


Pray for those preparing for the Easter Sacraments


 Last Sunday we sent our Catechumens to the Cathedral to be received by Bishop Barber in the Rite of Election. They are the Elect to be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Please pray for our Catechumens: Stephanie Smith, Heather Solis, Julia Bowen, Kendall McVeigh, and Dillon McVeigh. Please pray for our Candidates for full reception into the Church: Lupita Ruiz, Laura Bender, Joshua Walters, and Xavier Ochoa. May Jesus purify them and enlighten them.

Lent is the season of Enlightenment and Purification. Last Sunday we joined Jesus who entered the desert where he was tempted. We are asked to reflect on our lives during this season to see where we have been tempted and where we have sinned turning away from God and choosing to do wrong and failing to do good. We began Lent by putting on ashes with the words repent and believe in the gospel. These were the words of Jesus after leaving the desert and beginning his ministry revealing the kingdom of God. This week we come to the mountain of the transfiguration where Jesus revealed himself in His glorified body. If we are to receive the Gospel and live in the Kingdom of God where we can see the glory of Jesus revealed we must begin by repenting. Practicing daily examination of your conscience will help you to be aware of how you have missed the message of Jesus and turn to him for forgiveness to purify yourself so you may be enlightened and see the glory of God.

Disciples on the Journey memory verse

"If God is for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31

Living as a Disciples

The Gospel has God claiming that Jesus is his beloved son and exhorts us to listen to him. This week will try to listen to Jesus in the daily scripture readings in other people, in your prayer ... Write down what you heard Jesus saying to you.

Walking together in Freedom daily reflection for Tuesday

"Go home and wash up. Clean up your act. Sweep your lives clean of your evil doings so you don't have to look at them any longer. Say no to wrong. Learn to do good. Work for justice. Help the down and out. Stand up for the homeless. Go to bat for the defenseless." Paraphrase of Isaiah 1:16-17

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land--A schedule change

Our pilgrimage to the Holy Land now departs on **October 17th** and returns **October 29th**. On **October 24th** we go to Mount Tabor to the Basilica of the Transfiguration. We will gather there for prayer asking that we may see the glory of Jesus just like the disciples did in the Gospel today. Contact Jay in the office at 510-537-0806 for more information about the Pilgrimage.

Confessions

Available during Lent every Thursday at 7pm and Saturday at 3:30pm. A communal penance service will be on Tuesday, **March 20th** at 7pm.

Peace,

Fr. Tom

Gospel for the Third Sunday of Lent (March 4th)

John 2:13-25

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

LENTEN LECTURE SERIES

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

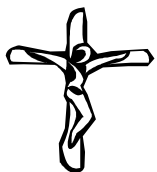
This series, offered by Fr. Francisco Nahoe OFM Conv., examines Christian Discipleship in light of Biblical narratives from the Book of Genesis, the Psalms, the Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, the Pauline letters & the letters of John. Following a method laid out by Pope Saint John Paul II, we will 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 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 Italian Catholic Federation 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.

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.

**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!

Why Should I Give When My Parish is Able to Pay for its Own Ministries & Services?

Because, while your parish may be able to fund its own ministries & services, we must look beyond our parish & address the needs of our sisters & brothers throughout the diocese. No one parish can successfully address the needs as the diocese can. Also, where would any parish be if the diocese did not pay to educate our seminarians, who will become our priests of the future? Would parishes be able to pay for its current priest, their medical & retirement benefits? As part of a Universal Church, we have responsibilities beyond our parish.



**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

DID YOU KNOW???

Our church has wonderful, hardworking volunteers who clean & set up our pews with missalettes, song books & envelopes each week for our Masses. We are grateful for their years of service in doing this! It has come to our attention that trash items, such as used tissues, cough drop wrappers, gum wrappers, water bottles, Cheerios & Goldfish crackers have been left behind. Please work with our volunteers & honor their work by picking up after yourselves. Many thanks in advance, in helping keep our church immaculate!

**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 27th**.

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



Please keep our Confirmation Candidates in your prayers as they prepare to enter into their final retreat before Confirmation next weekend **March 2nd -4th**.



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 27th** at 6:00pm. 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 February 18th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 8,163.00
Last Year this week	\$ 8,246.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$ 65,318.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$ 61,113.00

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 Tyler Bishop |
| 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



**HIGH SCHOOL TEENS: GOT QUESTIONS?
ALPHA - FEBRUARY 25TH**

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. Bring a friend!



