

## A MESSAGE FOR MOTHER'S

Jesus Christ didn't just appear as an adult, or fall from the sky. He was born of a woman, and had a human mother.

The archangel announced to Mary of Nazareth that she was "full of grace," and was chosen to be the Mother of Jesus Christ, the Savior of humanity. It was Mary who first heard and believed in the glad tidings of the savior's arrival.

Virginally conceived, Jesus was born surrounded by his mother's faith and his people's hope.

After his displacement and birth in Bethlehem and his flight into Egypt, Jesus settled and was raised in Nazareth. He worked with human hands, prayed with human words and loved with a human heart. Under the care and teaching of his mother and foster father, Jesus' human nature was slowly prepared for his saving mission.

Jesus honored Mary as his mother and showed her the love of a devoted son. With her maternal heart, she held a privileged place in his life and mission. At the wedding feast of Cana, the Lord was hesitant to work a miracle, "My hour has not yet come."

It was Mary who prompted his actions, and with it the beginning of his public ministry. Her instructions to the servants at Cana about Jesus are her last recorded words in the Bible: "Do whatever he tells you."

At one point in Jesus' public ministry, someone yelled to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked."

Jesus, however, acknowledged Mary's faith and showed the depth of his love and honor for his mother when he responded, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it."

As his mother, Mary was especially prepared to be his most adamant follower.

Mary understood who Jesus was and what he was called to do. From the crib to the cross, from Pentecost to her Assumption, Mary loved her Son and faithfully served him as her savior and lord.

In turn, Jesus relied on her in his infancy and early life, spiritually throughout his public ministry, and at the end of his earthly life, he entrusted his community of believers to her, "Behold your Mother." She now stands as an advocate of grace and guide in faith to anyone who wishes to turn to Jesus Christ.

On this Mother's Day, and on the Anniversary Day of the first apparition and message of Fatima, we thank God for all good mothers, living and deceased, and for Mary, a spiritual mother who is always present and forever available to those who need her.

Blessings to all Mothers today! All Mothers! All Grandmothers! All Godmothers!

Enjoy your Gift!

### **Thank You for a Successful Cinco de Mayo Auction!**

Thanks and blessings to Liz Huizar for chairing a wonderful event. Many thanks for all who volunteered and helped. We thank all who donated items for our Auction. We sold out for the dinner and had vigorous bidding in our auction. Thank you for all who participated. What a wonderful event.

Peace,

Fr. Tom

### **Gospel for Pentecost Sunday (May 20th)**

**John 20:19-23**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."



**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](http://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>

**PARISH APPEAL**

**Catholic Communication Campaign**

The Catholic Communication Appeal is **today, Sunday, May 13th**. This campaign is connecting people with Christ through the internet, television, radio & print media. 50% of the funds we collect stay in our diocese to support local communication efforts as well as projects in developing countries. This collection connects people around the world to the gospel message. Envelopes will be provided in the pews. Please be generous!



**EVANGELIZATION COORDINATOR**

Our Lady of Grace is seeking a part-time Evangelization Coordinator to oversee and coordinate the faith formation programs throughout the parish. This person is responsible for working with the Pastor to develop and implement the Evangelization plan for the parish programs. This position has a classification level of M-3 on the Diocesan salary scale. Salary will be commensurate with experience within this classification. The Evangelization Coordinator position is a part-time (20-23 hrs/wk) for 10-12 months a year. The candidate must thrive in a team environment and be available to work most Sundays. Qualifications preferred: Bachelor's degree in relevant field of Theology, Ministry or Education. Applicant must have at least three years' experience in parish ministry or related church service and be a Master Catechist or equivalent. Bilingual and/or multicultural experience preferred. For a complete job description and to obtain an application form, please contact the parish office at (510) 537-0806



**MOTHER'S DAY**

As a means of honoring our mothers, living and deceased, a Triduum of Masses will be celebrated on **May 14th, 15th, and 16th**. Cards are available in the Parish office for those wishing to give or send a remembrance card. The names of those to be remembered will be placed at the altar for the three days of remembrance. Please complete the requested information on the half sheet of paper and return it to the Parish Office. A donation will be given to the "Get On the Bus" program that will bring children and their guardians from throughout the state of California to visit their mothers in prison.



**CONFIRMATION**

Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates as they prepare for the Rite of Confirmation at the Cathedral of Christ the Light on Saturday, **June 9th**. Bishop Barber will preside.



**LITURGY OF THE WORD NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

Children's Liturgy of the Word could not exist without the dedication, commitment and talent of our fabulous volunteers. Thanks to their help, the children in our parish have been able to focus on and appreciate the Word of God. **However, we are in need of more volunteers!** Please answer the call to this ministry by spending just less than 30 min. once a month during the 9:30 Mass with our 3-6 & 7-11 year olds. Teaching materials will be provided. If we are not able to find volunteers in time, then our Liturgy of the Word program will unfortunately end. **Your dedicated help will shine through for our young parishioners!** For more information, please contact Jay in the Parish Office at 537-0806.

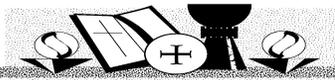


**SAVE THE DATE  
PARISH PICNIC  
AUGUST 19TH  
LAKE CHABOT PARK**

Mark your summer calendar now for our Parish Picnic! It will be a time for our Parish family to come together for Prayer, Fun, and Food. More details to come.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE EAST BAY  
Annual Parish Collection - May 19th & 20th**

We are called by Pope Francis “to go the margins” and help our brothers and sisters, near and far. Every year, we are invited by our church’s charitable arm, Catholic Charities of the East Bay, to “make all things possible” for those on the margins. Your gift makes it possible for our Church to help people facing difficult circumstances so that they can move forward in life with greater independence. This includes our children who face pervasive violence at school, home or on the streets; families or seniors facing homelessness; and people fleeing violence in their homelands. Please give generously to this Appeal on **May 19th & 20th**. For more info, contact Stephan Phippen, Development Manager at [spippen@cceb.org](mailto:spippen@cceb.org) or (510) 508-1063.



