

SUMMER

... A TIME FOR 'SACRED REST'!

Summer is here! A time for graduations, weddings, barbecues ... and people on the move. The days are long and warm. There are visions of lounging and playing. And many have made plans for that 'perfect vacation'.

But in these summer months, do we create space and time to truly relax? Or ... do we approach this time with a vengeance, with the same drive and pressure and expectations with which we've come to undertake every other aspect of our lives? We have the opportunity, and the challenge, to consciously make time to be good to ourselves, with others, and to celebrate God's love for us.

God modeled for us the importance and sacred nature of true rest in the flow of our lives: "... and on the seventh day He rested." *Shabbát* is the word in Hebrew, the origin of our word 'sabbath'. God has 'anointed' rest as divine, as sacred. Many of us have lost the holy discipline of setting aside time and space to rest into the encounter and embrace of God, family and friends for a day each week. No wonder, then, that so many of us have difficulty giving ourselves over to the simple, deep-breathing, still-making, connection-strengthening opportunities of the summer months ... to set aside time for real vacation, the 'vacating' of the normal flow and demands of our overly busy, overly programmed lives.

This summer embrace the challenge to 'keep it simple', keep it light and celebrate true REST! Make time to recreate/re-create in God's presence! May you and your loved ones receive God's richest blessings during this summer period ... all pure gift from God's heart. A very BLESSED SUMMER to you!

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Fr. Tom

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 8th)

Mark 6: 1-6

Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples. When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.



INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, **July 4th** in honor of the federal holiday. The Parish Office will re-open on Thursday, **July 5th** at 9:00am. Wednesday's Mass will be at 8:15am in the Church. The entire Parish staff wishes you a safe and relaxing holiday.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

On **June 30th-July 1st**, we will take the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. We appreciate your generosity! For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.



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

PARISH PICNIC
Our Annual Parish Picnic will be taking place **August 19th** in the Cove Picnic Area at Lake Chabot Park.

Mass in the Park will begin at 10:00am, followed by lunch and games from 12:00pm-3:00pm.

Please RSVP to the Parish Office with the number of adults and children attending, as well as what dish you're bringing to share



SPRING AUCTION PROCEEDS


We were delighted with the Spring Auction results this year due to the efforts of a great committee and of course the enthusiastic bidders who attended this fun event. After expenses the OLG School received \$16,016.00 and \$5,338.00 was set aside for Parish Ministry programs.

In addition to the money raised for Our Lady of Grace School and Parish programs we were able to send charitable donations to the following organizations: Catholic Charities of the East Bay, our Refugee Family and FESCO.

Thank you to all those who attended this fun event and contributed to the great outcome.

NEWS FROM ICF

Hi All,
Come join the ICF for their Hot Dog, with all the trimmings, dinner on **July 12th** in Stack Center. Doors open at 6:00PM and dinner is at 6:30PM. For reservations, please call Juanita at 510-582-7242, deadline is **July 9th**.
Hope to see many of you there.



VBS WISH LIST

To keep the cost of VBS affordable for all, we ask for your help. Thank you for donating any of the following items! Donations may be dropped off at the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please call 582-9266.

Gift Cards - In any amount from the following stores:
 Safeway Target Michaels
 Home Depot Trader Joe's Costco

The **Snack Wish List Board** will be posted at the back of the church near the restrooms. There will be post-it notes with items written on it. We appreciate any snack donations. Please consider taking one of the post-it notes & returning the items to the Parish Office. Thank you!

We ask for your prayers to the Holy Spirit for the success of our summer VBS

**NEWS FROM OUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THUNDER VALLY CASINO TRIP
SATURDAY, JULY 28th**

Join the St. Maximilian Kolbe Council 16770 Knights of Columbus for a fun day at Thunder Valley Casino Resort. We will travel by chartered bus from Castro Valley to Thunder Valley Casino Resort in Lincoln, CA. (near Sacramento) Tickets are \$35.00 per person, you will receive a \$12.00 food coupon and a \$15.00 gaming coupon upon arrival. Enjoy Finger Tip BINGO, 50/50 Raffle and other games during the trip (\$5.00 per game). Departure will be from OLG at 7:30 am, with return approximately 5:30 pm. Tickets are available from any member of the Council. contact Dwight Speir at dwrightmv700@aol.com for information or tickets.

THANK YOU FROM THE FRANCISCAN VIETNAM MISSION

The Conventual Franciscans of California offer their sincerest thanks to the parish community of Our Lady of Grace for its generous support of the Franciscan Vietnam Mission in the mission appeal of June 16th-17th. May God reward you with many blessings and may the saving Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ be ever proclaimed throughout the world.

CELEBRATE CHILDREN!

Dear Parents,

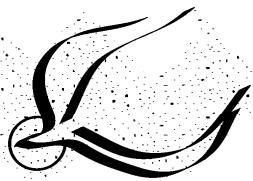
Our parish enthusiastically welcomes your growing family to fully celebrate with us. May we suggest:

- ***Relax.** God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house.
- ***Sit** towards the front or aisle where it is easier for little ones to see & hear.
- ***Quietly** explain the parts of the Mass.
- ***Sing** the hymns and **pray** the prayers together.
Children learn from your actions.
- *If necessary, the Family Room located at the right side of the Church is available for your use.

