



Greetings and Blessings

From the Pastor I have returned from my pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes and a conference on Saint Maximilian Kolbe during the 100 year anniversary of the prayer movement of the Militia Immaculata. I have kept you in prayer asking the Blessed Mother and the Saints to intercede for us at our Lady of Grace. For those who brought me petitions I prayed over them and left some of them at Fatima and Lourdes. I also went to a conference to understand the evangelization model of St. Maximilian to inspire our ministry and outreach today.

Greetings and Blessings.
 During this MI jubilee year, once again St. Maximilian entrusts to us his vision and invites us to give ourselves without reserve to the Immaculata and to be passionate messengers of the overflowing Life and Love of God, that come to us through Our Lady's Immaculate Heart.

A dinner with the Franciscans

Celebrating 35 years of Ministry of the province of St. Joseph of Cupertino in California

Sunday November 26

Tickets are \$40 and Available at the office.

In 2015 the friars began ministry at Our Lady of Grace. For 35 years we have served the people of California and Nevada when we became a province and had our first provincial chapter after forming in February 1982. The other provinces were formed originally to serve ethnic populations in the East of German and Polish immigrants. The province of St. Joseph of Cupertino was formed to minister with the varied people of California as we share our Franciscan way of life. Our 800 year tradition of rebuilding the church through living the Gospel in community has opened us to serve the needs of the church. We have responded by meeting the ministerial needs for Parishes, Schools, Hospitals, and Prisons. In 2007, we continued the Franciscan tradition of Missionary work by taking on the a Mission in Vietnam. God has blessed us with vocations here and in Vietnam.

We ask you to join us as we celebrate what the Lord has done in our Ministry over these years and ask your support so we may educate our students to continue our service and ministry. In 2016 we made our Friary in Castro Valley our provincial center and headquarters. We have made our home here and we are seeking partners to help us continue to grow and share the faith for generations.

Peace and Good,
 Fr. Tom

Gospel for the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (November 5th)

Matthew 23:1-12

Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them. All their works are performed to be seen. They widen their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels. They love places of honor at banquets, seats of honor in synagogues, greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation 'Rabbi.' As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

DIocese OF SANTA ROSA--AID TO VICTIMS OF NORTH BAY FIRES

Today on **October 29th**, we will take up a 2nd collection to provide relief aid to our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Santa Rosa. Most Reverent Michael C. Barber has asked all Parishes to assist Catholic Charities of Santa Rosa in this effort. Please continue to keep those affected by the North Bay Fires in your prayers.

If you are able to assist Catholic Charities of Santa Rosa with helping victims find temporary housing & donating much needed supplies, please visit <http://www.srcharities.org/fire-recovery>. If you can help as a bilingual volunteer, please call 707-528-8712 ext. 160.

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS: GOT QUESTIONS? ALPHA - October 29th

Join us tonight from 6-8pm in Stack Center to share a **Meal**, watch an exciting **Video** & discuss in small groups the video and **our Faith in God** as we have **Fun** & make new **Friends!** Our hope for those teens who attend ALPHA is to have a deep experience with God as we explore our faith and answer questions in a comfortable setting. Invite your friends, all are welcome!

ALPHA MEETING & RCIA INQUIRY

ALPHA & the RCIA Inquiry Group has begun! We offer a warm, accepting setting in small group discussions to find ways to deepen our faith and to share the possibilities with those seeking membership into the Catholic Church. We meet on Tuesdays at 6:00pm in Stack Center, Rooms 8 & 9. Our next meeting will be **November 7th**. For more information, please contact Marie at comeandseealpha@gmail.com.

WINGS WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT

We invite all women to join us for WINGS (Women in God's Spirit).

WINGS is a faith enhancement group that encourages spiritual growth through prayer, scripture study, Catechesis, life sharing and community.

We will meet at Transfiguration Church
Marian Room (Hall)

Next Meeting: **November 2**, 2017
9:15am to 11:15am.

Speaker: Fr. Paul Gawlowski
Topic: Spiritual Growth

COME & SEE The Life & Ministry of the Friars

We invite unmarried men, ages 18-50 to meet the Friars, pray with us, learn our Spirituality and learn more about our life! **November 24-26**, beginning on 11/24 at 4:00pm at the Holy Family Friary (19697 Redwood Road Castro Valley). For more information, call Fr. Paul at 510-671-0537.

