



**Christ the King**

Pope Pius XI instituted The Feast of Christ the King in 1925, to be celebrated throughout the universal church, in his encyclical *Quas Primas*. He connected the increasing denial of Christ as king to the rise of secularism throughout much of Europe. At the time of *Quas Primas*, many Christians (including Catholics) began to doubt Christ's authority and existence, as well as the Church's power to continue Christ's authority.

Pius XI, and the rest of the Christian world, witnessed the rise of non-Christian (or nominally Christian) dictatorships throughout Europe, and saw Catholics being persuaded by these earthly leaders. These dictators also often attempted to assert authority over the Church. Just as the Feast of Corpus Christi was instituted when devotion to the Eucharist was at a low point, the Feast of Christ the King was instituted during a time when respect for Christ and the Church was waning, when the feast was needed most.

Today, the same distrust of authority exists, although the problem has gotten worse. Individualism has been embraced to such an extreme, that for many, the only authority is the individual self. The idea of Christ as ruler is rejected in such a strongly individualistic system. Also, many balk at the idea of kings and queens, believing them to be antiquated and possibly oppressive. Some even reject the titles of "lord" and "king" for Christ because they believe that such titles are borrowed from oppressive systems of government. However true these statements might be (some kings have been oppressive), these individuals miss the point: Christ's kingship is one of *humility and service*. Jesus said:

*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 become 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 (Mark 10:42-45, NAB).*

May we place our self under the rule of Christ the King when there is scandal in the church and polarization in our country and politics. May we look to Christ the King to reign in our lives as our institutions both political and from within the church struggle.

Peace,  
Fr. Tom

**Immaculate Conception Novena**

I invite you to enter into prayer and fasting during the Immaculate Conception Novena. Our church is splintering over the Scandal of Sexual abuse. The Pope, Cardinals, and Bishops are taking sides between those who ask for the sin to be acknowledged and true contrition by those who sinned or covered for sin so that the church may heal and become Holy or those who want to be silent and have business as usual. Our Church needs prayer! Those suffering from the fires need prayer! Our nation needs prayers! Our families need prayers! Mary, the Immaculate Conception, pray for us. The Novena Prayer is on page 4.

**I ask the faithful to act and pray for the leaders of our Church and nation.**

Our nation is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception and this teaching is fundamental to our times and understanding of God's Plan for humanity. God and sin do not mix and for God to become human one had to be prepared from conception to be the Human who could respond to the invitation of God to Conceive his Son to bring Salvation to humanity who were lost in sin. The Immaculate Conception help us understand that God wants humanity and even in our failure, rejection and embrace of sin would not frustrate the God of love who created us out of love to live in Love forever with our God.

Mary, the Immaculate Conception is the singular person who can respond to God's Plan to be with us, to love us, and to save us in Jesus Christ.

Join us for the Rosary before Mass on Sunday Masses and after Mass during the Week on November 29th - December 7th.

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

We have registered the Parish with FORMED. Our site is [www.olgcv.formed.org](http://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](http://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](http://app.formed.org)

**Gospel for the First Sunday of Advent (December 2nd)**

**Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

**HELPING THOSE IN NEED  
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**

**The following are the many ways to help those most 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. We will get back to you the next day. All names are kept confidential.



**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.

**FESCO AND CASTRO VALLEY OUTREACH  
Christmas Giving Trees**

Beginning the weekend of **November 17th**, Our Lady of Grace is helping Castro Valley families with our Giving Trees. As members of CV Outreach, we are sponsoring several families. Each family member has ornaments on our Giving Trees which you will find in Church, in Stack Center after Church, & in the school and Parish offices. Please take an ornament to help a child have a blessed holiday.

All gifts need to be returned with the ornament, box and receipt, unwrapped to the Parish office by **Sunday, December 9th** in order for our REC students & Parent Group members to catalog and wrap.

In addition to helping CV Outreach, we are helping FESCO keep their programs running. They are asking for monetary donations. Donation envelopes are on the Giving Trees. Please return donations to the Parish office. Thank You!



**CHRISTMAS STORY  
PERFORMANCE &  
TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY**

On Saturday, **December 1st**, all parishioners are welcome to stay after the 5:00pm Mass to see the school children perform the Christmas Story. All are welcome afterwards to come to Stack Center for the lighting of our huge Christmas tree, followed by refreshments.



**FIRST FRIDAY - December 7th  
Mass for the  
Immaculate Conception**

Join us **December 7th** for Mass at 8:15am and Vigil Mass at 7:00pm.

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION  
December 1st**

Join us **December 1st** for Mass at 8:15am and Adoration, Rosary, Confession, & Benediction from 8:45am to 9:45am. Followed by the Immaculate Conception Novena.

**CHRISTUS REX**

Christ the King

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**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

Again, this year, we are inviting you to remember family members and friends through a Flower Offering which will help us to purchase plants and other decorations we need to beautify our sanctuary. You may list the names of loved ones you wish to remember or memorialize by using the special flower envelopes --or by submitting the name to the Parish Office. A list of names of all who are remembered will be available after Christmas. Thank you for considering this thoughtful and helpful way to remember those you love.

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN  
FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT  
PARISH APPEAL**

Thank you for your generous support last week to the appeal for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Envelopes are still in the pews or you can visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections) and click "How to Give" on the left.

*Lord, teach us the true spirit of generosity*

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**SUNDAY COLLECTION UPDATE**

Please note due to the holiday schedule of our bulletin publisher, we are not able to report the weekly offerings for **November 18th**. The Sunday offering will be updated with the **December 2nd** bulletin.



