

The Church Prays with Attention

It begins when we say that we are lifting our hearts to the Lord. It ends when we say Amen, then prepare to pray the Lord's Prayer together. In between these are maybe four or five minutes. What happens during this time is the eucharistic prayer.

What is it that is to take place after we say we'll lift up our hearts to the Lord? Most of us would answer: "The consecration—when the presider says 'This is my body' and 'This is my blood.'" And that is right, but only part of what happens. Why are *we* to lift up *our* hearts and to give God thanks and praise? Why involve all of us?

The name of this time in the Mass says it all. This is the eucharistic prayer. "Eucharist" becomes a name for the consecrated bread and wine only because it first means something else. It is a Greek word that needs several English words to translate it. It is blessing. It is giving thanks. It is praise.

So in the eucharistic prayer, these are the things that the church is to do—and more besides. The priest is within the church to pronounce this prayer, to lead this prayer. The whole church is there to enter into the prayer, to acclaim all the blessing, thanks and praise that the priest speaks.

What we know from the New Testament about our eucharistic prayer is that Jesus would take bread or take wine and give thanks to God. Now we do it in memory of Jesus. What persons have you loved? When you remember them, don't you give thanks?

So the eucharistic prayer is filled with thanks for all God's saving deeds, but especially the passion and death and resurrection of Jesus. In it we name our saints, our pope and our bishop, our dead. All the memories come together when we surround the table and pray that these gifts of bread and wine will become for us the body and the blood of Jesus. If we then call the bread and wine "the eucharist" it is because we have prayed this eucharist to God over them.

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Gospel for The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 2nd)

Matthew 10:37-42

"Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it. Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward."

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

We will be participating in our annual Peter's Pence Collection **Next Sunday, July 2nd**. As described by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, "The purpose of the Peter's Pence Collection is to provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease". Envelopes will be available in the pews. Please donate as you are able. **We appreciate your generosity! Thank you!**

IMMACULATE HEART RADIO

Dedicated to sharing the heart of the Catholic Faith and changing lives, Immaculate Heart Radio brings you the best in Catholic Radio 24/7! Now playing 1260AM.

**SPRING AUCTION PROCEEDS**

We were delighted with the Spring Auction results this year due to the efforts of a great committee and of course the enthusiastic bidders who attended this fun event. After expenses the OLG School received 13,884.00 and 5,000.00 was set aside for Parish Children's Ministry programs.

In addition to the money raised for Our Lady of Grace School and Parish programs we were able to send charitable donations to the following organizations: Catholic Charities of the East Bay, and FESCO.

Thank you to all those who attended this fun event and contributed to the great outcome.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

During the summer months Stack Center will be getting a facelift. We have plans for new floors, doors, wall coverings, and paint. All of this takes time and scheduling please be patient as we complete this project. We look forward to the big reveal in August.

GRAPHIC ARTIST NEEDED

Are you a professional graphic artist or a creative amateur with desk top publishing software who is looking to use your gifts for the glory of God? The Maximillian Kolbe Communications Committee has just the place for you! On occasion, we will need help with outreach materials. If you can give a little of your time and talent to the parish, please contact Colleen Lindberg at the parish office 537-0806.

**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 to come together for Prayer, Fun, and Food. More details to come.

**Franciscan Friar
Come and See Invitation**

for Men 18 - 50



Join the Friars on a Road Trip to our Investiture of our New Friars
July 17 -21, 2017

Meet Friars from all over U.S.
New Friars Receiving of the Habit.
Learn More About our Life!!

Join us for just the Ceremonies, or from July 17-21 when we'll learn more about Franciscan Religious Life and Discernment! Meet either in Castro Valley, or Arroyo Grande. For more information, call Fr. Paul at 510-671-0537.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
HELP US HELP OTHERS**

Do you know of anyone within our parish boundaries that could use help? Many around us are on fixed incomes and find it difficult to make it through the end of the month. For a number of our clients, we bring them food once a month to help supplement their food budget. At times when unexpected expenses have arisen (car, medical, etc.) we are also able to help with a portion of the rent or utilities. Names are always kept confidential. The St. Vincent de Paul message machine number is 510-581-2164 and messages are checked daily

**ALL GOD'S PEOPLE
UNITED IN FAITH
UPDATE: JUNE 11th
The Bishop's Annual Appeal
CONGRATULATIONS**

Our Goal for 2017: \$25,139.54
 # of Registered Families 980
 # of Acknowledged Donors to date: 151
 Funds Raised (includes pledges) \$28,500.00

We are currently at 113% of our goal for this year's 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.

PLEASE REGISTER...

Parish Registration will take place TODAY, June 25th at 10:00AM in front of Stack Center.

