



**Christ at the Center of our lives**

In our Gospel today, Thomas the Apostle was humbled by Jesus for not believing the Lord had risen. When he encountered Jesus Risen who responded to his doubt, Thomas proclaims: "My Lord and my God." May we come with that same awe to the Lord present in the Sacrament present on our Altar and in our Tabernacle.

*From the Pastor*

On Easter you came to see the Tabernacle was moved from the side altar to the center of the Sanctuary. This was not done as a whim of your Pastor but was done to be in accordance with norms of the Catholic Church and the Diocese of Oakland. The previous location of the tabernacle in the main entrance of our church has not fulfilled the objectives for the placement of a tabernacle in a place prominence to foster prayer. Many give little attention to the Blessed Sacrament as they enter and exit our Church. I myself have walked by and did not even notice the tabernacle holding the Body of Christ and then had to stop and offer a prayer of apology when I realized what I had done.

According to the Catechism number 1183 "The tabernacle is to be situated "in churches in a most worthy place with the greatest honor." The dignity, placing, and security of the Eucharistic tabernacle should foster adoration before the Lord really present in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar."

The Instruction *Redemptionis Sacramentum: On Certain Matters to be Observed or to be Avoided Regarding the Most Holy Eucharist* was issued by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments on March 25, 2004. This Instruction, which also quoted other documents, stated that the tabernacle is to be placed in a part of the church that is noble, prominent, readily visible, adorned in a dignified manner, and suitable for prayer. 130. "According to the structure of each church building and in accordance with legitimate local customs, the Most Holy Sacrament is to be reserved in a tabernacle in a part of the church that is noble, prominent, readily visible, and adorned in a dignified manner" and furthermore "suitable for prayer" by reason of the quietness of the location, the space available in front of the tabernacle, and also the supply of benches or seats and kneelers.

According to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal of 2011 it states in #315. Consequently, it is preferable that the tabernacle be located, according to the judgment of the Diocesan Bishop:

a) either in the sanctuary, apart from the altar of celebration, in a appropriate form and place, not excluding its being positioned on an old altar no longer used for celebration (cf. no. 303);

b) or even in some chapel suitable for the private adoration and prayer of the faithful[128] and organically connected to the church and readily noticeable by the Christian faithful.

After informing Bishop Barber of placing the Tabernacle in the center of the sanctuary, I received this response from him:

*Father Tom, I am delighted by your news. Christ needs to be at the center of our churches, our parishes, and our lives. Thank you for taking such good care of the folks at OLG. I am so glad you and your confrères are there. Blessings, and a Happy Easter!*

**Pilgrimage to the the Holy Land October 17-29**

Anastasis tours will be having an informational presentation on our pilgrimage to the Holy Land this **Sunday, April 8th at 1pm** in the Our Lady of Grace room in Stack Center. Please join us for the presentation and bring your questions to be answered.

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

Please join us today at 3pm for Eucharistic Adoration, praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Confession.

Blessings, Fr. Tom

**Gospel for Third Sunday of Easter (April 15th)**

**Luke 24:35-48**

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Join us **today** for an hour of Adoration, praying the Divine Mercy & Confession at 3:00pm.

**FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION**

Please pray for our Sacrament students as they prepare to receive First Holy Eucharist during Masses on **April 14<sup>th</sup> & April 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

Please continue to pray for our Confirmation candidates as they prepare for their Confirmation on **June 9<sup>th</sup>** at the Cathedral of Christ the Light.



**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](http://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](mailto:Our.Lady.of.Grace.Auction@gmail.com)

**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! **April 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>**, beginning on **April 20<sup>th</sup>** at 4:00pm at the Holy Family Friary (19697 Redwood Road, Castro Valley). For more information, call Fr. Paul at 510-671-0537.

**ICF NEWS**

**Potluck Dinner**

Time to share your cooking skills with us, the **April 12<sup>th</sup>** dinner meeting of the ICF is a potluck. There is no theme, just bring one of your favorite dishes to share and enjoy an evening of new food, new recipes and maybe new people. Please call Juanita Madrid @ 510-582-7242 and let her know if you are coming and what you are bringing.

