

FR. KEVIN – “AT YOUR SERVICE!”

Fr. Tom suggested to me that it would be nice to share a little bit about myself with our Parish community.  
So ...

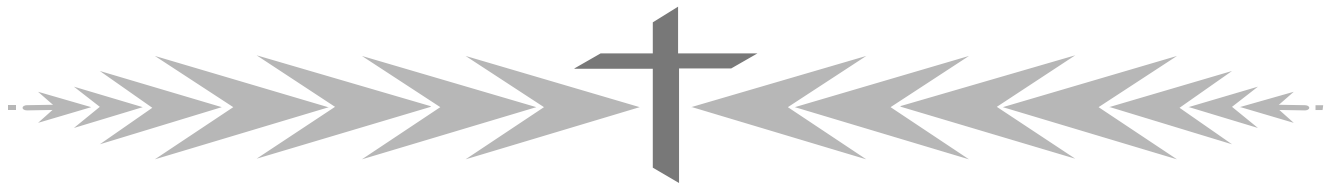
**SOME FACTS:**

- \* I was born and raised in the late 1950's through the early 1970's in Cleveland, Ohio in a faith-filled Catholic family.
- \* I was the third of five children in our family, with 2 older brothers and 2 younger sisters ... my second oldest brother and my 'baby', youngest sister have both gone home to God along with both my mother and my father and a number of other dear friends. They are now special guides and companions for me on my own journey here until I return home to be with them again in the fullness of God's presence.
- \* After finishing Catholic grade school, my family moved from the city out to the countryside where there was no Catholic high school. So, I went to the public high school in our area ... where my father was the principal of the school! Actually, it was a much more pleasant experience than you might imagine. I got involved in everything possible: sports, language club, student government, singing and acting, leadership groups, as well as singing in the youth choir of our local church ... and ... dating on and off!
- \* From there I did undergraduate and graduate studies through the late 1980's in Indiana, Minnesota, here in California and for several years in Luzern, Switzerland. Through those years I was in and out of relationships and seminaries, back and forth, until finally landing, with the grace of God and the guidance of St. Francis, in a solid and lasting decision to live my life out in our Franciscan Order as a priest. I was ordained right here in Oakland.
- \* Following studies, I have lived my life with the friars in various ministries in Assisi and Rome, England and here in California. My ministry through the years has been in a combination of teaching, parish work and administrative responsibilities. So now ... here I am! ... with the blessing of ...

**MINISTRY WITH THE COMMUNITY OF OUR LADY OF GRACE!**

God has blessed me through the years ... through all the ups and downs ... in my strengths and in my many weaknesses. He has always given me blessed 'companions on the journey' among the friars and in the larger circles of my life. Particularly in these last years, as I have walked through the 'blessing' of my disease of alcoholism, I have been especially gifted with so many 'angels' in my Franciscan community, in the community of Alcoholics Anonymous, and in this amazing community of OLG.

I am so grateful to be able to 'celebrate' this time of ministry and care with Fr. Tom, our pastor, and Fr. Paul, as well as all of you, members of our OLG family. I come to you with my gifts and strengths AND my defects and weaknesses. We are, all of us, gifted and called by our gracious God to be 'wounded healers' with and for each other. We have, and carry for all those around us, the promise of NEW LIFE!



**Gospel for the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 15th)**

**Matthew 22:1-14**

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast."' Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?' But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.' Many are invited, but few are chosen."

**COLUMBUS DAY**

In honor of Columbus Day, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, **October 9th**. The offices will re-open on Tuesday, **October 10th** at 9:00am.

**OUR LADY OF GRACE FESTIVAL 2017  
ANOTHER TERRIFIC FESTIVAL EFFORT!**

Once again a big thank you to Elena Millard-Zavala and her Team for their extraordinary effort and commitment to all things Festival these past few months!!

We also need to send out a big word of thanks and appreciation to the "Operations Crew" headed up by Dave Swanson for not only the set-up but the dirty and hard work of taking down the Festival. Many of the volunteers here taking down and cleaning up were here the entire weekend as well.

Elena did another amazing job as Chairperson for the 2nd year in a row and hopefully not her last. We are grateful to all those she solicited to help her achieve her vision of Once Upon a Time... This included our second Annual Chili Cook-Off, Pasta Dinner hosted by the Italian Catholic Federation and the Pancake Breakfast hosted by our own Knights of Columbus.

