



**Baptism of the Lord!**

In October, I had the privilege to go to the place where Jesus was Baptized in the Jordan by John the Baptist. We had to drive through a minefield to get to the location. The water was dirty and the river was not very impressive being small. Yet this insignificant river in a desert was where Jesus begins his mission as his identity is revealed to the world.

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His Baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's Baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's Baptism, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His Baptism, Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's Baptism, the heavens were opened; at our Baptism, heaven was opened to us. At His Baptism, Jesus prayed; after our Baptism, we must pray to avoid actual sin.

**Financial Plan for the coming year**

Thank you for your continued support of our Church. We are blessed to have a stable and slightly growing collection during a time when most Parishes are showing declining membership and revenue. Last year we had to use our savings to meet our expenses last year. We had some major maintenance issues that were done which were not planned for that were to a large extent why we were unable to end the year in the black. We had a major repair on the parking lot, we had to replace part of the flooring in Augustine Center, and trimming trees and painting were some of the major maintenance expenses.

The plan moving forward will seek to address some of the issues which contributed to the financial shortfall. 1. We have revived our Crab Feed fundraiser. 2. We will be raising funds for all of our Faith Formation Ministries by beginning the Scrip program in February. 3. We will seek to work with the school to better understand maintenance issues for the campus and distribute costs on use of our facilities. 4. We will work to give better information to you as a parishioner so you may understand our costs and seek to encourage all our families to help by contributing in our collections. 5. We are looking into providing new ways of contributing through electronic means.

We also will continue our efforts to evangelize our community and grow our congregation. We have more baptisms, more members, more weddings, and our Whole Family Faith Formation continues to grow. Everything is about bringing people to Christ and supporting them through the Sacraments to live the faith.

Blessings in the New Year!  
Fr. Thomas Czeck OFM Conv.

**Thank You for remembering me and the Friars at Christmas!**

On behalf of the Franciscans, thank you for your cards, gift cards, money, wine, coffee and delicious treats that you offered us at Christmas. I offered a Mass of Thanksgiving for all of you when I was on retreat. May the Lord bless you this year!

**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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (January 20th)**

**John 2:1-11**

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from— although the servers who had drawn the water knew —, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
CRAB FEED**  
**Saturday, January 19, 2019**  
6:00pm to 10:00pm in Stack Center

**Get your Crab Feed Tickets today!**

Tickets are available in the Parish and School Office's for \$40.00 each and online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/our-lady-of-grace-crab-feed-dance-5050-raffle-tickets-52767377647>

Live Music Featuring Triple Play and Rust. Dancing, 50/50 Raffle and Great Food!

No-Host Bar & Kids care opens at 6:00pm

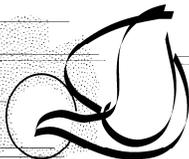
Chicken option if ordered at the time of ticket purchase, Bring your own Crab Butter!



**ICF CRAB FEED**  
**Saturday, January 19, 2019**

Join the ICF, East Bay District for the Dave Rose Memorial Crab Feed on Saturday **January 19, 2019** at St. Philip Neri Parish, Msgr. O'Brien Hall in Alameda. Hosted bar and Hors d'Oeuvres at 6:00pm, Dinner at 7:00pm. Cost is \$55.00 per person, children 10 and under, \$10.00. Chicken may be requested instead of crab when reservations are made. For reservations please call Fran @ 510-887-1509. Deadline for reservations is **January 10, 2019**.

We are baptized  
in the **SPIRIT**  
of the **LORD**



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**CYO GIRLS BASKETBALL  
REGISTRATION**



Registration is available online for **CYO Girls Basketball** at [www.olgcvcyo.siplay.com](http://www.olgcvcyo.siplay.com) then click "Login". Girl's Basketball is open for grades 2-8. Fees for the 2019 program year will be \$190.00 and will increase to \$215 after **January 25th** Space is limited. Registrants will be placed on a "Waiting List" if slots are full. For more information or questions, please email: [olgcyocv@gmail.com](mailto:olgcyocv@gmail.com). Go Lions!

