

CHURCH SCANDAL, HOW TO RESPOND !

Last weekend we had a letter from Bishop Barber in response to clergy sexual misconduct that was criminal. I am horrified that people entrusted with the care of souls could choose evil. Our Bishop has let us know what has been done to make sure that children are protected.

As the sins and crimes are exposed to the public, the faithful are scandalized, saddened, and angry over such actions. Those who were to shepherd and protect the sheep were preying on the young and innocent. My fear is that there will be more sin and scandal revealed and that the faithful and some of our parishioners may lose faith.

How can we respond to such a betrayal by some priests and the poor response to such sin and crimes by some church leaders? The sin of a few each year has hurt the whole body of Christ. Jesus promised that he would be with us always until the end of time. I will ask us at Mass to begin focusing on those who sacrificed their lives to bring the faith to us. We will be using Roman Canon I where we hear the names of those martyred leaders of the church. These good shepherds offered their lives for the faith and faithful. The first Eucharistic Prayer lists the martyrs Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Jude; we honor Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian. Over the year I will ask us to learn about and ask the intercession of these Martyrs. May we ask the intercession of our Blessed Mother to intercede for us that we find healing, justice, faith and peace with her son, Jesus.

Jesus, help us!
Fr. Thomas Czeck

**MISSION CO-OP ANNUAL APPEAL
SEPTEMBER 1ST & 2ND**

September 1st & 2nd is Mission Co-op weekend. Please join us in welcoming Fr. Alex J. Pacheco, a priest from the Diocese of Stockton, who will be preaching in our Parish on behalf of Ishaprema Niketan-House of God’s Love. He was born in Goa-India, which was a Portuguese colony for nearly 500 years until 1961. He was ordained Priest on April 28, 1968 & 3 years later, he went to Kenya-Africa until 1989 to work as a missionary priest among the poor & very primitive people in the Dioceses of Ngong & Nakuru, Kenya-Africa. Fr. Alex joined the Diocese of Stockton in 1990 & can speak English, Spanish & Portuguese, besides his Kenyan dialect. We would like to welcome Fr. Alex Pacheco in our Parish to share with us his missionary zeal & experience, on behalf of Ishaprema Niketan in Pune, Goa-India.

Please be sure to give your attention to this annual Missionary Cooperative Appeal and be as generous as your circumstances allow. Envelopes will be available for your use. Fr. Alex J. Pacheco and all Missionary groups who benefit from this appeal are deeply grateful for your generosity.

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 9th)

Mark 7:31-37

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man’s ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, “*Ephphatha!*”— that is, “Be opened!” —And immediately the man’s ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, “He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”



OLG FESTIVAL 2018
SEPTEMBER 29th-30th
#BeAHero
“There’s a Hero Inside You, Waiting to be Discovered”

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

Family fun for all!
Free Admission, Live Entertainment, Carnival Games, Prizes, Gourmet Food, Beer, Wine & Margaritas Chili Cook-Off & Sunday Morning Pancake Breakfast

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.

Raffle Tickets: Tickets have been mailed! You could be the lucky winner but you have to return your tickets to the Parish Office to claim your prize.

Festival Donations are needed: It’s that time again to clean out your closets! New this year is the **Heroes Flea Market!** We are looking for gently used & clean kids’ clothing, costumes, stuffed animals, small toys, CD’s, books, home decorating treasures, frames & knick knacks. Donations may be brought to the Parish Office.

CALLING ALL SUPERHEROS!
September 29th, Noon-12:30pm

OLG’s 3rd Annual Festival Talent Show is looking for exciting entrants to shine on our stage. Are you a Singer, Dancer or Magician? Permission slips will be located in the Parish & School Offices. Please send music, lyrics or questions to Allison Riker at alliegirl413@gmail.com or drop off at the Parish or School Office by **September 21st.** Acts must be no longer than 2 min. & 15 sec. Appropriate language & costumes a must. No midriff showing.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Happy Labor Day Weekend! The Parish Office will be **closed on Labor Day, September 3rd**, and will re-open at 8:30am on Tuesday, **September 4th.** There will only be one Mass at 8:15am in the Church. Have a safe Labor Day weekend.



PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners, Our first day of Catholic school was Monday, August 20th. What a glorious sight to behold at the 8:00 morning bell! Parents, grandparents, students, staff all smiling and chatting with each other with excitement and joy. The mood was electric. Our Lady of Grace Catholic School is what I call a "crown jewel" amidst many other very fine educational institutions in our area. We may be small, but we as a community are strong. Working together we accomplish many good things for our students - such as - individualized reading groups in grades 1-4; 10 to 1 student-teacher pupil ratio in TK and K; small group math instruction in grades 5-8 and driving all of our instruction is adhering to the National Catholic Benchmarks and Standards. There are 9 standards and the first says we are "centered on the person of Jesus Christ." Please come visit our wonderful school by calling our school office to schedule a visit.

-Susan Anderson

DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT
BENEFIT TRUST
SEPTEMBER 1ST & 2ND

On this Labor Day weekend, let’s remember our retired priests. Although they are officially retired, some of the 58 priests in that category are still “laboring in the vineyard” as chaplains, pastor emeriti, spiritual directors and more. On the weekend of September 9th, we will have opportunity to contribute to the Diocesan Priest Retirement Benefit Trust. Prayerfully consider how you can match their generosity to the Church.

HOW TO CONNECT TO FORMED
A CATHOLIC STREAMING SERVICE

We have registered the Parish with FORMED. Our site is www.olgcv.formed.org

Following is the instruction for you to register with our site and get started. You can also download the app from the app store for your phone or tablet.

Here’s how easy it is to get FORMED: Either on your computer, tablet or Smartphone go to our site www.olgcv.formed.org You should see the register now box. Now type in the parish code M2RBFP. Set up a username- whatever username you’ll remember - and a password and you are all set to explore all FORMED has to offer.



**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION
2018-2019**

It's time to register for Whole Family Catechesis (K-5), 1st Holy Communion, Middle School Catechesis & Confirmation. Information flyers are available at the Church entrances. Registration Packets are available in the Parish Office. You may also register online at our website, www.olgcv.org click on Registration for Faith Formation and click the link to register on line at the bottom of the page. For Spanish, select from the pull-down on the right-hand corner of the homepage.

Whole Family Catechesis (K-5th grade)

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

Middle School Catechesis (6th-8th grade)

Orientation w/ Parents: **September 16th**
10:50am - 12:30pm

Confirmation

Orientation w/ Parents: **October 7th**
6:00pm-8:00pm

**Cost is \$100 for the 1st child
\$45 for each additional child**

All children are welcome!

**ON FIRE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
YOUTH CONFERENCE AT SIX FLAGS!**

Come join the catholic youth of Northern California at Six Flags in Vallejo, Saturday, **September 15th**. The day includes national speakers, Mass with the Bishop, and of course enjoying the roller-coasters. Cost is \$52 for the day, \$72 includes lunch and dinner. If you are interested in going, please call the Parish Office and we will arrange a group to go up together.



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!

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 August 26th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 7,416.00
Last Year this week	\$ 8,966.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$ 295,701.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$ 297,873.00

May God bless your continuing generosity.



Your Prayers Are Requested

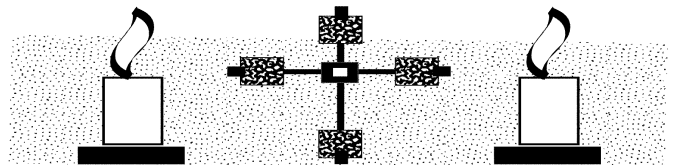
Please lift up in your prayer those many among us who are ill and those who have asked for our prayerful remembrance:

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| Cindy Abraham | Maxine Kruzel |
| Glen Alcorn | Laura Martell |
| Kathleen Andrews | Rose Montalban |
| Melissa & David Chavez
& Family | Florence Sharp |
| Antonio O. Chocha | Rosemary Slater |
| Claudia Dobbs | Howard Songey |
| Lynn Franks | Lurdes Sousa |
| Anna Friedeberg | Mercedes Tellez |
| Byron Griffith | Baby Jackson Tyler |
| Don Jordan | Bishop |

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

ALICE McLAUGHLIN

CARL PENCE



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1ST FRIDAY DEVOTION

Come join us **1st Friday, September 7th**, for Mass at 8:15am with the recitation of the Litany of the Sacred Heart





ALTAR CANDLE MEMORIALS

We are looking to have 6 monthly sponsors for our Altar Candles. We ask for a donation of 20 dollars to cover the cost of the candles for the month. Our donors for the month will be recognized in the first bulletin of the month and there will be a monthly Mass offered for the intention of our Candle Memorial. For more information, please call the Parish Office.



