



**Lent is almost here!**

Join Fr. Tom for the Forgiven Series from Formed.org on Wednesday's for lent beginning on Ash Wednesday following our Mass at 6pm and soup at 6:30pm. We will begin around 7:15pm and conclude by 8:30pm. Fr. Tom will lead a discussion after our video presentation. There are Daily Lenten Reflections on Formed.org.

Confession is available on Thursday Evenings at 7pm and on Saturday at 8:45 am and 3:30pm.

**Confirmation**

Please pray for our 8 adults receiving Confirmation next Saturday at 10am at Christ the Light Cathedral in Oakland. Thank you Fr. Francisco Nahoe OFM, Conv. for preparing this years class.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen

**First Friday Traditional Latin Mass**

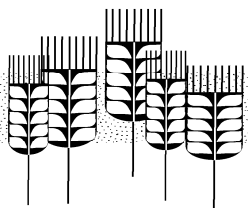
There will be a Traditional Latin Mass on March 1 at 7pm dedicated Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Friary Chapel in the CASA.

**First Saturday**

After Adoration there will be a meeting to promote Marian Devotion and Evangelization in the OLG Room on March 2 at 10am. We will meet to discuss the formation of a Village of the Immaculate at OLG. Fr. Tom Czeck the National Assistant of the Militia Immaculata will present on the movement begun by St. Maximilian Kolbe.

**Ash Wednesday is March 6**

There will be Mass with Ash distribution at 8:15am, noon, and 6pm followed by a soup meal.



**Grow in faith!**

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**Gospel for The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (February 24th)**

**Luke 6:27-38**

Jesus said to his disciples: "To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount. But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

**BEWARE OF EMAIL SCAM!**

Recently, there have been fraudulent emails being sent to parishioners, supposedly from Fr. Tom's gmail account. **Fr. Tom would never solicit funds through an email!** These emails are fake and have nothing to do with Our Lady of Grace Church. Please report any of these kinds of emails to the police and to Jay in the Parish Office at 537-0806. God Bless and be safe!

**PREPARE FOR LENT WITH FORMED.ORG**

Lent begins next month. Exploring what FORMED has to offer is a wonderful way to help us prepare our hearts and minds for the Lenten season. Take advantage of the many free movies and ebooks at your disposal which can be shared and discussed with family and friends. You will also find many choices which are educational and entertaining for the youngest members of your family. **If you don't have an account yet, just follow the instructions below for free access to FORMED!**

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 get the Formed app for your phone or tablet, visit [app.formed.org](http://app.formed.org)

**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.

**GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE**

The OLG Girl Scout Troop #30501 will be selling Girl Scout Cookies after all the Masses the weekend of **February 16th & 17th**. You will be helping support the troop & their community outreach efforts.



**PRESIDENTS DAY  
PARISH HOLIDAY**

Monday, **February 18th**, is a federal holiday. The Parish Offices will be closed in honor of Presidents Day & will re-open on Tuesday, **February 19th** at 8:30am. Monday's Mass is at 8:15am. The entire Parish staff wishes you a safe & relaxing holiday!

**OLG TRACK & FIELD  
REGISTRATION**



Online registration is now open for *CYO Track & Field*. Go to [www.olgcvcyo.siplay.com](http://www.olgcvcyo.siplay.com) then click "Login" at the upper right corner. Last day to register is **February 22nd**. Fees for the 2019 program will be \$100 and includes uniform, practice & meet fees. For more information, login to [www.olgcyo.siplay.com](http://www.olgcyo.siplay.com) to view eligibility requirements or email [olgcyocv@gmail.com](mailto:olgcyocv@gmail.com) with your questions. Go Lions!



**OLG SPRING AUCTION  
SAVE THE DATE--MAY 18TH!**

Our Lady of Grace's Spring Auction is scheduled for **Saturday, May 18th**. This year's theme is *Tiki Tiki Luau*. We look forward to seeing you there!

**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 **today, 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](http://www.catholicfamilyfaith.org/learning-the-faith.html)



**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.



**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.



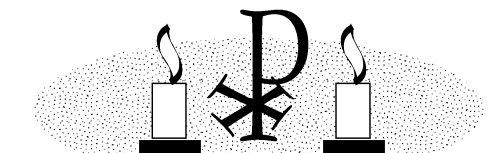
**ST. VINCENT de PAUL NEWS**

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

*Matt doesn't really want to share his story but comes to our weekly soup meals and we occasionally give him extra food.*

*Tony and his wife are raising their 4 grandchildren. Money is very tight. We helped them with food and some gift cards for Christmas.*

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 contact Heidi at 510-881-7850 or svdp@olgcv.org.



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**EVANGELIZATION CORNER**

**Youth Ministry & Confirmation**

Next Meetings: February 24th

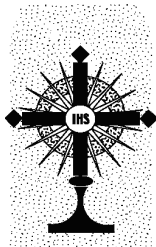
**1st Holy Communion**

Next Meetings: February 24th *We Offer Bread*

**Whole Family & Middle School Catechesis**

Next Meetings: March 10th *The Way of the Cross*

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



**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.

**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 February 10th:**

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| Sunday Plate:                 | \$ 9,410.00        |
| <b>Weekly Budgeted Goal:</b>  | <b>\$ 9,038.00</b> |
| Over/[Shortfall]              | \$ 372.00          |
| Year-to-date Over/[Shortfall] | \$ [1,279.00]      |

*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   |
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| Byron Griffith   | Lurdes Sousa       |
| Cher Jones       | Mercedes Tellez    |
| Don Jordan       | Baby Jackson Tyler |
| Maxine Kruzal    | Bishop             |

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

**AARON ALCORN**

**CHILDREN'S GUIDE TO MASS**

At the entrances of the church, you will find 2 different Children's Guide to the Catholic Mass cards. The first is for young children and uses pictures and a simple description suggesting participation and sequential parts of the Mass. The second card with 25 windows is for children who can read and gives a simple description of the sequential activities during Mass. Please feel free to use these during the Mass and return these cards to the baskets at the end of Mass.



