


**New Evangelization Model of Church**

The Gospel last weekend was an invitation from Jesus to come to him to find peace, refreshment and rest. Jesus let us know, the little ones understand this loving invitation while the wise and learned do not understand. Evangelization is spreading the Good News that Jesus has offered us an intimate relationship with God. When we are burdened, come to Him. When we are lost, come to him. When we are broken, come to him. At the Mass, Jesus offers all of himself for us. He is meek and humble of heart and will walk with you to lighten your burden if we respond to his invitation of Love and learn from Him.

This Fall we will launch a new model of engagement to make Disciples. We will gather as family and friends to share our experience of a relationship with Jesus. We will seek to create an atmosphere to encounter Jesus who calls us to himself to find peace and rest. In our encounter we will reflect and share who God is, who Jesus is and what this relationship of Love with God for us and our response back means for how we live and treat each other. It is from this Relationship of Love that we begin to understand what our Church believes as revealed from our loving God.

We need your help to help create this place of encounter. We need volunteers to offer a couple hours twice a month to offer hospitality, administration skills, artistic and craft ability, music, prayer, logistics, people to share their faith experience, people to share their devotion. In other words we need everyone to create a place of welcome, prayer, and encounter with God. If you want to know more or want to assist please call the office and Fr. Tom will call you back.

**Stack Center**

Work is progressing to get Stack Center completed for use. With what we have done it will function better but it still needs upgrade. We would like to upgrade the lighting, Audiovisual, and wi-fi so we can use materials which are streaming now. This would help us provide a better experience to engage our youth and for better faith formation for all. If you would be interested in helping to raise awareness and money for this vital upgrade please contact Fr. Tom.

Peace,  
Fr. Tom

**Gospel for The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 23rd)**
**Matthew 13:24-43**

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' 'An enemy did this,' he replied. The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' 'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'" He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches." He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough." Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world." Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear."

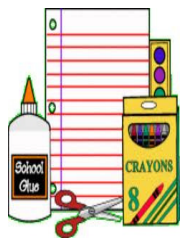
## UNDER CONSTRUCTION

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.



## FESTIVAL OF PRAISE BAND

Do you love to praise our God in *contemporary/modern song*? Do you play a musical instrument or sing? Do you feel God calling you to share your talents and love of worship through music? If you answered “**Yes**” to any of these questions, we’d love for you to consider joining our new, soon to form OLG Festival of Praise Band -- the contemporary ensemble that provides music for a monthly “Festival of Praise” worship experience. Once a month (TBD), we will invite fellow Catholics to gather and experience God's presence through **contemporary praise and worship music**, sacred scripture, prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. For more info, or to participate as a member of the Festival of Praise monthly gathering, please email Jackie at [jrf4jc@gmail.com](mailto:jrf4jc@gmail.com). Please write FOP in the subject line.



## FESCO BACKPACK DRIVE

As you know, every summer FESCO, (Family Emergency Shelter Coalition), sponsors a backpack drive that our church generously supports. This drive supplies the families it serves with school supplies they will need for the upcoming academic year.

If you would like to participate, we are asking you to “adopt” a student. An organization has generously agreed to donate backpacks, so you would just be providing the supplies for the backpack. For the student you “adopt,” we will provide you with a specific list of grade-appropriate supplies and a paper bag in which to put the supplies. After all the supply bags are turned in, we will transfer the supplies to the donated backpacks. **We estimate that all of the needed supplies for a backpack (at “Back to School” discounts) will cost \$30 – \$60 depending on the grade level.**

You can sign up at the entrances to the church after the Masses on the weekends of **July 22 - 23 or July 29 -30. Completed bags will need to be returned to the church or church office on or before Sunday, August 13.** (Church office is closed on weekends.)



## YOU ARE INVITED! PARISH PICNIC AUGUST 20TH LAKE CHABOT PARK

Our Annual Parish Picnic will be taking place August 20th in the Cove Picnic Area at Lake Chabot Park.