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 **September 5th** at 7:00pm in the OLG Room in Stack Center.



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CYO FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION NOW ONLINE



Registration is now available online for **CYO Boys Basketball & CYO Girls Volleyball** at www.olgcv.org, follow the link for CYO. All players will need to create an account if you had not done so last year prior to completing their first registration within the system. Boys Basketball is open for grades 2-8 and Girls Volleyball for grades 4-8.

Fees for CYO league 2018-2019

***Boys Basketball:** \$155.00 + \$55.00 uniform purchase fee. There will be a late fee of \$25.00 for registration **after September 7th.**

***Girls Volleyball:** Early registration fee is \$175 (August 16th - August 24th). \$190 through September 15th. \$190 + late fee of \$25.00 for registration **on or after September 16th.**

COME JOIN US

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



THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 2nd:

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgy of the Word

9:30am--Augustine Center

Coffee & Donuts

After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center

Monday, September 3rd:

LABOR DAY

Parish Office is Closed Today

Enjoy the Holiday!

Tuesday, September 4th:

Men's Faith Share

7:00pm--Stack Center, Room 7

Wednesday, September 5th:

SVdP Soup & Sandwich Meal

3:30-4:30pm--Outside Parish Office

Pre-Baptism Class

7:00pm--Stack Center, OLG Room

Thursday, September 6th:

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

7:00pm--Parish Office, Upper Room

Adoration

7:00pm--Church

AA Serenity Group

7:30pm--Augustine Center, Room A2

Friday, September 7th:

First Friday Devotion

8:15am--Church

Sunday, September 9th:

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgy of the Word

9:30am--Augustine Center

Coffee & Donuts

After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center

New Parishioner Registration

10:30am--Stack Center

1st Holy Communion Class

10:50am--Stack Center

Mass Intentions for the Week

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

SUNDAY, September 2nd

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 9:30am Mark Slater--D
- 11:30am Paul & Gretchen Reetz & Family--L
- 1:30pm Frank Groves--D

MONDAY, September 3rd

St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church

- 8:15am Barbara Hemenez--L

TUESDAY, September 4th

St. Rose of Viterbo, Virgin

- 8:15am Rudy & Augie Enriquez--D

WEDNESDAY, September 5th

St. Teresa of Calcutta

- 8:15am Richard Benson--D

THURSDAY, September 6th

- 8:15am Burt Richards--D

FRIDAY, September 7th

- 8:15am Maria Rosa Velasquez--D

SATURDAY, September 8th

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:15am Dorothy & Manuel Callier--D
- 5:00pm Doug & Debbie Reetz & Family--L

SUNDAY, September 9th

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:30am Helen Maes--D
- 9:30am Jane Flannigan--D
- 1:30pm Joaquina Jauregui & Sergio Perez--L

NAME CORRECTION

The Mass Intention for August 30th for Julie Villareal should read "Julie Villareal Dillon". Our deepest apologies.

ROSARY BEFORE MASS

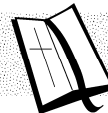
Come join in prayer of the Rosary 30 minutes before each of the weekend liturgies. Pray for our Parish. All are welcome!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

September 3rd through September 9th

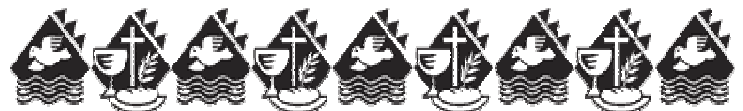
- Monday: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Luke 4:16-30
- Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 2:10-16; Luke 4:31-37
- Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Luke 4:38-44
- Thursday: 1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Luke 5:1-11
- Friday: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Luke 5:33-39
- Saturday: Micah 5:1-4; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23
- Sunday: Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37



Be doers of the Word and not hearers only

FREE TECHNOLOGY CLASSES FOR SENIORS

Teach Seniors Technology is a Bay Area non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life for seniors by integrating them into the world of technology and bridging the generation gap. Passionate high school volunteers teach the basics of operating smartphones, computers, iPads, etc. Classes are weekly. If you or someone you know is interested in this free service, please contact Jay in the Parish Office 510-537-0806. If there is enough response, then classes will begin.



FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND



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.

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This week we extend our gratitude to:

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