


Thanksgiving

Join us for a special Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9AM. Bring your Bread and Wine in baskets that you will serve at your meal to be blessed at the end of Mass.

From the Pastor

We know the origin of Thanksgiving remembering the Pilgrims giving thanks with a meal with the Native Americans for a successful harvest and surviving the year. It was the help of Squanto, a member of the Pawtuxet tribe who had been kidnapped by an English sea captain and sold into slavery before escaping to London and returning to his homeland on an exploratory expedition. Squanto taught the Pilgrims, weakened by malnutrition and illness, how to cultivate corn, extract sap from maple trees, catch fish in the rivers and avoid poisonous plants. He also helped the settlers forge an alliance with the Wampanoag, a local tribe, which would endure for more than 50 years and tragically remains one of the sole examples of harmony between European colonists and Native Americans.

Without the help of Squanto who had been enslaved by an English captain being merciful and helping the Pilgrims there would not have been a Thanksgiving for the settlers would have perished. May we learn this Thanksgiving that we need each other to survive. Forgiveness, Mercy, and Charity of this incredible man of the Pawtuxet Nation allowed this land to be a refuge for immigrant people. We owe our native ancestors respect and gratitude this Thanksgiving.

In our Gospel we are reminded that all we are given is on loan from God. We are to develop what we have been given for the growth of the Kingdom of God. May we give thanks for what we have and be generous to those in need. May we use our Time, Talent, and Treasure to help others. Who may perish without your Forgiveness, Mercy, or Charity?

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

Peace,

Fr. Tom

Franciscans Give Thanks on Sunday November 26

This Weekend is your Last Opportunity to get your Tickets. Credit cards excepted!

You are invited to spend a Night with the Friars for a Dinner and Fundraiser to support friars in formation preparing for ministry. The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Dinner and Silent Auction to benefit our seminarians and celebrate 35 years of Ministry as the Province of St. Joseph of Cupertino in California. Please join Br. Chris, Fr. Tom, Fr. Kevin, Fr. Paul, and many other friars to celebrate this event.

When: **Sunday November 26** beginning at 5PM

Where: Our Lady of Grace, Stack Center

Tickets are \$40 per person including dinner catered by Miraglia's, drinks, music, and a Silent Auction.

Gospel for the Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (November 26th)

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

THANKSGIVING DAY LITURGY

Our Lady of Grace Parish will celebrate a *Mass of Thanksgiving* on Thursday, **November 23rd** at 9:00am. There is much to be thankful for in our lives and this is also a time to consider ways of helping those around us who are in need. The monetary collection from this Mass will benefit the work of our St. Vincent de Paul Society. As in years past, the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be taking donations of food and money at the Mass. As you give your donations, please pray for those families who will be helped. Items most needed for our pantry are: cereal, peanut butter, soups/stews, pasta, pasta sauce, tuna, fruit, canned chicken & power/snack bars. Many of our clients have very minimal access to cooking facilities. When possible, pop-top cans are great. Please no expired items.

You are also invited to bring the bread and wine you will be serving at your own Thanksgiving meal to be blessed for your feast.

HELPING THOSE IN NEED THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

The following are the many ways to help those most in need this holiday season.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL "For I was naked and you clothed me" (Matthew 26:36)

This year the Our Lady of Grace St. Vincent de Paul Conference will be participating in the One Warm Coat Drive. We invite parishioners to donate new or gently used men's, women's or children's coat to this drive. These coats will be distributed through the drop-in centers and clothing closet at St. Vincent de Paul's main campus in Oakland. **Please bring your donation and place in the barrel at the Somerset entrance of the Church or in the Parish Office. We will be accepting coats from November 1st – December 31st.** Also, if you can donate toys, we will be taking toy donations from November 6th through Sunday December 3rd.

CASTRO VALLEY HOMELESS OUTREACH

We would like to thank those who have assisted with the CV Homeless Outreach. You continue to be very generous and the recipients of your kindness are incredibly appreciative. You indeed share God's blessing with these people. We are still in need of food (canned or prepared), propane for camp stoves, flashlights, batteries, plastic flatware, lanterns, pallets, plywood or OSB sheets- full (4x8) or half (4x4) and tarps. You can drop off your donation to the Parish Office or we can arrange to pick-up your donation and deliver to those in need. 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.

FESCO AND CASTRO VALLEY OUTREACH Christmas Giving Trees

Beginning the weekend of **November 19th**, Our Lady of Grace is helping Castro Valley families with our Giving Trees. As members of CV Outreach, we are sponsoring several families. Each family member has ornaments on our Giving Trees which you will find in Church, in Stack Center after Church, & in the school and Parish offices. Please take an ornament to help a child have a blessed holiday.

All gifts need to be returned with the ornament, box and receipt, unwrapped to the Parish office by **Sunday, December 10th** in order for our REC students & Parent Group members to catalog and wrap.

In addition to helping CV Outreach, we are helping FESCO keep their programs running. They are asking for monetary donations. Donation envelopes are on the Giving Trees. Please return donations to the Parish office. Thank You!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS A DINNER WITH THE FRANCISCANS

Join us this Sunday, **November 26th** as we celebrate the **35th year of the Province of St. Joseph of Cupertino!** Doors open at 5:00pm and dinner begins at 6:00pm in Stack Center. Dinner will be catered by Miraglia Catering. Tickets are \$40 per person and are available in the Parish Office.



CHRISTMAS STORY PERFORMANCE & TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

On Saturday, **December 2nd**, all parishioners are welcome to stay after the 5:00pm Mass to see the school children perform the Christmas Story. All are welcome afterwards to come to Stack Center for the lighting of our huge Christmas tree, followed by refreshments.



