

██████████ Evangelization Outreach and Faith Formation



From the Pastor

We are forming teams to help in all areas of Faith Formation. Please Contact Fr. Tom or call the Evangelization and Faith Formation office if you can help. I can use anyone who has goodwill to help us create events. We are forming teams to help with Whole Family Catechesis, Youth Ministry and Adult Faith Formation. We will be planning monthly events. Help us ignite the flame of faith in each and every member of our community.

This year we have implemented a new model to form us in the faith. The goal is forming life long disciples who seek to transform our community and evangelize. Fr. Francisco Nahoe will be presenting a series of lectures to form us on how to live and share our faith.

Discipleship is the goal of all faith formation. Guided by this goal, faith formation seeks to inform, form, and transform individuals, families, and the entire community in the Catholic faith. This threefold aim includes nurturing people's minds and hearts with the wisdom of the Catholic faith so that who they are and how they live are deeply influenced by what they "know" (inform), shaping people's identity and lifestyle through Christian discipleship (form), and empowering people to live their faith so that the world is transformed by the Christian vision (transform).

Throughout history, reaching back to Acts 2:42–47, the Church's educational ministry has been embodied and lived in five classical forms: didache, koinonia, kerygma, diakonia, leiturgia. If we would educate to all of these forms, as well as through all of them, then attending only to any one of them, simply would not do. The fullness of the pastoral vocation demands that any ecclesial education must be one that educates:

- to koinonia (community and communion) by engaging in the forms of community and communion;
- To leiturgia (worship and prayer) by engaging in the forms of prayer and worship and spirituality;
- to kerygma (proclaiming the Word of God) by attention to and practicing and incarnating the kerygma, "Jesus is Risen," in the speech of our own lives, especially the speech of advocacy;
- to diakonia (service and outreach) by attending to our own service and reaching out to others, personally and communally, locally and globally;
- to didache (teaching and learning) by attention to the most appropriate forms of teaching and learning in our own communities.

Should any of these be left out as full partners in the educational work of ministry; should any of these be downplayed; should any of these be exalted to the denigration of others, we will not be able to educate fully. All are needed. (Harris 43–44)

Stack Center update

I will have my last meeting about Stack Center this weekend on Sunday at 3pm. I have only received one response over the last few weekends. It seems there is little interest in planning for future upgrades for Stack Center.

Having been involved with church construction projects in the past, I have seen how churches are easy targets by contractors for using inferior products, inflated prices, and not completing what they were contracted to do. I have seen churches financially ruined by construction projects. A priest has no training in construction and is completely dependent on the good will of those in the parish who have the experience in the construction industry, finance, advertising, design, and technical support.

Our Business Manager, Colleen, has done a marvelous job in organizing the refurbishing of Stack Center. This project is beyond the scope of her position; If there is little support from the community we will not begin other projects. Please contact Fr. Tom if you can help us evaluate, implement, and plan for upgrades for the Stack Center.

Peace,
Fr. Tom

Gospel for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 20th)

Matthew 15:21-28

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly." Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.



MASS OF THE ASSUMPTION

The Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation, and we welcome you to join us on **Monday, August 14th at 7pm for a bilingual Mass; and on Tuesday, August 15th at 7am and 12pm for English Masses.**



**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. May we unite as a community as we share a day of fun in the sun together. 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 or send an email to parish@olgcv.org** 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 and in the pews with more information.

**Please note: the Mass schedule will be our usual weekend schedule in the Church, with an additional Mass at 10:00am at Lake Chabot.*

**WHOLE FAMILY FAITH
FAMILY GATHERINGS**

Creating disciples one family at a time !

As we embrace our new Whole Family Catechesis evangelization program, we will soon be beginning our Family Gatherings.

Here are the starting dates for each group:

First Communion: August 27th, 10:50AM-12:30PM

Whole Family Catechesis: October 15th, 11AM-12:30PM

Confirmation: October 1st, 6-8PM

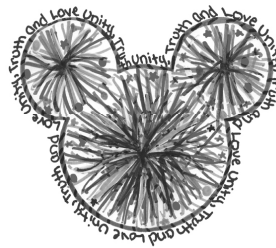
There are flyers with more information available in the Parish Office. All programs will be in Stack Center.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Our dedicated Liturgy of the Word for Children presiders are taking some well deserved time off this month. **Dismissal at the 9:00am Mass will resume Sunday, September 3rd.**

Thank you, LOTW volunteers, for your ministry!

OUR LADY OF GRACE FESTIVAL 2017
SEPTEMBER 23RD & 24TH



Once Upon A Time....

**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.

Raffle Tickets: Tickets have been mailed! You could be the lucky winner but, you have to return your tickets to the Parish office to claim your prize.

Festival Donations are Needed: It's that time again! We are preparing for Festival 2017 and you get to clean our your closets of the following for our various booths: gently used **jewelry** and **purses** for our Jewelry Booth; used **books, CD's and DVD's** are needed for the Book Nook; and don't forget to clean the kids closets we need gently used and loved **stuffed animals and small toys** for the Kid Zone Prize prizes. We also need gently used clean **children's clothing** for the Kids Clothing Corner: **Wine** donations are needed for Wheel of Fortune! Donations can be brought to the Parish Office.

**REGISTRATION FOR
WHOLE FAMILY FAITH
(FORMALLY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION)
IS NOW OPEN ONLINE**

It's time to register for Whole Family Faith (formally religious education) 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!

**EVANGELIZATION
Be Set Ablaze**

*Forming Disciples and
building community for every generation.*

**FIRST FRIDAY
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1ST**

Beginning on Friday, **September 1** with Confession at 7:30AM, Mass at 8:15AM followed by a Breakfast and Presentation at 9AM.

