



On Pilgrimage

Today I will be praying for all of you at the Holy Sepulcher. In this Church is Mount Calvary and the Tomb. As we travel the Via Delarosa carrying a cross we pray the Stations, I will be praying for you and the whole church asking Jesus to save us.

All Saints Day November 1

Join us Thursday at 8:15AM as we celebrate All Saints with our School. There will be an evening Mass at 6:30PM

All Souls Day November 2

On Friday we have 2 Masses to pray for the souls of your family 8:15AM and 6:30PM followed by Adoration until 8PM. A Mass of Remembrance for all who died at our Parish will be Wednesday November 7th at 7PM

Our Lady of Grace Pastoral Update

Last week I gave you the news of the financial issues and this week I will give you what was done pastorally to respond. Seeking to grow our parish and reverse the decline in people and revenue we made strategic changes. In October 2015, we began a weekly mass in Spanish on Sunday Afternoon. This Mass attendance at the Spanish Mass has increased attendance by over 200%. When we began we had 30 to 40 people for Mass to now consistently over 100 people.

In 2016 Fr. Paul and I created a plan to revive our Youth Ministry and Confirmation Program which was shrinking and our youth were not returning after Confirmation. We embraced the New Evangelization by bringing the Alpha Series to the Parish. Fr. Paul worked with the youth and I facilitated the adults. In seeking to grow the parish and engage more of our school families, I changed the Mass times. While we did get a few new families we also lost a few who were upset with the change in Mass times.

In 2017, we added Fr. Kevin Schindler McGraw to our parish so we could continue to nurture our Spanish Community. Fr. Paul Gawlowski and myself were not fluent in Spanish and with more people attending we knew we would be unable to help form and lead this part of our community. Fr. Kevin is fluent in Spanish and having been rector of a Cathedral and a Shrine he has done well in organizing the Mass and community. Fr. Kevin was added as a Parochial Vicar in July 2017 for the Spanish Community and to help build a New Evangelization model of Ministry.

In August 2017, I introduced a new model of Catechesis and restructured our ministry for youth. Understanding the financial constraints and restructuring our catechesis the position of Director of Religious Education was eliminated. I took on the task of developing a new model to engage our families in the faith. I diversified the ministry by getting coordinators to plan faith and catechetical events. We ask for the participation of the family and not just the child. This new model focused on Sunday as the Day of the Lord as a time for worship, prayer, and catechesis. With the help of Fr. Paul Gawlowski and Fr. Kevin Schindler-McGraw I was able to also manage the faith formation while also taking care of my pastoral duties as Pastor.

In June 2018, Fr. Paul Gawlowski was moved to be pastor in Hermosa Beach. Fr. Paul Fazio came to be a Parochial Vicar. Fr. Thomas Hamilton retired here and helps with Adoration and Confession on Thursdays and Saturday. Fr. Francisco Nahoe agreed to volunteer to become the Director of Evangelization. He is offering a teaching series on the Eucharist on Monday's in October and has added adult education as a component of our family faith formation. Fr. Kevin continues his ministry in developing the Hispanic community and will be presenting a Scripture Study in November. That is 5 Priests enriching our community with 2 priestly salaries. This was a decrease from 2 and 1/2 priestly salaries so we could hire staff to manage the growing Family Faith Formation.

In August 2018, John Lee was hired part time as the Evangelization Coordinator to manage the expanding Family Faith Formation which now includes young adults. John has finished his Master Degree in Theology from Franciscan University. We really need volunteers to help manage the administration of our programs. In September, Jackie Cruz was hired to develop programs for young families. Jackie also has a Masters Degree in Evangelization and has experience running a Diocesan Evangelization Office. Both of these positions are part-time.

God has blessed us with people alive and educated in the faith to deepen our faith. We are filling the Stack Center twice every Sunday with families coming to deepen their faith. We are not just maintaining buildings but building families of faith to engage our world to bring hope and joy to a world of indifference, anger, or confusion. We need your continued support to make this renewal possible. I ask for your prayers and financial support. Please come before Mass to pray the Rosary and spend time at Adoration on Thursday evenings at 7pm or Saturday morning at 8:45AM.

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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- Woodbridge Winery



ALL SAINTS' DAY-Holy Day of Obligation

All Saints' Day Masses, will be celebrated in the Church on Thursday, **November 1st** at 8:15am & 6:30pm.

All Souls' Day will be celebrated on Friday, **November 2nd** at 8:15am & 6:30pm followed by Adoration until 8:00pm

The envelopes for both All Saints' & All Souls' will be placed on the altar for the month of November for those wishing to remember their loved ones.