**2019 NEW YEAR'S CHALLENGE!**

In this New Year, I invite men to challenge yourselves spiritually by joining me, Fr. Tom, through a mental, physical, spiritual, and fraternal discipline to free us to serve God, family, and community. Exodus 90 is the program we will follow to help us stay focused on God & to be men of virtue and honor. Challenge yourself! For more info, visit: <https://exodus90.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/bulletin-insert-one-sided-bulletin-B.pdf>

**2019 CALENDARS AVAILABLE**

Catholic Extension 2019 Family Appointment Calendars are available. We are grateful and we extend our sincere appreciation to the Catholic Funeral Cremation & Cemetery Services of the Diocese of Oakland for again sponsoring the 2019 calendars. If you have not picked up a copy in the church, you may find one in the Parish Office. *Please only one per household.*



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**ANNUAL SEMINARY COLLECTION**

This weekend (**January 12th-13th**) our diocese asks us to help with the work of education for tomorrow's priests through our contributions to the Seminary Collection. Your prayers and support for our seminarians are a tremendous encouragement to the candidates. Your generous contributions assist these seminarians on their way to the priesthood. Our seminarians are dedicated, enthusiastic and most willing to be of service. Your kindness, generosity, and prayers are deeply appreciated. Envelopes are in the pews for your use.

**WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST 2019**  
**Saturday, January 26, 2019**

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 15th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on **January 26, 2019**. There will be Mass at 9:30am celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone at St. Mary's Cathedral. The rally begins at 12:30pm in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk, down the city's Market Street, begins at 1:30pm. Last year's Walk drew 50,000+ people. For complete information about the Walk, visit [www.walkforlifewc.com](http://www.walkforlifewc.com) or call 415-658-1793.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING RESULTS**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Christmas Collection.. Our Christmas Offering for 2018 totaled \$28,340 with a budget of \$30,000 and a shortfall of \$1,660. As always we thank you for the generosity of your gift and ask God to bless your continuing generosity.

**2018 PLATE COLLECTION RESULTS**

Total Sunday Plate Offering 2018: \$455,050  
 Total Sunday Plate Budget 2018: \$470,000  
 Total Shortfall 2018: \$14,950

We are most grateful to those who have consistently supported our Parish and have maintained their level of giving. For those in the Parish not using the offering envelope we ask you to prayerfully consider committing your support to our ministries, liturgies, outreach and all that a Parish is expected to provide its members and the members of the larger community in which we reside. May we continue to be good stewards of so great a gift and remember that God will not be outdone in generosity.

**2018 MAINTENANCE FUND RESULTS**

Total Collection 2018 : \$19,805  
 Total Budget 2018: \$28,000  
 Total Property Repairs/  
 Improvements 2018: \$63,161

We are grateful to all those who contribute to the monthly Grounds and Maintenance Fund. Your contributions allow us to make needed repairs and improvements to the property. Last year we took \$35,000 from savings to address tree removal and maintenance as well as some needed asphalt repair. In total we spent \$63,161 on repairs and maintenance. However, the \$8,195 shortfall in budgeted Grounds and Maintenance meant that we had to defer some other needed repairs and improvements. Please consider a monthly contribution to the Grounds and Maintenance envelope as part of your monthly offering.



**YEARLY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

For your convenience in preparing your tax return, a contribution statement for 2018 will be prepared at your request. Please phone the Parish Office at 537-0806, with your name and envelope number. Your statement will be available for you to pick up once it has been signed.

**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 January 6th:**

Sunday Plate:	\$ 9,312.00
<b>Weekly Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 9,038.00</b>
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 274.00
Year-to-date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 274.00

*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     | Bill Lawrence      |
| Glen Alcorn       | Laura Martell      |
| Kathleen Andrews  | Rose Montalban     |
| Susana Ax         | Mona Mulvaney      |
| Maureen Boeh      | Olga Munoz         |
| Antonio O. Chocha | Angela Schaaphok   |
| Ana Cochran       | Florence Sharp     |
| Claudia Dobbs     | Rosemary Slater    |
| Lynn Franks       | Howard Songey      |
| Anna Friedeberg   | Lurdes Sousa       |
| Byron Griffith    | Mercedes Tellez    |
| Cher Jones        | Baby Jackson Tyler |
| Don Jordan        | Bishop             |
| Maxine Kruzel     |                    |

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

**NORMA WARDLE**

**MARCIE DUGAN**

**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE**



**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.



**ST. VINCENT de PAUL NEWS**

The OLG St. Vincent de Paul Conference would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all those in the Our Lady of Grace Church & School Communities who have helped us in the past year. We are grateful for all the monetary and food donations that we have received – especially over the holidays. Your participation in the One Warm Coat drive gave us 100’s of coats – some distributed in our local community and the rest at the St. Vincent de Paul Downtown Oakland Campus. We also appreciate the 100’s of pairs of socks donated by the OLG School children. You can imagine how thankful people are when they receive a warm coat and socks, especially during this cold weather.

