



### Remembering our Blessed Mother in May

*From the Pastor*

If you could save a life, would you do it? If your words could bring peace to the world, would you speak up? Our Lady of Fatima's message reveals to us that our prayers can save souls and that our persistence in prayer will bring peace through her Immaculate Heart.

One of the first changes I introduced at the church was inviting people to pray the rosary before Mass on the weekend. The Rosary is a powerful prayer which draws us into the mystery of the life of Jesus and Mary. The Rosary is a prayer that draws us into a deeper union with our Lord and His plan of Salvation. Our Lady of Fatima let us know that praying the Rosary can bring peace to the world, refute error, and through acts of penance we can help souls find their way to heaven. Prayer changes hearts, prayer changes lives, prayer changes us, prayer changes the world for good. **Join us 30 minutes before Sunday Mass as we pray the Rosary, to bring peace to our world!**

"Our Lady of the Fatima invites us once again to turn to prayer, penance and conversion ... she asks us to never offend God again. She forewarns all humanity of the necessity of abandoning oneself to God source of love and mercy." - Pope Francis  
 "Tell everybody that God gives grace is through the immaculate heart of Mary, tell them to ask graces from her, and that the heart of Jesus wishes to be venerated together with the Immaculate Heart of Mary." - Our Lady of Fatima

### Pope Francis' Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Holy Mary, Virgin of Fatima, with renewed gratitude for your maternal presence we join our voice to that of all the generations call you blessed. We celebrate in you the works of God, who never tires of looking down with mercy upon humanity, afflicted with the wound of sin, to heal it and save it. Accept with benevolence of a mother the act of consecration that we perform today with confidence. We are certain that each of us is precious in your eyes and nothing of all lives in our hearts is unknown to you. We let ourselves be touched by your most sweet regard and we welcome the consoling caress of your smile. Hold our life in your arms: bless and strengthen every desire for a good; revive and nourish faith; sustain and enlighten hope; awaken animate charity; guide all of us along the path of holiness. Teacher us your own preferential love for the little and the poor, for the excluded and the suffering for the senators and the downhearted: bring everyone under your protection and then trust everyone to your beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus. Amen.

### Join us on May 13 as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Apparition of Mary at Fatima

At 6:30pm on May 13 I will do a presentation on the Meaning of the Message of Fatima for us.

### Remember your mother on Mothers Day with prayers!

Next Sunday, On Mothers Day, we honor our Mothers with prayers, flowers and love!  
 Join us for Mass.

*All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.*

*We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.*

*We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.*

*We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.*

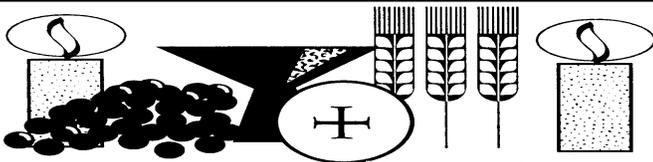
*We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.*

*We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.*

### Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Easter (May 14th)

### John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."



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**FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS  
MAY 6th-7th**

Please join us in welcoming these young members of our community to the table for the first time. First Communion Masses are being celebrated this weekend (**May 6th -7th**) at the 5:00pm, 9:30am, 11:30am, and 1:30pm Masses.

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| Ydalia Aguilar           | John Paul Krowicki  |
| Kalea Ashley             | Yaretzi Meza        |
| Taylor Avila             | Iliana Nierengarten |
| Michael Bazan            | Edward Panganiban   |
| Allison Bettencourt      | Georgia Petersen    |
| Aiden Camacho-Barrera    | Andrea Quintanilla  |
| Jake Coronado            | Giselle Quintero    |
| Jiannah Faith DeGuzman   | Emiliano Rodriguez  |
| Raedin Dones             | Citlali Rodriguez   |
| Anelle Flores            | Carlos Sanchez      |
| Ava Francis              | Anteneh Tadesse     |
| Isaac Frani              | Mia Tam             |
| Angel Haro Rivas         | Annabella Terry     |
| Jake Joanino             | Florelisa Villaflor |
| Jazmine Jurado           | Joshua Villanueva   |
| Phoebe Kelly             | Elyse Villavicencio |
| Griffin Kelly            | Noah Walkkvist      |
| Viktoria Kiss            | Angelena Wilson     |
| Maria Francesca Krowicki | Joshua Winkenbach   |

**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 an 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



**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.

**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*

**PARISH SURVEY COMING SOON**

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!

**EASTER OFFERING**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Easter Offering. \$19,186 has been collected in Easter envelopes as well as cash and checks made in the offering on Easter Sunday.

The Good Friday collection for the Holy Land totaled \$2,010.

**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: 133  
 Funds Raised (includes pledges) \$22,874.00

We are currently at **91%** 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.

**NEWS FROM ICF**

Join the ICF on Thursday **May 11th** for the Rosary at 6:00pm followed by a Taco Bar dinner at 6:30pm! Doors will open at 5:30pm so we can all be settled in when the Rosary begins. Deadline for reservations is Monday, **May 8th**. For reservations call either Stella Taddei @ 510-581-5863 or Juanita Madrid @ 510-582-7242. Buon Appetito!

**THANK YOU FROM  
THE ENVIROMENT COMMITTEE**

Special thanks to all of the wonderful people who helped to create such a prayerful and beautiful setting for our Lenten, Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter celebrations. Whether you came in to dust, provided flowers, positioned palm branches, put up visuals or hung banners, all of your behind-the-scenes work was appreciated. The parish community is most grateful to: Collette Castellino, Claudia Dobbs, Darlene Futagaki, Kordula Gardner, Mary Groves, Imelda Guerrero, Linda Guzman, Susan Klas, Colleen Lindberg, Darlene Pasquini, Cec Penland, Bonnie Ricketts, James Ricketts, Margaret Speranza, Dave Swanson, Betty Lu Vaz, Mark Vaz, Fr. Tom and all who contributed to the flower fund.

