



**Responding in Faith with Works**

When I was ordained I always assumed that there would be a battle with the secular culture to influence the hearts and minds of people but I did not think the battle would come from inside the Church. Our Gospel today reminds us that even Peter who is the first to recognize that Jesus is the Christ and in the Gospel of Matthew goes on to say Peter is the Rock on which the church would be built could get it so wrong that he would be called Satan. When Peter sought to direct the Mission of Jesus away from Calvary and the cross he became an obstacle to his mission of Salvation. When our spiritual leaders in the Church ignore or change the teaching and mission of Jesus to save us from sin and death they must be confronted as Peter was.

In the Protoevangelium in Genesis 3:15 - "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." - After the fall into sin of Adam and Eve by Satan there is a promise of a Woman who would crush the head of the serpent who is a symbol for Satan. St. Ephraem explains the meaning of the Woman:

*Truly you [Lord] and your Mother are the only ones who are absolutely and completely beautiful, for there is no guilt in you, Lord, nor any stain in our Mother, , •• Adam did not engender you, who dared to transgress the law, nor did his son who unjustly and without cause killed his brother. You are the children of the Holy Spirit , •• The Devil came, raging very much-he who was cursed seven times; and his spirit was still elated, though Mary's Son trampled on him sorely, for he is a serpent who, though crushed, still attacks. But it is wiser for me [death] to be low on the ground and adore this Jesus who conquered me by His cross .*

Mary is the mother of the redeemed and she will intercede for us and help us to cast out sin so we may receive redemption and be saved by her Son, Jesus. "O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to You." Mary is our Immaculate Mother whose mission is to bear Christ to the world, will help humanity say yes to the invitation of God to accept the gift of Love who is Jesus who can save us.

"The goal of the MI (the abbreviation comes from the Latin Militia Immaculatae, or Militia of the Immaculata) is, in fact, to make sure that all become saints. In all this activity, what strikes the eye most of all is its Marian thrust. This is a consequence of a precise understanding of the mission of the Immaculata." (KW 1220)

If you are interested in Consecration to the Immaculate Virgin Mary through the Militia Immaculata (M.I.) started by St. Maximilian Kolbe please join Fr. Tom on Saturday September 22 after Adoration, at 10 AM for an introduction to the M.I. Consecration. For those who have consecrated yourself It would be good for us to form an M.I. Village of prayer to support each other with prayer and extend this mission of the Immaculate to draw all to Jesus. I will be inviting John W. Galten the National MI President to come this Fall to share with us about the Mission Immaculata M.I. and to help us be people of hope and vision.

Peace,  
Fr. Tom

**The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 23rd)**

**Mark 9:30-37**

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him. They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."



**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! We are looking for your gently used donations:

***Kid Zone***

Gently used stuffed animals, Happy Meal toys, small puzzles, small Lego sets & other little items that your child no longer plays with.

***Jewelry Booth***

Gently used Jewelry & Purses

***Hero's Flea Market***

Gently used glassware, picture frames, kitchenware, household gadgets, books, CD's, uniforms. Please NO furniture, electronics & household appliances (toasters, blenders, etc.)

Donations may be brought to the Parish Office, Monday-Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm. Thank you!

**FALL FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS, T-SHIRTS, FOOD AND GAME TICKETS & PANCAKE BREAKFAST TICKETS AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE**

Need additional Raffle tickets? How about a Festival T-shirt or Food and Game tickets for the Festival? All are available in the Parish Office. Stop in and get ready for the Festival!



**FALL FESTIVAL ANNUAL GREAT BALLS OF FIRE CHILI COOK-OFF  
SEPTEMBER 30th**

Time to cook up your best batch of Chili and enter the *Annual Chili Cook-Off!* Top voted chili gets a prize and bragging rights! To enter, please email your contact info to [olgchilicookoff@gmail.com](mailto:olgchilicookoff@gmail.com) by **September 25th.** Please bring your chili in a one-gallon crock pot and an extension cord. Judging will be from Noon to 4:00 pm on Sunday, **September 30th.**



**FALL FESTIVAL TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT  
SEPTEMBER 29th - Doors open at 5:30pm, Cards Fly at 6:00pm**

Join in on the fun - No Limit Texas Hold 'Em Tournament! Play poker while your family enjoys the Fall Festival. 1st Place Winner receives an official tournament bracelet & a free seat at the next tournament. Tableside drink service will be offered. All proceeds benefit OLG Church & School! Tickets are \$50 & Re-buys are \$25. Contact Elena Millard-Zavala at [emillardzavala@gmail.com](mailto:emillardzavala@gmail.com) or 510-240-2495 for more tickets, table sponsorship or information.

**TABLE SPONSORS WANTED!**

\$200 Sponsorship includes:

Tournament Ticket

Seat Selection

Your Name on the Table

Half-Price Re-Buys and Add-Ons



**FALL FESTIVAL PASTA DINNER!**

Join us for a delicious Pasta Dinner on Sunday, **September 30th** at 5:00pm. The menu includes penne pasta with meat or vegetarian sauce, garlic bread, salad & biscotti for dessert. Tickets are \$9 per person & \$16 for 2 people. Tickets are available in 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](mailto:alliegirl413@gmail.com) or drop off at the Parish or School Office by **September 21st.** Acts must be no longer that 2 min. & 15 sec. Appropriate language & costumes a must. No midriff showing.





**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](http://www.olgcv.org). Click on Registration for Faith Formation and click the link to register online at the bottom of the page. For Spanish, select from the pull-down on the right-hand corner of the homepage. Or come & register in person on **September 16th** after the 9:30am Mass in Stack Center. Bilingual services in Spanish will be available.

