

St. Anthony the Evangelical Doctor of the Catholic Church

Many turn to St. Anthony to help with lost items. I myself have asked for his intercession to help me. St. Anthony of Padua, while a great intercessor for lost items, has much more depth to help us deepen our faith. His gift was bringing lost souls to the faith by his preaching. He brought

the Gospel alive touching the hearts of people and bringing them back to Christ and to the Catholic Church. As we celebrate Pentecost today, may we pray that the Holy Spirit will open hearts for the preaching and reception of the Gospel. As we prepare for his feast day on June 13, I encourage you to seek the help of St. Anthony to deepen your faith and draw those lost back to the faith in the Catholic Church.

Pope Benedict XVI reminded us in his Papal Audience Address on February 10, 2010 about the significance of St. Anthony. "The richness of spiritual teaching contained in the "Sermons" was so great that in 1946 Venerable Pope Pius XII proclaimed Anthony a Doctor of the Church, attributing to him the title "Doctor Evangelicus", since the freshness and beauty of the Gospel emerge from these writings. We can still read them today with great spiritual profit.

In these Sermons, St. Anthony speaks of prayer as of a loving relationship that impels man to speak gently with the Lord, creating an ineffable joy that sweetly enfolds the soul in prayer. Anthony reminds us that prayer requires an atmosphere of silence, which does not mean distance from external noise but rather is an interior experience that aims to remove the distractions caused by a soul's anxieties, thereby creating silence in the soul itself. According to this prominent Franciscan Doctor's teaching, prayer is structured in four indispensable attitudes which in Anthony's Latin are defined as *obsecratio*, *oratio*, *postulatio*, *gratiarum actio*. We might translate them in the following manner. The first step in prayer is confidently opening one's heart to God; this is not merely accepting a word but opening one's heart to God's presence. Next, is speaking with him affectionately, seeing him present with oneself; then a very natural thing presenting our needs to him; and lastly, praising and thanking him." On this Trinity Sunday may we encounter our God Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and respond to Love with love!

Peace,

Fr. Tom

Prayer to St. Anthony

Anthony, through your teaching and preaching you bore witness to the loving presence of God in all of creation. Now that you have come into the fullness of the kingdom, pray for us that our lives might also proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to all humanity.

- V. Pray for us, St. Anthony
- R. Help us become worthy of the promise of Christ.

Almighty, Eternal God, you have given your people St. Anthony as an outstanding preacher and intercessor in times of need. Grant that with his help we may follow in the example of Christian living and experience your support in all adversities. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel for The Most Holy Trinity (May 27th)

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."



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

OLG 7th GRADE FUNDRAISER

The 7th grade class at OLG is fundraising for Heifer International, an organization that works with impoverished communities worldwide to end hunger. Students will be selling hand made soaps, bath bombs, facial scrubs and lip balm after the 5:00pm and 9:30 am Masses, **this weekend on May 19th and 20th**. 100% of the proceeds will be donated to Heifer International. Please come support our students' efforts!



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 this weekend on May 19th & 20th. For more info, contact Stephan Pippen, Development Manager at spippen@cceb.org or (510) 508-1063

The SPIRIT of TRUTH is always with us



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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.

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



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.

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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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 May 24th.

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 **June 6th** at 7:00pm in the OLG Room in Stack Center

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 13th:

Sunday Plate: \$ 9,017.00
Last Year this week \$ 7,811.00

Weekly Budgeted Goal: \$ 8,920.00

Year-to-date this year: \$ 170,555.00

Year-to-date last year: \$ 166,544.00

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:

Glen Alcorn
Kathleen Andrews
Jot Brown
Leonardo Cabardo
Antonio O. Chocha
Claudia Dobbs
Lynn Franks
Anna Friedeberg
Theresa & Bill Fuller
Byron Griffith

Maxine Kruzel
Laura Martell
Alice McLaughlin
Rose Montalban
Florence Sharp
Rosemary Slater
Lurdes Sousa
Mercedes Tellez
Baby Jackson Tyler Bishop

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

Last Meeting: May 20th

Whole Family Catechesis

Last Meeting: May 20th Live the Love of the Trinity

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



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 22nd**.



RCIA CORNER

We offer a warm, accepting setting in small group discussions to find ways to deepen our faith. Our last meeting will be on **May**

22nd at 6:00pm in Stack Center. For more information, please contact Marie at rcia@olgcv.org

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 at 10:00am.** Bishop Barber will preside.

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.

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, 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

Monday, May 21st:

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

Tuesday, May 22nd:

Tuesday Morning Bible Study 9:30am--Parish Office

RCIA

6:00pm--Stack Center

Men's Faith Share

7:00pm--Stack Center, Room 7

Thursday, May 24th:

Adoration

7:00pm--Church

Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00pm--Stack Center, OLG Room

AA Serenity Group

7:30pm--Augustine Center, Room A2

Saturday, May 26th:

Adoration

8:15am--Church

Knights of Columbus Wine & Cheese

3:45pm--Stack Center

Sunday, May 27th:

The Most Holy Trinity

Liturgy of the Word

9:30am--Augustine Center

Coffee & Donuts

After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center

New Parishioner Registration

10:00am--Stack Center

coffee

COME JOIN US

All are invited after the 9:30am Sunday

Mass to gather in Stack Center for coffee and donuts.

for the Week Mass Ex Intentions

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

SUNDAY, May 20th

PENTECOST SUNDAY

7:30am Brian Crudo--D

9:30am Marta Sanchez--D

1:30pm Pedro Fonseca--D

MONDAY, May 21st

St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest & Companions, Martyrs

8:15am Laverne Blaha--D

TUESDAY, May 22nd

St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

8:15am Sean Maher--D

WEDNESDAY, May 23rd

8:15am Velasquez Family--L

THURSDAY, May 24th

Dedication of the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi

8:15am Vilma Colognesi--D

FRIDAY, May 25th

St. Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church

St. Gregory VII, Pope

St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin

8:15am Debbie & Doug Reetz & Family--L

SATURDAY, May 26th

St Philip Neri, Priest

8:15am Antonio Chocha--L

5:00pm Louis Rodrigues--D

SUNDAY, May 27th

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Mary Borges--D 9:30am

1:30pm Raul Ortega--D



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Join us every Saturday for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8:15am Mass, and every Thursday at 7:00pm in the Church. Also, there will be

Adoration every 1st Friday of the month at 7:00pm.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

May 21st through May 27th

Monday: Genesis 3:9-15, 20; John 19:25-34

Tuesday: James 4:1-10: Mark 9:30-37 Wednesday: James 4:13-17; Mark 9:38-40

Thursday: James 5:1-6. Mark 9:41-50 Friday: James 5:9-12; Mark 10:1-12

Saturday: James 5:13-20: Mark 10:13-16 Sunday: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40;

Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20





FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

We are grateful to Theresa Erwin who donated the lovely flowers last weekend in remembrance of her mother Geraldine Bargiacchi.

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!

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This week we extend our gratitude to:

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