Mass in the Park will begin at 10:00am, followed by lunch and games from 12:00pm-3:00pm.

Please **RSVP to the Parish Office** with the number of adults and children attending, as well as what dish you’re bringing to share. There are cards at the entrances of the church with more information.

## WOMEN’S EVENING BIBLE STUDY UNLOCKING THE MYSTERIES OF THE BIBLE

If you would like a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of your faith, then join us for Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible. This 8-part study will help uncover the story woven throughout Scripture. Each study includes a 30-minute video by Jeff Cavins who will guide us through salvation history along with a group discussion. We will meet in Stack Center every other Monday beginning Monday **September 11th** from 7-8:30PM. Cost is \$23. For more information or to sign-up, please contact Jay in the office at 510-537-0806 or Heidi Denzler-Halsey at 510-881-7850 or [heidimdh106@gmail.com](mailto:heidimdh106@gmail.com). The last day to register is **August 31st, 2017.**



## OLG FESTIVAL 2017 SEPTEMBER 23rd 24th ONCE UPON A TIME.....

Make plans to join us for our annual Parish Festival **September 23rd-24th**. It will be a time for making magical memories!

Consider being a Festival Sponsor --many generous individuals and businesses have sponsored the Festival in the past. Your Sponsorship will be acknowledged with a sign at the Festival as well as in our social media. Call the office for details.

## ICF NEWS

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



**ICF ANNUAL "NIGHT FOR THE SEMINARIANS" WINE TASTING EVENT**

Come join the ICF Central Council as we support the education of the Seminarians in many dioceses where ICF is present AND Catholic school students in need of tuition assistance with a wine tasting sponsored by Bishop's Vineyard. Wine tasting, light hors d'oeuvres, raffle and silent auction, along with a souvenir wine glass, can all be had on **Saturday, August 5th, 2017, 5:30 to 8:00 PM at St. Isidore's Catholic Church, Msgr. Daniel Cardelli Activity Center, 440 La Gonda Way, Danville, CA. Reservations are \$30.00 per person in advance and \$35.00 at the door. The deadline for advance reservations is July 29th, 2017. Please call Lisa for reservations at 510-861-9835 or pick up a flyer at the entrances of the church.** Hope to see you there. Thanks for your support of Catholic education.



**REGISTRATION FOR FAITH FORMATION IS NOW OPEN ONLINE**

It's time to register for next year and we are very excited to be using a new online registration process, powered by ActiveNetwork.

<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/OurLadyofGraceChurchFaithFormationCenter>

Registration Fee is \$100 per child with a \$55 sibling discount.

**Remember, all children are welcome!**

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**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.

**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 July 9th:**

Sunday Plate:	\$ 9,042.00
Last Year this week	\$ 9,385.00
<b>Weekly Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 8,920.00</b>
Year-to-date this year:	\$235,675.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$235,089.00

*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      | Don Jordan         |
| Kathleen Andrews | Elaine Jordan      |
| Susanna Ax       | Alice McLaughlin   |
| James Barthman   | Rosy Pereira       |
| Peggy Burton     | Stephanie Rosevear |
| Leonardo Cabardo | David Rountree     |
| Claudia Dobbs    | Florence Sharp     |
| Lynn Franks      | Mercedes Tellez    |
| Byron Griffith   | Iwan Tunggal       |
| Dieter Hahn      |                    |



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

- Maria Godinez**  
**Mary D. McHugh**  
**Adoree Rivera**

**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 27th, August 10th, and August 24th**. No pre-registration is necessary. For more information call Eleanor at 925-846-8708.

**DIOCESE OF OAKLAND  
THANKSGIVING MASS FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS**

Thank and honor those in physical, mental, and spiritual healthcare professions. Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ will be celebrating Mass on Saturday, **September 30th** at 10:00am at the Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison Street. Oakland, CA 94612. We encourage all who provide healthcare services, direct and administrative, to attend this multicultural Mass, as we celebrate your energy, dedication, and generosity. Details, updates, and invitations at oakdiocese.org/BlessingHealers

**CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB**

On Saturday, **July 22nd**, the Catholic Alumni Club will dine at Primavera Ristorante in San Ramon, (925) 830-9500. Single, Catholic professionals are invited to join us for a fun time. Dinner starts at 6:00pm. For reservations, call Earle at (925) 300-8811 by Thursday, **July 20th** at 6:00pm. Call Earle for more information.