Why is it important that we register at Our Lady of Grace? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass? Why should we bother to use the envelope system?

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend Our Lady of Grace they automatically belong. At times young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parent's registration. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself with Our Lady of Grace. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of Our Lady of Grace. Your registration affects Our Lady of Grace in many ways. Census numbers can determine what obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, confession, and devotions are planned and scheduled.

Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Registering at Our Lady of Grace is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of our parish.

The expense of the envelope system is cost effective. Using the envelope system is a way that our parish can verify your participation in weekly Mass. If you are receiving envelopes but not using them, please consider using them now.

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 June 18th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 8,044.00
Last Year this week	\$ 8,210.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$209,254.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$209,846.00

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 | David Rountree |
| Claudia Dobbs | Florence Sharp |
| Lynn Franks | Susan Star |
| Byron Griffith | Mercedes Tellez |
| Don Jordan | Iwan Tunggal |



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

**RUTH ROUSEY
ARLEETA CROCKETT**

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.

GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY

The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Whether the death was sudden and tragic, or one with warning and preparation, the reality of death leaves most of us in a state of shock, confusion and sadness. Grieving people need time and space to honor their grief.

There is a support group meeting bi-monthly to accompany you on your healing journey at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. The group meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings at 7:30pm. Upcoming dates are **July 13th and 27th, and August 10th and 24th**. No pre-registration is necessary. For more information call Eleanor at 925-846-8708.

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ICF NEWS

All members, please note: Since there will be work going on in Stack Center this summer, our meetings for July and August will be held at outside venues. The place and time will be noted on the flyer, dates remain the same (2nd Thursday). Hope you can make it.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 25th:

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Children's Liturgy

9:30am--Mass

Parish Registration

10:00am--In Front of Stack Center

Tuesday, June 27th:

Men's Bible Study

7:00pm--Parish Office

Wednesday, June 28th:

Hispanic Vencuentro

6:30pm--Augustine Center

Thursday, June 29th:

Adoration

7:00pm--Church

Serenity Group

7:30pm--Augustine Center

Saturday, July 1st:

Adoration

9:00am--Church

Confession

3:30pm--Church

Sunday, July 2nd:

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Children's Liturgy

9:30am--Mass



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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

All masses are celebrated in the Church.

MONDAY, June 26th

FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE

7:00am Laura Lowell (L)

TUESDAY, June 27th

St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE

7:00am L. Lee Tyree (L)

WEDNESDAY, June 28th

St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr

FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE

8:15am Debi Telles (D)

THURSDAY, June 29th

STS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

7:00am Rosemary Carbone (D)

FRIDAY, June 30th

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

7:00am Martha Castillo (L)

SATURDAY, July 1st

Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Junipero Serra, Priest

8:30am Maryann Seelig (D)

5:00pm Alfons Gessman (D)

SUNDAY, July 2nd

7:30am Teresa Ramos de Ibarra (D)

1:30pm Alice Romero (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

June 26th through July 2nd

Monday: Genesis 12:1-9; Matthew 7:1-5
 Tuesday: Genesis 13:2,5-18; Matthew 7:6,12-14
 Wednesday: Genesis 15:1-12,17-18;
 Matthew 7:15-20
 Thursday: Acts 12:1-11; Matthew 16:13-19
 Friday: Genesis 17:1,9-10,15-22;
 Matthew 8:1-4
 Saturday: Genesis 18:1-15, Matthew 8:5-17
 Sunday: 2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16a;
 Romans 6:3-4,8-11; Matthew 10:37-42

The SPIRIT
 of TRUTH
 is always with us



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**JOB OPENINGS IN OUR
 DIOCESAN SCHOOLS**



Our Lady of Guadalupe School, Fremont, and St. Edward School, Newark are looking for a K-8 Music Teacher. This is a job share position

or a part-time, single school position. The person would need to be able to teach Kindergarteners through eighth graders skills in music understanding/appreciation, harmony, explorations in music and choral music.

Our Lady of Guadalupe School, Fremont, is looking for a Band & Strings Director. We have a small band class and small strings class that are run on Wednesdays from 2-5 pm. The person would need to be able to teach 3rd through 8th graders - string orchestra (violin, cello) and band (flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone horn).

Please contact the parish office at Our Lady of Guadalupe, 657-4043 for more information.

FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND



We are most grateful to and wish to acknowledge *Bill and Rose Mary Wiederman* for their donation for the flowers this weekend in honor of their *65th wedding anniversary*. Many blessings to them on this most joyous occasion.

Flower donation envelopes can be found at the entrances of the church to make a donation in memory of honor of a loved one or other occasion. If you have any questions feel free to contact Jay at 537-0806. Your donation in honor of your loved one will be mentioned in the bulletin.

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