



Renewing Ourselves

The New Year is a time for resolutions and hopes for the next year. My hope as your pastor is that we all may strengthen and renew our faith and hope in Jesus Christ. Many are disillusioned with politics in our nation; international wars leading to death, refugees, and religious persecution; moral confusion of many in our society; and an abandonment of religion of people in our families and in our secular society. A secular morality which is often in opposition to Christian morality is being accepted and imposed by the legal and judicial power of the state. Corruption of some in the leadership of the Church is being uncovered and immoral and criminal behavior is being exposed. Where we turn for help and how we respond is essential for us, our families, and our nation if we are to find salvation and hope.

We as Catholics are blessed with so many examples of people of faith who brought hope to those who were lost, disillusioned, or persecuted. The Saints give us examples of how to bring Light into the darkness, Hope to the hopeless, Truth to the disillusioned, and Life to the dead. They found their mission and strength through a dynamic, personal, and transforming relationship with Christ.

This power is available to each of us who ask, seek, and knock looking for Jesus. I will begin Exodus 90 for our Men to seek our Mission in the Church. Through Prayer, Asceticism, and Fraternity we will seek to Christ by removing distractions in our lives and forming ourselves in a fraternity to challenge each other to be self sacrificing men of faith and purpose. For those interested join me this **Sunday January 20** at 1pm in the OLG room of Stack Center to explain our 3 month Journey. We begin the program on **Monday January 21** and will meet weekly on Saturday Mornings at 7AM in the Parish Office.

I ask the women, men, and families of our Church to help form a Village of the Immaculate to meet on First Saturday after Adoration. We will meet on **February 2**, at 9:45AM in the Church to discuss plans.

Peace,
Fr. Tom

Festival update

We are the OLG community and the festival has become a cherished tradition in which we reunite with former students who return as well as create an atmosphere that builds connections with all those who live in Castro Valley. This event is our outreach to the greater community of Castro Valley to be a part of the OLG community. People really seemed to enjoy themselves at this last festival. Our School kids have great fun and can't wait for next years event. I want to thank all who worked so hard to make this last year run so smooth. I want to give special thanks to Elena Zavala and Colleen Lindberg who were cochairs for our Festival. Thank you to all who chaired booths and volunteered to make the weekend a success. The festival raised 45,180. 10% goes to charity 4,500. Of the remaining 40,680 to be shared between the parish and the school, the Parish received \$19,000 and the School 21,680. This distribution will meet each budgeted amount for both the Parish and School. The money the parish received helped to pay for over \$60,000 in maintenance and repair costs to fix the parking lot, fix the floor in Augustine center, trim trees, complete some exterior painting. These repairs allowed us to open our School this year.

Gospel for The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (January 27th)

Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received. Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.* Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."



**OUR LADY OF GRACE SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE**

Our Lady of Grace School will host its annual Open House for grades TK-8 from 11:00am-Noon on Sunday, **January 27th**. Visitors are invited to join us for coffee, juice, pastries & fruit in Stack Center. Tour the school, meet our principal, Mrs. Anderson, our teachers, and school parents. Applications for grades TK-8 will be available for the 2019-2020 school year. Also, meet representatives from our after-school programs, CYO Board, PTG Board, School Board, Tech Coordinator and Kid Kare Director. For further information, please call Our Lady of Grace School office at 510- 581-3155 between the hours of 8:30am--3:00pm. Please note: Our Lady of Grace School offers Transitional Kindergarten for children who do not meet the age requirement of being 5 years old by **September 1st** to enter Kindergarten. Our Transitional Kindergarten includes rigorous academics and age-appropriate play in a Catholic environment to prepare for Kindergarten.

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>. **Join Fr. Tom today in the OLG Conference room in Stack Center at 1:00pm.**

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.**

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

We extend a warm welcome to new parishioners & guests. Please stop by Stack Center on **January 27th**, 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.



**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
FEDERAL HOLIDAY**

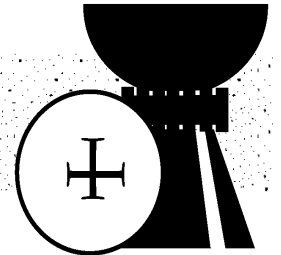
Monday, January 21st is a federal holiday. There will be one Mass only at 8:15am in the Church. The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday and will re-open on Tuesday, **January 22nd** at 8:30am. The entire Parish staff wishes you a safe and relaxing holiday.



**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.

The Lord is with us
**BODY, BLOOD,
SOUL & DIVINITY**



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ANNUAL SEMINARY COLLECTION

If you haven't had an opportunity to give towards our annual Seminary Collection, it's not too late. 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.



**CYO GIRLS BASKETBALL
REGISTRATION**

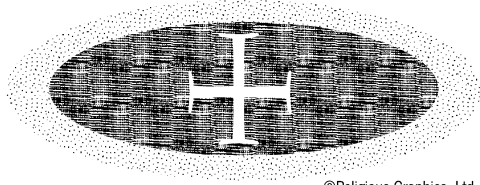


Registration is available online for **CYO Girls Basketball** at www.olgcvcyo.siplay.com then click "Login". Girl's Basketball is open for grades 2-8. Fees for the 2019 program year will be \$190 and will increase to \$215 after **January 25th**. Space is limited. Registrants will be placed on a "Waiting List" if slots are full. For more information or questions, please email: olgyocv@gmail.com. Go Lions!