**THANKSGIVING DAY
PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

THANKSGIVING The Parish offices will be closed on Thursday, **November 23rd**. The office will re-open on Friday, **November 24th** at 9:00am. The entire Parish staff wishes you and your family a Blessed Thanksgiving.

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN
FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
PARISH APPEAL**

Today is the Annual Appeal for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. There are over 46 million people in the U.S. living in poverty & this appeal supports programs to empower local communities to address the challenges they face. The CCHD supports those living in poverty across the country to identify & address the unique obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. In addition, 25% of funds collected will remain in our Diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. By supporting this appeal, you are giving those on the margins a hand up, not a hand out. Please be generous. Envelopes are in the pews for your use.

**REMEMBERING OUR DECEASED
FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

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

You may bring a picture of your loved one to be placed on a table before the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Church and it will remain there through the month of November. Please put your name and contact on the back of the photo.

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



**RCIA CORNER
Knowing Your Faith Series**

We offer a warm, accepting setting in small group discussions to find ways to deepen our faith and to nurture those seeking membership into the Catholic Church. We meet on Tuesdays at 6:00pm in Stack Center. Our next meeting will be **November 28th**. Join us as we explore "Knowing Your Faith". For more information, please contact Marie at rcia@olgcv.org

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 November 12th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 9,232.00
Last Year this week	\$ 8,447.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$384,667.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$376,945.00

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 |
| Antonio O. Chocha | Stephanie Rosevear |
| Jose Cisneros | David Rountree |
| Claudia Dobbs | Florence Sharp |
| Lynn Franks | Mercedes Tellez |
| Bill Fuller | Iwan Tunggal |
| Byron Griffith | |

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

**LILIA BONARDI
FR. ANTHONY HERRERA
ESPERANZA ORTEGA
VICTIMS OF SHOOTING IN TEXAS**



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!



**ROSARY MEDITATIONS
FROM ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE**

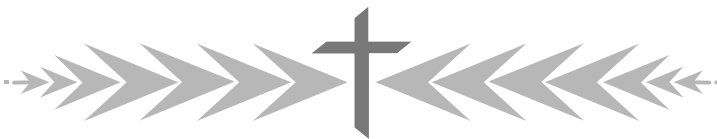
Militia Immaculata Celebrating 100 years!

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 Glorious Mystery of The Resurrection:

“The Glorious Mysteries

The Resurrection--Matthew 28:1-10

Dearest children, in difficulties in darkness, in weaknesses, in dejection remember that paradise...paradise...is approaching. Everyday that passes is the whole day less to wait. Courage, then! She awaits us there to clasp us to her heart. Also, pay no heed to the devil if he ever wants to make you believe that heaven exists, but not for you, because, even if you had committed all possible sins, one single act of perfect love washes everything clean, to the point that not even a shadow remains (KW509)”



FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

We are grateful to Sue Klas who donated to the Flower Fund in memory of Walter Klas. We are also grateful to Jack Dexter who donated to the Flower Fund in memory of Marlene Dexter.

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.

**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.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 19th:

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee & Donuts
After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center
Liturgy of the Word
9:30am--Augustine Center
Whole Family Catechesis
10:50am--Stack Center

Monday, November 20th:

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

Tuesday, November 21st:

Tuesday Morning Bible Study
9:30am--Parish Office

Men’s Faith Share
7:00pm--Stack Center, Room 7

Thursday, November 23rd:

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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

Saturday, November 25th:

Adoration
8:45am--Church

Sunday, November 26th:

The Thirty-Fourth 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
Dinner with the Franciscans
5:00pm--Stack Center



**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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

All Masses are celebrated in the Church.

MONDAY, November 20th

8:15am Mercy Peterson (D)

TUESDAY, November 21st

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15am Logan Wright Alexander (L)

WEDNESDAY, November 22nd

St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr

8:15am Debi Teller (D)

THURSDAY, November 23rd

St. Clement I, Pope, Martyr

St. Columban, Abbot

Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest, Martyr

9:00am Mass of Thanksgiving

FRIDAY, November 24th

St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs

8:15am Tristan Antonio (L)

SATURDAY, November 25th

St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr

8:15am Ruth Rousey (D)

5:00pm Jerome Gann (D)

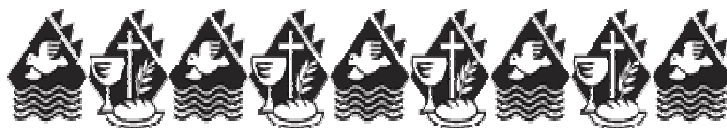
SUNDAY, November 26th

The Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

7:30am Regis Ahearn (D)

9:30am Fr. Anthony Herrera (D)



EXECUTION ALERTS

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

November 13th Scott Dozier NV

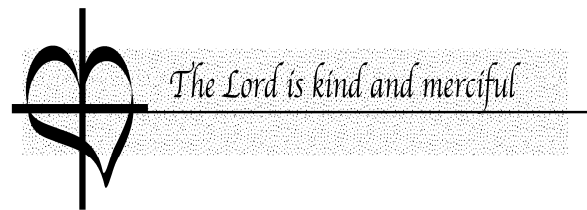
November 15th Alva Campbell Jr. OH

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

November 20th through November 26th

- Monday: 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Luke 18:35-43
- Tuesday: 2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10
- Wednesday: 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28
- Thursday: 1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44
- Friday: 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48
- Saturday: 1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40
- Sunday: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46



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HIGH SCHOOL TEENS: GOT QUESTIONS? ALPHA - November 19th

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!

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.

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