


Parish Survey "We need our input to build our future at Our Lady of Grace"

My brothers and sisters in Christ,
From the Pastor

It has been a busy year filled with blessings. Almost a year ago after settling into the parish and feeling very blessed your Pastor began to set and implement a vision for our future. The Franciscan community has expanded our commitment to Our Lady of Grace with Br. Chris teaching and Fr. Kevin joining our ministry staff.

The New Evangelization was the inspiration for the changes made this year. Fr. Paul began with our youth by introducing our youth to the Alpha Program. I have been very happy with the results as our youth enjoyed coming as we ate pondered questions about life and faith while we built relationships through fellowship. I offered Alpha for our Adults and received a great response from our Community as we grew together sharing our faith journey. It was a blest time where we prayed and saw God working in our midst.

I worked with Robyn and Susan to develop a new First Communion curriculum and format. I thank the parents who worked hard to make this a special day. The time the parents gave will leave a lasting example of faith. The catechist's and teachers prepared our children well as they knew what the sacrament is and why we gather as a community of faith.

Pilgrimages continued through 2016 with our children to the Mission at Carmel and our Adults to Mission Delores and families to Christ the Light Cathedral. We entered into the Year of Mercy and provided every opportunity to receive the Grace of the year.

There has been an outreach to our school families to become active members of our faith family. Fr. Paul, Susan Anderson, and myself have collaborated to seek to build one unified community. One of the main reasons for my making changes to our Mass schedule was to create a time for devotion and prayer. A second reason was to accommodate families who had expressed difficulty getting children together for the 9AM Mass and for the late arrival of many for the 11AM Mass.

We as a community embraced our refugee family and there are more opportunities to help. "I was a stranger and you welcomed me"

Finally one of the keys to any outreach is prayer. I want to thank those who have joined us for prayer of the Rosary before our Masses and those who have taken time to join us for Adoration. If we want the Holy Spirit to renew our community then we must ask God in prayer for a vision and heavenly assistance. This year may we focus on the message of Fatima and the Mission Immaculata to change our world and call forth peace through prayer, devotion, acts of penance, and evangelization.

We need your support and input to build a community where Peace may reign and the Love of God be experienced.

Peace,

Fr. Tom

Men of Faith

You are invited to have dinner with the Conventual Franciscan Community at our friary on Redwood Road on Wednesday, **May 31** for prayer at 5:30pm and Dinner at 6pm. Please Call the office to RSVP.

Gospel for the Seventh Sunday of Easter (May 28th)

John 17:1-11

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of [b] your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one."

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!

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 this 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.

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 **May 25th, June 8th and 22nd, July 13th and 27th, August 10th and 24th**. No pre-registration is necessary. For more information call Eleanor at 925-846-8708.

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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayer shawls are universal and embracing, they comfort and enfold, wrap and warm, shelter and embrace. Those who knit or crochet or receive a shawl are blessed.

If you know someone in need and wish to give them this gift of prayer, you are welcome to pick one up at the parish office or contact Ruth Picha at 538-9063.

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, **May 28th** during Coffee and Donuts. If you have any questions please call the Parish Office at 537-0806.

**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: 137
 Funds Raised (includes pledges) \$26,899.00

We are currently at 107% 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 COMMUNICATION APPEAL

The weekend of **May 27-28th**, our parish will take up the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through podcasts, television, radio and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our diocese and support local needs, so please be generous in this collection.

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 flyers and 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.



**PRE-BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS
AND GODPARENTS**

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 14th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 7,811.00
Last Year this week	\$ 7,916.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$166,539.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$168,684.00

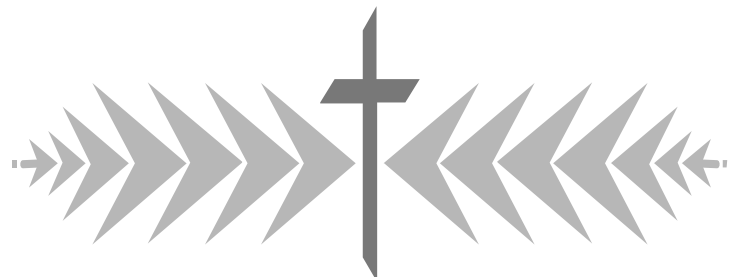
May God bless your continuing generosity.



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.*

IRIS SOLINA

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
WHY YOU SHOULD BECOME A KNIGHT**

If you are interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith or having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS is the organization for you. Representatives from the Knights of Columbus will be here at OLG the weekend of **June 3rd-4th** to meet anyone interested in knowing more about their organization. Visit www.kofc.org or call the parish office for more information.



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
COLLECTION**

The last Sunday of every month our St. Vincent de Paul Society members are outside to receive your financial donations. Your generosity enables this ministry to help the less fortunate in our parish community. With your support our community families will be more able to handle the economic challenges that are impacting their lives. Thank you for your past support and current generosity.

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If you shop at Amazon.com, please consider going to smile.amazon.com and choosing Our Lady of Grace to receive 0.5% of all qualifying purchases you make when shopping through smile.amazon.com. Products and prices are the same, and Our Lady of Grace will receive a donation each time you shop!

OLG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible Study facilitated by Fr. Paul continues, **May 23rd** 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.



**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 21st:

OUTREACH SUNDAY

Coffee & Donuts After the 9:30am Mass

Children's Liturgy
9:30am--Mass

Monday, May 22nd:

Bible Study:
9:30am--Parish Office

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

Tuesday, May 23rd:

Bible Study:
9:30am--Parish Office

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

RCIA Inquiry
7:00pm--Stack Center-OLG Room

Thursday, May 25th:

Adoration
7:00pm--Church

Serenity Group
8:00pm--Stack Center

Saturday, May 27th:

Adoration
9:00am--Church

Sunday, May 28th:

Coffee & Donuts After the 9:30am Mass

Children's Liturgy
9:30am--Mass

Parish Registration
10:00am--Stack Center



**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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

All masses are celebrated in the Church.

MONDAY, May 22nd

St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
7:00am Mary Barron (D)

TUESDAY, May 23rd

7:00am Miguel Putierrez (D)

WEDNESDAY, May 24th

Dedication of the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi
8:15am Deb Telles (D)

THURSDAY, May 25th

St. Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church
St. Gregory VII, Pope
7:00am Alice O'Donnell (D)

FRIDAY, May 26th

St. Philip Neri, Priest
7:00am Dorothy Hoffman (D)

SATURDAY, May 27th

St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
8:30am Mary Borges (D)
5:00pm Dan & Bonnie Sill

SUNDAY, May 28th

9:30am Gerald "Jerry" Bonora (D)
1:30pm Rafael Valenzuela Medina (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

May 22nd through May 28th

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26--16:4
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22--18:1; John 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Matthew 28:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23-28
Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; 1Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11



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 donation 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 25th Thomas Arthur AL

We ask your prayers for this person, for the victims of his crimes, and for their families.

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This week we extend our gratitude to:

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