It is because of your generosity that we are able to continue this ministry. May God bless you for your generosity. In the following weeks we will give you a rundown of what was accomplished with your donations.



**WINGS - WOMEN IN GOD’S SPIRIT**

We invite all women to join us for WINGS (Women in God’s Spirit).

WINGS is a faith enhancement group that encourages spiritual growth through prayer, scripture study, Catechesis, life sharing and community.

We meet at Transfiguration Church  
Marian Room (Hall)

Next Meeting: **January 17th**  
9:00am to 11:15am

Speaker: Deacon Tim Roberto  
Topic: “Allow God In”

**EVANGELIZATION CORNER**

**Youth Ministry & Confirmation**

Next Meetings: January 13th & 27th

**1st Holy Communion**

Next Meetings January 27th *We Gather*  
February 3rd *We Listen*

**Whole Family & Middle School Catechesis**

Next Meetings: January 13th *Baptism*  
February 10th *12 Who Changed the World*

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

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, January 13th:**

***The Baptism of the Lord***

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

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

New Parishioner Registration  
After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center

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

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

**Tuesday, January 15th:**

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

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

**Wednesday, January 16th:**

Strobridge Dinner  
5:30pm--Strobridge Apartments

**Thursday, January 17th:**

Adoration  
7:00pm--Church

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

RCIA  
7:00pm--Stack Center, OLG Room

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

**Saturday, January 19th:**

Adoration  
8:45am--Church

Crab Feed  
6:00pm--Stack Center

**Sunday, January 20th:**

***The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time***

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

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

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

**SUNDAY, January 13th**

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

- 7:30am Emma De la Torre--L
- 11:30am Marie Evans--D
- 1:30pm Dativa Garcia Larios--D

**MONDAY, January 14th**

*Blessed Odoric of Pordenone OFM Conv., Priest*

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

**TUESDAY, January 15th**

- 8:15am Larry LaBrie--D

**WEDNESDAY, January 16th**

*St. Berard & Companions, Protomartyrs, OFM*

- 8:15am Anna Friedeberg--L

**THURSDAY, January 17th**

*St. Anthony, Abbot*

- 8:15am Cohen Sigmon--L

**FRIDAY, January 18th**

- 8:15am Louis Rodrigues--D

**SATURDAY, January 19th**

- 8:15am Marty Martin--D
- 5:00pm Alice & Tony Goncalves & Family

**SUNDAY, January 20th**

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:30am Rudy & Augie Enriquez--D
- 9:30am Helen Maes--D
- 1:30pm Lucy Covarrubias--L



**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION**

We extend a warm welcome to new parishioners & guests. Please stop by Stack Center, **today, January 13th**, 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.



**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!

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

January 14th thru January 20th

- Monday: Hebrews 1:1-6; Mark 1:14-20
- Tuesday: Hebrews 2:5-12; Mark 1:21-28
- Wednesday: Hebrews 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39
- Thursday: Hebrews 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45
- Friday: Hebrews 4:1-5,11; Mark 2:1-12
- Saturday: Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 2:13-17
- Sunday: Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11



*Be doers of the Word  
and not hearers only*

**2020 PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND,  
CZECH REPUBLIC & GERMANY  
The Passion Play of Oberammergau**

Hosted by Fr. Thomas Czeck OFM Conv., this 11-day pilgrimage begins **August 11th, 2020**. We will visit Warsaw, Niepokalanow, Czestochowa, Krakow, Auschwitz, Wadowice, Prague & Munich. The price is \$4649 per person and includes roundtrip air from San Francisco, first class/select hotels, hotels & guest-houses in Oberammergau, 1st class admission tickets for the Passion Play, most meals, comprehensive sight-seeing with an English-speaking guide & more. Space is limited so book early to avoid disappointment! For a brochure & more info, please contact Heidi Denzler-Halsey at 510-881-7850 or heidimdh106@gmail.com

**EXECUTION ALERTS**

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

- January 15th Blaine Milam Texas
- January 30th Robert Jennings Texas

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

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