**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

**1st Holy Communion**

Knowing Jesus: **October 7th**  
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!**

**DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT  
BENEFIT TRUST - THANK YOU!**

Thank you to those who generously contributed towards the needs of our retired priests. If you weren't able to contribute last week to the Diocesan Priest Retirement Benefit Trust, you may do so this weekend. Envelopes are available in the pews for your use. You may also can send a check to the Diocese of Oakland, ATTN: Diocesan Priest Retirement Benefit Trust, 2121 Harrison Street, Suite 100, Oakland, CA 94612.



**GIRLS CYO VOLLEYBALL  
REGISTRATION**

Registration is closing. Visit [www.olgcv.org](http://www.olgcv.org) & follow the link for CYO. Girls Volleyball registration is \$190 + late fee of \$25.00 for registration **on or after September 16th.**

**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 September 9th:**

Sunday Plate:	\$ 8,121.00
Last Year this week	\$ 9,215.00
<b>Weekly Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 8,920.00</b>
Year-to-date this year:	\$ 312,731.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$ 314,945.00

*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     |
| Antonio O. Chocha | Florence Sharp     |
| Claudia Dobbs     | Rosemary Slater    |
| Lynn Franks       | Howard Songey      |
| Anna Friedeberg   | Lurdes Sousa       |
| Byron Griffith    | Mercedes Tellez    |
| Don Jordan        | 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.*

**GENE ALGA  
PAT WHELAN**

**HOW TO CONNECT TO FORMED  
A CATHOLIC STREAMING SERVICE**

We have registered the Parish with FORMED. Our site is [www.olgcv.formed.org](http://www.olgcv.formed.org). Following are the instructions 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](http://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.

**A NOTE OF THANKS  
FROM FR. ALEX PACHECO**

Dear Friends of Our Lady of Grace Church,

Thank you very much for your kind support for the poor children of Ishaprema-Niketan (House of God's Love) in India-Pune & Goa. May Jesus shower His Abundant Blessings on you & your family as He says: "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers & sisters of mine, you did it for me." Matthew 25:40.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Fr. Alex Pacheco



**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.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights of Columbus monthly meetings are held the last Wednesday of every month at 6:00pm in Stack Center-Room 7. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, visit <https://oaklandkofc.org> or join us at our next meeting - **September 26th**.

**CELEBRATE THE INTERNATIONAL  
DAY OF PEACE**

**September 21st** is the Int'l Day of Peace. Established by the United Nations, the Day of Peace is observed around the world to promote a commitment of all humanity to build a world of peace in spite of our many differences. The Area Eden Interfaith Council, in conjunction our Pax Christi group and EBRPD, invites you to observe this special day by joining us in a celebration of peace with song, word, and prayer at the Cove Picnic Area at Lake Chabot from 6:00 to 7:00 pm on Friday, **September 21st**. After this celebration you are welcome to join us for a contemplative walk in the park.



**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!

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, September 16th:**

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Liturgy of the Word

9:30am--Augustine Center

Coffee & Donuts

After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center

Whole Family Catechesis

10:50am--Stack Center

**Tuesday, September 18th:**

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

9:30am--Parish Office, McGarvey Room

Men's Faith Share

7:00pm--Stack Center, Room 7

**Wednesday, September 19th:**

SVdP Soup & Sandwich Meal

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

Strobridge Dinner

5:30pm--Strobridge Apartments

**Thursday, September 20th:**

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

7:00pm--Parish Office, Upper Room

Adoration

7:00pm--Church

AA Serenity Group

7:30pm--Augustine Center, Room A2

**Sunday, September 23rd:**

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S  
SOUP & SANDWICH MEALS**

If you or someone you know could benefit from a free meal, come by **every**

**Wednesday** from 3:30-4:30pm located outside the Parish Office.

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

**SUNDAY, September 16th**

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 9:30am Jerome Gann--D
- 11:30am John Nichandros--D
- 1:30pm Jose Jimenez & Cuca Ramirez--D

**MONDAY, September 17th**

*St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church  
Stigmata of Our Holy Father Francis*

- 8:15am Thomas & Mary Hayes--D

**TUESDAY, September 18th**

*St. Joseph of Cupertino, OFM, Conv., Priest*

- 8:15am Larry La Brie--D

**WEDNESDAY, September 19th**

*St. Januarius, Bishop, Martyr*

- 8:15am Antonio Chocha--L

**THURSDAY, September 20th**

*Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest & Paul Chong  
Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs*

- 8:15am Mary Theresa Silveira--L

**FRIDAY, September 21st**

ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

- 8:15am Ron Emory--L

**SATURDAY, September 22nd**

- 8:15am Joni & Kathleen Linney--D
- 5:00pm Louis Rodrigues--D

**SUNDAY, September 23rd**

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 9:30am Leonard Albright--D
- 11:30am Stephanie Rosevear--D
- 1:30pm Jose Duarte--D

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**September 17th through September 23rd**

- Monday: 1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33;  
Luke 7:1-10
- Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31;  
Luke 7:11-17
- Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13;  
Luke 7:31-35
- Thursday: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 7:36-50
- Friday: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13;  
Matthew 9:9-13
- Saturday: 1 Corinthians 15:33-37, 42-49;  
Luke 8:4-15
- Sunday: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3;  
Mark 9:30-37



**DIOCESE OF OAKLAND  
THANKSGIVING MASS  
FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS**

The annual Thanksgiving Mass for Healthcare Providers will be celebrated on **September 29th** at 10:00am at the Cathedral of Christ the Light at 2121 Harrison St., Oakland. We encourage all who provide healthcare services, direct and administrative, to attend this multicultural Mass as we celebrate your energy, dedication and generosity. A reception and mental health resources fair will follow the Mass.



**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.

**EXECUTION ALERTS**

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

- September 26th Troy Clark Texas
- September 27th Daniel Acker Texas

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

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