



Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for a wonderful Crab Feed!

I want thank our Knights of Columbus for a successful Crab feed. Thank you for the many hours of planning and execution of a wonderful night and fundraiser. I thank Grand Knight Dwight Spier and my brother Knights for a job well done! We are most grateful for the donations from Semifreddi's, Lagunitas Brewing, Miraglia Catering & Event Planning, and Relevant Radio. Also a big thank you to Triple Play and Rust for providing terrific live music for entertainment and dancing! We are grateful to the Castro Valley High School Key Club and Our Lady of Grace Youth Group for their wonderful table service. And finally thank you to all who bought tickets and attended. The Knights are already hard at work planning Crab Feed 2020!

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 Saturday in the Parish office at 7AM.

The 2019 **March for Life** San Francisco took place Saturday, **January 25th**. March for Life is for anyone who is pro-life and believes in the sanctity of all human life. The event is a chance to be a presence for those who cannot speak for themselves, no matter what your religious affiliation.

HUMAN LIFE AND DIGNITY From the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

For the Church, there is no distinction between defending human life and promoting the dignity of the human person.

Pope Benedict XVI writes in *Caritas in Veritate*. . . that "The Church forcefully maintains this link between life ethics and social ethics, fully aware that 'a society lacks solid foundations when, on the one hand, it asserts values such as the dignity of the person, justice and peace, but then, on the other hand, radically acts to the contrary by allowing or tolerating a variety of ways in which human life is devalued and violated, especially where it is weak or marginalized.'" (no. 15).

As a gift from God, every human life is sacred from conception to natural death. The life and dignity of every person must be respected and protected at every stage and in every condition. The right to life is the first and most fundamental principle of human rights that leads Catholics to actively work for a world of greater respect for human life and greater commitment to justice and peace.

Gospel for The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (February 3rd)

Luke 4:21-30

Jesus began speaking in the synagogue, saying: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" He said to them, "Surely you will quote me this proverb, 'Physician, cure yourself,' and say, 'Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum.'" And he said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place. Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away.

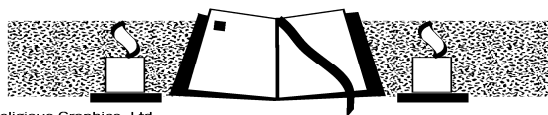


**OUR LADY OF GRACE SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE - TODAY!**

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.

WINTER COLD & FLU SEASON

As always, you are reminded to use common good sense in the reception of Holy Communion during the annual cold & flu season. If you are feeling ill or think you may have been exposed to a virus, you should refrain from partaking of the Blood of Christ from the communal chalice. In the same way, you should refrain from offering you hand to others at the sign of peace. Likewise, if you are not comfortable sharing the sign of peace or receiving Holy Communion from the communal chalice for fear of infection, you should feel no pressure to do so. All of us must be aware of such sensitive matters in the intimate life of the Christian community & we should expect that some will refrain from the sign of peace and the communal chalice out of care for our well-being and not out of unkindness or lack of piety.



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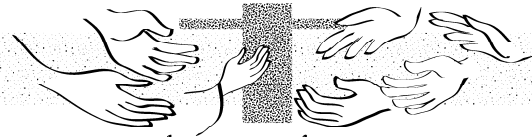
2019 CALENDARS AVAILABLE

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.*



**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.



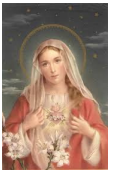
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**1ST FRIDAY &
1ST SATURDAY DEVOTION**

Come join us **1st Friday, February 1st**, for Mass at 8:15am with the recitation of the Litany of the Sacred



Heart. On **1st Saturday, February 2nd** join us for Mass, Adoration, Rosary & Benediction at 8:15am.



ST. VINCENT de PAUL NEWS

**What are we doing with your
St. Vincent de Paul donations?**

Tina and her 2 boys left an abusive situation last year. The boys are struggling from the effects of their past living situation. Tina is trying to get them some help from the school district. She is living with a roommate. She is working but has had some unexpected expenses. We helped her with rent and also gave them some food.

Cindy came to us in November needing help with food and utilities. She lives with her teenage son and her roommate had recently moved out. Cindy has been ill with bronchitis and lost her job. We were able to help with her utility bills.

We appreciate your support of St. Vincent de Paul as we help those in our community. Please keep us and those we serve in your prayers. If you would like to get involved in this ministry or just have some questions, please call Heidi at 510-881-7850 or svdp@olgcv.org.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S
SOUP & SANDWICH MEALS**

If you or someone you know could benefit from a free meal, come by **every Wednesday** from 3:30-4:30pm, located outside the Parish Office.



