

■■■■■■■■ Last Call for Disciples on the Journey Faith Sharing Groups

□□□□□□ This Lent join a small Group and journey with Jesus through the Scripture.

From the Pastor We have formed four groups for Disciples on the Journey small group faith sharing. We still have room on Monday at 11AM and Friday at 8:45AM. We may have openings for one more on Tuesday 9:15AM for the Women's Group or Tuesday at 7PM for Men. The time for the Spanish Group on Friday has been changed to 7PM. For more information contact the office.

Memory Verse for the Week

"You shall worship the Lord your God, and him alone show you serve." Luke 4:8

Living as Disciples action for the week

At the end of each day, using the examination of consciousness, look back on your day and recall when you were aware of God's love and mercy and also the times you failed to see God's love and mercy. Make a resolution to become more aware tomorrow.

Friday's of Lent are days of **abstinence**. No Meat.

Way of the Cross

As early as the 4th c., Christian pilgrims to the Holy Land would walk the route that Our Lord walked as He made His way to Golgotha for our salvation. When Muslims captured Jerusalem and it became too dangerous to make this pilgrimage, Franciscans replicated the sites in Europe, and there the "Stations of the Cross" devotion (also known as "Way of the Cross," "Via Dolorosa," or "Via Crucis"). Franciscans created and brought this devotion to almost every Catholic Church.

Prayed Friday's in the Church
2PM in English & 7PM in Spanish

Wednesday's during Lent 6PM Mass

Followed by a Soup Meal

Make a commitment to attend Mass daily. Mass is celebrated Monday through Friday at 7AM at the Friary Chapel on Redwood Road and at 8:15AM in the Church. During Lent there is a 6PM Mass on Wednesday in the Church. Join us at Saturday Mass at 8:15AM followed by Adoration. Adding a daily Mass during Lent is a perfect way to enter into this season. The Mass is the best way to enter in to the spirit of Lent as the Scriptures lead us through the need for prayer, reflection, conversion, purification, and the cost of love.

Adoration, Rosary, and Confession

A Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration is every **Thursday** at 7 PM and **Saturday** at 8:45 AM.

A Communal Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before every Sunday Liturgy at the Our Lady of Guadalupe image. A Bilingual Rosary is prayed during the Saturday Holy Hour.

Confessions during Lent

Thursday's at 7PM during the Holy Hour and on **Saturday's** at 3:30PM

A Communal Penance Service will be Tuesday **March 20** at 7PM.

Gospel for the Second Sunday of Lent (February 25th)

Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

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. Lectures begin at 7:15pm.**

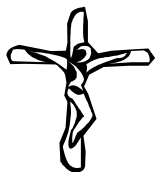
- February 21st** *The Gospel of Failed Discipleship*
- February 28th** *The Role of the Eucharist in Recovering Authentic Discipleship*
- March 7th** *The Journey of Discipleship in the Gospel of Luke and Acts*
- March 14th** *Portraits of Beloved Discipleship in the Gospel of John*
- March 21st** *Pauline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



LENTEN SOUP MEAL



Please plan on joining us for a simple meal of soup and bread on Wednesday's during Lent. It will be a time for fellowship and families coming together. Our Soup Meal follows the 6:00pm Mass. Thank you to our School Community for sponsoring the Soup Meal. Financial donations at the Soup Meal will be accepted for CRS Rice Bowl.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
English & Spanish**

Stations of the Cross in English, led by our school students are offered at Our Lady of Grace, Friday's at 2:00pm during Lent in the Church. Stations of the Cross in Spanish are offered also on Friday's at 7:00pm in the Church.

**PRESIDENTS DAY
PARISH HOLIDAY**

Monday, **February 19th**, is a federal holiday. The Parish Offices will be closed in honor of Presidents Day & will re-open on Tuesday, **February 20th** at 9:00am. Monday's Mass is at 8:15am. The entire Parish staff wishes you a safe & relaxing holiday!

