

Power or Service

I have been scandalized by the abuse of power revealed in the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report. That a Cardinal could have been abusing children and Seminarians is sickening. The thought that such sinful behavior would be ignored, covered up, or protected by the Hierarchy of the Church has shaken the faithful and myself. This is how the world works and not how the church is supposed to work.

Jesus gave us a different model for his Kingdom as his disciples who were seeking places of honor and power. Jesus told his disciples not to seek power and authority but service and sacrifice. *"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.**"*

I recommend you to watch The World Over on EWTN to help us understand what is happening in a balanced way. If you download the EWTN app watch the World Over show on from October 11, 2018 and it will help us understand the issues so we can pray.

Our Bishop and Diocese is seeking to be transparent about any misconduct. The Voice published the names of priests who were involved in misconduct. May we all pray for our church as sins are revealed because sin affects the whole body of Christ. The message of Jesus is Repent the Kingdom of God is at hand. Conversion is the beginning point for entering the Kingdom. Turn away from sin and receive the Gospel is the prayer to begin Lent. May we each commit ourselves to turn away from sin and turn to Jesus. He is our Savior and may we trust Him to purify our Church so it may be Holy and draw humanity to union with Him.

Our Lady of Grace Pastoral update

I have now been Pastor for 3 years and was asked by my community to continue as your Pastor for 4 more years this summer. I am finally getting an understanding of the community and seeking to serve the needs here. I came to realize relatively soon that our Parish has financial problems. Our collections do not cover our expenses. Since I began in 2015, our collections have never covered our expenses. We have met our financial obligations by using interest from savings and receiving bequests from the estates of some of our founding members after they died.

Our finances have been managed well and the financial shortfalls in the past were met with cutting staff and priests from the payroll. The Augustinians were down to one Priest salary by the time they left the Parish. I was informed by the Finance Council when I began that there was a revenue problem and there was nothing more that could be cut without cutting normal services of a parish.

As your Pastor I have taken this financial situation seriously and made a Pastoral plan to reverse the model of decline in attendance and revenue. Next week I will continue with what has been done.

We are currently in a deficit of 25,000 dollars for this year. **I would ask each registered family to increase your donation by five dollars a week until the end of the year so we may eliminate this deficit.** Over half of the priestly staff serving you receives no salary for their ministry here.

Peace,
Fr. Tom

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

WE THANK OUR 2018 FESTIVAL FRIENDS AND DONORS

We are grateful to the many individuals and businesses who donated goods and services to our 2018 Festival! Their efforts and donations were most appreciated by the Festival Committee and in turn, we especially encourage your consideration and support of them.

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- Karin Johnson Specialty Cakes
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- Portales Taqueria
- Safeway
- Shasta
- St. Benoit Creamery
- Stephen Kwok Photography
- The Conventual Franciscan Community
- Trader Joe's
- Volunteers, Booth Chairs, and Coordinators
- Waste Management
- Woodbridge Winery



PARISH OFFICES CLOSED TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23rd

The Parish Staff will be attending the Diocese of Oakland's Mini Convocation at St. Isidore Parish in Danville. The office will be closed on Tuesday, **October 23rd** and will re-open on Wednesday, **October 24th** at 8:30am. Thank you for your understanding.

EVANGELIZATION CORNER



Youth Ministry & Confirmation

Next Meetings: October 21st & 28th

1st Holy Communion

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

Whole Family & Middle School Catechesis

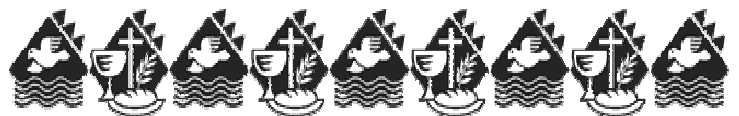
Next Meetings: October 28th *What Makes Our Parish Special*
 November 11th *Enough for Everyone*

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 MISSIONS APPEAL

An envelope for this special collection is in the pews for the collection **today, 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.

**Gospel for the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 October 28th Mark 10:46-52**



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@olgcv.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@olgcv.org or contact the Parish Office at 510-582-9266.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

We extend a warm welcome to new parishioners & guests. Please stop by Stack Center **October 28th**, 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.

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 14th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 8,024.00
Last Year this week	\$ 8,397.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$ 361,196.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$ 356,011.00

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

THE WORD OF GOD IN HUMAN WORDS: Introduction to the Bible

Presenter: Fr. Kevin Schindler-McGraw OFM Conv.

