



Epiphany

I will never forget attending the Epiphany Mass at St. Peter's a few years back. It was Magical with Choirs from around the world, lovely art work, Solemn processions and a Parade of people from all times in History who came to St. Peter's with Horses and Camels and people in period costumes to remember how Jesus was made Manifest to the World and people from all over the world and over time have come to believe in Him. May we reflect how each of us have received the faith and came to know Jesus. May we give him the gift of our lives and let the New Born King rule in our lives.

Entering the New Year

If you have not been aware the Church in the United States and much of World is in Crisis. The Young have rejected the faith as irrelevant. Fewer people even look to the church for guidance. Many people who identify as Catholic do not know or believe in the real presence of the Eucharist. Fewer and fewer people are taught or seek to live the Moral Law. There are theological teachers who propose there is no hell, all or most will be saved, and that economic liberation is more important than saving souls. These type of teachings has led to empty churches and a society that has limited empathy, no moral compass, and greater and greater economic inequality. The latest scandal being revealed about the hierarchy dealing poorly with sexual immorality and abuse is having a world wide affect on the faithful. In February, the Pope will meet with the Cardinals. May we pray for them, Our Church and Our faith.

The Good News is that we can find God and his love. We need to pray now more than ever. God wants to save us, however, he needs men and women after His Heart so they can be grounded in the faith, proclaim truth, and who will sacrifice for souls of the lost that they may find Jesus and Salvation.

I would like to Begin **Exodus 90** with a few Men to challenge ourselves through prayer and asceticism for 90 days so that we can free ourselves from evil and distractions to focus on what is of value. We challenge ourselves and give up comfort so we can focus on God, so we can be men on fire for God during this time of confusion and darkness to become saints, to renew ourselves, our families, our Church, and our society. I am looking for 6 or 7 men willing to commit to this 90-day spiritual adventure. It is not easy but the benefits will change your life. Contact Fr. Tom if you are inspired to know more. We will begin January 21st!

I am asking especially the Women of Our Church to gather on First Saturdays beginning in February to learn about Marian Consecration and to establish a **Village of the Immaculate** here at Our Lady of Grace. Mary has sought to help the Church and Humanity come to Jesus and renew their faith. Please contact the office for more information on Consecration or come on the first Saturday of February at 10:00am.

Join myself and the Knights of Columbus for the **Walk for Life West Coast** at the End of the Month. See Page 4 for details.

Peace,
Fr. Tom



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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 Baptism of the Lord (January 13th)

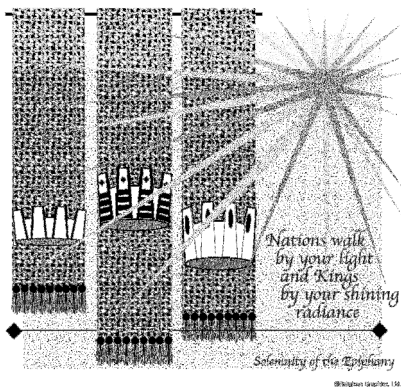
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! Refreshed from our Christmas vacation, faculty and staff are back to continue their dedicated good work with our wonderful children. January is a busy month for Catholic schools, and thus it is for OLG. Our annual spelling bee takes place on **January 14th**. Last year's winner went all the way to the state finals! We come together on **January 19th** as the community of Our Lady of Grace to enjoy food and fellowship at the Crab Feed put on by the Knights of Columbus. Following that opportunity to connect with our parishioners, we move to Sunday, **January 27th** which opens Catholic Schools' Week. Please join us for special treats after 9:30am Mass and at 11:00am come tour our school. Teachers, Student Council members and School Board members will be on hand to greet you. God bless us all. -Susan Anderson



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.*



CYO GIRLS BASKETBALL REGISTRATION



Registration is available online for **CYO Girls Basketball** at www.olgvcyo.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. 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. For more information, please call the Parish Office.

ALTAR CANDLE MEMORIAL DONORS

We deeply thank the following donors who have given generously towards sponsoring our Altar Candle Memorial:

- GENOVEVA MANANSALA**
- SAMANTHA STAINBROOK**
- MARY LOU VINCENT**



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 on 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 6:00 pm

Crab Feed tickets make a great stocking stuffer, get them while they last!