ICF NEWS

Thank you to all parishioners who made the Pasta Dinner at the Festival a success and a big thank you to the students who helped serve that night. You made things happen in a timely manner! Our next event will be our Bake Sale in Stack Center, which is scheduled for Sunday, **November 12th** after all Sunday Masses.

ICF MINESTRONE SOUP DINNER

Come join the ICF for Lisa's Delicious Minestrone Soup Dinner on **November 9th**. Doors open at 6:00pm & dinner is at 6:30pm. All those attending please note that we will be collecting canned goods to help replenish the OLG St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. Please check the dates on those donations. For reservations, please call Stella Taddei at 510-581-5863 or Juanita Madrid at 510-582-7242 by Monday, November 6th. Enjoy!

The Lord IS CALLING You!?? MEN'S FAITH SHARE

All men of the parish are invited to join Our Men's Faith Share and Bible Study every TUESDAY evening from 7 – 8:15pm in Stack Center-Room 7. Each week Fr. Paul leads a discussion on the meaning and application to our lives for the upcoming Sunday Mass readings. **COME & YOU WILL SEE!** (Jn 1:39). Next meeting is **October 31st**.

BOY SCOUT WREATH SALE



Boy Scout Troop 876 will be taking orders for Christmas wreaths on **October 29th** after the 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 Masses. Place your order for delivery the 1st week in December. Enjoy the smell of fresh greenery this holiday season while helping the Scouts earn money to support their troop in their only fundraiser of the year.



**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 **November 1st** at 7:00pm in the OLG Room in Stack Center.

**ALL SAINTS' DAY
Holy Day of Obligation**

All Saints' Day Masses, will be celebrated in the Church on Wednesday, **November 1st** at 8:15am, noon & 7:00pm (Bilingual).

All Souls' Day will be celebrated on Thursday, **November 2nd** at 8:15am & 7:00pm (Bilingual).

The envelopes for both All Saints' & All Souls' will be placed on the altar for the month of November for those wishing to remember their loved ones.

Our *Book of Remembrance* also provides an opportunity to record names of deceased loved ones to be lifted up in our prayer during the month of November.

ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Our Parish will celebrate our annual Mass of Remembrance on Wednesday, **November 8th** at 7:00pm. This Mass has proved to be a very memorable liturgy for us who recall, in a particular way, those who have died in the past twelve months, as well as those who have gone before us in faith and in death.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL NEWS

The SVdP Our Lady of Grace Conference is grateful for your continued support. The donations that we receive on the last Sunday of each month enable us to do this work. May God bless you for your generosity

Who are we helping?

John is retired and has lived in his apartment for over 25 years. He has never needed help before. However, he recently had eye surgery and his insurance did not cover the entire amount. He fell behind on his rent and was in danger of being evicted. We were able to get him caught up on his rent and also gave him some food. He was very grateful.

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 October 22nd:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 9,231.00
Last Year this week	\$ 7,977.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$357,627.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$351,223.00

May God bless your continuing generosity.



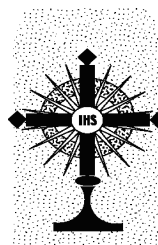
Your Prayers Are Requested

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 | Dieter Hahn |
| Kathleen Andrews | Don Jordan |
| Susanna Ax | Elaine Jordan |
| James Barthman | Laura Martell |
| Jackson Tyler Bishop | Alice McLaughlin |
| Leonardo Cabardo | Rosy Pereira |
| Jose Cisneros | Stephanie Rosevear |
| Claudia Dobbs | David Rountree |
| Lynn Franks | Florence Sharp |
| Byron Griffith | Mercedes Tellez |
| | 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 NORTH BAY &
SANTA CRUZ FIRES**



**ADORATION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Join us every Saturday for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8:15am Mass, and every Thursday at 7:00pm in the Church. Also, there will be Adoration every 1st Friday of the month at 7:00pm.



**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 Sorrowful Mystery of The Crowning with Thorns:

“The Sorrowful Mysteries

The Crowning with Thorns--Matthew 27:29-30

I also fear suffering and especially humiliations, but I brighten up thinking that not even Jesus in the Garden wanted to feel otherwise. Graces come to us when we most need them. (KW 373).”

