



HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NOVENA AND DAY OF PRAYER, PENANCE AND REPARATION

Penance is part of our Christian faith. We acknowledge the fact that we are sinners in need of constant conversion and of the grace of God to overcome temptation and sin. We especially experience that in Sacrament of Penance, but also in every Eucharistic celebration, with the Penitential rite.

Our Community of faith also embraces other forms of Penance, and the Liturgical year helps us to unfold its true meaning with different celebrations, including the penitential days. The Code of Canon Law explains that “penitential days are prescribed on which the Christian faithful devote themselves in a special way to prayer, perform works of piety and charity, and deny themselves by fulfilling their own obligations more faithfully and especially by observing fast and abstinence...” (Canon 1249).

On top of the prescribed penitential days, which are every Friday and the whole season of Lent (Canon 1250), in circumstances like the present ones, bishops can call their communities to a special day of penance. As sin hurts the whole body of Christ, penance and reparation help the whole body of Christ. That is why even those who have not done anything wrong would benefit from participating: It is a matter of communion. As St. Paul thoroughly explained in his letters: We all members of one body: they mystical body of Christ.

What does the day of prayer and penance include?

According to the tradition of the Church, it implies fasting and abstinence, more intense prayer as well as other works of charity and exercises of piety. Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, has asked especially the priests of the diocese to fast on **September 14th** and to have a special Holy Hour with Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament in all our parishes, at a time that is convenient for the faithful to participate. They are all also invited to join the clergy in fasting and praying.

He has also asked all the faithful of the diocese to pray a special Novena to St. Joseph, that will be included in the Prayer of the Faithful every day from **September 6th to 14th**.

Why did Bishop Barber choose September 14th for this day of Penance?

Because on that day we celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. It is a very fitting for us to come to the foot of the Cross of our Lord, praying for the victims of abuse, for justice, repentance and conversion, as it was through the Mystery of the Cross that our Lord Jesus Christ defeated sin and death. The bishop himself will lead a Holy Hour at the Cathedral of Christ the Light at 11:30am that day, and celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass afterwards, leading us by example.

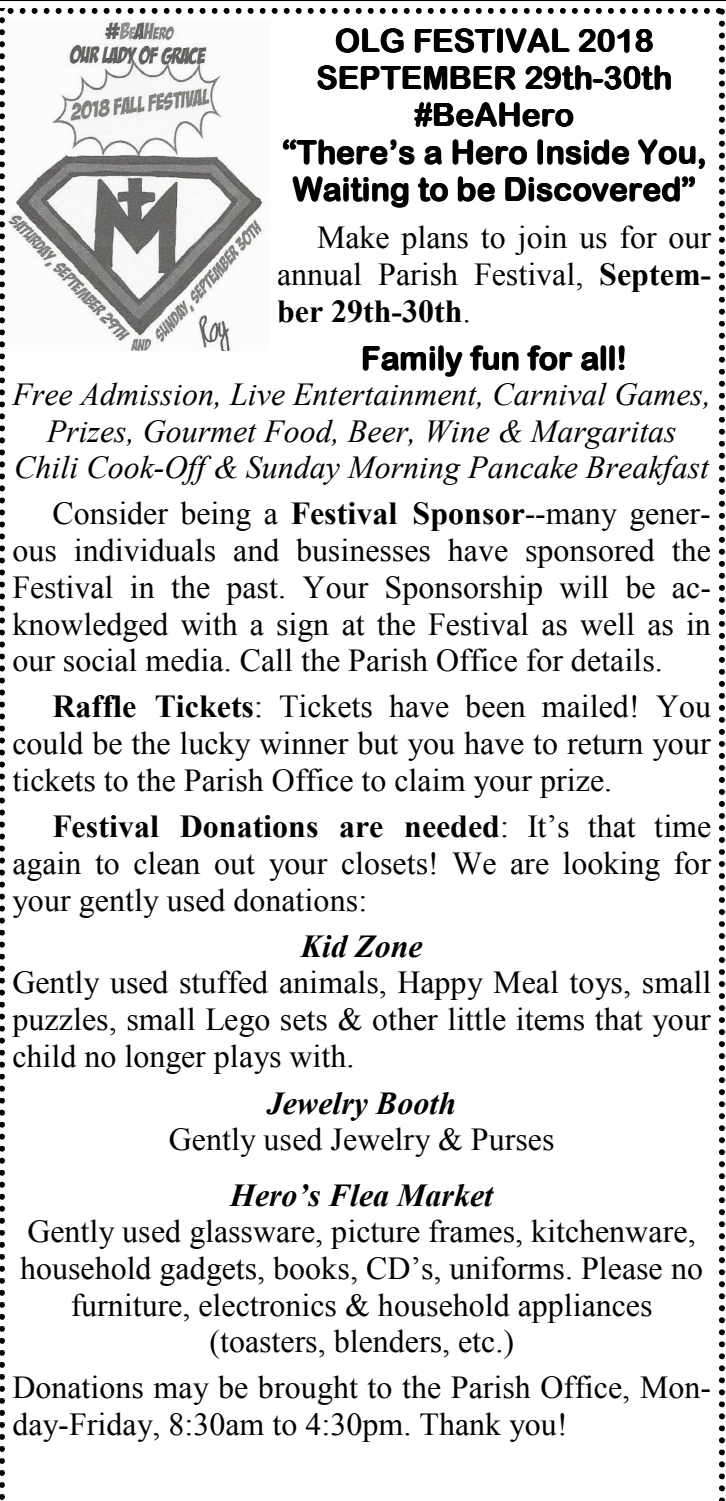
St. Joseph Prayer for Protection & Renewal of the Church

