



THE 2018 BISHOP'S APPEAL Kicks-Off THIS WEEKEND

The 2018 Bishop's Appeal begins this weekend and will continue throughout February and March. Bishop Barber has chosen *Lighting the Way* as this year's theme.

Last year, the 2017 Bishop's Appeal had a goal of \$2.5 million and raised almost \$2.8 million! This year, the goal for the Bishop's Appeal **has been raised to \$3.0 million. Our Goal is \$29,000.** This is the first increase of our assessment in 5 years.

In the coming weeks you will hear more of the Appeal at Mass and through materials sent to you in the mail. Bishop Barber asks all parishioners to pray for the success of this year's Appeal.

You can find more information on the Appeal by visiting www.oakdiocese.org/giving. You can also call the Office for Mission Advancement at 510-267-8358.

Walk for Life

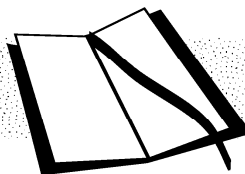
It was a powerful day of love. I was able to attend the pre-rally where women and men from Silent no more shared their stories of pain and healing from Abortion. The main rally revealed a little more to me about how a Propaganda campaign on made up statistics and professional slogans from the advertising industry were employed to deceive people to accept abortion as a society when the true sentiments of the public were over 90% against the procedure. It was lovely to see so many Catholics praying the rosary in an atmosphere of peace, love, and healing. Thanks to all of you who came to the rally.

Disciples on the Journey

Next weekend we will have a presentation and sign ups for groups on our Lenten Group Series.

- Help deepen one's personal relationship with God
- Inspire and encourage participants to live as Jesus' disciples in daily life
- Enliven faith by personal reflection on Scripture
- Provide new insights into the Sunday readings through the commentaries, discussion and sharing with others
- Enhance the ability to hear and be open to the Word of God proclaimed at Sunday liturgy

Hear the Word



of the LORD

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Gospel for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (February 11th)

Mark 1:29-39

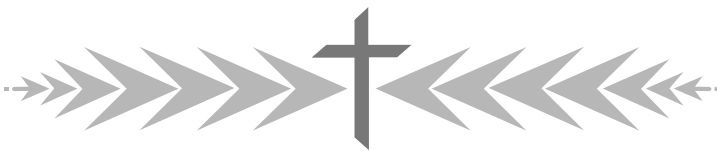
On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them. When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

LENTEN LECTURE SERIES

*Biblical Reflections on Christian Discipleship
Presented by Fr. Francisco Nahoe*

This series, offered by Fr. Francisco Nahoe OFM Conv., examines Christian Discipleship in light of Biblical narratives from the Book of Genesis, the Psalms, the Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, the Pauline letters & the letters of John. Following a method laid out by Pope Saint John Paul II, we will address human, spiritual, intellectual & social dimensions of Christian Discipleship in order to foster our own ongoing growth as ever more authentic disciples of the Lord Jesus. Bring your Bible & an open heart & ask the Spirit of God to move within you. Join us for Mass in the Church at 6:00pm, followed by a **Soup & Bread Lenten Meal** at 6:30pm. **February 14th lecture begins at 7:30pm. February 21st thru March 21st lectures begin at 7:15pm.**

- February 14th** *Sin, Grace & Discipleship*
- February 21st** *The Gospel of Failed Discipleship*
- February 28th** *The Role of the Eucharist in Recovering Authentic Discipleship*
- March 7th** *The Journey of Discipleship in the Gospel of Luke and Acts*
- March 14th** *Portraits of Beloved Discipleship in the Gospel of John*
- March 21st** *Pauline Paths of Christian Discipleship*



**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! **February 16th-18th**, beginning on **February 16th, Friday** at 4:00pm in Arroyo Grande. Concludes at 1:00pm, Sunday. For more information, call Fr. Paul at 510-671-0537.



**OLG SPRING AUCTION
SAVE THE DATE--MAY 5TH!**

Our Lady of Grace's Spring Auction is scheduled for **Saturday, May 5th**. This year's theme is **Fiesta Forever**. We look forward to seeing you there!



YEARLY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

For your convenience in preparing your tax return, a contribution statement for 2017 will be prepared at your request. Please phone the Parish Office at 537-0806, with your name and envelope number. Your statement will be available for you to pick up once it has been signed.