GRATON CASINO RESORT OUTING

The Graton Casino & Resort Outing is scheduled for Friday, **November 17th**. Departure from the Church is at 9:30am. For more information, please contact Dorothy Cassani at 510-331-5553.

CASTRO VALLEY HOMELESS OUTREACH

We would like to thank those who volunteered for the Homeless Outreach this past weekend. You were very generous and the recipients of your kindness were incredibly appreciative. You indeed shared God’s blessing with these people. Just knowing that someone cares means the world to them. For further inquiries, please contact Ken White at k2rm@comcast.net at (510) 909-5774 or Sean Nalty at sean.nalty@ogletree.com at (415) 369-3552 .

**ANNUAL BISHOP’S APPEAL
HEARTFELT THANKS!**

Many thanks to those who gave generously towards this year’s Bishop’s Appeal. Our efforts resulted in raising \$29,710.00 and reaching 118% of our goal at Our Lady of Grace! The parish will receive back all funds collected over our goal for parish needs.

COME JOIN US

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



THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 29th:

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgy of the Word
9:30am--Augustine Center
1st Communion Class
10:50am--Stack Center
ALPHA/Youth Ministry
6:00pm--Stack Center

Tuesday, October 31st:

Tuesday Morning Bible Study
9:30am--Stack Center, Room 7
Men’s Faith Share
7:00pm--Stack Center, Room 7

Wednesday, November 1st:

All Saints’ Day Mass
8:15am, noon & 7:00pm (Bilingual)--Church

Thursday, November 2nd:

All Souls’ Day Mass
8:15am & 7:00pm (Bilingual)--Church
AA Serenity Group
7:30pm--Augustine Center, Room A2

Friday, November 3rd:

First Friday Adoration
7:00pm--Church

Saturday, November 4th:

Adoration
8:45am--Church

Sunday, November 5th:

The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgy of the Word
9:30am--Augustine Center
Coffee & Donuts
After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center
First Communion Class
10:50am--Stack Center
ALPHA/Youth Ministry
6:00pm--Stack Center



ROSARY BEFORE MASS

Come join in prayer of the Rosary 30 minutes before each of the weekend liturgies. Pray for our Parish and our youth as they journey with the Alpha Youth program. All are welcome!

Mass Intentions for the Week

All Masses are celebrated in the Church.

MONDAY, October 30th

8:15am Bruce Lovell (D)

TUESDAY, October 31st

8:15am Thomas & Mary Hayes (D)

WEDNESDAY, November 1st

ALL SAINTS

8:15am Helen Maes (D)

THURSDAY, November 2nd

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOUL'S DAY)

8:15am Louis Rodrigues (D)

FRIDAY, November 3rd

St. Martin de Porres, Religious

8:15am All Souls

SATURDAY, November 4th

St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

8:15am Burt Richards (D)

5:00pm Macario Zaldivar (D)

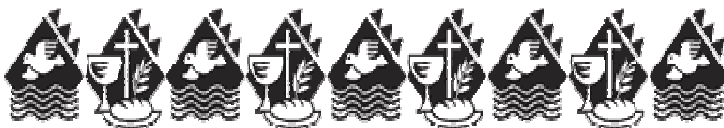
SUNDAY, November 5th

Commemoration of All the Deceased of the Franciscan Order

The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Mary Hallinan (D)

1:30pm Luis Martinez (D)



EXECUTION ALERTS

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

October 5th	Jeffrey Borden	AL
October 5th	Michael Lambrix	FL
October 12th	Robert Pruett	TX
October 18th	Anthony Shore	TX
October 19th	Torrey McNabb	AL
October 26th	Clinton Young	TX

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

October 30th through November 5th

- Monday: Romans 8:12-17; Luke 13:10-17
- Tuesday: Romans 8:18-25; Luke 13:18-21
- Wednesday: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-2; Matthew 5:1-12a
- Thursday: Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11; John 6:37-40
- Friday: Romans 9:1-5; Luke 14:1-6
- Saturday: Romans 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Luke 14:1, 7-11
- Sunday: Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13; Matthew 23:1-12



The Lord is kind and merciful

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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.



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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