence Sharp |
| Claudia Dobbs | Susan Star |
| Lynn Franks | Mercedes Tellez |
| Bridgett Foscalina | Iwan Tunggal |
| Don Jordan | |



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

- JULIE DILLON
MARY FRANKS
MERCY PETERSON**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
LAUNCHES BUILDING
THE DOMESTIC CHURCH INITIATIVE**

An initiative called Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish requires that parish based councils move toward greater integration into the life of our parishes. Councils should seek ways to work more closely with parish-based youth ministry programs. And councils should also seek new ways to support the activities of parish-based schools. The closer the KOFC becomes to parish life, the closer we work with our parish priests, and the more we support Catholic families, the more our order grows in membership and charity.

FESCO SHUFFLE THANK YOU !!

Another FESCO Shuffle is behind us and all those who participated had a wonderful time walking around San Leandro Marina.

Team OLG, Chris Ippolito, Dennise Burgess, and Colleen Lindberg are most grateful for the financial support of our parishioners and friends to our fundraising effort on behalf the Shuffle. If you did not have an opportunity to make a donation before the Shuffle you can drop off a donation to the parish office to Colleens attention. Thank you once again for all your support.

**TRANSFORMING LIVES
APPRECIATION
FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Please join us in Stack Center for *Wine Down Wednesday* on **May 17th**. See first-hand how your investment in our community is changing lives. This is your opportunity to meet Catholic Charities staff, board members, and volunteers. Time: 5:00-6:00pm Hor d'oeuvres, wine, and refreshments; 6:00-6:30pm Catholic Charities mission overview, program updates, and special client testimonial; 6:30-7:00pm Social.

Please register by contacting Sween Gardber at 510-768-3161.



**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.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 14th:

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

No Coffee and Donuts today

Tuesday, May 16th:

Bible Study:

9:30am--Parish Office

Men's Bible Study

7:00pm--Parish Office

RCIA Inquiry

7:00pm--Stack Center-OLG Room

Wednesday, May 17th:

Hispanic Bible Study

6:00pm--Stack Center-OLG Room

Thursday, May 18th:

Adoration

7:00pm--Church

Serenity Group

8:00pm--Stack Center

Saturday, May 20th:

Adoration

9:00am--Church

Mission of the Immaculata Presentation

6:30pm--Stack Center

Sunday, May 21st:

Coffee & Donuts After the 9:30am Mass

Children's Liturgy

9:30am--Mass

Volunteer Appreciation Social

4:00pm--Stack Center

OLG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible Study facilitated by Fr. Paul continues , **May 16th** at 7:00pm now meeting in the Parish Office. The Study will continue every Tuesday for an hour at each session and is open to all men of the parish 18 years and older. You may join in the study at anytime.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Please note:

All masses will be celebrated in the Church.

MONDAY, May 15th

St. Isidore

7:00am Mother's Day Remembrance

TUESDAY, May 16th

St. Margaret of Cortana, Franciscan, Penitent

7:00am Mother's Day Remembrance

WEDNESDAY, May 17th

St. Paschal Baylon, Franciscan, Religious

8:15am Mother's Day Remembrance

THURSDAY, May 18th

St. John I, Pope, Martyr

St. Felix of Cantalice, Franciscan, Religious

7:00am Maureen Maitland (D)

FRIDAY, May 19th

7:00am Doireann Martin (D)

SATURDAY, May 20th

St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

8:30am Eleanore White (D)

SUNDAY, May 21st

7:30am Teresa Ramos de Ibarra

1:30pm Alberto Reveles (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

May 15th through May 21st

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21
 Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1Peter 3:15-18;
 John 14:15-21



FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

Do you have some spare blossoms that you can share? Our Environment Committee needs your help to decorate the altar area each week, either by bringing in flowers from your yard or through a monetary donation towards the purchase of flowers. Flower donations envelopes can be found at the entrances of the church to make a donation in memory of honor of a loved one. If you have any question feel free to contact Jay at 537-0806. Your donation in honor of your loved one will be mentioned in the bulletin.

**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.

PRAY ALWAYS



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EXECUTION ALERTS

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

May 16th	J.W. Ledford	GA
May 16th	Tilon Carter	TX
May 17th	Donald Ketterer	OH

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

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This week we extend our gratitude to:

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