To all Parishioners:

The presence of children is a gift to your Church. Like all of us, they are members of the Body of Christ & a reminder of the growth & future of our Church. Please welcome our children & their parents, & give them a big smile of encouragement!

The SPIRIT
of TRUTH
is always with us



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QUO VADIS CAMP FOR YOUNG MEN

This year's Quo Vadis Camp is scheduled for **July 15th-18th** at the Diocese of Oakland Youth Retreat Center in Lafayette. Registration is \$50. The camp is open to young men ages 13-18 years old. The 3-day camp aims to assist young men in discerning their vocation as they grow in relationship with Christ. Activities will include fun games, music, Mass, prayer & talks. Last day to register is **July 6th**. Registration forms are available in the parish office. For more information or questions, please call the Vocations Office at 510-267-8356 or Fr. Wayne Campbell at 510-267-8345.

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 June 24th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 8,328.00
Last Year this week	\$ 9,214.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$ 221,240.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$ 218,579.00

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 | Don Jordan |
| Kathleen Andrews | Elaine Jordan |
| Melissa & David Chavez
& Family | Maxine Kruzell |
| Antonio O. Chocha | Laura Martell |
| Claudia Dobbs | Alice McLaughlin |
| Lynn Franks | Rose Montalban |
| Anna Friedeberg | Florence Sharp |
| Theresa & Bill Fuller | Rosemary Slater |
| Byron Griffith | Lurdes Sousa |
| | Mercedes Tellez |
| | Baby Jackson Tyler |

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

**MARY BERRY
VIOLETA ZERDA**

COME JOIN US



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



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.

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**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
HELP US HELP OTHERS**

Do you know of anyone within our parish boundaries that could use help? Many around us are on fixed incomes and find it difficult to make it through the end of the month. For a number of our clients, we bring them food once a month to help supplement their food budget. At times when unexpected expenses have arisen (car, medical, etc.) we are also able to help with a portion of the rent or utilities. Names are always kept confidential. The St. Vincent de Paul message machine number is 510-581-2164 and messages are checked daily.



**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 **July 11th** at 7:00pm in the OLG Room in Stack Center.

RELEVANT HEART RADIO

Relevant Heart Radio brings you the best in Catholic Radio 24/7! Playing on 1260AM and dedicated to sharing the heart of the Catholic Faith and changing lives.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 1st:

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee & Donuts
After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center

Wednesday, July 4th:

Offices Closed
Happy 4th of July !

Thursday, July 5th:

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

Saturday, July 7th:

Adoration
8:15am--Church

Sunday, July 8th:

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee & Donuts
After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center
New Parishioner Registration
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NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

We extend a warm welcome to new parishioners & guests. Please stop by Stack Center **July 8th**, 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.



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.

All time belongs to the Lord

Mass for the Intentions Week

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

SUNDAY, July 1st

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:30am Jim Barthman--D
 11:30am John Nichandros (D)
 1:30pm Uty Ceballos--D

MONDAY, July 2nd

8:15am Rudy & Augie Enriquez--D

TUESDAY, July 3rd

ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE

8:15am Richard Benson--D

WEDNESDAY, July 4th

8:15am Dorothy & Manuel Callier--D

THURSDAY, July 5th

St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest

8:15am Anthony Velasquez--D

FRIDAY, July 6th

St. Maria Gorretti, Virgin, Martyr

8:15am Maria Godinez--D

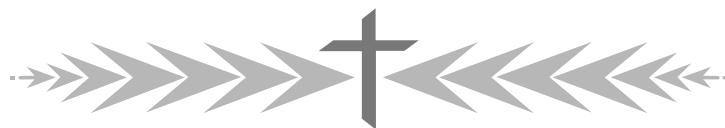
SATURDAY, July 7th

8:15am Debie Telles--D
 5:00pm Jerome Gann--D

SUNDAY, July 8th

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Helen Maes--D
 9:30am Rosalinda Alfiler--D
 11:30am Imelda Corona--L



1ST FRIDAY & 1ST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Come join us every 1st Friday for Mass at 8:15am with the recitation of the Litany of the Sacred Heart



followed by a gathering in the Office. Also, join us at 7:00pm for Adoration. Join us on every 1st Saturday at 8:15am for Mass, Adoration, Rosary & Benediction.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

July 2nd through July 8th

Monday: Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29
 Tuesday: Genesis 19:15-29; Matthew 8:23-27
 Wednesday: Genesis 21:5,8-20; Matthew 8:28-34
 Thursday: Genesis 22:1-19; Matthew 9:1-8
 Friday: Genesis 23:1-4,19;24:1-8,62-67; Matthew 9:9-13
 Saturday: Genesis 27:1-5,15-29; Matthew 9:14-17
 Sunday: Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9,11-13; Matthew 11:25-30



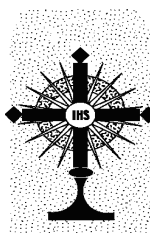
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FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

In Memory of

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.



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.

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