Come! Study, pray & discuss the Word of God in a caring Community of Faith. Please bring your Bible with you, if you have one. There will be 5 sessions in Stack Center. Don't miss this opportunity!

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| Session 1 | October 30th, 7-8:30pm or
November 3rd, 10-11:30am |
| Session 2 | November 6th, 7-8:30pm or
November 10th, 10-11:30am |
| Session 3 | November 13th, 7-8:30pm or
November 17th, 10-11:30am |

"WHEN I WAS HUNGRY, YOU GAVE ME TO EAT"

OLG Parish is participating in the annual Bread for the World "Offering of Letters" on the weekend of **October 27th-28th**. Bread for the World is an interfaith Christian group that lobbies our nation's decision-makers to pass legislation that will alleviate hunger at home and abroad. We are asking you to take a few minutes next weekend after Mass to stop at one of the tables set up at the entrances to the church to sign a letter or write your own letter to our Senators and Representative asking them to take a stand for the poor and vulnerable around the world.

PARENT CAFÉ CORNER

Moms and Dads: Did you know that there are wonderful, free Catholic parenting resources that you can access online? Take a moment to visit these links: <http://olgcv.formed.org>. In the Formed website, you can view many faith enriching programs for the entire family including cartoons for your preschoolers. <http://dads.org/> is a website dedicated to providing resources which aid fathers in fulfilling their vocation. <http://catholicmom.com/> is all about celebrating Catholic motherhood and all things faith, family and fun.

All Saint's Day Craft Activity-November 4th

Parents of young children (infant to preschool) are invited to gather on **November 4th** with other families for refreshments & conversations of faith. Spend a few minutes to enjoy a faith-themed activity with your child & meet other families with young children. Join us directly after the 9:30am Mass for a *All Saints Day Craft Activity* with your little ones. Enter through the garden gate (from the gathering area) next to the back doors of the Church. See you there!



PAX CHRISTI ASSEMBLY "The Challenge of Peace"

This special event, co-sponsored by Pax Christi/Northern CA and Notre Dame de Namur University on Saturday, **November 3rd** from 9:00am-3:00pm will be held at Notre Dame de Namur in Belmont. The keynote speaker is the executive director of Pax Christi USA, Sr. Patricia Chapel, SNDdeN, who will speak on the challenge of peace and its relationship to societal problems. Break-out sessions will follow. Cost is \$20 if you register by **October 26th** or \$25 at door. Students are free. Free parking. To pre-register, contact Dennise Burgess at 510-303-9767 or dcburgess1@juno.com

THIS WEEK

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

Monday, October 22nd:

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

Tuesday, October 23rd:

Parish Offices Closed

Tuesday Morning Bible Study
9:30am--Parish Office, McGarvey Room

Men's Faith Share
7:00pm--Stack Center, Room 7

Wednesday, October 24th:

SVdP Soup & Sandwich Meal
3:30-4:30pm--Outside Parish Office

Knights of Columbus
6:00pm--Stack Center

Thursday, October 25th:

Adoration
7:00pm--Church

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

Sunday, October 28th:

Thirtieth 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

Mass Intentions for the Week

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

SUNDAY, October 21st

THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

MONDAY, October 22nd

St. John Paul II, Pope
St. Peter of Alcantara OFM, Conv., Priest

- 8:15am Natalie Ingram--L

TUESDAY, October 23rd

St. John of Capistrano OFM, Conv., Priest

- 8:15am Rose Nicasio--D

WEDNESDAY, October 24th

St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

- 8:15am Jose, Julia & Teresa Sousa--D

THURSDAY, October 25th

- 8:15am Modesta Lachica--D

FRIDAY, October 26th

Blessed Bonaventure of Potenza OFM, Conv., Priest

- 8:15am Jose & Maria Pangelinan--D

SATURDAY, October 27th

- 8:15am Joni & Kathleen Linney--D

- 5:00pm Luis Rodrigues--D

SUNDAY, October 28th

THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 9:30am Fr. Anthony Herrera--D
- 11:30am John Nichandros--D
- 1:30pm Carl Pence--D

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.



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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

October 22nd through October 28th

- Monday: Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21
- Tuesday: Ephesians 2:12-22; Luke 12:35-38
- Wednesday: Ephesians 3:2-12; Luke 12:39-48
- Thursday: Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 12:49-53
- Friday: Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59
- Saturday: Ephesians 4:7-16; Luke 13:1-9
- Sunday: Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52



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

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 tupahotu@gmail.com or by leaving a message for him with the Parish Office.

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