CALLING ALL FORMER ST. ALPHONSUS PARISHIONERS

We are hoping to identify all former St. Alphonsus parishioners who are now members of Our Lady of Grace. Please call the parish office at 537-0806. We want to hear from you, thank you!

**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 **February 6th**.

EVANGELIZATION CORNER

Youth Ministry

Next Meetings: February 11th & 25th



1st Holy Communion

Next Meetings: February 4th *We Offer Bread*
February 25th *We Pray*

Whole Family Catechesis

Next Meetings: February 11th *Lenten Family Day*
March 11th *Keeping the Commandments*

For more information, contact the Evangelization Office at 510-582-9266.



**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. Our next meeting will be on **January 23rd** at 6:00pm. For more information, please contact Marie at rcia@olgev.org

WINTER COLD & FLU SEASON

As always, you are reminded to use common good sense in the reception of Holy Communion during the annual cold & flu season. If you are feeling ill or think you may have been exposed to a virus, you should refrain from partaking of the Blood of Christ from the communal chalice. In the same way, you should refrain from offering you hand to others at the sign of peace. Likewise, if you are not comfortable sharing the sign of peace or receiving Holy Communion from the communal chalice for fear of infection, you should feel no pressure to do so. All of us must be aware of such sensitive matters in the intimate life of the Christian community & we should expect that some will refrain from the sign of peace and the communal chalice out of care for our well-being and not out of unkindness or lack of piety.



PRE-BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS AND GODPARENTS

BAPTISM 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 **February 7th** at 7:00pm in the OLG Room in Stack Center



CYO GIRLS BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Registration is available online for **CYO Girls Basketball** at www.olgvcyo.siplay.com & click "Login". All players who did not play in our fall program will need to create a new account prior to completing their first registration within the system. Girl's Basketball is open for grades 2nd-8th. Fees for the 2018 year will be \$190.00 with a \$50.00 uniform fee. **Registration closes on February 11th.** For more info, email olgcyocv@gmail.com

ENCOUNTER LENT-CRS RICE BOWL

Join our faith community-and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the U.S.-in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from Stack Center on **February 14th.** During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor.

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 January 28th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 8,456.00
Last Year this week	\$ 9,280.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$ 34,646.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$ 33,997.00

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 | Rosemary Slater |
| Bill Fuller | Mercedes Tellez |
| Byron Griffith | Iwan Tunggal |
| Anna Friedeberg | |

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

IRMA HASTON
SUZANNE MOSCHETTI

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE

The OLG 2nd grade Girl Scout Troop #30501 will be selling Girl Scout Cookies after the 9:30am Mass on **February 4th & 11th.** You will be helping support the troop & their community outreach efforts.

BIRTHRIGHT BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Birthright of San Lorenzo would like to thank all parishioners who contributed to our Baby Bottle Fundraiser in December. So far we have collected \$1,623.00. Your generosity enables us to keep our doors open to aid pregnant mothers and their babies.



ICF DISTRICT CRAB FEED!

Come join us for our annual Crab Feed on **Saturday February 17th at 6pm** at St. Philip Neri/O'Brien Hall, 3101 Van Buren St., Alameda. We will begin with hors d'oeuvres, followed by dinner with salad, pasta con pesto, cracked crab or 1/2 chicken and dessert. The price is \$50.00. There will also be raffle baskets to bid on and a card raffle. For reservations, contact Fran LaTorre @ 510-887-1509 no later than Feb. 10th as space is limited. No tickets sold at the door. Buon Appetito!

ICF BAKE SALE & POLENTA DINNER

The ICF Super Bowl Bake Sale is **today, Sunday, February 4th** after all the morning Masses. Biscotti orders will be taken after the Masses on **February 10th & 11th**. Biscotti will be \$6/dozen & can be picked up on Palm Sunday, March 25th after Mass.

Come join the ICF for our sell-out Polenta dinner on **Thursday, February 8th**. Doors open at 6pm & dinner is at 6:30pm. Reservations are a must! Make it an early Valentine's Day dinner!. Please call Stella Taddei @ 510-581-5863 or Juanita Madrid @ 510-582-7242 for reservations. **Deadline is today, February 4th**. Buon Appetito!

