

Consultation with the Community



From the Pastor

In May we carried out a parish survey and in June the Parish Council helped me tabulate the responses. In July I sought to respond to some of those results of the Parish Survey. The Community had not been fully consulted when changes occurred to the Mass Schedule last year and a significant percentage of the surveys indicated they would like a change to the current Mass times. In response to the survey response about the Mass times I consulted all of you again on July 16 with possible Mass Schedules. There were clear choices indicated which we will follow and other choices which were not as clear. The 5pm and 7:30am were clearly chosen and will remain at that time.

The 9:30am and 11:30am Masses had a plurality for the current times. However, it has been made clear to me that many people had been unhappy with the change last year especially for the Masses affected and I want to be sensitive to all voices. I will respect the choices from your Masses however I want a clear majority before any change or decision. I will ask one final run-off 'vote' at those 2 Masses with only 2 options being presented, the current times of 9:30am and 11:30am or a return to 9am and 11am. On August 6, you will be asked to indicate your preference after the homily of those 2 Masses.

The Spanish Mass is currently at 1:30pm and the majority wanted that Mass earlier. The Mass will be earlier. However, in the case of a decision to keep the other Masses at the current times, the earliest the Spanish Mass could be is 1:15pm given that Family Faith Formation which occurs on Sunday mornings.

Weekday Masses will have expanded options this year as we continue to integrate the school and church community. After Labor Day, the weekday Mass (Monday through Saturday) in the Church will be at 8:15am. This will allow the all school Mass to continue as well as individual classes to attend during the week.

First Friday Devotion will return with a gathering and presentation for adults after Mass on those days. There will be no changes for Holiday (8:15).

In addition, there will also be a 7am Mass offered Monday through Friday in the chapel at the Franciscan Friary on Redwood Road for those who have to work and cannot attend the later Mass.

Faith Formation and Community

We are living through a time of great change which is affecting family, faith, communication and culture. These changes can be seen in our families and in our Church. Many Bishops and educators in the Catholic Church have indicated that we need new models for sharing the faith, since older models of Catechetics are no longer working for forming lifelong followers. The Catechetical model in recent history was about transferring the teaching of the church from the teacher to the student. An Evangelization model is about sharing a relationship with Jesus and bringing people to a place of encounter with God that inspires a lifelong desire to learn more about the God who loves them and whom they love.

On **Tuesday August 1**, at 6:30pm I will have an orientation meeting on the *New Evangelization Outreach Model* for forming disciples. This will be the first of many formation meetings which are open to all of you. Each of us has talents and a story of faith to share. Please pray about how God may be calling you to follow, encounter, and give witness for Jesus. We will begin in the Church that evening with a prayer and then move to the Augustine Center.

Gospel for The Transfiguration of the Lord (August 6th)

Matthew 17:1-9

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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.



**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.active.com/orgs/>

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 aid with financial needs. Names are always kept confidential. The Our Lady of Grace St. Vincent de Paul message machine number is **510-581-2164** and messages are checked daily.

**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.

UPDATE

All parishioners who picked up a flyer for the Night for the Seminarians Wine Tasting the 1st weekend they were out, **please note that the mail-in address for the ICF office is incorrect, the 1st digit is missing. The correct address is 8393 Capwell Drive.** Thanks for your understanding.



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 8th** at 7:00pm in the Parish Office.



FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

The flowers on the altar this weekend are in remembrance of **John McCann**. May God's blessings be upon him and his family.

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.

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 23rd:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 7,940.00
Last Year this week	\$ 7,508.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$252,720.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$250,677.00

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 |
| Leonardo Cabardo | Stephanie Rosevear |
| Claudia Dobbs | David Rountree |
| Lynn Franks | Florence Sharp |
| Byron Griffith | Mercedes Tellez |
| Dieter Hahn | Iwan Tunggul |

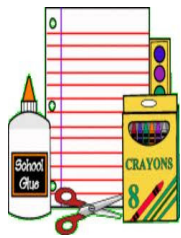
Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of a loved one.

Romanita Kuchenmeister

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 of someone in need and would like to give them this gift of prayer, you are welcome to pick one up at the parish office or contact Ruth Picha at 510-538-9063.



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 **this weekend, 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.)

**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

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.



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THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 30th:

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Children’s Liturgy
9:30am--Mass

Tuesday, August 1st:

Catechists Orientation
6:00pm--Augustine Center

Thursday, August 3rd:

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

Saturday, August 5th:

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

Sunday, August 6th:

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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 Intentions for the Week

All masses are celebrated in the Church.

MONDAY, July 31st

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

7:00am Fr. Tom Czeck (L)

TUESDAY, August 1st

*St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop,
Doctor of the Church*

7:00am Rodney Turner (D)

WEDNESDAY, August 2nd

*St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop
St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest*

Our Lady of the Angels of Portiuncula

8:15am Debi Telles (D)

THURSDAY, August 3rd

7:00am Rudy & Augie Enriquez (D)

FRIDAY, August 4th

St. John Vianney, Priest

7:00am Jesusa Perdido (D)

SATURDAY, August 5th

The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

8:30am Louis Rodriguez (D)

5:00pm Jennifer Zubiati (D)

SUNDAY, August 6th

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

1:30pm Teresa Canton (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

July 31st through August 6th

- Monday: Exodus 32:15-24,30-34;
Matthew 13:31-35
- Tuesday: Exodus 33:7-11;34:5b-9,28;
Matthew 13:36-43
- Wednesday: Exodus 34:29-35; Matthew 13:44-46
- Thursday: Exodus 40:16-21,34-38;
Matthew 13:47-53
- Friday: Leviticus 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37;
Matthew 13:54-58
- Saturday: Leviticus 25:1,8-17; Matthew 14:1-12
- Sunday: Daniel 7:9-10,13-14;
2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9



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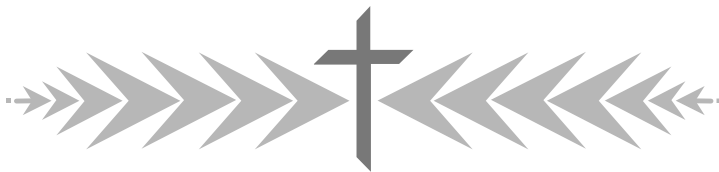
**COME AND SEE DAY
WITH THE DOMINICAN NUNS**

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, 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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**FEAST OF SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA
CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE LIGHT**

Bishop Barber cordially invites all the Faithful of the Diocese to join him to celebrate the *Feast of Saint Ignatius of Loyola*, founder of the Jesuits.

A solemn Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Christ the Light on Monday, **July 31** at 5 p.m. The guest homilist is Father Michael Czerny, SJ, Secretary of the Migrants and Refugees Office of the Vatican.

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