



**Now is the Time!**

We have been riveted by the story of the children in the cave in Thailand. The thought of these 12 children and their leader being stuck in a cave with no way to get out touches our hearts. Without help they would all perish in a horrible death in the dark starving to death. Thanks be to God that a message got out and people have been sent at great expense both financially and physically to find and save them.

We also have been saved from certain death by God. In the Gospel the immediacy of preaching about the Kingdom, driving out demons, and performing miracles of healings are all for one purpose; to put our faith in Jesus who will save us.

We have a new pastoral team this year and we will be seeking out the lost, afraid, hungry and sick to offer them a lifeline and draw them into the Kingdom of God and introduce them to an encounter with Jesus.

In the coming year, there will be a emphasis on the celebration of the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Penance so we may encounter Jesus. Once we encounter Jesus we want to know more of the truth proclaimed by Jesus. We have added to our Whole Family Faith Formation a Mass preparation for Sunday Liturgies. We will begin a parish Faith Formation on the Eucharistic Liturgy and the Sacraments supplemented by FORMED.ORG beginning this Fall.

The celebration of the Mass is our source and summit of encounter with God as we are invited to participate in the one Sacrifice of Jesus and to come into communion with God. This year there will be a greater focus on the Mass. There will also be more opportunity for Confession with Confession offered on Thursdays at 7PM and on Saturday at 9AM and 3:30PM.

The Franciscans are the promoters of the Roman Rite. It was the friars that brought the celebration of the Mass as it was practiced by the Pope and the Roman Curia where ever we went. This unity of practice became the norm through out most of the Roman Catholic Church. In this Franciscan tradition we will bring the Benedictine Altar arrangement to Our Lady of Grace in August. All Solemnities will have 6 candles on the Altar and a Altar Cross. This is the arrangement used at St. Peter’s and the Basilicas of Rome. This arrangements helps us focus on the Eucharistic prayer offered to the Father through the Priest in Persona Christi for the community.

**We need your Assistance for Forming our Children**

We are forming ministry teams to share the faith with our children. Can you commit to once or twice a month on Sunday to be part of a team that creates a place to encounter and learn from Jesus. Please contact Jay in the office for more information. We will provide training and support. If you have been a Catechist we need your expertise.

**We are counting on You!**

During Masses from now through October we are counting Mass Attendance to get a baseline on what our Attendance is to see if our Evangelization efforts are having an effect. Please assist when asked to help count.

**Solemn Vow Ceremony At Our Lady of Grace**

Friar Israel Arauz Rosales will be taking Solemn Vows at Our Lady of Grace on Tuesday August 7 at 7:30PM. We are organizing a reception following the Ceremony. If you can help with a desert or helping serve the reception please contact Jay at the Office.

Peace,  
Fr. Tom

**The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 22nd)**

**Mark 6: 30-34**

The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” People were coming and going in great numbers, and they had no opportunity even to eat. So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. People saw them leaving and many came to know about it. They hastened there on foot from all the towns and arrived at the place before them. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.



**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:

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| Safeway    | Target       | Michaels |
| Home Depot | Trader Joe's | Costco   |

Thank you to our Parish Community for your generous snack donations! Our VBS Snack Wishlist has been filled. **We appreciate all that you have given towards our VBS very much.**

We are still accepting gift cards of any amount to be given as 'Thank You' gifts for our hardworking & dedicated VBS volunteers.

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



**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION  
2018-2019**

**Registration begins July 16th in  
the Parish Office**

It's time to register for next year. Information flyers are available at the Church entrances. Registration Packets will be available in the Parish Office.

**Whole Family Catechesis (K-5th grade)**

1st day of class: September 16th  
10:50am - 12:30pm

**First Holy Communion**

Orientation: August 26th  
10:50am - 12:30pm

**All children are welcome!**



**A NEW COORDINATOR  
FOR EVANGELIZATION AT OLG**

John Lee will be arriving in August to help us develop and expand our Evangelization efforts. John has been a DRE for the last 3 years in Green River Wyoming. He will be pursuing his Masters degree in Philosophy from the Dominican School of Theology in Berkeley. He is beginning to understand the housing expense and crisis in our area and needs help.

**ROOM WANTED**

Our new Coordinator of Evangelization, John Lee, is looking for an affordable room to rent in a house, somewhere between Berkeley and Castro Valley. If you know of any options, please send him an e-mail to [lee.john.marc@gmail.com](mailto:lee.john.marc@gmail.com)



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

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.

**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION  
THANK YOU!**

Thank you for your generous support! As a parish, our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give, visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections), and click on the "How to Give" link.

**NEWS FROM OUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
THUNDER VALLEY 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 or see Jay in the Parish Office. Contact Dwight Speir at [dwrightmv700@aol.com](mailto:dwrightmv700@aol.com) for more information.



**FESCO BACKPACK DRIVE**

As you know, every summer FESCO, (Family Emergency Shelter Coalition), sponsors a backpack drive that our church generously supports. This drive supplies the children of the FESCO families with school supplies they will need for the upcoming academic year. We are hoping that you will consider participating in this event.

If you would like to participate, we are asking you to “adopt” a student. An organization has generously agreed to donate backpacks, so you would just need to provide the supplies for a backpack. For the student you “adopt,” we will give you a specific list of grade-appropriate supplies attached to a paper bag in which you can put the supplies. After all the supply bags are turned in, we will transfer the supplies to the donated backpacks. We estimate that all of the needed supplies for a backpack will cost \$30 – \$50 depending on the grade level and where you shop.

