



Gracious Space and State of Grace

I want to commend our principal Susan Anderson for the article in the diocesan newspaper about creating Gracious Space at our Lady of Grace. Creating an environment that promotes peace, cooperation, and encouragement so that our students may be secure so they can reach their potential and prosper both academically and creatively.

My role as your pastor is to help you enter, through God’s mercy, into a state of grace in your being and soul. In this way, we may live in right relationship with God and humanity. We first enter into a state of grace through conversion at Baptism. We are restored to grace lost by sinning through Confession and the Anointing of the Sick. We are sustained and the State of Grace in us is deepened through reception of Communion, Confirmation, and the sacraments of Matrimony or Holy Orders. If we are living in a state of grace when we die we will inherit Eternal Life.

Jesus in the Gospel lets us know how we may inherit eternal life through following the Commandments, Caring for poor, and leave everything and follow him. We offer Confession three times a week at Our Lady of Grace so you may always get in right relationship with God and return to a State of Grace. Confession is offered during Adoration on Thursday evening and Saturday morning after Mass. Our normal confession time is Saturday from 3:30pm to 4:30pm or by appointment. May we avail ourselves to God’s Merciful Love and be transformed.

Pilgrimage to Holy Land

I will keep all of you in prayer as our pilgrimage group follow in the footsteps of Jesus in the Holy Land. Please pray for us for safety and that Peace may come in the Holy Land.

Peace,
Fr. Tom



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

We have registered the Parish with FORMED. Our site is www.olgcv.formed.org. Following are the instructions for you to register with our site and get started. 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. Set up a username- whatever username you’ll remember - and a password and you are all set to explore all FORMED has to offer. To get the Formed app for your phone or tablet, visit app.formed.org

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 21st)

Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He replied, "What do you wish me to do for you?" They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" They said to him, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John. Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Our annual Festival was another success thanks to the work done by so many in our parish. A particular thanks to both Elena Zavala one of our school parents who chaired the event along with Colleen Lindberg of the parish. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." They came in droves to this family weekend event which is why it was so wonderful. God bless all who worked it, and all who came.
-Susan Anderson

EVANGELIZATION CORNER



Youth Ministry & Confirmation

Next Meetings: October 14th & 21st

1st Holy Communion

Next Meetings: October 21st *Knowing God's Rules of Love*
November 4th *Recognizing We Sin*

Whole Family & Middle School Catechesis

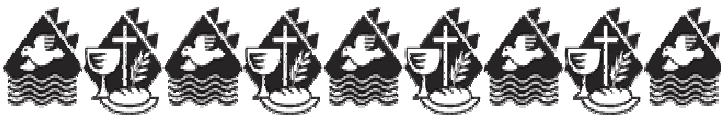
Next Meetings: October 14th *St. Francis*
October 28th *What Makes Our Parish Special*

For more information, contact the Evangelization Office at 510-582-9266.



CATHOLIC VOICE ANNUAL APPEAL

This month is our annual appeal for The Catholic Voice. Your donation helps our Parish offset its payment for this important communication ministry. The Voice is the only regular source of Catholic news and information delivered to all parishioners in the Diocese. *Please be generous in your support of our Parish! Checks should be made payable to Our Lady of Grace. Envelopes are in the pews.*



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY & CATHOLIC HOME MISSION APPEAL

An envelope for this special collection is in the pews for the collection on **October 21st**. Please note that 45.5% of the funds raised will go to the National Office for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, 4.5% to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, and 50% to the office of National Collections, Catholic Home Mission Appeal. Thank you for your response to this appeal.

OUR LADY OF GRACE FESTIVAL 2018 ANOTHER TERRIFIC FESTIVAL EFFORT!

Once again a big thank you to Elena Millard-Zavala and her Team for their extraordinary effort and commitment to all things Festival these past few months!!

We also need to send out a big word of thanks and appreciation to the "Operations Crew" headed up by Dave Swanson and Chris Mead for not only the set-up but the dirty and hard work of taking down the Festival. Many of the volunteers here taking down and cleaning up were here the entire weekend as well.

