



Responding to Comments on the Survey

I began to respond to comments from the Survey last Sunday.

While overall people seem content with the liturgical life it was the areas that consistently had the most comments. The comments on the liturgy focused on 4 main areas, Music, atmosphere, priest: homilies, preparation, and presiding style; finally, more devotional opportunities especially First Friday, Adoration, and Rosary.

We will be developing a new model of Ministry and formation biased in the New Evangelization. I will be forming a team and I will be inviting people to help me create a model which fits our community to set us on fire and offer Castro Valley a dynamic experience of God that fills us and overflows to our World. This new model will touch our Catechetical process, Worship, Community, and Mission.

Finally, the Franciscans met at the end of June and many friars came up to me to let me know that they would like to come minister at Our Lady of Grace. Last Summer, we moved our Provincial Center to our Friary on Redwood Road. We Franciscans, have made Castro Valley our home and we would like to continue to develop our relationship with this community. In the Fall we hope to open our Chapel as a public oratory so we can have Mass with you at our newly named St. Joseph Cupertino Friary on Redwood Road.

Pax et Bonum,
Fr. Tom

St. Bonaventure Feast Day is July 15

Bonaventure's Story

Bonaventure: Franciscan, theologian, doctor of the Church, was both learned and holy. Because of the spirit that filled him and his writings, he was at first called the Devout Doctor; but in more recent centuries he has been known as the Seraphic Doctor after the "Seraphic Father" Francis, because of the truly Franciscan spirit he possessed.

Born in Bagnoregio, a town in central Italy, as a boy he was cured of a serious illness through the prayers of Francis of Assisi. Later he studied the liberal arts in Paris. Inspired by Francis and the example of the friars, especially of his master in theology, Alexander of Hales, Bonaventure entered the Franciscan Order, and became in turn a teacher of theology in the university. Chosen as minister general of the Order in 1257, he was God's instrument in bringing it back to a deeper love of the way of Saint Francis, both through the life of Francis which he wrote at the behest of the brothers, and through other works which defended the Order or explained its ideals and way of life.

Gospel for The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 16th)

Matthew 13:1-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear." The disciples came to him and asked, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?" He replied, "Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. This is why I speak to them in parables: "Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand. In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah: 'You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving. For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.' But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it. "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

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.



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 Early Bird discount of \$15 per family if registered by **July 15th**, 2017 (COUPON CODE: REG2017)

We will also be available on Sunday **July 9th** in the Parish office from 10:30am – 12:30pm and 2:30pm-3:30pm to help walk through the online registration process.

Remember, all children are welcome!



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



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.



**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 further information.



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 in the Parish office. Hope to see you there. Thanks for your support of Catholic education.

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.

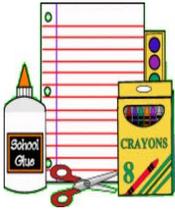
There is a support group meeting bi-monthly to accompany you on your healing journey at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. The group meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings at 7:30pm. Upcoming dates are **July 13th and 27th, and August 10th and 24th.** No pre-registration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



PRE-BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS AND GODPARENTS

BAPTISM 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 at 510-537-0806 for more information.

The next Pre-Baptism Class will be held **July 11th** at 7:00pm in the Parish Office.



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.)

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.

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 2nd:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 8,165.00
Last Year this week	\$ 8,330.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$226,633.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$225,704.00

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

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

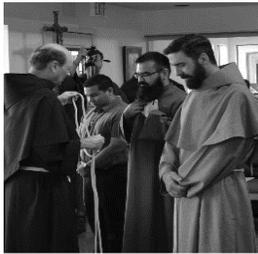
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**Franciscan Friar
Come and See Invitation**
for Men 18 - 50



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.

**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 July 15, 2017; 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!

**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.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 9th:

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Children's Liturgy
9:30am--Mass

Tuesday, July 11th:

Pre-Baptism Class
7:00pm--Parish Office Music Room

Thursday, July 13th:

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

Saturday, July 15th:

Adoration
9:00am--Church
Memorial Mass for Romie Kuchenmeister
11:00am--Church
Confession
3:30pm--Church

Sunday, July 16th:

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Children's Liturgy
9:30am--Mass

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.



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.

IMMACULATE HEART RADIO

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Mass Intentions for the Week

All masses are celebrated in the Church.

MONDAY, July 10th

St. Veronica Giuliani, Virgin, Franciscan

7:00am Mercy Peterson (D)

TUESDAY, July 11th

St. Benedict, Abbot

7:00am Lilia Sousa (D)

WEDNESDAY, July 12th

8:15am Debi Telles (D)

THURSDAY, July 13th

St. Henry

7:00am Antonio Marquez (D)

FRIDAY, July 14th

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

7:00am Angelito Mendoza (D)

SATURDAY, July 15th

St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

8:30am Elson Navotas (L)

11:00am Memorial Mass

Romie Kuchenmeister

5:00pm Ed Brown (D)

SUNDAY, July 16th

11:30am Bobby & Lisa Rosenbuch (D)

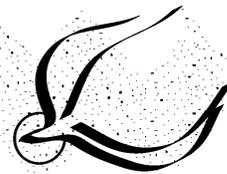
1:30pm Mark Garcia (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

July 10th through July 16th

Monday: Genesis 28:10-22a; Matthew 9:18-26
 Tuesday: Genesis 32:23-33; Matthew 9:32-38
 Wednesday: Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Matthew 10:1-7
 Thursday: Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Matthew 10:7-15
 Friday: Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Matthew 10:16-23
 Saturday: Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Matthew 10:24-33
 Sunday: Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23

The SPIRIT
 of TRUTH
 is always with us



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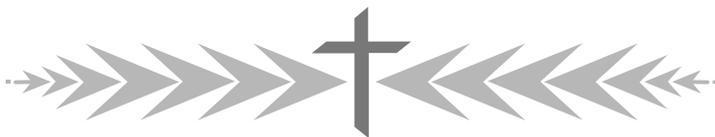
FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

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.

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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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