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. Many blessed thanks for those who have donated so far. For more information, please call the Parish Office.



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

Walk for Life West Coast Great News! This year's Walk for Life West Coast will be in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza on Saturday, **January 26th**, beginning at 12:30pm. At the request of Archbishop Cordileone and his brother bishops, the Vatican has declared an opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence for those participating in the sacred celebrations related to the Walk for Life West Coast! Pope Francis has also given a Papal Blessing, which will be imparted by Archbishop Cordileone at the Mass in St. Mary's Cathedral at 9:30am before the 12:30pm Rally in Civic Center and the 1:30pm Walk down Market Street. For full information and the Vatican letter about the indulgence, go to www.walkforlifewc.com



ST. VINCENT de PAUL NEWS

Through your generosity the St. Vincent de Paul Conference at OLG was able to make 379 person to person visits which helped a total of 1126 people. During these visits we helped 277 people with groceries, 26 with gas, 32 with rent or utilities and the remaining with a variety of services ranging from referrals, clothing, telephone and car. None of this would have been possible without your help. Please continue to remember us during our monthly last weekend of the month collections. If God is calling you to look into this ministry, please contact Heidi Denzler-Halsey at 510-881-7850.



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!

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 13th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 9,721.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 9,038.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 683.00
Year-to-date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 956.00

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



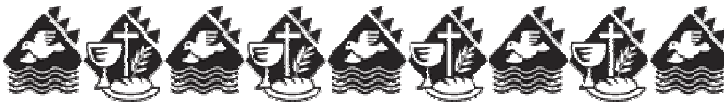
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Join us every Saturday for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8:15am Mass, and every Thursday at 7:00pm in the Church.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE EAST BAY

Pope Francis often speaks about service to others. In fact, Pope Francis specifically stated “The credibility of the Church and of the Christian message rests entirely on how Christians serve those marginalized by society.” Catholic Charities of the East Bay provides many volunteer opportunities to serve others in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. To learn more about these opportunities, please contact Annie Banbury, Volunteer Program Coordinator at abanbury@cceb.org or 510-768-3166.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus monthly meetings are held the last Wednesday of every month at 6:00pm in Stack Center-Room 7. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, visit <https://oaklandkofc.org> or join us at our next meeting -**January 23rd**.

EVANGELIZATION CORNER

Youth Ministry & Confirmation

Next Meetings: January 27th & February 3rd

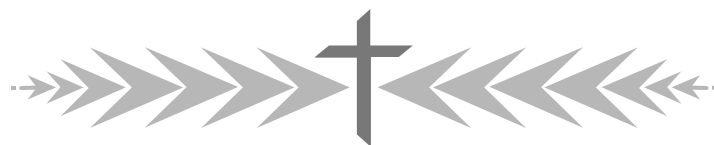
1st Holy Communion

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

Whole Family & Middle School Catechesis

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

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



FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

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

In Memory of

THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 20th:

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, January 21st:

***Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
Parish Offices Closed***

Tuesday, January 22nd:

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

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

Women’s Evening Bible Study
7:00pm--Stack Center, OLG Room

Wednesday, January 23rd:

Knights of Columbus
6:00pm--Stack Center, Room 7

Thursday, January 24th:

Adoration
7:00pm--Church

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

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

Sunday, January 27th:

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

Open House
11:00am--Stack Center & School

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

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

There are different gifts but the same SPIRIT



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Mass Intentions for the Week

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

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

MONDAY, January 21st

St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

8:15am Caden Sigmon--L

TUESDAY, January 22nd

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:15am Bill Correia--D

WEDNESDAY, January 23rd

St. Vincent, Deacon, Martyr

St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

8:15am Mary Guzman--L

THURSDAY, January 24th

St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

8:15am Visitacion Perdido--D

FRIDAY, January 25th

THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, THE APOSTLE

8:15am Erlinda P. Barroso--L

SATURDAY, January 26th

Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops

8:15am Taylor & Roberta Shomon--L

5:00pm Roland & Charlotte Tedesco--D

SUNDAY, January 27th

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Vincenzo & Angela Latora--D

9:30am Ferdinand Perdido--D

1:30pm Bella Martinez--L

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

Candles for our candle stand are available for purchase in the Parish Office or in the Sacristy after Mass on Sundays. The candles will burn for 5 days. The cost per candle is \$4.00. The glass globes in the candle stand must be left in the church.



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:

January 21st thru January 27th

- Monday: Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22
- Tuesday: Hebrews 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28
- Wednesday: Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Mark 3:1-6
- Thursday: Hebrews 7:25-8:6; Mark 3:7-12
- Friday: Acts 22:3-16; Mark 16:15-18
- Saturday: 2 Timothy 1:1-8; Mark 3:20-21
- Sunday: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21



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 (Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe), Czestochowa (home to the Black Madonna), Krakow, Auschwitz, Wadowice (birthplace of Pope St. John Paul II), Prague (home of the infamous Infant of Prague) & Munich. The price is \$4649 per person and includes roundtrip air from San Francisco, first class/select hotels, hotels & guesthouses in Oberammergau, 1st class admission tickets for the Passion Play, most meals, comprehensive sightseeing 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 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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This week we extend our gratitude to:

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