

■■■■■■■■ **Franciscans met for our Provincial Chapter**

□□□□□□ Last week the Franciscans gathered together for their 11th provincial chapter. The Conventual Franciscans are divided into provinces and each province has a provincial who is to care for the spiritual needs of the friars in the region of the province and to decide on our ministries. We thank Friar John Hienz for his diligent service as Provincial and for allowing the friars to minister at Our Lady of Grace. We welcome Friar Victor Abegg as our new Provincial and we pray the Holy Spirit will give him wisdom and health to lead the Franciscans.

We also elected advisors for our new Provincial. We welcome Friar Jacob Carazo as the Vicar Provincial. Br. James Reiter will continue as the Province Secretary. Fr. Paul Gawlowski and myself are Definitors to advise the new Provincial. Fr. Jacob, Fr. Paul, and myself took Solemn Vows together in 1997 and now we will work together to help Fr. Victor to lead our Province.

Peace,

Fr. Tom

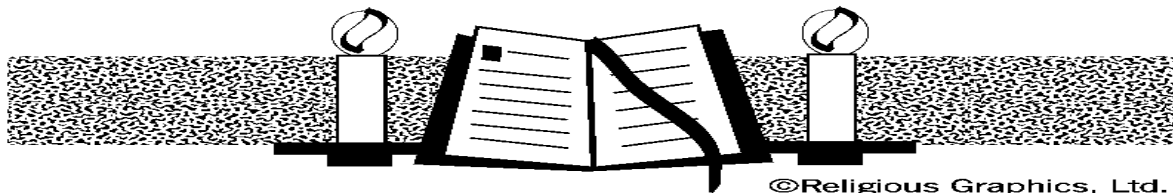
A Call to Holiness

Pope Francis has published an Apostolic Exhortation on Holiness, *Gaudete et Exultate*. Pope Francis is in the exhortation clearly urging “every Christian to freely, and without any qualifications, acknowledge and be open to what God wants them to be – that is ‘to be holy, as [God] is holy.’”

“It is my hope that these pages will prove helpful by enabling the whole Church to devote herself anew to promoting the desire for holiness. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us a fervent longing to be saints for God’s greater glory, and let us encourage one another in this effort. In this way, we will share a happiness that the world will not be able to take from us.”

VBS REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN! “Shipwrecked - Rescued by Jesus” July 23rd to July 27th (9am-noon)

This summer’s theme is Shipwrecked-Rescued by Jesus. *“Venture onto an unchartered island where kids survive & thrive. Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life’s storms.”* For kids entering K thru 6th grade. Cost is \$60/child or \$100/family. Scholarships are available. We will not turn campers away for financial reasons. If payment presents a hardship, please let us know. Registration is available online at our website www.olgcv.org or <https://vbspro.events/p/olgcv>. Also, forms may be downloaded from our website at www.olgcv.org and are also available in the Parish Office. Please see Page 2 of the Bulletin for more details.

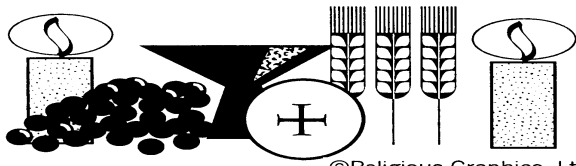


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Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Easter (April 29th)

John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."



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**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, APRIL 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 22nd** at 9:30am, 11:30am & 1:30pm

First Holy Communion Recipients

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| Colin Alderete | Takeo Leary |
| Michael Arthur | Nicholas Lilley |
| Daisy Barbe | Maceo Lucero |
| Cayden Belizario | Allyson Macias |
| Joshua Blanco | Elissa Mora |
| Ethan Buonopane | Madeline Moran |
| Nathalia Camacho Barrera | Anne Ornelas |
| Andrea Carbajal | Jose Orta |
| Benold Casanova | Sofia Pantoja |
| Nathaniel Castillo | Alan Reyes |
| Oliver Castrejon | Evelyn Reyes |
| Jayden Coleman | Alexander Rico |
| Camille Cruz | Diego Rico |
| Sofia Cruz | Nicholas Rico |
| Eduardo Garcia | Ryleigh Riker |
| Esteban Garcia | Laura Ruiz |
| Gianna Garcia | Sophia Ruiz |
| Sebastian Garcia | Daniella Sanchez |
| Yaretzi Garcia | Victoria Sandoval |
| Sophia Garcia Becerra | Sydney Schaad |
| Myah Gudino | Madden Secrist |
| Haylee Hancock | Arwin Sharfi |
| Mila Harder | Hazel Sheely |
| Eleanor Hollis | Savannah Socher |
| Andres Ibarra | Elle Thompson |
| Eduardo Ibarra | Xavier Thompson |
| Addison Joe | Isaac Venegas-Sanchez |
| Christopher Jorgensen | Eva Wesla |
| Philip Killenberg | Bianca Winkenbach |
| Ethan Kwok | Alexander Zarich |

**PRE-BAPTISM CLASS
FOR PARENTS & GODPARENTS**



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 on **May 2nd** at 7:00pm in the OLG Room in Stack Center.