You may sign up at the entrances to the church after the Masses on the weekends of **July 21st - 22nd or July 28th - 29th. You need to return your bag of supplies to the church or church office on or before Sunday, August 12th.** (Church office is closed on weekends.) Thank you for your generosity!

**DIOCESE OF OAKLAND  
CATECHETICAL CONGRESS**

**Bishop O’ Dowd High School  
9500 Stearns Avenue, Oakland**

**Saturday, August 11th  
8:00am-4:00pm**

Come be enriched & inspired by many nationally known speakers as well as some of our own ministry leaders. Some topics that will be covered:

- \* The Truth about Modern Evangelization
- \* How to Keep our Children in the Faith
- \* Reaching our Modern Teens through the Gospel

Bishop Michael C. Barber will celebrate Mass at 9:00am. Early bird registration fee is \$35 before July 15th, after that date - \$40. Last day to register is August 6th. Register online at [www.oakdiocese.org/congress](http://www.oakdiocese.org/congress). No onsite registration! For more info, contact: [PCollier@oakdiocese.org](mailto:PCollier@oakdiocese.org). or visit [www.oakdiocese.org](http://www.oakdiocese.org) & click on the Catechetical Congress box below. Informational cards are available in English & Spanish on the tables at the Church entrances.

**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 July 8th:**

Sunday Plate:	\$ 8,267.00
Last Year this week	\$ 9,062.00
<b>Weekly Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 8,920.00</b>
Year-to-date this year:	\$ 238,545.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$ 236,041.00

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

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

**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE**

**OLG FESTIVAL 2018  
SEPTEMBER 29TH-30TH  
#BeAHero**

Make plans to join us for our annual Parish Festival, **September 29th-30th.** More details to come!

Consider being a Festival Sponsor--many generous individuals and businesses have sponsored the Festival in the past. Your Sponsorship will be acknowledged with a sign at the Festival as well as in our social media. Call the Parish Office for details.

**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.



**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!

**WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY NEWS  
"Wisdom is seeing with God's eyes."  
- Pope Francis**

Scripture and the Tradition of the Catholic Church provide an abundance of wisdom, though it can often be challenging to apply it to our lives. In this study, we will examine biblical wisdom as it relates to daily life. Drawing on the wisdom literature of the Bible--Proverbs, Wisdom, Sirach, and Ecclesiastes--*Wisdom* will teach you how to actively seek out sound guidance and increase your sense of peace in navigating life.

The Women's Evening Bible Study will begin *Wisdom: God's Vision for Life* on **Monday, September 10, 2018** at 7:00pm. We will meet every other Monday for 8 sessions. Cost is \$23. For more information or to register, contact Jay in the Parish Office or Heidi Denzler-Halsey at 510-881-7850 or heidimdh106@gmail.com. **Last day to register is Wednesday, August 22, 2018.** You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help us to grow in fellowship as a parish as we grow closer to Christ together.

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, July 15th:**

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Tuesday, July 17th:**

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting  
7:00pm--Parish Office

**Wednesday, July 18th:**

Strobridge Dinner  
5:30pm--Strobridge Apartments

**Thursday, July 19th:**

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

**Saturday, July 21st:**

Adoration  
8:15am--Church

**Sunday, July 22nd:**

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Coffee & Donuts  
After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center  
New Parishioner Registration  
10:00am--Stack Center



**ROSARY BEFORE MASS**

Come join in prayer of the Rosary 30 minutes before each of the weekend liturgies. Pray for our Parish. All are welcome!

**EXECUTION ALERTS**

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

July 17th	Christopher Young	Texas
July 18th	Robert Van Hook	Ohio

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

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

**SUNDAY, July 15th**

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Mary Jane & Jack Dexter, Sr.--D  
 9:30am Josephine Herrera--D  
 1:30pm Teresa Torres--L

**MONDAY, July 16th**

*Our Lady of Mount Carmel*  
*St. Francis Solano, OFM, Conv., Priest*  
 8:15am Kelly & Ben Linder & Family--L

**TUESDAY, July 17th**

8:15am Thomas & Mary Hayes--D

**WEDNESDAY, July 18th**

*St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest*  
 8:15am Alice & Tony Goncalves & Family--L

**THURSDAY, July 19th**

8:15am Gilberto Marquez--D

**FRIDAY, July 20th**

*St. Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr*  
 8:15am Donna Englund--D

**SATURDAY, July 21st**

*St. Lawrence of Brindisi, OFM, Conv., Priest, Doctor of the Church*  
 8:15am Joni & Kathleen Linney--D  
 5:00pm Jim & Kristi Reetz & Family--L

**SUNDAY, July 22nd**

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:30am Vicki Currier--L  
 11:30am Joe Escobar--D  
 1:30pm Maria Elena Hess--L



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**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.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

July 16th through July 22nd

Monday: Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 10:34-11:1  
 Tuesday: Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 11:20-24  
 Wednesday: Isaiah 10:5-7,13-16; Matthew 11:25-27  
 Thursday: Isaiah 26:7-9,12,16-19; Matthew 11:28-30  
 Friday: Isaiah 38:1-8,21-22; Matthew 12:1-8  
 Saturday: Micah 2:1-5; Matthew 12:14-21  
 Sunday: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34

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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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