CASTRO VALLEY HOMELESS OUTREACH

A very special thank you to all who supported Homeless Outreach over the last year. Your kindness and generosity were truly a blessing and was greatly appreciated by those who received your help. As we go into the new year, we will be redoubling our efforts to reach out to those in need. Our next drop off date is **February 17th & March 3rd**. We will gladly pick up your donation or you may drop your donation at the Parish Office. Your help is truly a blessing. Below is a list of needed items. For more info, contact Ken White at k2rm@comcast.net or 510-909-5774 or Sean Nalty at sean.nalty@ogletree.com or 415-369-3552.

Peanut butter	Cold cuts-ham, turkey, baloney
Jam or jelly	Cheese
Canned meat-chicken, tuna	Milk
Instant oatmeal	Batteries (AA,AAA & D) *
Instant coffee	1 lb. propane canisters *
Dry cereal	Jackets, gloves, socks *
Ramen/Cup of Noodles	Tarps-critical need for 20x20 *
Single serving fruit cups	Can openers
Handy wipes/diaper wipes	Propane lanterns
Hand sanitizer	Sleeping bags
Prepared foods-casseroles, anything that can be reheated	Stove top coffee maker
Rotisserie chicken	*Very high priority items

THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 4th:

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ICF Super Bowl Bake Sale
- After all morning Masses--Stack Center
- Liturgy of the Word
- 9:30am--Augustine Center
- Coffee & Donuts
- After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center
- 1st Holy Communion Class
- 10:50am--Stack Center

Monday, February 5th:

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

Tuesday, February 6th:

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study
- 9:30am--Parish Office
- RCIA Inquiry
- 6:00pm--Stack Center
- Men's Faith Share
- 7:00pm--Stack Center, Room 7
- St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
- 7:00pm--Parish Office, Upper Room

Wednesday, February 7th:

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

Thursday, February 8th:

- ICF Meeting & Dinner
- 6:00pm--Stack Center
- Adoration
- 7:00pm--Church
- AA Serenity Group
- 7:30pm--Augustine Center, Room A2

Saturday, February 10th:

- Adoration
- 8:45am--Church

Sunday, February 11th:

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Liturgy of the Word
- 9:30am--Augustine Center
- Coffee & Donuts
- After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center
- New Parishioner Registration
- 10:00am--Stack Center
- Whole Family Catechesis
- 10:50am--Stack Center
- ALPHA/Youth Ministry
- 6:00pm--Stack Center

Mass Intentions for the Week

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

SUNDAY, February 4th

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Adelaide Martin (D)

1:30pm Christina Maria Nunes (L)

MONDAY, February 5th

St. Agatha, virgin, martyr

8:15am Rudy & Augie Enriquez (D)

TUESDAY, February 6th

St. Paul Miki & Companions, martyrs

St. Peter Baptist & Companions, martyrs, OFM

8:15am Annette & Hans Friedeberg

WEDNESDAY, February 7th

St. Colette of Corbie, virgin, OFM

8:15am Richard Benson (D)

THURSDAY, February 8th

St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Josephine Bakhita, virgin

8:15am Kimberly Hinkson (L)

FRIDAY, February 9th

8:15am Russ Grass (D)

SATURDAY, February 10th

St. Scholastica, virgin

8:15am Lilia Sousa (D)

5:00pm Louis Rodrigues (D)

SUNDAY, February 11th

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Helen Maes (D)

1:30pm Isabel Vastag (L)

HOLY SPIRIT
fill our hearts
with your love



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EXECUTION ALERTS

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

February 13th	Raymond Tibbetts	Ohio
February 22nd	Eric Branch	Florida

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

February 4th through February 11th

Monday: 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Mark 6:53-56
 Tuesday: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Mark 7:1-13
 Wednesday: 1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23
 Thursday: 1 Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30
 Friday: 1 Kings 11:29-32, 12:19; Mark 7:31-37
 Saturday: 1 Kings 12:26-32, 13:33-34;
 Mark 8:1-10
 Sunday: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46;
 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1;
 Mark 1:40-45

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: **February 15th, 2018**

9:00am to 11:15am

Speaker: Fr. Jayson Landeza

Topic: Spirituality through Bible Stories



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!



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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