



Alleluia the Lord is Risen!

From the Pastor

We begin with First Communions this weekend and next. We continue to gather each Sunday like the disciples for the proclamation of the Word and the Breaking of the Bread. We continue to enter the Sacrifice of Love as we continue to offer the Sacrifice of praise for Jesus who forgives us, feeds us with himself, and loves us into eternity. Jesus perfects us through our continuous participation in His Sacrament of Love, the Eucharist. Pray for our children receiving the Body and Blood Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ over the week. First Communion is not graduation but a beginning of a life long transforming relationship of love with the Triune God. Welcome to the feast!

St. Joseph

The Franciscans have loaned Our Lady of Grace the statue of St. Joseph. St. Joseph was added to the Eucharistic Prayer by St. Pope John the XXIII in 1962. Pope Francis added St. Joseph to all the Eucharistic prayers. The liturgical reform began with the Vatican II Council is still unfolding to its full potential. St. Joseph pray for us!

Liturgical Environment

The change of new candles for the church are to put us in compliance with the latest documents on the Liturgy which prescribe the use of wax candles for Liturgy. While I purchased the candle sticks on sale they were not a budgeted item. We would appreciate donations to cover the costs of the new liturgical items.

Peace,

Fr. Tom

VBS RETURNS TO OLG THIS SUMMER

July 23-27 ~ 9:00 AM-12 NOON

We are excited to introduce you to Jackie Cruz our VBS Director this summer!

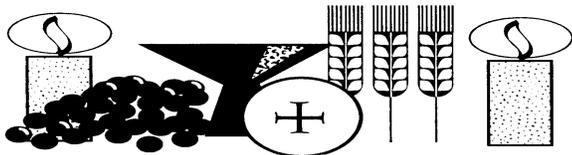
“Hello, my name is Jackie and I'm a mama to three and my children enjoy participating in VBS. I think kids are attracted to the "learn by doing" approach that VBS embraces. We learn about Jesus and the impact of his Word by the experiences we share with one another during the week. I have been volunteering in various leadership roles with Vacation Bible School for the past 6 summers and it is always a highlight of my summer. I invite you to share in the joy that serving in VBS as a leader can bring! It takes many hearts and hands to make VBS in a parish a successful event.”

Registration forms for Campers, and Adult and Teen Volunteers are available on-line and in the Parish office.

Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Easter (April 22nd)

John 10:11-18

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father."



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**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION
APRIL 14th & 22nd**

Please join us in welcoming these young members of our community to the table for the first time. First Holy Communion Masses are being celebrated on **April 14th & 22nd** at 5:00pm, 9:30am, 11:30am & 1:30pm

**First Holy Communion Recipients
April 14th, 5:00pm**

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| Bryan Tunggal | Kenny Spoonhunter |
| Garrett Smith | Miguel Datu |
| Jeffrey Chico | Enri Barajas |
| Nadia Njoroge | |



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**CINCO DE MAYO FIESTA
DINNER AUCTION
Saturday, May 5th, 2018
5:30pm - 10:30pm
Stack Center**

Join us for an amazing night! Silent & Live Auctions, Catered Dinner by Miraglia, Dessert Dash, No-Host Bar & Dancing!

Sponsor a 10-person table for \$250 or \$30 per person open seating (Adults only)

No-Host Bar: Margaritas, Beer, Wine, etc.

\$10 per bottle corkage fee at door, if bringing own bottle of wine

Purchase tickets online at www.olgcv.org/auction or purchase tickets in the school or parish office

Limited tickets available until **Tuesday, May 1st**
Tickets NOT sold at the event

Proceeds benefit OLG Parish, OLG School & selected charities

Team Tortolani Childcare - \$15 fee, includes pizza, apples, drinks & dessert

Questions, Donations & Event Information - Contact Liz Huizar or Allison Riker at Our.Lady.of.Grace.Auction@gmail.com



ICF NEWS

39th Anniversary Dinner Dance

Come help the ICF Branch #343 celebrate their 39th Anniversary on Saturday, **April 21st!** Begin the evening with a hosted wine & beer Happy Hour at 6:00pm, followed by dinner at 7:00pm & raffles then dance to the Big Band Sounds of "In Full Swing" from 8-10:30pm. Tickets are \$40 per person & deadline is **April 17th**. For reservations, pls call Lisa Crudo at 510-861-9835 or Pat Grasso at 510-538-2844. Checks made payable to ICF Branch #343 and mailed to Lisa at 3718 September Court, Castro Valley, CA 94546