Elena did another amazing job as Chairperson for the 3rd year in a row and hopefully not her last. We are grateful to all those she solicited to help her achieve her vision of BeAHero! This included our Third Annual Chili Cook-Off, our Second Poker Tournament, Pasta Dinner hosted by the Italian Catholic Federation and the Pancake Breakfast hosted by our own Knights of Columbus.

It is difficult to not continue to mention by name all those who contribute so overwhelmingly to the many areas—the entertainment was great, the accounting booth spends the entire weekend behind the scenes counting and supporting the booths, security keeps us all safe—know that all those who worked hard to make our Festival a wonderful event your efforts were much appreciated by the entire community of Our Lady of Grace. There are a number of you who gave untiringly of your time and effort and we are well aware of who you are.

And so to all of you who did so much, to those who came and participated in the weekend activities, to those who generously spent money, to the entertainers, to the behind-the-scenes folk and to our sponsors and donors and to our gracious God *we give thanks*. You are truly magnificent in your commitment to our parish and we are so very grateful to all of you!

2018 RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

The Festival Raffle is another great tradition and we are happy to announce the winners: Our Grand Prize Winner is Isabel Tellez! 2nd Prize went to Ann Maloney-Mason and 3rd Prize went to Barbara Bonato. Congratulations to you all!



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.



ALTAR CANDLE MEMORIALS

We are looking to have 6 monthly sponsors for our Altar Candles. We ask for a donation of \$20 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.

ATTENTION OLG VOLUNTEERS

All those who VOLUNTEER in the Diocese of Oakland (Our Lady of Grace) are to be educated about the nature of child sexual abuse, how it is perpetrated, how to report it & strategies for prevention. Training is **MANDATORY** & must be done before starting volunteering. Every volunteer who participates in ANY ministry here at OLG, must complete the VIRTUS Safe Environment Training & renew every 3 years. If you have NOT registered for the online training, you must do so **before November 1st**. Visit: www.oakdiocese.org/offices/safe-environment & register online, then email your certificate of completion to jcruz@olgev.org. Please include your name & the name of the ministry you volunteer with. Thank you!



LITURGY OF THE WORD NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Many thanks to those who answered the call to assist with Children's Liturgy of the Word! We are still in need of just 2 more catechists for children ages 7 to 10 at the 9:30am Mass. Catechists help the children explore the meaning of the Gospel through activity & discussion. Volunteers facilitate the lessons each week & assist with supervision of the children. It's a great opportunity for adults & middle/high school youth to help these eager youngsters apply the Word of the Lord to their everyday life. Please consider joining the wonderful group of volunteers who support this ministry. For more info or to get involved, email Jackie Cruz at: jcruz@olgev.org or contact the Parish Office at 510-582-9266.

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS: GOT QUESTIONS?

Join us at ALPHA, **tonight, October 14th**, from 6-8pm in Stack Center to share a **Meal**, watch an exciting **Video**, have small group discussion & ignite **our Faith in God** as we have **Fun** & make new **Friends!** Our hope for those teens who attend ALPHA is to have a deep experience with God as we explore our faith and answer questions in a comfortable setting. Bring a friend!

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 October 7th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 8,320.00
Last Year this week	\$ 7,369.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$ 353,172.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$ 347,614.00

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!

Teach Seniors Technology is looking for passionate teens in our Parish to assist in teaching our seniors the basics of operating smartphones, computers, iPads, etc. Classes will be held at OLG on Saturdays & Sundays for 30-60 min. *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. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to earn volunteer hours and to be drawn closer to your church community! Training will be provided. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC TEACHING ON THE EUCHARIST
Stack Center — October Mondays
7:00 PM to 8:15 PM

- OCT 15** The Eucharistic Prayer of the Mass
- OCT 22** Eucharist and Communion
- OCT 29** The Eucharistic Piety of the Church

Christ our Lord declares Himself to be the Bread come down from heaven. “Unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink of His Blood,” He tells His disciples, “you shall not have life within you” (John 6:53). Catholic teaching on the Eucharist, therefore, is a matter of central concern for all those who long to be made holy by God’s grace poured out upon the faithful in the sacraments of the Church.

Each Monday of October, Fr. Francisco Nahoe OFM Conv will offer scriptural and theological reflections on the Eucharistic faith and spirituality of the Church. Each session presents and explains the traditional Catholic doctrine and assesses the challenges presented by contemporary attitudes and practices in liturgy, faith formation, evangelization and preaching.



ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adult Catholics who are baptized, but who have not yet been confirmed, may begin preparation for the sacrament by contacting Fr. Francisco Nahoe OFM Conv at tupa-hotu@gmail.com or by leaving a message for him with the Parish Office.



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF PLEASANTON NEWS

A Mass of Remembrance is planned for Monday, **November 5th** at 7:30pm at St. Elizabeth Seton (4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton) Please join us for this special evening as we honor those you love who have died. Bring a small picture or memento of your loved one to share and then take home at the end of the evening.

Facing the holiday blues with a broken heart - the holidays you have dreaded are approaching. At every turn, you are faced with your heartache and loss because of the death of your loved one. Please join us on Thursday, **November 8th** at 7:30pm at St. Elizabeth Seton. No registration required.

For both events, all are welcome regardless of religious affiliation.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 14th:

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Coffee & Donuts
- After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center
- Liturgy of the Word
- 9:30am--Augustine Center
- New Parishioner Registration
- 10:00am--Stack Center
- Whole Family & Middle School Catechesis
- 10:50am--Stack Center
- Youth Ministry/Confirmation
- 6:00pm--Stack Center

Monday, October 15th:

- Catholic Teaching-Fr. Francisco
- 7:00pm--Stack Center

Tuesday, October 16th:

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study
- 9:30am--Parish Office, McGarvey Room
- Men’s Faith Share
- 7:00pm--Stack Center, Room 7

Wednesday, October 17th:

- SVdP Soup & Sandwich Meal
- 3:30-4:30pm--Outside Parish Office
- Strobridge Dinner
- 5:30pm--Strobridge Apartments

Thursday, October 18th:

- Adoration
- 7:00pm--Church
- St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
- 7:00pm--Parish Office, Upper Room
- AA Serenity Group
- 7:30pm--Augustine Center, Room A2

Sunday, October 21st:

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Coffee & Donuts
- After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center
- Liturgy of the Word
- 9:30am--Augustine Center
- 1st Communion Class
- 10:50am--Stack Center
- Youth Ministry/Confirmation
- 6:00pm--Stack Center

Mass Intentions for the Week

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

SUNDAY, October 14th

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 9:30am Rick Davis--D
- 11:30am Vincente & Arcadia Mendoza--D
- 1:30pm Jose Martinez--D

MONDAY, October 15th

St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church

- 8:15am Mary Martin--D

TUESDAY, October 16th

St. Hedwig, Religious
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

- 8:15am Stephanie Shomon--L

WEDNESDAY, October 17th

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr

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

THURSDAY, October 18th

ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST

- 8:15am Evangeline Tan Ong--D

FRIDAY, October 19th

Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests & Companions, Martyrs

- 8:15am Mark Kochel--D

SATURDAY, October 20th

St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

- 8:15am Dorothy & Manuel Callier--D

SUNDAY, October 21st

THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:30am Larry La Brie--D
- 11:30am John Gonsalves--D
- 1:30pm Jose Martinez--D



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WHOLE FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

We are looking for adult volunteers to assist with our Whole Family Evangelization program 1 to 2 Sundays a month from 10:50am-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 Evangelization office at 510-582-9266. Your help is greatly appreciated!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

October 15th through October 21st

- Monday: Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31; 5:1; Luke 11:29-32
- Tuesday: Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41
- Wednesday: Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46
- Thursday: 2 Timothy 4:10-17; Luke 10:1-9
- Friday: Ephesians 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7
- Saturday: Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12
- Sunday: Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45



WINGS (WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT)

We invite all women to join us for WINGS. WINGS is a faith enhancement group that encourages spiritual growth through prayer, scripture study, Catechesis, life sharing and community.

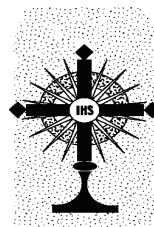
Transfiguration Church

Next Meeting: **October 18th**

9:15am to 11:15am

Speaker: Deacon Dave Holland

Topic: Preparing for the Next Stage of Life: A Loving Gift To Your Family



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.

EXECUTION ALERTS

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

October 24th Kwame Rockwell Texas

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

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