**THE 2018 BISHOP'S
APPEAL**

To successfully achieve both our parish goal & the overall diocesan goal of \$3 million, we need your help! A pledge to Appeal will help us reach out to thousands in the East Bay through diocesan ministries, programs & services.

Participation is the Key Ingredient

If you have not had an opportunity to make a pledge by returning your card through the mail, please complete a pledge envelope found in the pew & place it in the collection basket today. **YOUR GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE.** Thank you to all who generously contributed last year. Our Lady of Grace raised 121% of our goal & we were one of the 1st parishes to reach our goal so quickly! Our goal this year is \$29,000. If each family in our parish contributes at least \$30, we will achieve it. God Bless!

What does the Bishop's Appeal Fund?

The Bishop's Appeal is a direct appeal to the people of the Diocese, to ask them to make a pledge or a gift to supplement the ministry budget. The Bishop's Appeal is an opportunity for each & ever Catholic household to help further the mission of the Church. A detailed breakdown of the programs & ministries listed below can be found on our diocesan website: www.oakdiocese.org.

- *Pastoral Ministries & Services
- *Religious Education & Formation
- *Clergy Formation & Support
- *Support for Catholic Schools & Parishes in Need
- *Assisting Local Parishes

GRAZIE TANTE FROM ICF

Grazie tante, that's Italian for Thank you very much, to all who helped to make our bake sale a success. Your support enables us to continue to do charitable deeds such as donate scholarships to both OLG 8th grade graduates and also to high school graduates and those continuing in college. So thanks for helping us help others.

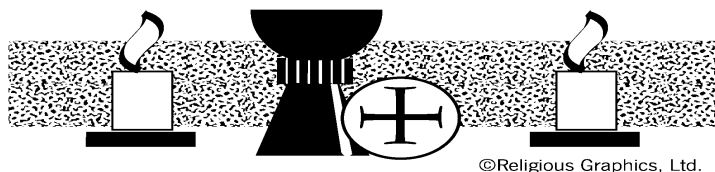
WINTER COLD & FLU SEASON

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. 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.



**CINCO DE MAYO FIESTA
DINNER AUCTION
Donations Needed!**

Our spring auction is **weeks away** & we need your help to make it a success! Without you, OLG's main fundraiser would be a mere *siesta*. Our event raises funds needed to benefit our scholars, school & parish. There are many **EASY** ways in which one may help with the success of our *fiesta*: **DONATIONS**. We need donations. Do you have a nice bottle of wine? Extra tickets to a Sporting Event? Play? Musical? Symphony? Is there a favorite kids' class/camp, fitness club/class, restaurant, spa, hair salon that you might solicit a gift certificate or gift basket from? Do you have a cabin or vacation home? Contact: Our.Lady.of.Grace.Auction@gmail.com &/or Liz Huizar, Auction Chair @ 510-501-2045



VISIT WITH OUR REFUGEE FAMILY

The refugees from Uganda that our parish adopted in September, 2016, Esperance Zibera and her family, are planning to attend our 9:30am Mass on Sunday, **February 18th**. They greatly appreciate all the material and monetary gifts that our parishioners have been donating to them as they start their new lives in our country, and they would like an opportunity to meet you and thank you. We invite you to come over to Stack Center after Mass to visit with them while enjoying our weekly "coffee and donuts."

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 February 11th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 12,372.00
Last Year this week	\$ 9,267.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$ 57,155.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$ 52,867.00

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 | Elaine Jordan |
| Kathleen Andrews | Laura Martell |
| James Barthman | Alice McLaughlin |
| Jot Brown | Rosy Pereira |
| Leonardo Cabardo | Stephanie Rosevear |
| Antonio O. Chocha | David Rountree |
| Claudia Dobbs | Florence Sharp |
| Lynn Franks | Rosemary Slater |
| Anna Friedeberg | Jackson Taylor |
| Byron Griffith | Mercedes Tellez |
| Don Jordan | Iwan Tunggal |

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

ALL VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

DO NOT BE AFRAID OF CONFESSION

During the Lenten season, Confession will be available every Thursday from 7:00pm during Adoration and on Saturdays from 3:30-4:30pm. Our Communal Penance service is scheduled for Tuesday, **March 20th** at 7:00pm.