**ICHTHUS -  
YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

Ichthus is open to all young adults, ages 21-35. Bring a friend! We meet in the Stack Center Resource Room, **every Wednesday at 7:00pm** and start our bible study at 7:30pm, wrapping up around 9:00pm. We are dedicated to helping build good solid friendships, to deepening our understanding of the faith, and to grow closer to Christ.

**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: **February 21st**  
9:00am to 11:15am

Speaker: Deacon John Pietruszka

Topic: "How Does This Happen To Me, That The Mother Of My Lord Should Come To Me?"



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES  
OF THE EAST BAY**

Have an old car taking up space in your driveway? Donate it to Catholic Charities of the East Bay! We accept all types of vehicles including boats and trucks. Making a donation is EASY too! Call us at 855-620-4483 or 855-620-GIVE. Get a tax deductible receipt for your donation. Catholic Charities of the East Bay helps families in need and who are marginalized. The Catholic Church is the largest provider of social services throughout Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, and Catholic Charities is the visible face of the diocese at work.

**MAGNIFICAT PRAYER BREAKFAST  
A Ministry to Catholic Women**

Join us on **Saturday, March 9th** for a Prayer Breakfast from 9:30am-12:30pm at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 45 John Glenn Dr., Concord. Our speaker will be Barbara Nicolosi Harrington, PhD who is a Hollywood script analyst and consultant on many entertainment and media projects such as *The Passion of the Christ* and *Joan of Arcadia*. Price is \$33 + processing fee. Register online at: [www.magnificat-ministry.net/ca-walnut-creek](http://www.magnificat-ministry.net/ca-walnut-creek). Questions? Please email Kim Sullivan at [Magnificatsotirsvp@gmail.com](mailto:Magnificatsotirsvp@gmail.com) or call 925-683-8220.

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, February 17th:**

**The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Girl Scout Cookie Sales  
After all Masses--Outside rear entrance

Children's Liturgy of the Word  
9:30am--Augustine Center

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

Parent Cafe  
After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center

**Monday, February 18th:**

**Presidents Day  
Parish Offices Closed**

**Tuesday, February 19th:**

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, February 20th:**

Strobridge Dinner  
5:30pm--Strobridge Apartments

Ichthus-Young Adult Group  
7:00pm--Stack Center, Resource Room

**Thursday, February 21st:**

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

**Sunday, February 24th:**

**The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Children's 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, February 17th**

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:30am Luz Estella Brown--L
- 11:30am Curtis Rosenbusch--D & Family--L
- 1:30pm Frances Perez--L

**MONDAY, February 18th**

- 8:15am Mary Ann Harrington--L

**TUESDAY, February 19th**

- 8:15am Shari McAsey--D

**WEDNESDAY, February 20th**

- 8:15am Louis Rodrigues--D

**THURSDAY, February 21st**

*St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

- 8:15am Genievive Atol--D

**FRIDAY, February 22nd**

*The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle*

- 8:15am Douglas Murry--L

**SATURDAY, February 23rd**

*St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr*

- 8:15am John McCann--D
- 5:00pm Norma Wardle--D

**SUNDAY, February 24th**

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:30am Rose Nicasio--D
- 9:30am Mariano Realina--D
- 1:30pm Luz Estella Brown--L

**THIS WEEK--Continued**

**Sunday, February 24th:**

- New Parishioner Registration  
10:00am--Stack Center
- 1st Holy Communion Class  
10:50am--Stack Center
- Youth Ministry/Confirmation  
6:00pm--Stack Center



**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:**

**February 18th through February 24th**

- Monday: Genesis 4:1-15, 25; Mark 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mark 8:14-21
- Wednesday: Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22; Mark 8:22-26
- Thursday: Genesis 9:1-13; Mark 8:27-33
- Friday: 1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19
- Saturday: Hebrews 11:1-7; Mark 9:2-13
- Sunday: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23;  
1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38



*Be doers of the Word  
and not hearers only*



**THE ALTAR SOCIETY CAN USE YOUR HELP!**

We are in need of 2 or 3 women to take turns doing the Holy Laundry. Rotation is about once every 5 or 6 weeks. If you can help in this ministry, please contact Luz Estella or leave a message at the Parish Office at 537-0806. Thank you!

**AUGUSTINIAN VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES**

The Augustinian Volunteers are recent college graduates between the ages of 21-29 who feel called to spend a year in service to others while living in an intentional community. Volunteers serve with local community partners in social service, campus ministry, and education placements. By engaging in a way of life inspired by the Augustinian Friars, volunteers experience personal and spiritual development as they build relationships with fellow volunteers and those they serve. Applications are currently being accepted for the 2019-2020 volunteer year for our sites in Lawrence, MA, Philadelphia, PA, San Diego, CA, Ventura, CA and Chulucanas, Peru. If interested, please visit [www.augustinianvolunteers.org](http://www.augustinianvolunteers.org) or contact us at [info@augustinianvolunteers.org](mailto:info@augustinianvolunteers.org)

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