**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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**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.

Space is limited! Register early! For kids entering K thru 6th grade. Cost is \$60/child or \$100/family. A late fee of \$15 per family will be added after **June 22nd**. Registration is available online at <https://vbspro.events/p/olgcv>. Also, forms may be downloaded from our website at www.olgcv.org and are also available in the Parish Office. After registering, please come into the Parish Office to submit payment (payment is not available online).

We are in need of Adult & Teen Volunteers to help our program run smoothly! All incoming 7th graders thru 12 graders are invited to volunteer as Crew Leaders, Jr. Crew Leaders & Teen Station Leaders. Help with music, crafts, decorations, Bible stories & morning assemblies. Volunteer registration is available online at <https://vbspro.events/p/olgcv>.

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

Following is the status of our Annual Bishop's Appeal through April 12th:

\$ 22,958.00—Actual Donations Received	
Our Goal for 2018:	\$29,000.00
# of Registered Families	1,100
# of Acknowledged Donors to date:	147
Funds Raised (includes pledges)	\$31,659.00

We are currently at **109%** of our goal for this year's Bishop's Appeal! Congratulations to the 147 households who have generously contributed. We are most grateful! 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 22nd**, if you would like to stop by and offer your support for team OLG for this years FESCO Shuffle!

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

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

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 15th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 8,212.00
Last Year this week	\$ 3,423.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$ 134,236.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$ 130,763.00

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

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**



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!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

**Membership Drive -
April 28th & 29th**

If you're interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in the Catholic faith, developing your leadership skills, or obtaining exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for you and your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. St. Maximilian Kolbe Council 16770 will conduct a membership drive before and after each Mass on **April 28th and 29th**. Please consider joining our council. For more information, visit kofc.org, or contact Dwight Speir at dwrightmv700@aol.com.

Fraternal Benefits Night - April 30th

Do you, your family, neighbors or friends have Medicare, Medicaid, Retirement, or Insurance questions or concerns? The Knights of Columbus St. Maximilian Kolbe Council 16770 is sponsoring a Fraternal Benefits Night on **April 30th** in Stack Center. Our Field Agent Joe Ayroso will provide you with an over view of the Knights of Columbus Benefits and answer any questions you have. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm, courtesy of the Gutierrez Agency. The Benefits presentation starts at 7:00pm and will concluded at 8:00pm. Please join us for an enjoyable and informative evening.

Next K of C Meeting

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 **April 26th**.



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. We are redoubling our efforts to reach out to those in need. Our next drop off date is **April 28th** & 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. 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.

THIS WEEK

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

Monday, April 23rd:

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

Tuesday, April 24th:

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

Thursday, April 26th:

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

Saturday, April 28th:

- Adoration
8:45am--Church
- Knights of Columbus Membership Drive
After 5:00pm Mass

Sunday, April 29th:

Fifth Sunday of Easter

- Knights of Columbus Membership Drive
After all Masses
- Liturgy of the Word
9:30am--Augustine Center
- Whole Family Catechesis
10:50am--Stack Center
- Youth Ministry
6:00pm--Stack Center



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Mass Intentions for the Week

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

SUNDAY, April 22nd

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 7:30am Anthony Mirande--L
- 9:30am Kordula Gardner--L
- 1:30pm Fernando & Felicitas Morfin--L

MONDAY, April 23rd

- St. George, Martyr
- St. Adalbert, Bishop, Martyr
- Blessed Giles of Assisi, OFM, Conv., Religious
- 8:15am Maria Pangelinan--D

TUESDAY, April 24th

- St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Martyr, OFM, Conv., Priest
- 8:15am Deceased Members of the Stanley & Ricketts Families

WEDNESDAY, April 25th

- ST. MARK, EVANGELIST
- 8:15am Marvin Picha--D

THURSDAY, April 26th

- 8:15am Henry Maravella--D

FRIDAY, April 27th

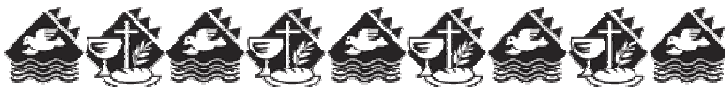
- 8:15am Mercy Peterson--L

SATURDAY, April 28th

- St. Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr
- St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest
- 8:15am Tony & Roberta Shomon--L
- 5:00pm Louis Rodrigues--D

SUNDAY, April 29th

- FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
- 9:30am Julie Villarreal Dillon--D
- 1:30pm Martin Balthazar--L



EXECUTION ALERTS

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

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 23rd through April 29th

- Monday: Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10
- Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30
- Wednesday: 1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20
- Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14
- Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

OPEN YOUR HEARTS TO THE WORD OF THE LORD



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FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

We are grateful to Sue Klas for the generous donation of the beautiful floral arrangements that decorated the altar in honor of Nell Klas & in memory of Walter Klas, Nancy Smith & Thelma Kappelman

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: **May 3rd, 2018**

9:00am to 11:15am

Speaker: Fr. Narsis Kabipi

Topic: Personal Faith Journey

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This week we extend our gratitude to:

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