**39th Anniversary Dinner Dance**

Come help the ICF Branch #343 celebrate their 39th Anniversary on Saturday, **April 21<sup>st</sup>**! 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 17<sup>th</sup>**. For reservations, pls call Lisa Crudo at 510-861-9835 or Pat Grasso at 510-538-2844. Checks made payable to ICF Branch #343 & mailed to Lisa at 3718 September Court, Castro Valley, CA 94546



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SAVE THE DATE!**

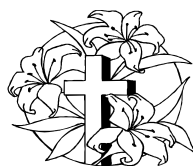
**VBS this July!**  
**July 23rd to July 27th**  
**9:00am-12 noon**

Venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms.

Registration details are coming soon. We are still in need of Adult & Teen Volunteers to help our summer program run smoothly! Please call the Parish office for more information.



**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.

**EASTER OFFERING**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Easter Offering. \$17,725 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 **March 29th:**

\$ 18,760.00—Actual Donations Received

<b>Our Goal for 2018:</b>	<b>\$29,000.00</b>
# of Registered Families	1,100
# of Acknowledged Donors to date:	123
Funds Raised (includes pledges)	\$27,519.00

We are currently at 95% 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 10:00. 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 1st:**

Sunday Plate:	\$ 3,750.00
Last Year this week	\$ 9,103.00
<b>Weekly Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 8,920.00</b>
Year-to-date this year:	\$115,152.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$ 117,532.00

*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             |
| Marge Baty        | Maxine Kruzell            |
| Jot Brown         | Laura Martell             |
| Leonardo Cabardo  | Alice McLaughlin          |
| Antonio O. Chocha | Julie Peterson            |
| Claudia Dobbs     | Florence Sharp            |
| Lynn Franks       | Rosemary Slater           |
| Anna Friedeberg   | Mercedes Tellez           |
| Byron Griffith    | Baby Jackson Tyler Bishop |
| Don Jordan        |                           |

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

**VIRGINIA HAGEN  
JAMES BARTHMAN  
STEPHANIE ROSEVEAR**

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND  
A SCHEDULE CHANGE**

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.

**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 **April 10th**.



**RCIA CORNER**

We offer a warm, accepting setting in small group discussions to find ways to deepen our faith. Our next meeting will be on **April 10th** at 6:00pm in Stack Center. For more information, please contact Marie at rcia@olgcv.org

**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 6:00 pm 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 and support this fundraiser on behalf of the public programs of EAIC, a local group dedicated to fostering interfaith tolerance and understanding in our community.

**EVANGELIZATION CORNER**

**Youth Ministry**

Next Meetings: April 8th & 15th

**1st Holy Communion**

Next Meetings: April 14th *Retreat Day & Practice*

**Whole Family Catechesis**

Next Meetings: April 8th *Divine Mercy*  
April 29th *How to Pray Well*

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



**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, April 8th:**

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

- Liturgy of the Word  
9:30am--Augustine Center
- Coffee & Donuts  
After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center
- New Parishioner Registration  
10:00--Stack Center
- Whole Family Catechesis  
10:50am--Stack Center
- Celebration of Divine Mercy  
3:00pm--Church
- Youth Ministry  
6:00pm--Stack Center

**Monday, April 9th:**

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

**Tuesday, April 10th:**

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

**Thursday, April 12th:**

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

**Saturday, April 14th:**

- 1st Holy Communion Retreat & Rehearsal  
8:00am--Stack Center
- Adoration  
8:45am--Church

**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

*Mass*  *for the Intentions* *Week*

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

**SUNDAY, April 8th**

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

7:30am Helen Maes--D

1:30pm Larry Perino--L

**MONDAY, April 9th**

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

8:15am Ruth Hight--D

**TUESDAY, April 10th**

8:15am Lilia Sousa--D

**WEDNESDAY, April 11th**

St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr

8:15am Helen Maes--D

**THURSDAY, April 12th**

8:15am Dennis Cande--D

**FRIDAY, April 13th**

St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr

8:15am Christopher Guerrero--D

**SATURDAY, April 14th**

8:15am Antonio Chocha--L

5:00pm Joan Gabrielli & Family--L

**SUNDAY, April 15th**

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:30am John Franco--L

1:30pm Larry Perino--L



**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 14th** & 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](mailto:k2rm@comcast.net) or 510-909-5774 or Sean Nalty at [sean.nalty@ogletree.com](mailto:sean.nalty@ogletree.com) or 415-369-3552.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**April 9th through April 15th**

- Monday: Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21
- Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48



**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



**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!

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