**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE  
CELEBRATION  
DECEMBER 12TH**

The Hispanic Group invites the entire Parish community to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe on Her Feast Day, Wednesday, **December 12th**, beginning with Mañanitas, at 5:00am in the Church, followed by breakfast in Stack Center at 6:00am. A Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass will be held at 8:15am in English & 7:00pm in Spanish, followed by a dessert reception in Stack Center at 8:00pm.

El Grupo Hispano invita a toda la comunidad parroquial a honrar a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el martes, **12 de diciembre**, comenzando con Mañanitas, a las 5:00am en la Iglesia, seguida por un pequeño desayuno compuesto de Chocolate con leche y pan mexicano, a las 6:00am, en Stack Center. La Misa en honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe se llevará a cabo a las 7:00pm en la Iglesia seguida por una pequeña recepción en el Stack Center a las 8:00pm.

**CHRISTMAS POSADA  
DECEMBER 16th**

The Hispanic Group is hosting a Christmas Posada and Pot Luck "Pilgrimage & Party" on **December 16th** after the 1:30pm Spanish Mass in Stack Center at 2:30pm.

El Grupo Hispano les invita a la Posada Navideña, el día **16 de diciembre** después de la Misa de 1:30pm. Comenzaremos la peregrinación al terminar la Misa, dentro de la Iglesia con destino al Stack Center a las 2:30pm.



**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.

**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 11th:**

Sunday Plate:	\$ 9,099.00
<b>Weekly Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 9,038.00</b>
Over/Shortfall	\$ 61.00
Year-to-date Over/Shortfall	-\$11,272.00

*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     |
| Ana Cochran       | Rosemary Slater    |
| Claudia Dobbs     | Howard Songey      |
| Lynn Franks       | Lurdes Sousa       |
| Anna Friedeberg   | Mercedes Tellez    |
| Byron Griffith    | Baby Jackson Tyler |
| Don Jordan        | Bishop             |
| Maxine Kruzel     | Norma Wardle       |
| Bill Lawrence     |                    |

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

**JOSEPHINE CAPP  
PARADISE & SOUTHERN CA FIRES  
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. We now meet in Augustine Center.

**Session 5      November 27th, 7-8:30pm or  
December 8th, 10-11:30am**

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NOVENA PRAYER

O most pure Virgin Mary conceived without sin, from the very first instant, you were entirely immaculate. O glorious Mary full of grace, you are the mother of my God – the Queen of Angels and of men. I humbly venerate you as the chosen mother of my Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Prince of Peace and the Lord of Lords chose you for the singular grace and honor of being His beloved mother. By the power of His Cross, He preserved you from all sin. Therefore, by His power and love, I have hope and bold confidence in your prayers for my holiness and salvation.

Now, Our Lady of Grace, I beg you to beg my Savior to grant me these requests... (Mention your intentions)

My holy Mother, I know that you were obedient to the will of God. In making this petition, I know that God's will is more perfect than mine. So, grant that I may receive God's grace with humility like you.

O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you, and for those who do not have recourse to you, especially the enemies of the Holy Catholic Church and those who are recommended to you. Amen. *The Rosary is now prayed.*

## BIRTHRIGHT BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

This weekend of **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.



## 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.

# THIS WEEK

### *Sunday, November 25th:*

#### *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

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

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

New Parishioner Registration  
10:00am--Stack Center

### *Tuesday, November 27th:*

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

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

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

### *Wednesday, November 28th:*

Knights of Columbus  
6:00pm--Stack Center

### *Thursday, November 29th:*

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

Adoration  
7:00pm--Church

### *Saturday, December 1st:*

1st Saturday Devotion &  
Immaculate Conception Novena  
8:15am--Church

Christmas Story & Tree Lighting Ceremony  
After 5:00pm Mass--Stack Center

### *Sunday, December 2nd:*

#### *The First Sunday of Advent*

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

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

1st Communion Class  
10:50am--Stack Center



*Mass Intentions for the Week*

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

**SUNDAY, November 25th**

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

- 7:30am Larry La Brie--D
- 9:30am Jerome Gann--D
- 1:30pm Hector Martinez--D

**MONDAY, November 26th**

*St. Leonard of Port Maurice OFM, Conv., Priest*

- 8:15am John Patrick Michaud--D

**TUESDAY, November 27th**

*St. Francis Anthony Fasani OFM, Conv., Priest*

- 8:15am Ben & Anna Leal--D

**WEDNESDAY, November 28th**

*St. James of the Marches OFM, Conv., Priest*

- 8:15am Ernie Selmeczki--D

**THURSDAY, November 29th**

ALL SAINTS OF THE SERAPHIC ORDER

- 8:15am Francis & Lucille Devine--D

**FRIDAY, November 30th**

ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE

- 8:15am Bill Correia--D

**SATURDAY, December 1st**

- 8:15am Anna Friedeberg--L

- 5:00pm Madge & Al Basuino--D

**SUNDAY, December 2nd**

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:30am Marylou Maravella--D
- 11:30am Joseph Nguyen Van Tien--D
- 1:30pm Ciro Contreras-Castillo--D



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**November 26th thru December 2nd**

- Monday: Revelations 14:1-5; Luke 21:1-4
- Tuesday: Revelations 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11
- Wednesday: Revelations 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19
- Thursday: Revelations 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9  
Luke 21:20-28
- Friday: Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22
- Saturday: Revelations 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36
- Sunday: Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians  
3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



**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 reading 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.

**EVANGELIZATION CORNER**

**Youth Ministry & Confirmation**

Next Meetings: December 2nd & 9th

**1st Holy Communion**

Next Meetings December 9th *Celebrating Reconciliation with The Church*

**Whole Family & Middle School Catechesis**

Next Meetings: December 2nd *A Voice Crying in the Wilderness (St. Nicholas)*

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

**EXECUTION ALERTS**

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

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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