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
SAVE THE DATE!**

**VBS this July!
July 23rd to July 27th
9:00am-12 noon**

Venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms. Registration forms are available on line and in the office. We are still in need of Adult & Teen Volunteers to help our summer program run smoothly! Please call the Parish office for more information.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

We would like to thank you for your continued support of this ministry. In the first quarter of 2018 we helped 9 people with utilities, 4 people with their car registration and 241 with food. Since almost half of our clients are homeless and many of them live in their cars, we occasionally help with registration. This gives them the peace of mind that they won't be towed and lose not only their shelter but all their possessions. Not an easy life as they try to find places to park where they are safe. Many of the people that we have helped with food this year is through our Wednesday afternoon soup & sandwich meal. Fr. Tom has allowed us to use a room in the parish offices during the winter where we can invite people in for a bowl of homemade soup, sandwiches & dessert. We also send them off with a small bag of snacks for the next day. If you would like more information on the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry please contact Heidi Denzler-Halsey at 510-881-7850.

EASTER OFFERING

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Easter Offering. \$18,649 has been collected in Easter envelopes as well as cash and checks made in the offering on Easter Sunday.

The Good Friday collection for the Holy Land totaled \$1190.

**LIGHTING THE WAY
BISHOP'S APPEAL 2018**

Following is the status of our Annual Bishop's Appeal through April 5th:

\$ 19,533.00—Actual Donations Received

Our Goal for 2018:	\$29,000.00
# of Registered Families	1,100
# of Acknowledged Donors to date:	130
Funds Raised (includes pledges)	\$28,179.00

We are currently at 97% of our goal for this year's Bishop's Appeal! We are most grateful to all those who have contributed and look forward to completing this appeal. If you have not yet made your contribution, consider doing so today.



**FESCO
REGISTER FOR FESCO'S
21st ANNUAL SHUFFLE WALKATHON**

Support FESCO (Family Emergency Shelter Coalition) in its efforts to end family homelessness in Alameda County by joining us at our 21st Annual FESCO Shuffle Walkathon on **Saturday, April 28th**. You can walk as a team or as an individual in this family-friendly, dog-friendly event along the beautiful path at the San Leandro Marina. Check-in starts at 8:30 am at the Seagull Picnic Site and the walk begins at 10:00am. You can walk from one to three miles, or even be a benchwarmer! If you are attending, you can sponsor yourself or get your friends and families to sponsor you. If you are unable to attend, please consider sponsoring a walker or making a direct financial contribution to FESCO. Your donations make it possible for FESCO to help homeless families gain stability and find permanent housing!

Chris Ippolito and Colleen Lindberg will be outside Mass on Sunday, **April 15th & 22nd**, if you would like to stop by and offer your support for team OLG for this years FESCO Shuffle!

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 April 8th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 10,872.00
Last Year this week	\$ 9,808.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$ 126,024.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$ 127,340.00

May God bless your continuing generosity.



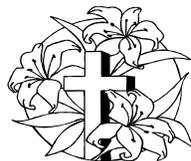
Your Prayers Are Requested

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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| Kathleen Andrews | Elaine Jordan |
| Jot Brown | Maxine Kruzell |
| Leonardo Cabardo | Laura Martell |
| Antonio O. Chocha | Alice McLaughlin |
| Claudia Dobbs | Florence Sharp |
| Lynn Franks | Rosemary Slater |
| Byron Griffith | Mercedes Tellez |
| Don Jordan | Baby Jackson Tyler Bishop |

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

- MARGE BATY
ELIZABETH LEBBERT
BENIGNO SEVILLA
VIRGINIA HAGEN**



EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

All those remembered by friends and family through the Easter Flower Offering envelopes are listed in the Easter Flower Memorial leaflet at the entrances of the church. Please remember them in thought and prayer and join us in celebrating the lives of these Saints of God. It is through a gift of love in their memory that we have so many beautiful flowers decorating our worship space. The beautiful plants, and cut flowers that will decorate the church all throughout Easter season are memorial gifts honoring our living and deceased loved ones.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE THANK-YOU'S