It is difficult to not continue to mention by name all those who contribute so overwhelmingly to the many areas—the entertainment was great, the accounting booth spends the entire weekend behind the scenes counting and supporting the booths, security keeps us all safe—know that all those who worked hard to make our Festival a wonderful event your efforts were much appreciated by the entire community of Our Lady of Grace. There are a number of you who gave untiringly of your time and effort and we are well aware of who you are.

And so to all of you who did so much, to those who came and participated in the weekend activities, to those who generously spent money, to the entertainers, to the behind-the-scenes folk and to our sponsors and donors and to our gracious God *we give thanks*. You are truly magnificent in your commitment to our parish and we are so very grateful to all of you!

**2017 RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS**

The Festival Raffle is another great tradition and we are happy to announce the winners: Our Grand Prize Winner is Colleen Lindberg! 2nd Prize went to Cristina Warner and 3rd Prize went to Trish Ferrari. Our Gift Card Winners are: Roberta Santiago, Connie Linney and Gene Alga. Congratulations to you all!

**CATHOLIC VOICE  
ANNUAL APPEAL**

This month is our annual appeal for The Catholic Voice. Your donation helps our Parish offset its payment for this important communication ministry. The Voice is the only regular source of Catholic news and information delivered to all parishioners in the Diocese. *Please be generous in your support of our Parish! Checks should be made payable to Our Lady of Grace. Envelopes are in the pews.*

**HIGH SCHOOL TEENS: GOT QUESTIONS?  
ALPHA - October 8th**

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!

**CASTRO VALLEY HOMELESS OUTREACH**

The OLG community is very blessed in many ways and we have the opportunity to share God's blessing with others. For the last several months we have provided food and supplies to the homeless in Castro Valley. There is a critical need to expand this ministry, and we need your help. Their needs are simple - food, canned or prepared - pretty much anything that can be cooked or reheated on a camp stove. Food is shared, so don't worry about quantity, anything is greatly appreciated. Other key items include propane for camp stoves, AAA batteries, flashlights and batteries, black garbage bags (30 gallon), plastic flatware, tarps, and camping equipment of all kinds, PARTICULARLY with cold weather coming. Please drop off your generous donations to the Parish Office. We will arrange to pick-up your donation and deliver it to those in need. Please contact Ken White at [k2rm@comcast.net](mailto:k2rm@comcast.net) at (510) 909-5774. or Sean Nalty at [sean.nalty@ogletree.com](mailto:sean.nalty@ogletree.com) at (415) 369-3552. Thank you and God Bless!

**HEARTFELT THANKS!**

Thank you to our OLG Community who have donated generously to the Hurricane Response Relief & through Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrimage Petition towards rebuilding the lives of those deeply affected by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico.

**OUR LADY OF GRACE FESTIVAL 2017 WORD OF THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS**

A special word of thanks to all those many generous Sponsors who contributed financially to our Festival this year. This money enable us to do the many things that are a necessary part (and expense) of the Festival and provides operating capital to fund things prior to the weekend. Many of these sponsors have been long-time and faithful contributors to Our Lady of Grace and we are most grateful to them. In turn we especially encourage your consideration and support of our business sponsors who are so generous in supporting us!

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- Beck Roofing Company Inc.
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- Pete's ACE Hardware
- Moreau Catholic High School
- Robert Darnell DDS
- Jay & Denise Thosen; Brad LaVerne Plumbing
- Mel's Shoe Clinic

**ICF POLENTA DINNER**

It's that time of the year again to join the ICF for their Polenta dinner on **October 12th**. Doors open at 6:00pm and dinner is served at 6:30pm. Since this is most popular dinner, reservations are necessary. Please call Stella Taddei at 510-581-5863 or Juanita Madrid at 510-582-7242 for reservations. Deadline is October 8th. Mangia! Mangia!

**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 1st:**

Sunday Plate:	\$ 9,264.00
Last Year this week	\$ 8,700.00
<b>Weekly Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 8,920.00</b>
Year-to-date this year:	\$332,717.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$325,650.00

*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 SHOOTING IN LAS VEGAS,  
HURRICANE HARVEY, IRMA,  
& MARIA  
EARTHQUAKES IN MEXICO**

**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 **October 10th**. For more information, please contact Marie at [comeandseelalpha@gmail.com](mailto:comeandseelalpha@gmail.com).