HOLY SPIRIT
fill our hearts
with your love

**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 7:00 – 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 20th**.

EVANGELIZATION CORNER

Youth Ministry

Next Meetings: February 25th
March 2nd-3rd *Confirmation Retreat*



1st Holy Communion

Next Meetings: February 25th *We Pray*
March 4th *We Receive*

Whole Family Catechesis

Next Meetings: March 11th *Keeping the Commandments*
April 8th *Divine Mercy*

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 **February 20th** at 6:00pm. For more information, please contact Marie at rcia@olgcv.org



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.

EXECUTION ALERTS

The following execution is scheduled to take place in **February**:

February 22nd Eric Branch Florida

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

THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 18th:

The First Sunday of Lent

Liturgy of the Word
9:30am--Augustine Center
Coffee & Donuts
After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center

Monday, February 19th:

**Presidents Day
Parish Offices Closed**

Tuesday, February 20th:

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

Wednesday, February 21st:

Strobridge Dinner
5:30pm--Strobridge Apartments
Lenten Soup Meal
Following the 6:00pm Mass--Stack Center
Lenten Lecture Series
7:15pm--Stack Center

Thursday, February 22nd:

Knights of Columbus Meeting
7:00pm--Stack Center, OLG Room
Adoration & Confession
7:00pm--Church
AA Serenity Group
7:30pm--Augustine Center, Room A2

Friday, February 23rd:

Stations of the Cross - English
2:00pm--Church
Stations of the Cross - Spanish
7:00pm--Church

Saturday, February 24th:

Adoration
8:45am--Church

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus monthly meetings are held the last Thursday of every month at 7:00pm in Stack Center. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, visit <https://oaklandkofc.org/> or join us at our next meeting **February 22nd**.

Mass Intentions for the Week

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

SUNDAY, February 18th

The First Sunday of Lent

11:30am Tan Liong (D)

1:30pm Bella Martinez (L)

MONDAY, February 19th

8:15am Carol Trulious (L)

TUESDAY, February 20th

8:15am Tom Laver (L)

WEDNESDAY, February 21st

St. Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

8:15am Genieve Atol (D)

THURSDAY, February 22nd

THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

8:15am Maura Vanderpoorten (D)

FRIDAY, February 23rd

St. Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr

8:15am Rose Nicasio (D)

2:00pm Stations of the Cross - English

7:00pm Stations of the Cross - Spanish

SATURDAY, February 24th

8:15am Mariano Realina (D)

5:00pm John McCann (D)

SUNDAY, February 25th

The Second Sunday of Lent

9:30am Kathleen Cande (L)

1:30pm Avelina Garcia (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

February 19th through February 25th

Monday: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18;

Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday: Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32

Thursday: 1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19

Friday: Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday: Deuteronomy 26:16-19;

Matthew 5:43-48

Sunday: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;

Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10

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 **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. For more info & a list of needed items, contact Ken White at k2rm@comcast.net or 510-909-5774 or Sean Nalty at sean.nalty@ogletree.com or 415-369-3552.

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: **March 1st, 2018**

9:00am to 11:15am

Speaker: Sister Rosemary Delaney

Topic: Personal Faith Journey

THIS WEEK--Continued

Sunday, February 25th:

The Second Sunday of Lent

Liturgy of the Word

9:30am--Augustine Center

Coffee & Donuts

After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center

New Parishioner Registration

10:00am--Stack Center

First Communion Class

10:50am--Stack Center

Youth Ministry

6:00pm--Stack Center

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