Additionally we thank Catholic Cemeteries for providing us with the large palm branches each year. May the blessings of our risen Lord continue to shower upon us all.

**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 30th:**

Sunday Plate:	\$ 9,589.00
Last Year this week	\$ 9,020.00
<b>Weekly Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 8,920.00</b>
Year-to-date this year:	\$148,437.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$152,141.00

*May God bless your continuing generosity.*

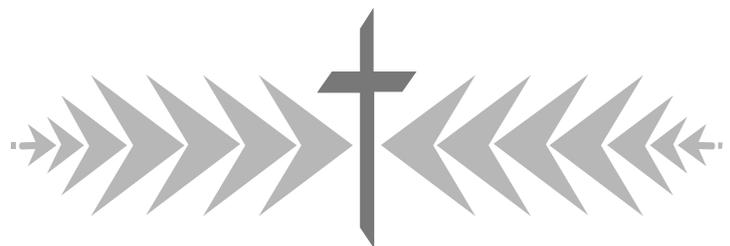


**Your Prayers Are Requested**

Please lift up in your prayer those many among us who are ill and those who have asked for our prayerful remembrance:

Glen Alcorn  
 Kathleen Andrews  
 Susanna Ax  
 James Barthman  
 Peggy Burton  
 Leonardo Cabardo  
 Claudia Dobbs  
 Bridgett Foscalina  
 Don Jordan

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



*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**

**A NOTE FROM THE  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

“As a fraternal organization of Catholic men, the Knights of Columbus has strong ties to the Church. At all levels, from the local councils to the Supreme Council, the organization has the volunteer power, communications abilities and organization to help strengthen the Church while offering members and their families to grow in the faith. Through the sponsoring of Church-related activities the members of the Knights of Columbus continue to show that they are the strong right arm of the church.”

**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 Colleen's attention. Thank you once again for all your support.

**TO THE OLG COMMUNITY**

I'm currently representing OLG on the Eden Area Interfaith Council (EAIC), a volunteer group formed over a year ago in the aftermath of a religious hate crime. The group represents the many diverse faiths in our area and is dedicated to fostering religious freedom and understanding through education and advocacy. As it was last year, the EAIC is an entry in the Rowell Ranch Rodeo Parade on Saturday, May 13th, and is encouraging its participating congregations to march along. It would be wonderful to have parishioners from Our Lady of Grace--young, old, school children and their parents, ministers and faith group leaders--participating in this fun annual event, while demonstrating our spiritual values in communion with our brothers and sisters of other faiths. The parade begins at 10:00 a.m., so please show up by 9:30 at Norbridge Avenue (the frontage road that parallels the Boulevard and passes BART) and ask an event organizer to point the way to the EAIC group. Bring banners and signs, but especially bring your good hearts.

--Mark Vaz, OLG rep, EAIC

**THIS WEEK**

**Monday, May 8th:**

Women's Evening Bible Study  
7:00pm--Stack Center

**Tuesday, May 9th:**

Bible Study:  
9:30am--Parish Office  
  
Men's Bible Study  
7:00pm--Parish Office  
  
Pastoral Planning Committee Meeting  
7:00pm--Parish Office  
  
RCIA Inquiry  
7:00pm--Stack Center-OLG Room

**Wednesday, May 10th:**

Hispanic Bible Study  
6:00pm--Stack Center-OLG Room

**Thursday, May 11th:**

Adoration  
7:00pm--Church  
  
Serenity Group  
8:00pm--Stack Center  
  
ICF Meeting & Dinner  
6:30pm--Stack Center

**Saturday, May 13th:**

Adoration  
9:00am--Church  
  
100 Years of Fatima Presentation  
6:30pm--Stack Center

**Sunday, May 14th:**

**Happy Mother's Day!**  
  
Children's Liturgy  
9:30am--Mass

**OLG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

The Men's Bible Study facilitated by Fr. Paul continues , **May 9th** 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 8th**

7:00am Lilia Sousa (D)

**TUESDAY, May 9th**

7:00am Anthony & Maria Velasquez (D)

**WEDNESDAY, May 10th**

*St. Damien de Veuster, Priest*

8:15am Antonio S. Barroso (D)

**THURSDAY, May 11th**

7:00am Richard Benson (D)

**FRIDAY, May 12th**

*Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs*

*St. Pancras, Martyr*

*St. Leopold of Castronovo, Franciscan, Priest*

7:00am Adelaide Martin (D)

**SATURDAY, May 13th**

*Our Lady of Fatima*

8:30am Ron Sommer (D)

5:00pm Anty Zaldivar (D)

**SUNDAY, May 14th**

9:30am Kathleen Cande (L)

1:30pm Dolores Castillo (D)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**May 8th through May 14th**

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; John 10:11-18  
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30  
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5; John 12:44-50  
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20  
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6  
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14  
 Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

**LORD TEACH ME TO PRAY**

Deepen Your Prayer Life: Help Others do The Same! On May 20th St. Albert the Great Priory in Oakland will host a Facilitator Training -Retreat for the "Lord Teach Me To Pray" (LTMYP+TP) prayer series. There is no charge for the training itself or the materials (Retreat House fees apply for overnight room & meals). It will be conducted in a retreat setting and discernment atmosphere. Come & discern if God is calling you to become a facilitator! Or, if you are simply interested in finding out more about Ignatian Prayer and the "Lord Teach Me to Pray" prayer series, you are also invited! For info and registration contact Mrs. Carol Weiler at (504) 439-5933.

**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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**EXECUTION ALERTS**

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

May 10th	Ronald Philipps	OH
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.