**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 Luminous Mystery of The Institution of the Eucharist:

**“The Luminous Mysteries**

***The Institution of the Eucharist -- John 6:33-59***

We must constantly strengthen the love for the Immaculata in souls, so that they may become one with her -- become her herself; so that she herself may live and love (act) in them and through them. Just as she is of Jesus and of God, so each soul will become of Jesus and of God through her and in her.

Then souls will love the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus as they have never loved Him before, because, like her, and in ways they have never experienced before, they will plunge into the mysteries of Love: the Cross and the Eucharist. Through her, God’s love shall kindle the world, set it on fire. (KW 991).”

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA PILGRIMAGE MASS  
WITH BISHOP BARBER**

Join us for the final Our Lady of Fatima Centennial Pilgrimage Mass in the Diocese of Oakland with Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ at St. Joseph the Worker at 1640 Addison St., Berkeley. **October 13th** at 7:00 pm. For more information, call the Parish Office at 510-843-2244.

**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, Catechizes, life sharing and community.

We will meet at Transfiguration Church  
Marian Room (Hall)

Next Meeting: **October 19**, 2017

9:15am to 11:15 am.

Speaker: Fr. Michael Galvin

Topic: Spiritual Growth

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, October 8th:**

***The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Coffee & Donuts  
After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center

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

New Parishioner Registration  
10:00am--Stack Center

ALPHA/Youth Ministry  
6:00pm--Stack Center

**Monday, October 9th:**

***Columbus Day--Parish Offices are Closed***

Women’s Evening Bible Study  
7:00pm--Stack Center, Room 7

**Tuesday, October 10th:**

Tuesday Morning Bible Study  
9:30am--Stack Center, Room 7

Alpha/RCIA  
6:00pm--Stack Center, Rooms 8 & 9

Men’s Bible Study  
7:00pm--Stack Center, Room 7

**Thursday, October 12th:**

ICF Meeting & Dinner  
6:00pm--Stack Center

Adoration  
7:00pm--Church

AA Serenity Group  
7:30pm--Augustine Center, Room A2

**Saturday, October 14th:**

Adoration  
8:45am--Church

Bread for the Word “Offering of Letters”  
5:00pm--Prayer Garden

**Sunday, October 15th:**

***The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Bread for the Word “Offering of Letters”  
7:30am--Prayer Garden

Coffee & Donuts  
After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center

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

Whole Family Catechesis  
10:50am--Stack Center

ALPHA/Youth Ministry  
6:00pm--Stack Center

*Mass for the Intentions*  *for the Week*

All Masses are celebrated in the Church.

**SUNDAY, October 8th**

*The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30am Visitacion Perdido (D)

1:15pm Shirley Stone (D)

**MONDAY, October 9th**

*St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs*

*St. John Leonardi, Priest*

8:15am Mario Gutierrez (D)

**TUESDAY, October 10th**

8:15am Ernie Selmeczeki (D)

**WEDNESDAY, October 11th**

*St. John XXIII, Pope*

8:15am Helen Maes (D)

**THURSDAY, October 12th**

8:15am Richard Benson (D)

**FRIDAY, October 13th**

8:15am Lilia Sousa (D)

**SATURDAY, October 14th**

*St. Callistus I, Pope, Martyr*

8:15am Arcadia & Vicente Mendoza (D)

**SUNDAY, October 15th**

*The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30am Marty Martin (D)

1:15pm Rafael Valenzuela Medina (D)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**October 9th through October 15th**

Monday: Jonah 1:1-2:1-2,11; Luke 10:25-37  
 Tuesday: Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42  
 Wednesday: Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4  
 Thursday: Malachi 3:13-20b; Luke 11:5-13  
 Friday: Joel 1:13-15, 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26  
 Saturday: Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28;  
 Sunday: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14

**"WHEN I WAS HUNGRY, YOU GAVE ME TO EAT"**

OLG Parish is participating in the annual Bread for the World "Offering of Letters" next week-end, **October 14 - 15**. Bread for the World is an inter-faith Christian based group that lobbies our nation's decision-makers to pass legislation that will end hunger both at home and abroad. We are asking you to take a few minutes next weekend after Mass to stop at one of the tables set up near the entrances to the church to sign a letter or write your own letter to our Senators and Representatives asking them to support bills that will help the most vulnerable in our nation and around the world.

**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.

**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION**

We extend a warm welcome to new parishioners and guests. Please stop by Stack Center on **October 8th** at 10:00am. to register or update your information. A Hospitality volunteer will greet you at the New Parishioner Registration Table. We are grateful to our volunteers for providing this ministry on our behalf.

**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.

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