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.



PRE-BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS & GODPARENTS

If you are wishing to have your child, ages infant to six years baptized, parents and godparents need to attend a Pre-Baptism Class. You also need to be registered members of the parish for at least three months. Call Jay at 510-537-0806 for more information. The next Pre-Baptism Class will be held on **February 6th** at 7:00pm in the OLG Room in Stack Center.

ICF NEWS

Superbowl Bake Sale

If it's Super Bowl Sunday, then it is also time for the ICF Bake Sale! Baked goods will be on sale after the Sunday Masses on **February 3rd**. Come treat yourself and your guests without working too hard. Hope to see many of you there. Grazie tante for your support!

Polenta Dinner

Polenta, sausage and chicken PLUS St. Valentine's Day, **February 14th**, what a perfect night for joining the ICF for dinner and/or a date. Doors open at 6:00pm and dinner is at 6:30pm For reservations please call Juanita at 510-582-7242, deadline is **January 10th**. Happy St. Valentine's Day!

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.



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 20th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 7,449.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 9,038.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ -1589.00
Year-to-date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ -633.00

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 |
| Ana Cochran | Angela Schaaphok |
| Claudia Dobbs | Florence Sharp |
| Lynn Franks | Rosemary Slater |
| Anna Friedeberg | Howard Songey |
| Byron Griffith | Lurdes Sousa |
| Cher Jones | Mercedes Tellez |
| Don Jordan | Baby Jackson Tyler |
| Maxine Kruzel | Bishop |

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

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VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE



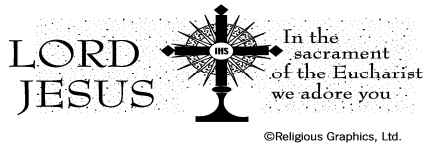
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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.



PARENT CAFÉ CORNER

Parents of young children (Pre-K/K and under) are invited to gather with other families for refreshments and faith-enriching activities with their child(ren). We meet in Stack Center after the 9:30am Mass to the right of Coffee and Doughnuts. Our next Parent Café event is on **February 17th**. The theme is *God is Love* and we will be enjoying making crafts in celebration of God's love in Saint Valentine.

Here is a wonderful online resource which has tools, links and tips for growing in our Catholic faith as a family: www.catholicfamilyfaith.org/learning-the-faith.html

2019 WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Married Couples: This New Year, make a Resolution to make your marriage the *best it can be* by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!** The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include: **June 28th-30th, 2019** or **November 15th-17th, 2019** in Danville. For more information and/or to register for a Weekend, visit our website at: oaklandwwme.org or contact Chuck & Annie at applications@oaklandwwme.org or 925-849-5466.



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.

THIS WEEK

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

Tuesday, January 29th:

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

Thursday, January 31st:

Adoration
7:00pm--Church

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

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

Friday, February 1st:

First Friday Devotion
8:15am--Church

Saturday, February 2nd:

First Saturday Mass & Adoration
8:15am--Church

Sunday, February 3rd:

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ICF Bake Sale
After all Masses--Stack Center

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

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

MONDAY, January 28th

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church

8:15am Len Stout--D

TUESDAY, January 29th

8:15am Fr. Anthony Herrera--D

WEDNESDAY, January 30th

St. Hyacinth of Mariscotti, Virgin

8:15am Patricia Estorga--L

THURSDAY, January 31st

St. John Bosco, Priest

8:15am Hans Friedeberg--D

FRIDAY, February 1st

8:15am Julie Peterson--D

SATURDAY, February 2nd

The Presentation of the Lord

8:15am Richard Benson--D

5:00pm Antonio Chocha--D

SUNDAY, February 3rd

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Rudy & Augie Enriquez--D

9:30am Helen Maes--D

1:30pm Abelina Garcia--D

THIS WEEK--Continued

Sunday, February 3rd:

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

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

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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

January 28th thru February 3rd

- Monday: Hebrews 9:15, 24-28; Mark 3:22-30
- Tuesday: Hebrews 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-35
- Wednesday: Hebrews 10:11-18; Mark 4:1-20
- Thursday: Hebrews 10:19-25; Mark 4:21-25
- Friday: Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34
- Saturday: Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40
- Sunday: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 4:21-30



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!

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.



RELEVANT HEART RADIO

Relevant Heart Radio brings you the best in Catholic Radio 24/7! Playing on 1260AM and dedicated to sharing the heart of the Catholic Faith and changing lives.

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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