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From the Pastor

The first step toward intentional discipleship is to encounter Jesus. Pope Francis said it beautifully in *Evangelii Gaudium*, **The Joy of the Gospel**:

“I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this un-faithfully each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since ‘no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord.’” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, Joy of the Gospel, paragraph 3.)

Evangelization Outreach

Evangelization is about sharing with someone the joy we have in a relationship with Jesus. Our Evangelization outreach this year will be in all our faith formation events. Sacramental preparation and faith formation will be offered in the whole family catechesis model. The whole family will join together to share our faith in Jesus and learn together his love and the truths He revealed to his disciples and the Church.

Join as family of faith at our **Parish Picnic** on **Sunday August 20** beginning at 10Am with Mass at Lake Chabot Park. RSVP in the Office or with the Men of Faith after Mass.

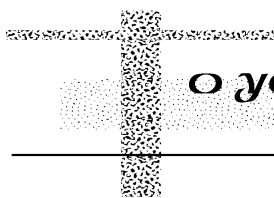
We will be using the **Growing up Catholic** program to prepare our children for the sacraments Reconciliation and Eucharist. This begins on **Sunday August 27** and we will meet once or twice a month. We are taking registration on our parish website OLGCV.ORG and at the parish Office.

We begin **Whole Family Catechesis** on **October 15** for children in 1st through 5th grade and their parents. We begin by learning how God invited Mary to be the mother of God. We will meet once or twice a Month through May.

Our **Junior High outreach** will begin in October and will focus on *Theology of the Body and Building Relationships* for life and faith. We will meet for 6 events.

Youth Program and Confirmation will begin on **October 1** and most Sundays from 6 to 8pm through May. We will have *Alpha for Youth* for our new people and *You; Theology of the Body, Altarations* and other exciting and engaging events to discuss and Share the faith.

Next week there will be further information as part of our Evangelization Outreach for **RCIA, First Friday Devotion and First Saturday Devotion**.



*O you of little faith,
 why do you doubt?*

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Gospel for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 13th)

Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” “Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!” Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?” And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”



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.**



**YOU ARE INVITED!
PARISH PICNIC
AUGUST 20TH
LAKE CHABOT PARK
*Unity in Community***

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@olgev.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.*



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

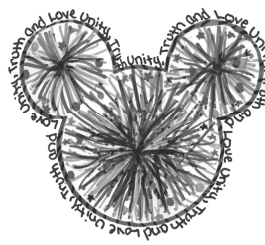
Registration Fee is \$100 per child with a \$55 sibling discount.

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.

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.

**FORMING DISCIPLES
PRESENTED BY FR. FRANCISCO NOHE**

All are invited to a presentation in the church on **August 8th** at 7:00pm on the importance of discipleship. The presentation will touch on the phases of Intentional Discipleship. Come and hear about intentional discipleship and Living the Great Commission!

**STACK CENTER
PLANNING FOR PHASE II**

Anyone interested in the planning of Phase II for Stack Center is invited to a meeting with Fr. Tom on Sunday **August 6th** and **August 13th** in Augustine Center. See Fr. Tom after mass for details of the meeting. Now is the time to bring your ideas for improved technology including wifi, projection and improved sound.

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.





**ROSARY MEDITATIONS
FROM ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE**

Militia Immaculata Celebrating 100 years!

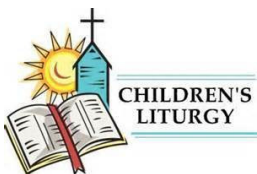
100 years ago St. Maximilian Kolbe along with 6 other Franciscans began a prayer movement of Consecration to the Blessed Mother to evangelize the world and lead people through Mary and her mission of bearing Christ to the world to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In honor of this anniversary and the witness 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 Annunciation:

“The Joyful Mysteries

The Annunciation--Luke 1:26-38

[Our Lady is] ‘Full of grace’ because she could not possibly have been deprived of any grace. How beautiful is such fullness of grace, whose abundance flows back unto us in profusion! Or rather, that fullness is a source of grace for us.

’The Lord is with you!’ It is true: God is always with her and in such a close, perfect manner! Is she not in some way a part of the Holy Trinity Itself?...And where she goes, she takes along the whole Holy Trinity. How true are the words whereby in the universe everything happens ‘in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit through the Immaculata!’ (KW 991)”



CHILDREN'S
LITURGY

**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!



BAPTISM

**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.

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 30th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 9,324.00
Last Year this week	\$ 8,358.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$262,045.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$259,035.00

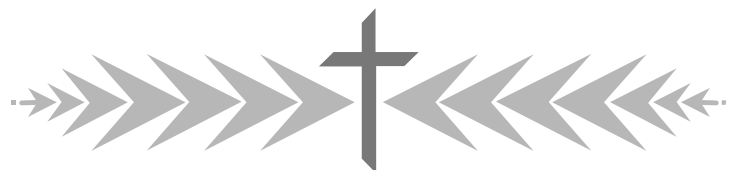
May God bless your continuing generosity.



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 Tunggal |



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.**

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.)



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.**

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THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 6th:

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

*No Children's Liturgy of the Word
during August*

Tuesday, August 8th:

Baptismal Class
7:00pm--OLG Room

Forming Disciples
7:00pm--Church

Thursday, August 10th:

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

Saturday, August 12th:

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

Sunday, August 13th:

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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during 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. Please write FOP in the subject line.

Mass for the Intentions Week

All masses are celebrated in the Church.

MONDAY, August 7th

St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs

St. Cajetan, Priest

7:00am Mary Tavares (D)

TUESDAY, August 8th

HOLY FATHER DOMINIC, PRIEST,

FOUNDER OF THE ORDER OF PREACHERS

7:00am Dorothy & Manuel Callier (D)

WEDNESDAY, August 9th

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin, Martyr

8:15am Richard Benson (D)

THURSDAY, August 10th

ST. LAWRENCE, DEACON, MARTYR

7:00am Peggy & Dan Curry

FRIDAY, August 11th

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI, VIRGIN, FRANCISCAN

7:00am Lilia Sousa (D)

SATURDAY, August 12th

St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

8:30am Natalie Glick (L)

5:00pm Ryan Hoopes (L)

SUNDAY, August 13th

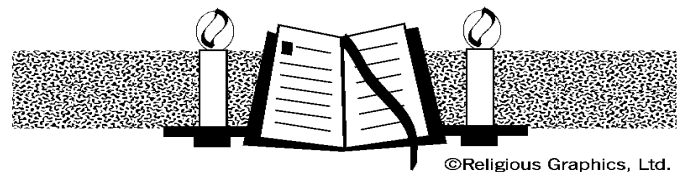
The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am John Ferrari (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

August 7th through August 13th

- Monday: Numbers 11:4b-15; Matthew 14:13-21
- Tuesday: Numbers 12:1-13; Matthew 14:22-36
- Wednesday: Numbers 13:1-2,25--14:1,26-29a,34-35; Matthew 15:21-28
- Thursday: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26
- Friday: Deuteronomy 4:32-40; Matthew 16:24-28
- Saturday: Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Matthew 17:14-20
- Sunday: 1 Kings 19:9a,11-13a; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

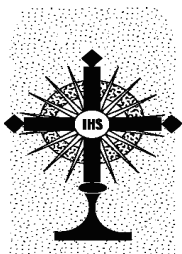


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**DIOCESE OF OAKLAND
THANKSGIVING MASS FOR
HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS**

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

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.

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.



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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