



Veterans Day and St. Martin of Tours

Veterans Day is an annual United States holiday honoring military veterans. In other countries, the day is celebrated as Armistice Day. It recalls the ending of World War I at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 with the German signing of the Armistice.

However, there is a deeper, Catholic meaning to November 11. This day is the feast of Saint Martin (c. 316 – 397) – that godly hermit and bishop who had once been a soldier. Martin laid down the sword in order to live a life of peace and penance under the gentle yoke of Jesus Christ. St Martin is Europe’s chief example of the transition from soldier to saint; from war to peace.

Traditionally, **November 11** had previously served as a day of signing peace treaties in honor of Saint Martin. Thus, it was fitting to end Europe’s Great War on this same day – the festival of Saint Martin of Tours.

World War I ended a day and a month after Our Lady promised the children and she revealed the miracle of the Sun. So there’s a little Catholic history for you to share at the water-cooler or at your next cocktail party. Saint Martin is the ultimate veteran – a veteran from Christ.

Saint Martin, patron of peace, pray for us.

The Poor Widow

Jesus comments to his apostles that the poor widow who gave her last two coins had given more than all others since she gave from her need and not from her surplus. It is the faith of the poor widow and her willingness to give all that she had which Jesus recognized.

I wanted to thank all of you who have supported the mission of Christ at Our Lady of Grace. We have been blessed by the generosity of many of our parishioners. And thanks be to God we are financially stable.

Even though we are financially stable and we do have savings we are not allowed to operate the parish using savings and only in an emergency are we allowed tap our savings according to Diocesan policy. So that is why I came to you last month asking for your assistance to make up the deficit between our expenses and our collections. I wrote to you immediately after I met with the Finance Committee who made me aware that we were behind was asked what I was going to do about it. I thought it would be better to respond sooner so I wrote about our situation as I left on Pilgrimage to pray for our community.

We are blessed to have a steady collection. Many Parishes have had a falling collection. We need to sustain a 3% to 5% yearly income to keep up with normal increases due to increases in water, insurance, salaries, electricity, etc. We have been having about a 1.5 to 2% increase in collections. So we are beginning to fall behind.

Here is the real problem while we have increased our registered parishioners we have not increased those who participate in our regular envelope giving. Less than 33% of our registered parishioners are participating in our envelope giving program. We need all of our families to give regularly and consistently. If you are not participating in our giving program please begin. If you do not know where to start please consider \$10 to \$20 a week. The scripture calls for 10% of your income. You can never out give God

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

Gospel for the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (November 18th)

Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. "And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky. "Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

VETERANS DAY



VETERAN'S DAY

Monday, November 12th, is a federal holiday. The Parish Office will be closed and will re-open at 8:30am on Tuesday, November 13th. Have a safe Veteran's Day weekend.

REMEMBERING OUR DECEASED FRIENDS AND FAMILY

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

You may bring a picture of your loved one to be placed on a table before the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Church and it will remain there through the month of November. Please put your name and contact on the back of the photo.

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

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT NOVEMBER 17th-18th

The Annual Appeal for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the weekend of **November 17th-18th**. The programs funded by CCHD change lives for the 46.2 million people living in poverty here in the United States. Your donation will empower local communities and strengthen families who are on the margins. People with disabilities will find affordable and supportive housing, men and women reentering society after incarceration will have the opportunity to learn new skills, and community agriculture projects will receive grants to become sustainable. Please help us continue this good work by supporting the collection for CCHD.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

We extend a warm welcome to new parishioners & guests. Please stop by Stack Center **today, November 11th**, 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.

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 ✠ Bless those who have
 served our country

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EVANGELIZATION CORNER



Youth Ministry & Confirmation

Next Meetings: November 18th & December 2nd

1st Holy Communion

Next Meetings: November 25th *Being Sorry For My Sins*
 December 9th *Celebrating Reconciliation with The Church*

Whole Family & Middle School Catechesis

Next Meetings: November 11th *Enough for Everyone*
 December 2nd *A Voice Crying in the Wilderness*

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



BREAD FOR THE WORLD POSTCARD DRIVE

Our Pax Christi/Social Justice group would like to thank all of you who signed a postcard for our Bread for the World letter writing campaign after the Masses on the weekend of **Oct. 27-28**. We collected signatures on 211 postcards - 65 to Senator Feinstein, 63 to Senator Harris, and 83 to Representative Swalwell. Your postcards show our elected officials your support as a Christian for food assistance programs that provide relief from hunger for struggling families.



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.

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. Check the calendar at www.olgcv.org for a complete schedule.

Session 3 November 13th, 7-8:30pm or November 17th, 10-11:30am

**HELPING THOSE IN NEED
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Do you or someone you know need assistance this holiday season? The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at Our Lady of Grace can help you with food for the holidays or other resources as needed. Please call our message line at 510-581-2164 or email svdp@olgcv.org and leave a message. We will get back to you the next day. All names are kept confidential.

THANKSGIVING DAY FOOD COLLECTION

It is our tradition at Our Lady of Grace for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to collect canned food for our pantry at the Thanksgiving Day Mass. Over the years, the population that we serve has changed. Most of our clients are single and have very minimal access to cooking facilities. When possible, pop top cans are great. Please check “best by” dates. Can you help us to stock our pantry with the following items? May God bless you for your continued prayers and support.