The Promise of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary

“I promise you in the unfathomable mercy of my heart that my omnipotent love will procure the grace of final penitence for all those who receive communion on nine successive first Fridays of the month; they will not die in my disfavor [the grace of final repentance], or without having received the sacraments, since my divine heart will be their sure refuge in the last moments of their life.”

The specific conditions to receive the Great Promise of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are:

- One: Receive Holy Communion on nine consecutive first Fridays of the month (this assumes that the person is in a state of grace, having made a sacramental confession for any mortal sins prior to receiving communion).
- Two: Having the intention, at least implicitly, of making reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for all the sinfulness and ingratitude of men.

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS
BEGINNING ON SEPTEMBER 2ND**

Mass at 8:30AM, Adoration, Rosary, Confession, & Benediction from 9AM to 10AM. Brunch with Queen of Heaven Series from 10AM to 11:30AM.

In 1925, the Blessed Mother repeated her request to Sr. Lucia, the only one still living of the three young Fatima seers, while she was a postulant sister living in a convent in Spain.

“Look, my daughter, at my Heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce me at very moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console me, and say that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the rosary, and keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the 15 mysteries of the rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me.”

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 August 6th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 9,013.00
Last Year this week	\$ 9,411.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$271,468.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$268,446.00

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 Tungal |

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

Dolores Coleman

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.



**ROSARY MEDITATIONS
FROM ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE**

Militia Immaculata Celebrating 100 years!

100 years ago St. Maximilian Kolbe along with 6 other Franciscans began a prayer movement of Consecration to the Blessed Mother to evangelize the world and lead people through Mary and her mission of bearing Christ to the world to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In honor of this anniversary and the witness of the life and heroic death of St. Maximilian Kolbe we will use his reflections to help us enter into the mysteries of the Rosary. Our Reflection this week is the Joyful mystery of the Visitation:

“The Joyful Mysteries

The Visitation--Luke 1:39-56

Nearly two thousand years have passed since the day when the Immaculate Virgin paid her visit to Elizabeth, her relative. Actually, the Holy Mother’s visits have continued up to this very day and occur for every soul, much more often than the soul may imagine. Each grace, without exception, is the coming of the Mediatrix of all graces.

Do you want her to come often to visit you? Do you want her to dwell permanently in your soul? Do you desire that she, she alone, may direct your thoughts, take possession of all your heart? Do you wish to live entirely for her? If you really desire all this, open your heart completely before her and give yourself to her without reserve and forever, even if only with the yearning of your soul. (KW1216)”



**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 Mysteries 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.**

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 13th:

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
No Children’s Liturgy of the Word during August

Thursday, August 17th:

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

Saturday, August 19th:

Adoration
9:00am--Church
Quintro Encuentro
10:00am--Augustine Center
Confession
3:30pm--Church

Sunday, August 20th:

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
PARISH PICNIC
LAKE CHABOT, COVE PICNIC AREA
10:00AM MASS



**CYO FALL SPORTS
REGISTRATION**



Registration will soon be available on line for **CYO Boys Basketball and Girls Volleyball** at www.olgcv.org follow the link for CYO. All players will need to create a new account prior to completing their first registration within the system. Boys Basketball is open for grades 2-8 and Girl’s Volleyball for grades 4-8. Fees for the 2017-2018 program year will be \$175.00 with a \$50.00 uniform fee. For more information email olgcyoregistrar@gmail.com



FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

Flower donation envelopes can be found at the entrances of the church to *In Memory of* 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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

All masses are celebrated in the Church.

MONDAY, August 14th

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr, Franciscan
7:00am Victoria Gutierrez (L)

TUESDAY, August 15th

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:00am Bill White (D)

WEDNESDAY, August 16th

St. Stephen of Hungary
8:15am Helen Maes (D)

THURSDAY, August 17th

7:00am Kathleen Denning (D)

FRIDAY, August 18th

Blessed Louis Armand and Nicholas Savouret, Martyrs, Franciscans

7:00am Gordon Ackerman (D)

SATURDAY, August 19th

St. Louis, Bishop, Franciscan
St. John Eudes, Priest
8:30am Danae Zytrowskie (D)
5:00pm Kevin Hoopes (L)

SUNDAY, August 20th

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30am Julie Villarreal Dillon (D)
1:30pm Rafael Valenzuela Medina (D)

**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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

August 14th through August 20th

- Monday: Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Matthew 17:22-27
- Tuesday: Revelation 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56
- Wednesday: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 18:15-20
- Thursday: Joshua 3:7-10a,11,13-17; Matthew 18:21-19:1
- Friday: Joshua 24:1-13; Matthew 19:3-12
- Saturday: Joshua 24:14-29; Matthew 19:13-15
- Sunday: Isaiah 56:1,6-7; Romans 11:13-15;29-32; Matthew 15:21-28



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**ST PATRICK'S SEMINARY & UNIVERSITY
10TH ANNUAL GALA FUNDRAISER**

Please support the Seminarians by attending St. Patrick's 10th Annual Gala on Saturday, **September 9th** on their grounds in Menlo Park. Raffle tickets are available in our Parish Office for \$50 per ticket, putting you in the running to win "a 2017 Lexus IS200t automobile or \$25,000 as the grand prize for the raffle. All proceeds from the 2017 Gala will help us form the next generation of priests who will bring the light of Christ to our parishes, dioceses, and the world" (Rev. George E. Schultze, SJ).



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 we extend our gratitude to:

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