Our *Book of Remembrance* also provides an opportunity to record names of deceased loved ones to be lifted up in our prayer during the month of November.

EVANGELIZATION CORNER



Youth Ministry & Confirmation

Next Meetings: October 28th & November 4th

1st Holy Communion

Next Meetings: November 4th *Recognizing We Sin*
November 25th *Being Sorry For My Sins*

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.*

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. We are grateful to our volunteers for providing this ministry on our behalf.

Gospel for the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 4th **Mark 12:28b-34**

ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Our Parish will celebrate our annual Mass of Remembrance on Wednesday, **November 7th** at 7:00pm. This Mass has proved to be a very memorable liturgy for us who recall, in a particular way, those who have died in the past twelve months, as well as those who have gone before us in faith and in death.



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

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 21st:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 7,342.00
Last Year this week	\$ 9,231.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$ 368,538.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$ 365,242.00

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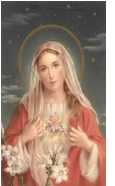
Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of a loved one.

VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE



1ST FRIDAY & 1ST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Come join us **1st Friday, November 2nd**, for Mass at 8:15am with the recitation of the Litany of the Sacred Heart. Also, join us for Adoration, following the 6:30pm All Souls' Day Mass. On **1st Saturday, November 3rd**, join us for Mass, Adoration, Rosary & Benediction at 8:15am.



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.

CATHOLIC TEACHING ON THE EUCHARIST
With Fr. Francisco OFM Conv.
Stack Center — 7:00 PM to 8:15 PM

OCT 29 The Eucharistic Piety of the Church



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.

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! Check the calendar at www.olgev.org for a complete schedule.

Session 1 October 30th, 7-8:30pm or
 November 3rd, 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 this weekend, **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

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 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!

THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 28th:

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee & Donuts
 After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center

Liturgy of the Word
 9:30am--Augustine Center

Whole Family/Middle School Catechesis
 10:50am--Stack Center

Youth Ministry/Confirmation
 6:00pm--Stack Center

Monday, October 29th:

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

Tuesday, October 30th:

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

Introduction to the Bible-Fr. Kevin
 7:00pm--Stack Center

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

Thursday, November 1st:

All Saints' Day Mass
 8:15am & 6:30pm

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
 7:00pm--Parish Office, Upper Room

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

Friday, November 2nd:

All Souls' Day Mass
 8:15am & 6:30pm

1st Friday Adoration
 Following 6:30pm All Soul's Day Mass

Saturday, November 3rd:

1st Saturday Mass & Adoration
 8:15am--Church

ICF MINSTRONE SOUP DINNER

Come join the ICF for our Soup (Minestrone by Lisa) and Salad dinner on **November 8th**. Doors open at 6:00pm, dinner is served at 6:30pm. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, this is also the time of the year that we collect nonperishable items for St. Vincent de Paul society to share with the less fortunate. For reservations please call Juanita at 510-582-7242.

Mass Intentions for the Week

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

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

MONDAY, October 29th

8:15am Antonia Chocha--L

TUESDAY, October 30th

8:15am Bernard O. Boyle--D

WEDNESDAY, October 31st

8:15am Bill Correia--D

THURSDAY, November 1st

ALL SAINTS

8:15am Debi Telles--D

FRIDAY, November 2nd

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOUL'S DAY)

8:15am Mercy Peterson--D

SATURDAY, November 3rd

St. Martin de Porres, Religious

8:15am Macario Zaldivar--D
 5:00pm Mary Alice Hallinan--D

SUNDAY, November 4th

THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:30am Burt Richards--D
 11:30am Ariel Ollano--D
 1:30pm Alberto Reveles--D



THIS WEEK--Continued

Sunday, November 4th:

Thirty-First 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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

October 29th through November 4th

Monday: Ephesians 4:32-5:8; Luke 13:10-17
 Tuesday: Ephesians 5:21-33; Luke 13:18-21
 Wednesday: Ephesians 6:1-9; Luke 13:22-30
 Thursday: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12
 Friday: Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11; John 6:37-40
 Saturday: Philippians 1:18-26; Luke 14:1, 7-11
 Sunday: Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28b-34



**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 \$25 at door. Students are free. Free parking. For more info, contact Dennise Burgess at 510-303-9767 or dcburgess1@juno.com

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.

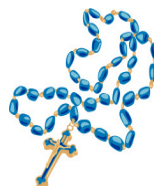
Transfiguration Church

Next Meeting: **November 1st**

9:00am to 11:15am

Speaker: Christina Hernandez

Topic: One on the Journey, A Solidarity Prayer Walk



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!

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