


First Communion Classes have begun

From the Pastor

I would like to thank our 27 families who began our new *Growing up Catholic*, First Reconciliation and Communion preparation. We are taking registrations until **October 1** for our Sacramental Preparation Program. We begin Whole Family Faith formation on **October 15** for all of our children who are not preparing for receiving a sacrament this year. We gathered and shared food, we met each other and shared about our families. We began with a prayer and renewed our Baptismal promises, Jackie Cruz shared a project on making a Family Crest, Shyra and Thelma Dawson who are coordinating our preparation process this year presented our theme and the families engaged remembering the Baptism of their child. Annette Friederberg helped us with Registration and welcoming. Our Next Gathering will be **September 10** where we will gather with school families preparing for First Communion with a Luncheon beginning at 12:15pm. If you would like to member of the hospitality and formation team please contact the Evangelization and Faith Formation Office at ffc@olgcv.org or call at 510-582-9266. Please pick up a Brochure for all our Outreach and Formation programs for Children, Youth and Adults. The Brochures are available at the entrances to the Church and Parish office.

Responding to the Disaster in Texas

Catholic Charities USA, as well as the *Society of St. Vincent de Paul Disaster Services*, announced early on August 26 that they're mobilizing to help an as-yet-unknown number of persons affected by the hurricane. May we generously respond to the thousands in need.

Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, vice-president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has called on the bishops to consider taking up a special collection to support victims of Hurricane Harvey and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses.

In an August 28 letter, Archbishop Gomez requested that the collection be held during the weekend of **September 2-3 or September 9-10**.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to the families that have lost loved ones and to all who have lost homes and businesses along with their sense of peace and normalcy," said Archbishop Gomez. "We also stand with our brother bishops in the region who have the difficult task of providing pastoral care in these most trying times while managing their own losses. Our prayerful and financial support is urgently needed."

Fr. Tom



JESUS IS LORD


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Gospel for the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 10th)
Matthew 18:15-20

"If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector. "Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Happy Labor Day Weekend! The Parish Office will be closed on Labor Day, September 4th, and will re-open at 9:00AM on Tuesday, September 5th. There will only be one Mass at 8:15am in the Church. Have a safe Labor Day weekend.



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 Parish 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 out your closets and fill 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 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.

FALL FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS, T-SHIRTS, FOOD AND GAME TICKETS & PANCAKE BREAKFAST TICKETS AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE

Need additional Raffle tickets? How about a Festival T-shirt or Food and Game tickets for the Festival? All are available in the Parish Office. Stop in and get ready for the Festival!

FALL FESTIVAL
2ND ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF
SEPTEMBER 24th

Time to cook up your best batch of Chili and enter the *2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off!*

Top voted chili gets a prize and bragging rights! To enter, please send your contact to Michelle Sheely at 510-410-7969 or email her at olgchili-cookoff@gmail.com. Please bring your chili in a one-gallon crock pot and an extension cord. Judging will be from Noon to 4:00 pm on Sunday, September 24th.

FALL FESTIVAL
TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT
SEPTEMBER 23rd

Join our 1st ever No Limit Texas Hold 'Em Tournament! Play poker while your family enjoys the Fall Festival. 1st Place Winner receives a official tournament bracelet & a free seat at the next tournament. Tableside drink service will be offered. All proceeds benefit OLG Church & School! Tickets are \$50 & Re-buys are \$25. Contact Elena Millard-Zavala at emillardzavala@gmail.com or 510-240-2495 for more tickets, table sponsorship or information.

TABLE SPONSORS WANTED!

- \$200 Sponsorship includes:
- Tournament Ticket
- Seat Selection
- Your Name on the Table
- Half-Price Re-Buys and Add-Ons

REGISTRATION FOR
WHOLE FAMILY FAITH & YOUTH MINISTRY
(FORMERLY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION)
IS NOW OPEN ONLINE

It's time to register for Whole Family Faith (formally religious education) and Youth Ministry. 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 \$45 discount for each sibling.

To register in person, please come to the Parish Office or after Mass on Sunday, September 10th or September 17th. Last day to register is September 24th.

Whole Family Catechesis (K-8 not in First Communion) begins **October 15th**.

Youth Group and Confirmation begins **October 1st**.

Remember, all children are welcome!

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

Fr. Francisco Nahoe will continue his presentations on *Christian Discipleship in Religious Education and Evangelization* in September. The presentations will be Tuesday, **September 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th**. All presentations will be in Stack Center at 7:00pm. All are welcome.

OLG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible Study facilitated by Fr. Paul will begin **September 12th** at 7:00pm now meeting in Room 7 in Stack Center. The Study will continue every Tuesday for an hour at each session and is open to all men of the parish 18 years and older. You may join in the study at anytime.



FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

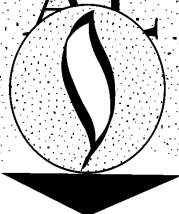
Flower donation envelopes can be found at the entrances of the church to make a donation in memory of or honor of a loved one or other occasion. If you have any questions feel free to contact Jay at 537-0806. Your donation in honor of your loved one will be mentioned in the bulletin.

**CYO FALL SPORTS
REGISTRATION**

Registration is 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 if you register before **September 11th** with a \$50.00 uniform fee. Registration fee after **September 11th** is \$190.00. For more information email olgy-oregistrar@gmail.com



PRAY ALWAYS



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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 27th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 8,966.00
Last Year this week	\$ 7,974.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$297,873 .00
Year-to-date last year:	\$291,902.00

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 |

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

VICTIMS OF HURRICANE HARVEY

**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.



**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 Finding In The Temple:

“The Joyful Mysteries

The Finding In The Temple--Luke 2:41-51

On earth, we see so many unhappy, misguided souls who do not even know the purpose of their life, who love many short-lived goods instead of the only good, God. The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is the love of God toward mankind. His Kingdom is the domain of this love in the hearts of men, the love that Jesus manifested in the manger, throughout His life, on the Cross, in the Eucharist, and in giving us His own Mother as our Mother; and He wants to kindle this love in the hearts of all men. To conquer souls over to Our Lady, means to win souls over to the Mother of Jesus, who introduces the Kingdom of Jesus into them. (KW 1331).”

**UPDATE: CLAIRE’S HOUSE
CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE EAST BAY**

Join us to learn about new developments at Claire’s House and Day Star, our Mentoring and Community Education program for supporting youth victims of human trafficking.

Locations and Information Session Dates:

- Saturday, **September 9th** at Catholic Charities of the East Bay: Richmond Office 9- 11 am

Thank you for supporting this impactful ministry!

EXECUTION ALERTS

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

September 7th	Juan Castillo	TX
September 13th	Gary Otte	OH

We ask your prayers for these persons, for the victims of their crimes, and for their families.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 3rd:

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee and Donuts in Stack after the
9:30am Mass

Liturgy of the Word **RESUMES TODAY!**
9:30am--Augustine Center

Monday, September 4th:

LABOR DAY

Parish Office is Closed Today
Enjoy the Holiday!

Tuesday, September 5th:

Evangelization Presentation
7:00pm--Stack Center

Wednesday, September 6th:

Pre-Baptism Class
7:00pm--Stack Center, OLG Room

Men of Faith

7:00pm--Parish Office, McGarvey Room

Thursday, September 7th:

Adoration
7:00pm--Church

AA Serenity Group
7:30pm--Augustine Center

Saturday, September 8th:

Adoration
8:45am--Church

Quintro Encuentro
10:00am--Augustine Center

Sunday, September 10th:

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee and Donuts in Stack after the
9:30am Mass

Liturgy of the Word
9:30am--Augustine Center

Parish Registration
10:00am--Stack Center

First Communion Class
10:50am--Stack Center



COME JOIN US

All are invited after the **9:30am** Sunday Mass to Gather in Stack Center For coffee and donuts.

Mass Intentions for the Week

All masses are celebrated in the Church.

MONDAY, September 4th

LABOR DAY

St. Rose of Viterbo, Virgin, Franciscan

8:15am Jean C. Foster (D)

TUESDAY, September 5th

8:15am Burt Richards (D)

WEDNESDAY, September 6th

8:15am Rudy & Augie Enriquez (D)

THURSDAY, September 7th

8:15am Richard Benson (D)

FRIDAY, September 8th

THE NATIVITY OF

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:15am Ruth Rousey (D)

SATURDAY, September 9th

St. Peter Claver, Priest

8:15am Danae Zytrowskie (D)

SUNDAY, September 10th

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Henry & Lou Maravella (D)

1:15pm Rafael Valenzuela Medina (D)

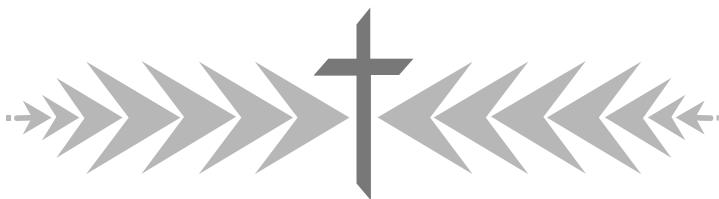
READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

September 4th through September 10th

- Monday: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18;
Luke 4:16-30
- Tuesday: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6,9-11;
Luke 4:31-37
- Wednesday: Colossians 1:1-8;
Luke 4:38-44
- Thursday: Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11
- Friday: Micah 5:1-4a; Matthew 1:1-16,18-23
- Saturday: Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5
- Sunday: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10;
Matthew 18:15-20

**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



**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 **September 6th** at 7:00pm in the OLG Room in Stack Center.



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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