ICF'S ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER!

Come join the ICF as we become a little bit Irish and celebrate St. Patrick's day with our Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner on **March 8th**. We will also have a St. Joseph's table from which you can purchase your dessert and support the St. Vincent de Paul's Society @ Transfiguration Parish. Doors open at 6:00pm and dinner is served @ 6:30pm. For reservations please call Juanita Madrid @ 510-582-7242, **deadline is March 3rd**. Happy St. Paddy's Day!

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A SISTER?

The Daughters of Charity have an April Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat for women 18-40. **April 20th-22nd** in Los Altos Hills, CA. Contact: Sr. Lisa Laguna, D.C. 650-949-8890 or 213-210-9903 or email srllaguna@doc1633.org or visit www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/

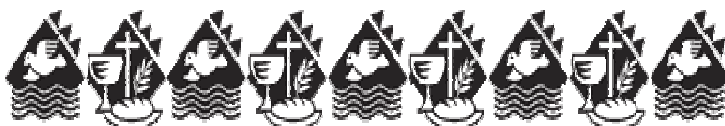
**"MILLENNIALS & FAITH"
HOPE for Today & Tomorrow**

The Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose Center for Education & Spirituality will present a talk giving by Fr. Sean Charles Martin. We will explore key questions challenging the Church today: Who are Millennials? How do Spiritual, Religious & Faith relate to each other? How are we called to share a HOPE-filled future? Join us on **Saturday, March 3rd** from 9:30am to 2:30pm at the Dominican Center, 43326 Mission Circle in Fremont. Cost is \$30 & includes lunch. Student discount available. **RSVP by February 26th**. Register at bit.ly/2018_MillennialsFaith or call 510-933-6360



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.



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.



THIS WEEK

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

Monday, February 26th:

- Lenten Journey Faith Sharing
- 11:00am--Parish Office
- Women's Evening Bible Study
- 7:00pm--Stack Center, OLG Room

Tuesday, February 27th:

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study
- 9:30am--Parish Office
- RCIA Inquiry
- 6:00pm--Stack Center
- Men's Faith Share
- 7:00pm--Stack Center, Room 7

Wednesday, February 28th:

- Lenten Soup Meal
- Following the 6:00pm Mass--Stack Center
- Lenten Lecture Series
- 7:15pm--Stack Center

Thursday, March 1st:

- Lenten Journey Faith Sharing
- 6:00pm--Stack Center, OLG Room
- Adoration & Confession
- 7:00pm--Church
- AA Serenity Group
- 7:30pm--Augustine Center, Room A2

Friday, March 2nd:

- Lenten Journey Faith Sharing
- 8:45am--Stack Center, OLG Room
- First Friday Breakfast & Presentation
- 9:00am--Parish Office
- Stations of the Cross - English
- 2:00pm--Church
- Stations of the Cross - Spanish
- 7:00pm--Church
- Lenten Journey Faith Sharing - Spanish
- 7:00pm--Stack Center, OLG Room

Mass Intentions for the Week

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

SUNDAY, February 25th

The Second Sunday of Lent

9:30am Kathleen Cande (L)

1:30pm Avelina Garcia (D)

MONDAY, February 26th

8:15am Anthony Nunez (D)

TUESDAY, February 27th

8:15am Kathleen Cande (L)

WEDNESDAY, February 28th

8:15am Myra Moschetti (D)

THURSDAY, March 1st

8:15am Rudy & Augie Enriquez (D)

FRIDAY, March 2nd

8:15am Claudia Dobbs (L)

2:00pm Stations of the Cross - English

7:00pm Stations of the Cross - Spanish

SATURDAY, March 3rd

St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin

8:15am Richard Benson (D)

5:00pm Antonio Chocha (D)

SUNDAY, March 4th

The Third Sunday of Lent

9:30am Gene Slater (D)

1:30pm Rosa & Ruben Marinez (L)

THIS WEEK--Continued

Friday, March 2nd:

First Friday Adoration

7:00pm--Church

Saturday, March 3rd:

First Saturday Mass & Adoration

8:15am--Church

Sunday, March 4th:

The Third Sunday of Lent

Liturgy of the Word

9:30am--Augustine Center

Coffee & Donuts

After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center

First Communion Class

10:50am--Stack Center

Youth Ministry

6:00pm--Stack Center

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

February 26th through March 4th

Monday: Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31

Friday: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a;

Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20;

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25;

John 2:13-25

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 plan to drop off every 2 weeks thereafter. 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

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