**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. Call Jay at 510-537-0806 for more information.

The next Pre-Baptism Class will be held **August 1st** at 7:00pm in the Parish Office.

**THIS WEEK**

*Sunday, July 16th:*

*The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Children's Liturgy  
9:30am--Mass

*Thursday, July 20th:*

Adoration  
7:00pm--Church  
Serenity Group  
7:30pm--Augustine Center

*Saturday, July 22nd:*

Adoration  
9:00am--Church  
Confession  
3:30pm--Church

*Sunday, July 23rd:*

*The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Children's Liturgy  
9:30am--Mass



*In Memory of*

**FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND**

The flowers on the altar this weekend are in remembrance of the parents of Phyllis and James Barthman. May God's Blessings be upon them and their families who remember them.

Flower donation envelopes can be found at the entrances of the church to make a donation in memory of or 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.

**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, July 17th**

7:00am Patrick Conroy (D)

**TUESDAY, July 18th**

*St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest*

7:00am Mercy Peterson (D)

**WEDNESDAY, July 19th**

8:15am Helen Maes (D)

**THURSDAY, July 20th**

*St. Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr*

7:00am Rudy & Augie Enriquez (D)

**FRIDAY, July 21st**

*St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest,  
Doctor of the Church*

7:00am Mercy Peterson (D)

**SATURDAY, July 22nd**

*St. Mary Magdalene*

8:30am Danae Zytrowskie (D)

**SUNDAY, July 23rd**

7:30am Modesta Lachica (D)

1:30pm Elizabeth Delmy Sanchez (D)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**July 17th through July 23rd**

Monday: Exodus 1:8-14,22; Matthew 10:3--11:1  
 Tuesday: Exodus 2:1-15a; Matthew 11:20-24  
 Wednesday: Exodus 3:1-6.9-12; Matthew 11:25-27  
 Thursday: Exodus 3:13-20; Matthew 11:28-30  
 Friday: Exodus 11:10--12:14; Matthew 12:1-8  
 Saturday: Exodus 12:37-42; John 20:1-2,11-18  
 Sunday: Wisdom 12:13,16-19;  
 Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43

The SPIRIT  
 of TRUTH  
 is always with us



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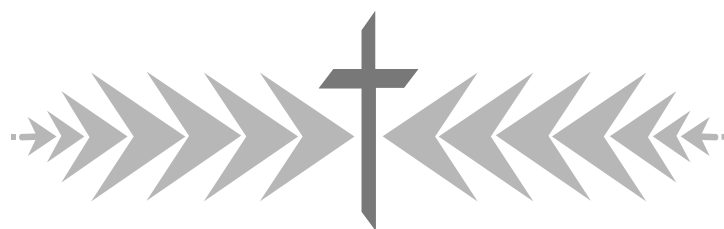
**COME AND SEE DAY  
 WITH THE DOMINICAN NUNS**

Single, Catholic women between the ages of 18 and 38 are invited to experience a taste of the life of a cloistered Dominican nun.

Contact Sister Joseph Marie, O.P., vocation director, at [vocations@nunsmenlo.org](mailto:vocations@nunsmenlo.org), or visit our website at <http://nunsmenlo.org/discernment-days/> to learn more and to register for one of our upcoming Come and See Days: Saturday, October 21, 2017; and Saturday January 13, 2018. The event is free and all meals will be provided. Space is limited and fills fast!

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**EXECUTION ALERTS**

The following executions are scheduled to take place in July:

July 19th	Mark Pickens	OH
July 19th	Kosoul Chanthakoummane	TX
July 26th	Ronald R. Phillips	OH
July 27th	Taichin Preyor	TX

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

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