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**CINCO DE MAYO  
DINNER AUCTION  
A WORD OF THANKS**

A great time was had by all who attended the Spring Auction last week. We extend some well deserved praise and gratitude to Liz Huizar and her small but dedicated crew who brought this fun event to Stack Center yet again! Thank you also to Paris Greenwood for stepping in as Auctioneer, who did a fabulous job. Thank you also to Sean and Jeanenne Deorsey for the awesome bartending as well as to the college student volunteers who helped out abundantly. Again we want to recognize Liz Huizar for her tireless solicitation of the amazing donations that comprised both the Live and Silent Auction listings. Stack Center was transformed to an elegant setting thanks to the efforts of the PTG and Liz’s crew.

The Auction evening was great fun. When the results are tallied we will be happy to inform you of the outcome--and we again thank everyone who made this such a fun and positive gathering of our Parish and School community.

**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 May 6th:**

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|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Sunday Plate:                | \$ 8,152.00        |
| Last Year this week          | \$ 10,180.00       |
| <b>Weekly Budgeted Goal:</b> | <b>\$ 8,920.00</b> |
| Year-to-date this year:      | \$ 161,538.00      |
| Year-to-date last year:      | \$ 158,733.00      |

*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           | Maxine Kruzel             |
| Kathleen Andrews      | Laura Martell             |
| Jot Brown             | Alice McLaughlin          |
| Leonardo Cabardo      | Rose Montalban            |
| Antonio O. Chocha     | Florence Sharp            |
| Claudia Dobbs         | Rosemary Slater           |
| Lynn Franks           | Lurdes Sousa              |
| Anna Friedeberg       | Mercedes Tellez           |
| Theresa & Bill Fuller | Baby Jackson Tyler Bishop |
| Byron Griffith        | Violeta Zerda             |

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

**VERN DAVISON  
JULIE PETERSON**



**EVANGELIZATION CORNER**

**Youth Ministry**

Next Meetings: May 20th

**Whole Family Catechesis**

Next Meetings: May 20th *Live the Love of the Trinity*

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



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**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). Our next meeting will be **May 15th**.



**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 **May 15th** at 6:00pm in Stack Center. For more information, please contact Marie at rcia@olgcv.org

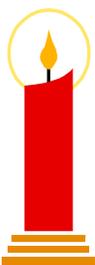
**CASTRO VALLEY HOMELESS OUTREACH**

A very special thank you to all who supported Homeless Outreach recently. Your kindness and generosity were truly a blessing and was greatly appreciated by those who received your help. Our next drop off date is **May 26th** & 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, please contact Ken White at k2rm@comcast.net or 510-909-5774 or Sean Nalty at sean.nalty@ogletree.com or 415-369-3552.



**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.



**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.

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, May 13th:**

*The Ascension of the Lord*  
*Happy Mother's Day!*

Liturgy of the Word  
9:30am--Augustine Center

**Tuesday, May 15th:**

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, May 16th:**

Strobridge Dinner  
5:30pm--Strobridge Apartments

**Thursday, May 17th:**

Adoration  
7:00pm--Church  
AA Serenity Group  
7:30pm--Augustine Center, Room A2

**Saturday, May 19th:**

Adoration  
8:15am--Church

**Sunday, May 20th:**

*Pentecost Sunday*  
Liturgy of the Word  
9:30am--Augustine Center  
Coffee & Donuts  
After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center  
Whole Family Catechesis  
10:50am--Stack Center  
Youth Ministry  
6:00pm--Stack Center



**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.

*Mass for the Intentions Week*

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

**SUNDAY, May 13th**

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
7:30am Geraldine Bargiacchi--D  
1:30pm Esperanza Ortega--D

**MONDAY, May 14th**

ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE  
8:15am Mother's Day Remembrance

**TUESDAY, May 15th**

St. Isidore  
8:15am Mother's Day Remembrance

**WEDNESDAY, May 16th**

St. Margaret of Cortona, Penitent  
8:15am Mother's Day Remembrance

**THURSDAY, May 17th**

St. Paschal Baylon, OFM, Conv., Religious  
8:15am Sue Klas--L

**FRIDAY, May 18th**

St. John I, Pope, Martyr  
St. Felix of Cantalice, OFM, Conv., Religious  
8:15am Mary Lou Vincent--L

**SATURDAY, May 19th**

8:15am Thomas & Mary Hayes--D

**SUNDAY, May 20th**

PENTECOST SUNDAY  
7:30am Brian Crudo--D  
9:30am Marta Sanchez--D  
1:30pm Pedro Fonseca--D

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**May 14th through May 20th**

Monday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17  
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a  
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19  
Thursday: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; John 17:20-26  
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19  
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25  
Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23



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**FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND**

We are grateful to Barbara Lang who donated the lovely flowers last weekend in remembrance of Jim Barthman.

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.

**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION**

We extend a warm welcome to new parishioners & guests. Please stop by Stack Center **May 27th**, after the 9:30am Mass to register or update your information. A Hospitality volunteer will greet you at the New Parishioner Registration table. We are grateful to our volunteers for providing this ministry on our behalf.



**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!

*All time belongs to the Lord*

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**EXECUTION ALERTS**

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

May 16 Juan Castillo Texas

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

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This week we extend our gratitude to:

**DR. JOAN M. JUPINA, D.D.S.**