A small, but efficient group of parishioners cleaned & decorated the Church during our Lenten & Easter Season. Special thanks to this dedicated group, including: Claudia Dobbs, Martha Duarte, Theresa Erwin, Darlene Futagaki, Imelda Guerrero, Susan Klas, Bonnie & James Ricketts, Margaret Speranza & Mark Vaz. Another thank-you to Claudia for making the shrouds which covered the apostles. Barbara Lang supplied the calla lilies for our Altar of Repose. Friars Francisco & Tom safely delivered the beautiful new statue of St. Joseph. And, of course, Margaret McKean & Yola Selmecki straightened up the books in the pews! We also thank Fernando Covarrubias of Catholic Cemeteries for the delivery of the of the large palm branches & Cec & Steve Penland for supplying the outdoor sound system for Passion Sunday. And thanks to all who contributed to the Flower Fund. Easter Blessings to all.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

The Pilgrimage culminates by walking the way of the cross to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We will be walking through the Via Dolorosa (the Way of the Cross) to the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher for a detailed visit to Mount Calvary, the Holy Tomb and St. Helen Chapel. Join Fr. Tom for a Pilgrimage of a life time **October 17-29**. Cost is \$3499. For more information contact Anastasis Tours at 661-478-2331 or contact Jay in the office.

ETHNIC DANCE FESTIVAL

The Eden Area Interfaith Council (EAIC), of which Our Lady of Grace is a member, is hosting an **Ethnic Dance Festival** fundraiser on Saturday, **April 21st**, featuring Jewish folk dancing, folk & classical dances of North India, & a dinner of international vegetarian cuisine. The event will be held from 3:00 to 6:00pm at the First Presbyterian Church at 2490 Grove Way in Castro Valley (next to Trader Joe's). Tickets are \$20 per person and \$35 for families up to 4 members. Tickets may be purchased at the door, or in advance at: Ethnic Dance Festival at <https://brownpapertickets.com/event/3370423>. Checks may also be left to the attention of Mark Vaz with Jay in the OLG Parish office (your tickets will be held at the door the day of the event). For more information call: 510/962-6588, or email: info@edeninterfaith.org. Please come & support this fundraiser on behalf of the public programs of EAIC, a local group dedicated to fostering interfaith tolerance and understanding in our community.

THIS WEEK**Sunday, April 15th:****Third Sunday of Easter**

Liturgy of the Word

9:30am--Augustine Center

Coffee & Donuts

After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center

Youth Ministry

6:00pm--Stack Center

Tuesday, April 17th:

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

9:30am--Parish Office

RCIA

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, April 18th:

Strobridge Dinner

5:30pm--Strobridge Apartments

Thursday, April 19th:

Adoration

7:00pm--Church

AA Serenity Group

7:30pm--Augustine Center, Room A2

Saturday, April 21st:

Adoration

8:45am--Church

ICF Dinner Dance

6:00pm--Stack Center

Sunday, April 22nd:**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Liturgy of the Word

9:30am--Augustine Center

Coffee & Donuts

After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center

New Parishioner Registration

10:00am--Stack Center

Youth Ministry

6:00pm--Stack Center

COME JOIN US

All are invited after the **9:30am** Sunday Mass to gather in Stack Center for coffee and donuts.

Mass Intentions for the Week

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

SUNDAY, April 15th

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:30am John Franco--L

1:30pm Larry Perino--L

MONDAY, April 16th

8:15am Dorothy & Manuel Callier--D

TUESDAY, April 17th

8:15am Thomas & Mary Hayes--D

WEDNESDAY, April 18th

8:15am Debi Telles--D

THURSDAY, April 19th

8:15am Ruth Picha--L

FRIDAY, April 20th

8:15am Angelina Balistreri--D

SATURDAY, April 21st

St. Conrad of Parzham, OFM, Conv., Religious

St. Anselm, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

8:15am Bill & Theresa Fuller--L

5:00pm Zennie & Chuck Bohn & Family--L

SUNDAY, April 22nd

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30am Anthony Mirande--L

9:30am Kordula Gardner--L

1:30pm Fernando & Felicitas Morfin--L



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!

EXECUTION ALERTS

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

April 19th	Walter Lee Moody	AL
April 25th	Erick Davola	TX

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

April 16th through April 22nd

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a; John 6:30-35
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69
 Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18



FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

We are grateful for the generous donation to the Flower Fund in memory of James Bartham, from his friends in the "Potluck Gang".

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.

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: **April 19th, 2018**

9:00am to 11:15am

Speaker: Mary Lou Vincent

Topic: Personal Faith Journey

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