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| Low-sugar cereal | Canned Corn & Green Beans |
| Shelf Stable Milk | Canned Tuna |
| Canned Fruit | Canned Chili |
| Pork n’ Beans | Soups/Stews |
| Peanut Butter | Gift Cards: Grocery Stores, |
| Small/Medium Jams | Gas Stations, Fast Food Res- |
| Canned Meats | taurants |



ONE WARM COAT DRIVE

This year the OLG St. Vincent de Paul Conference will be participating in the One Warm Coat Drive. We invite parishioners to donate **new or gently used men’s, women’s or children’s coats** to this drive. These coats will be distributed through our local Conference, the drop-in centers and clothing closet at St. Vincent de Paul’s main campus in Oakland. Please bring your donation and place them in the barrel at the Somerset entrance of the Church or in the Parish Office. We will be accepting coats from **November 1st-December 31st**. We thank you for your generosity.



ICF BAKE SALE

Let ICF do your Thanksgiving baking! We will have a Bake Sale after the Sunday morning Masses on **November 18th**. The proceeds will support our scholarship fund. Thank you for your support.

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 November 4th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 11,822.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 9,038.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 2,784.00
Year-to-date Over/[Shortfall]	[\$ 12,966.00]

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 | Laura Martell |
| Glen Alcorn | Rose Montalban |
| Kathleen Andrews | Mona Mulvaney |
| 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 |
| Maxine Kruzel | Bishop |
| | Norma Wardle |

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

- VICTOR CASTRO**
YVONNE PONTES
VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

As many of you know, OLG has a wonderful ministry called “Helping Hands”, started by Dianne Fisher many years ago. We help families who have lost a loved one and whom we assist with making and serving food to their family and friends after the Funeral Mass. If you would like to periodically assist us by making food for these gatherings (each entrée, salad or dessert is enough for 10 people), please contact Carmel Leydard (510-274-5627) or Margaret McKean (510-582-8600) or you may leave your name and number in the Parish Office. Thank you and God Bless!



ADVENT FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

The Advent Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is a service of Christian worship celebrating the birth of Jesus. The history of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short Bible readings from Genesis, the prophetic books and the Gospels, interspersed with singing of carols, hymns and choral music. Join us the **2nd Sunday of Advent on December 9th** at 4:00-5:15pm in the Church, followed by a reception in Stack Center, hosted by our Choir. Admission is free.



NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

New Altar Server Training begins **January 2019** for students in Grades 5th-12th. Registration forms are by the bulletin boards and in the Parish Office. Questions? See Bonnie Ricketts or Florence Thau.

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://olgc.vformed.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.

BIRTHRIGHT BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

On **November 24th-25th**, the volunteers from Birthright of San Lorenzo will pass out baby bottles to parishioners who wish to help mothers, fathers, and babies. We will be there after each Mass and hope you will take one home, fill it with change – of course, dollars and checks are fine too – and return it to the Church Office or ours. Instructions are on the bottles in both Spanish and English. Birthright is a crisis pregnancy center helping mothers. Everything is free and confidential. Our volunteers are not paid and we get no government help. We exist so mothers in crisis will not feel like they have to abort their babies. If you would like to volunteer or receive our quarterly newsletter, please sign up at the fundraiser or call 510-481-9677.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 11th:

Thirty-Second 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

Monday, November 12th:

Parish Offices Closed
In Observance of Veteran's Day

Tuesday, November 13th:

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 15th:

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

Adoration
7:00pm--Church

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

Saturday, November 17th:

Introduction to the Bible-Fr. Kevin
10:00am--Stack Center

Sunday, November 18th:

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

ICF Bake Sale
After all Morning Masses--Stack Center

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

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

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

SUNDAY, November 11th

THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:30am Helen Maes--D
- 11:30am Anna Venturini--D
- 1:30pm Alfonso De la Torre--L

MONDAY, November 12th

St. Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr

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

TUESDAY, November 13th

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

- 8:15am Wilhelmina Camina--D

WEDNESDAY, November 14th

St. Nicholas Tavelic Priest & Companions, OFM, Conv., Martyrs

- 8:15am Robert Spotts--D

THURSDAY, November 15th

St. Albert the Great, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

- 8:15am Lee McGrath--D

FRIDAY, November 16th

*St. Margaret of Scotland
St. Gertrude, Virgin*

- 8:15am Ray Hanson--D

SATURDAY, November 17th

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Patroness of the Secular Franciscan Order, Religious

- 8:15am Thomas & Mary Hayes--D
- 5:00pm Antonio Chocha--L

SUNDAY, November 18th

THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:30am Marlene Dexter--D
- 11:30am John Nichandros--D
- 1:30pm Olivia Herrera--D



THE ALTAR SOCIETY CAN USE YOUR HELP!

We are in need of 2 or 3 women to take turns doing the Holy Laundry. Rotation is about once every 5 or 6 weeks. If you can help in this ministry, please contact Luz Estella or leave a message at the Parish Office. Thank you!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

November 12th thru November 18th

- Monday: Titus 1:1-9; Luke 17:1-6
- Tuesday: Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Luke 17:7-10
- Wednesday: Titus 3:1-7; Luke 17:11-19
- Thursday: Philemon 7-20; Luke 17:20-25
- Friday: 2 John 4-9; Luke 17:26-37
- Saturday: 3 John 5-8; Luke 18:1-8
- Sunday: Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32



FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

We are grateful to Virginia Cabardo for her generous donation in memory of Federico Maquiling.

Flower donation envelopes can be found at the entrances of the church to make a donation in memory of or in 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.



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!



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 **November**:

- November 14th Robert Ramos Texas
- November 28th Sedrick Clayton Tennessee

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

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This week we extend our gratitude to:

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