To you, St. Joseph, we bring our broken hearts and all of the discouragement that weighs us down. Impurity and scandal have wounded our Church and have brought much shame, sorrow and tears. We ask you dearest St. Joseph, to be our guide along this very dark path, for you are the model of faith, purity and devotion that we need so desperately. May the Lord send forth the burning fire of the Holy Spirit and renew the face of the Church, and the world. O St. Joseph, pray ceaselessly for the Church during this time of suffering and great mourning. May this current pain inflicted upon the Church be transformed by the power of Christ’s cross, and lead to further renewal and continued purification. Amen.

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 16th)

Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him. He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."



**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 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 a 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 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 5:00 pm. 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 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 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

1st Holy Communion

Beginning a Journey: **September 9th**
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!

ICF NEWS

A big Thank You to the parishioners who attended the Bishop's Day Mass on Sunday, August 12th. It was nice to see non-members support a religious event.

Our Chicken Marsala Dinner will be held on Thursday, **September 13th** in Stack Center. Doors open at 6:00pm and dinner will be served at 6:30pm. For reservations, please call Pat at 510-538-2844. The reservation deadline is **September 10th**. Buon Appetito!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
WHOLE FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY**

We are looking for adult volunteers to assist with our Whole Family Evangelization program one to two Sundays a month from 10:50-12:30pm in Stack Center. We are also in need of volunteers to assist with our Youth Ministry program on Sunday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm. If you are interested, please call the Whole Evangelization office at 510-582-9266. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

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 2nd:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 8,909.00
Last Year this week	\$ 7,857.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$ 304,610.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$ 305,730.00

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.

VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

**DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT
BENEFIT TRUST
APPEAL SEPTEMBER 9th**

Did you know that the Diocese anticipates there will be almost 70 retired priests within the next 5-10 years? They have given generously their entire lives in service to our Diocese, and now face retirement with little or no government assistance. Show them your appreciation by offering a donation to the Diocesan Priest Retirement Benefit Trust this weekend, and by remembering them in your prayers.



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.



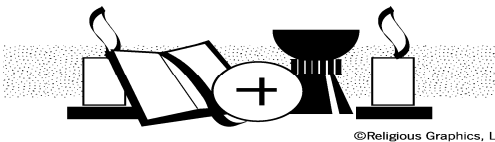
CYO FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION NOW ONLINE



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

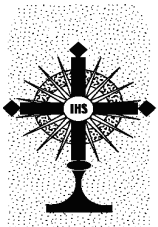
***Girls Volleyball:** Early registration fee is \$175 (August 16th - August 24th). \$190 through September 15th. \$190 + late fee of \$25.00 for registration **on or after September 16th.**



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NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

We extend a warm welcome to new parishioners & guests. Please stop by Stack Center **September 9th**, 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.



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.



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, 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

Monday, September 10th:

Women's Evening Bible Study

7:00pm--Stack Center

Tuesday, September 11th:

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

9:30am--Parish Office, McGarvey Room

Men's Faith Share

7:00pm--Stack Center, Room 7

Wednesday, September 12th:

SVdP Soup & Sandwich Meal

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

Thursday, September 13th:

ICF Meeting & Dinner

6:00pm--Stack Center

Adoration

7:00pm--Church

AA Serenity Group

7:30pm--Augustine Center, Room A2

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Whole Family Catechesis

10:50am--Stack Center



Mass Intentions for the Week

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

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

MONDAY, September 10th

- 8:15am Henry & Lou Maravella--D

TUESDAY, September 11th

- 8:15am Lilia Sousa--D

WEDNESDAY, September 12th

The Most Holy Name of Mary

- 8:15am Mariano Realina--D

THURSDAY, September 13th

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

- 8:15am Antonio Chocha--L

FRIDAY, September 14th

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

- 8:15am George Low, Jr.--D

SATURDAY, September 15th

Our Lady of Sorrows

- 8:15am Henry Maravella--D
- 5:00pm Tony & Alice Goncalves & Family--L

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

EXECUTION ALERTS

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

September 12th	Ruben Gutierrez	Texas
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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

September 10th through September 16th

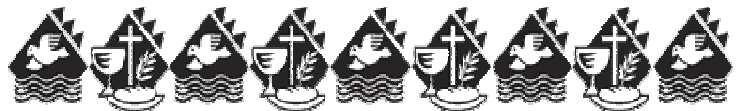
- Monday: 1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11
- Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Luke 6:12-19
- Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26
- Thursday: 1 Corinthians 8:1-7, 11-13; Luke 6:27-38
- Friday: Numbers 21:4-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17
- Saturday: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; John 19:25-27
- Sunday: Isaiah 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35



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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