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**.

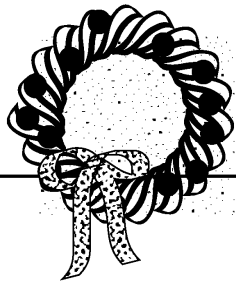
PLEASE NOTE

Due to the holiday schedule of our bulletin publisher we are not able to report the weekly offerings for most of December. The Sunday offering will be updated after the first of the year along with the Christmas Offering. Thank you for your generosity.



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.



Rejoice

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EVANGELIZATION CORNER

Youth Ministry & Confirmation

Next Meetings: January 6th & 13th

1st Holy Communion

Next Meetings January 12th *1st Reconciliation Retreat*

January 27th *We Gather*

Whole Family & Middle School Catechesis

Next Meetings: January 6th *Let There Be Light*
January 13th *Baptism*

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

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!

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 December 16th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 9,131.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 9,038.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 93.00
Year-to-date Over/[Shortfall]	[\$ 11,510.00]

May God bless your continuing generosity.



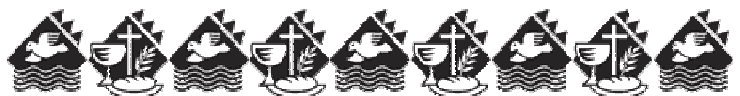
Your Prayers Are Requested

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 Kruzal | Norma Wardle |

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

**FRED HAMMER
VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE**



ICF PIZZA DINNER

Come start the new year with the ICF on Thursday, **January 10th**, and enjoy a Pizza and Salad dinner. Doors open at 6:00pm, dinner is at 6:30pm. For reservations, call Juanita at 510-582-7242 by **today, January 6th**. Mangia! Mangia!

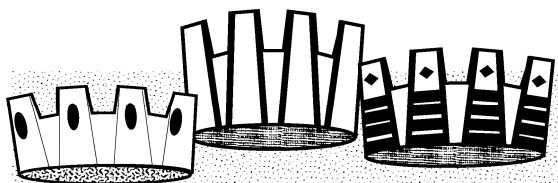
WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST 2019
Saturday, January 26, 2019

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 or call 415-658-1793.



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.



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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"



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.

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!



THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 6th:

The Epiphany of the Lord

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

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

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

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

Tuesday, January 8th:

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

Thursday, January 10th:

ICF Meeting & Dinner
 6:00pm--Stack Center

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

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

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

*The shepherds went in haste
 to Bethlehem and found
 Mary & Joseph,
 and the infant
 lying in a manger.*



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Mass Intentions for the Week

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

SUNDAY, January 6th

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:30am Ray & Ann Burdette--D
 11:30am Debbie & Doug Reetz & Family
 1:30pm Abelina Garcia--D

MONDAY, January 7th

St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest
St. Angela of Foligno, Religious
 8:15am Daniel Garcia--D

TUESDAY, January 8th

8:15am Ken Donohue--L

WEDNESDAY, January 9th

8:15am Ronan O. Sullivan--L

THURSDAY, January 10th

8:15am All Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, January 11th

8:15am Lilia Sousa--D

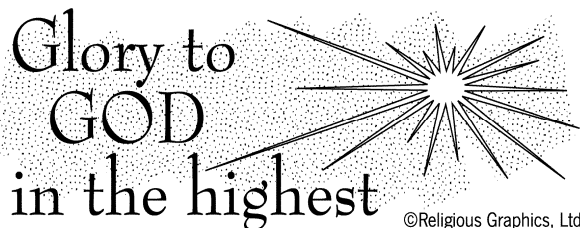
SATURDAY, January 12th

8:15am John Monroe, Jr.--L
 5:00pm Stephanie Rosevear &
 Elizabeth Bowles--D

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



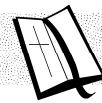
NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

January 7th thru January 13th

Monday: 1 John 3:22-4:6;
 Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 John 4:19-5:4; Luke 4:14-22
 Friday: 1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30
 Sunday: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7; Acts 10:34-38;
 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



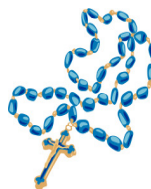
*Be doers of the Word
 and not hearers only*

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.

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.

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.

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