



Our Lady and the New Evangelization

From the Pastor The Blessed Virgin Mary is the secret to all great evangelizing. While on our own we might participate beautifully in the Lord's work of converting the hearts of some people, the Blessed Virgin has been known to convert entire continents. The story of Our Lady of Guadalupe is a wonderful example of how quickly and easily she brings people to her Son.

Rather than rely on our own efforts to make disciples of Jesus Christ, let us turn ourselves, our ministry, and our parish over to Mary, asking her to do what she does best – quickly and efficaciously convert hearts and bring them into deep intimacy with Jesus.

Here are a few ways to surrender ourselves and our evangelizing mission to Our Lady:

Pray the Rosary

Pray the Rosary for your own continued conversion and holiness. In addition, pray for those whose hearts are far away from God, mentioning them by name in your prayer. Consider praying a Rosary for Evangelization

Consecration to Mary Immaculate

Consecrate yourself, your ministry, and your parish to the Immaculate Heart! This act of surrender will give Our Lady full permission to enter your life and your ministry and infuse it with her own unimaginable fruitfulness. Consider using one of these resources to make an act of total consecration to Jesus through Mary:

O Immaculata, Queen of Heaven and earth, refuge of sinners and our most loving Mother, God has willed to entrust the entire order of mercy to you. I, (name), a repentant sinner, cast myself at your feet, humbly imploring you to take me with all that I am and have, wholly to yourself as your possession and property. Please make of me, of all my powers of soul and body, of my whole life, death and eternity, whatever most pleases you. If it pleases you, use all that I am and have without reserve, wholly to accomplish what was said of you: "She will crush your head," and "You alone have destroyed all heresies in the whole world." Let me be a fit instrument in your immaculate and merciful hands for introducing and increasing your glory to the maximum in all the many strayed and indifferent souls, and thus help extend as far as possible the blessed kingdom of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus. For wherever you enter you obtain the grace of conversion and growth in holiness, since it is through your hands that all graces come to us from the most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Allow me to praise you, O sacred Virgin

Give me strength against your enemies

Prayer by St. Maximilian Kolbe

Bring Our Lady into Your Evangelizing

The Blessed Virgin Mary is an integral part of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Christ has given her to us as our Mother, our Model, and our Advocate. Let us seek ways to introduce people to her as early on in the process as possible so that she can smooth and make sweeter a person's path of discipleship.

Please see page two of this bulletin for results of the Parish Survey and Mass Times Change

Peace,

Fr. Tom

Gospel for The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 30th)

Matthew 13:44-52

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous 50 and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked. "Yes," they replied. He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."

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.

MISSION CO-OP ANNUAL APPEAL JULY 29-30

July 29th -30th is Mission Co-op weekend please join us in welcoming Rev. Nelson Libera who will be speaking on behalf of the Archdiocese of Verapoly in Kerala, India. Rev. Nelson's visit is in conjunction with our participation in the Annual Mission Cooperative Appeal for the Diocese of Oakland. The Diocese of Verapoly in Kerala, India was one of the first Catholic Dioceses of India, serving over 73,000 Catholic families. They need financial help to support and fund the projects of the mission, specifically in these areas: the education of Seminarians, catechetical formation, housing for the homeless, health care programs, empowering women, harvesting rain water, vocational training, supporting orphanages and nursing homes, and the upkeep of Catholic grade schools and high schools. What Rev. Nelson and the people of Kerala, India offer you in return is their sincere prayers. "Our poor people will remember all of you in their prayers. Jesus says: 'just as you did it to the least of your brethren, you did it to me'".

Please be sure to give your attention to this annual Missionary Cooperative Appeal and be as generous as your circumstances allow. Envelopes will be available for your use. Rev. Nelson Libera and all Missionary groups who benefit from this appeal are deeply grateful for your generosity.



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.

MASS TIMES CHOICE RESULTS

What was clear is that 5PM and 7:30PM want to remain at their current times. The Mass that had the highest percentage for change was the Spanish Mass. The 9:30AM Mass was 49% to remain at the current time or no Preference, at the 11:30AM it was 46% in favor of the current time or had no preference. There were 102 surveys at 5PM, 82 at 7:30, 147 at 9:30, 90 at 11:30, and 89 at 1:30.

Choices Sunday

A (7-9-11-1); B (7:15,-9:15, 11:15, 1:15); C Current Time; D (7:30, 9:15, 11:15, 1:15); E (7:30-9:-11-1); F- No Preference

5PM Mass Remain at 5PM over 80%

7:30AM 1st Choice E (7:30-9-11-1) 36%, 2nd Current Schedule - 27%

9:30AM 1st Choice C Current time 42%, 2nd Choice E - 16%

11:30AM 1st Choice C Current times 39%, 2nd Choice B (7:15-9-11-1) 18%

1:30PM 1st Choice E 49%, 2nd Choice A (7-9-11-1) 15%, 3rd Current time 15%

Totals: A (9%), B (11%), C (32%), D (15%), E (27%), F (6%) No Preference

In Pew Survey Results from June 24, 25

There were 553 Surveys Returned:

5PM-69; 7:30AM-91; 9:30AM-129; 11:30PM-80; 1:30PM-100; Dropped Off-66, School Drop Off-7; Found in Pew 11.

160 Wanted a different Mass time (28%)

The Following categories indicated 3 or more fair or poor ratings indicating a need for improvement.

112 Community life (20%)

107 Facilities (19%)

94 Religious Education (17%)

75 Worship (13.5%)

55 Ministry (10%)

35 Administration (6%)

ICF NEWS

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



**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.

**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. The last day to register is **August 31st, 2017.**



**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.activenet.org/s/OurLadyofGraceChurchFaithFormationCenter>

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

Remember, all children are welcome!

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
DO YOU NEED HELP?**

We can help you with monthly food boxes or financial needs. Names are always kept confidential. The St. Vincent de Paul message machine number is **510-581-2164** and messages are checked daily.

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 16th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 9,105.00
Last Year this week	\$ 8,080.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$244,780.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$243,169.00

May God bless your continuing generosity.



**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.



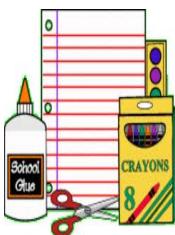
Your Prayers Are Requested

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

Glen Alcorn	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	

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

Maria Godinez
Romanita Kuchenmeister
Mary D. McHugh
Adoree Rivera



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.)

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.



DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

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.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 23rd:

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Children's Liturgy
9:30am--Mass

Monday, July 24th:

ICF District Meeting
6:30pm--Augustine Center

Thursday, July 27th:

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

Saturday, July 29th:

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

Sunday, July 30th:

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Children's Liturgy
9:30am--Mass

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. Please write FOP in the subject line.



Mass for the Intentions Week

All masses are celebrated in the Church.

MONDAY, July 24th

St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

Blessed Antonio Lucci, Bishop, Franciscan

7:00am Julie Villarreal Dillon (D)

TUESDAY, July 25th

ST. JAMES, APOSTLE

7:00am Julie Villarreal Dillon (D)

WEDNESDAY, July 26th

Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15am Richard Benson (D)

THURSDAY, July 27th

7:00am Sterling Paul Jones (D)

FRIDAY, July 28th

7:00am Sterling Paul Jones (D)

SATURDAY, July 29th

St. Martha

8:30am Ronald Yates (D)

SUNDAY, July 30th

9:30am John Mc Cann (D)

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EXECUTION ALERTS

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

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

July 24th through July 30th

Monday:	Exodus 14:5-18; Matthew 12:38-42
Tuesday:	2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28
Wednesday:	Exodus 16:1-5,9-15; Matthew 13:1-9
Thursday:	Exodus 19:1-2,9-11,16-20b; Matthew 13:10-17
Friday:	Exodus 20:1-17; Matthew 13:18-23
Saturday:	Exodus 24:3-8; John 11:19-27
Sunday:	1 Kings 3:5,7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52

The SPIRIT
of TRUTH
is always with us



ALL GOD'S PEOPLE UNITED IN FAITH UPDATE: JULY 6th

The Bishop's Annual Appeal CONGRATULATIONS

Our Goal for 2017: \$25,139.54

of Registered Families: 980

of Acknowledged Donors to date: 162

Funds Raised (including pledges): \$29,070.00

We are currently at 115% 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.

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