



Prayer and Penance for the Church

The Pope, Cardinals, and Bishops met last week to discuss how to respond to Clergy Sexual Abuse. Before the meeting it was announced that former Cardinal McCarrick was defrocked and removed from the priesthood for his abuse of the Sacrament of Confession and abuse of children. The Diocese released the names of priests that were credibly accused of sexually abusing children over the last 80 years. The last cases of reported abuse by Diocesan Clergy seems to have been in the 1980's and those who were credibly accused are no longer in ministry. The Body of Christ mourns and is injured by such sin. How do we respond to such evil?

I ask that we pray asking intercession of Our Blessed Mother that Christ may purify the Church. We need the Good News of the Gospel to bring us to Jesus and the Truth. We need the Sacraments to connect us and sustain us in the Love of the Trinity. We need Holy Pastors who love and do not abuse the faithful.

Septuagesima or 70 days before Easter began last weekend. This time until Lent traditionally has been a pre-Lent time of penance, Septuagesima being a time of voluntary fasting in preparation for the obligatory Great Fast of Lent. The theme is the 70 years of the Babylonian exile, the "mortal coil" we must endure as we await the Heavenly Jerusalem. Sobriety and somberness reign liturgically; so we will end Mass with the St. Michael Prayer in the St. Michael Hymnal number 840 and depart in silence. May justice come, those hurt be healed, and may the Church be purified from all evil.

Pilgrimage of the relic of St. Jean Vianney

The Knights of Columbus are bringing the relic of the Heart of St. Jean Vianney to the Bay Area for public veneration. St. Jean Vianney worked tirelessly to bring people to God through the Sacraments to lead them to heaven.

We need Good Holy Priests and we need the intercession of St. Jean Vianney, the patron of priests, to intercede for us to God to help us and the Church to find Holiness.

February 28th at St. Pius X in Redwood City

March 1st at St. Augustine in South San Francisco

March 2nd at Our Lady of Loretto in Novato

March 3rd at St. Mary Cathedral in San Francisco

For more information go to kofc.org and find St. Jean Vianney Pilgrimage for more details of times to venerate.

First Friday Traditional Latin Mass

Join the friars at the CASA at 7pm on March 1st for a Traditional Latin Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

First Saturday

Join Fr. Tom at 10:00am on March 2nd in the OLG room in Stack Center for an introduction to Maximilian Kolbe and the Militia Immaculata he created for Evangelization of the world.

Peace,
Fr. Tom

Gospel for The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (March 3rd)

Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told his disciples a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye. "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

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!

LENT IS ALMOST HERE!

Join Fr. Tom each Wednesday evening as we prepare for Lent by watching a video series called "Forgiven". Fr. Tom will lead a discussion after each video presentation. We begin on **March 6th**, Ash Wednesday. **Join us for Mass in the Church at 6:00pm, followed by a Lenten Soup & Bread Meal at 6:30pm.** The video presentations begin at 7:15pm.

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 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

**LENTEN SOUP MEAL**

 Please plan on joining us for a simple meal of soup and bread on Wednesdays during Lent. It will be a time for fellowship and families coming together. Our Soup Meal follows the 6:00pm Mass. Thank you to our Faith Formation for sponsoring the Soup Meal on Ash Wednesday. Financial donations at the Soup Meal will be accepted for CRS Rice Bowl.

**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!

**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.

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

Come join us **1st Friday, March 1st**, for Mass at 8:15am with the recitation of the Litany of the Sacred Heart. On **1st Saturday, March 2nd** join us for Mass, Adoration, Rosary & Benediction at 8:15am.

**1ST FRIDAY-TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS**

There will be a Traditional Latin Mass on **March 1st** at 7:00pm, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in the Friary Chapel in the CASA.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
English & Spanish**

Stations of the Cross in English, led by our school students are offered at Our Lady of Grace, Fridays at 2:30pm during Lent in the Church. Stations of the Cross in Spanish will be offered on Good Friday at 6:00pm in the Church.

DO NOT BE AFRAID OF CONFESSION

During the Lenten season, Confession will be available every Thursday at 7:00pm during Adoration and on Saturdays at 8:45am & 3:30pm. Our Communal Penance service is scheduled for Wednesday, **April 10th** at 7:15pm

 **"THANK YOU" FROM ICF**
A big Italian Thank You to all of you who braved the weather and supported our Bake Sale. Because of you, we are able to start our scholarship fund with a nice amount. I'm sure the students who receive a scholarship will thank you too. Grazie!



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?

Mitzi was homeless for 7 years but is now in an apartment. She recently had surgery and some unexpected expenses. We helped her with food and PG&E.

Theresa and her adult daughter live in Section 8 housing. Their apartment has mold which is causing some health problems for Theresa. The landlord refuses to improve the situation and has told her to move. Her daughter is bipolar and recently had back surgery. We help them monthly with food and occasionally with utilities. After 5 years they finally found housing that would accept her Section 8 voucher. They will be moving in mid-February and we will help them with their first month's rent. We send them off with our prayers as they leave the area.

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.

SINGERS WANTED!

The Choir invites new members to sing at the 11:30 Mass. No experience needed, however, rehearsals are required every Thursday from 7:30-9:00pm. See Bonnie Ricketts or chat with any choir member.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

We extend a warm welcome to new parishioners & guests. Please stop by Stack Center **today, February 24th**, 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.

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 17th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 8,203.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 9,038.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [835.00]
Year-to-date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [2,117.00]

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:

Cindy Abraham
Glen Alcorn
Kathleen Andrews
Susana Ax
Maureen Boeh
Ana Cochran
Claudia Dobbs
Lynn Franks
Anna Friedeberg
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Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of a loved one.

AARON ALCORN

VIOLETA SALAZAR



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 **March 6th** at 7:00pm in the OLG Room in Stack Center.

DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve the OLG Community on your schedule? Consider joining the *Eucharistic Ministry to the Sick*. We deliver the Blessed Sacrament to the sick and homebound who are unable to join us at Mass on a regular basis. Qualifications required? A faith-filled and compassionate heart! Minimal training required. If this could be your calling or you have questions, please contact Theresa at 510-581-7694 or leave your name and number at the Parish Office. Blessings!

**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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

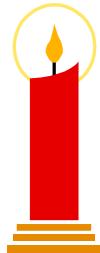
The Knights of Columbus monthly meetings are held the last Wednesday of every month at 6:00pm in Stack Center Room 7. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, visit <https://oaklandkofc.org> or join us at our next meeting, **February 27th**.

**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. Questions? Please email Kim Sullivan at Magnificatsotirsvp@gmail.com or call 925-683-8220.

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.

**THIS WEEK****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

New Parishioner Registration

10:00am--Stack Center

1st Holy Communion Class

10:50am--Stack Center

Youth Ministry/Confirmation

6:00pm--Stack Center

Tuesday, February 26th:

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 27th:

Knights of Columbus

6:00pm--Stack Center, Room 7

Ichthus

7:00pm--Stack Center, Resource Room

Thursday, February 28th:

Adoration

7:00pm--Church

RCIA

7:00pm--Stack Center, OLG Room

AA Serenity Group

7:30pm--Augustine Center, Room A2

Friday, March 1st:

First Friday Devotion

8:15am--Church

Confirmation Retreat

6:00pm--Stack Center

First Friday Traditional Latin Mass

7:00pm--CASA, Friary Chapel

Saturday, March 2nd:

First Saturday Mass & Adoration

8:15am--Church

Mass for the Week Intentions

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

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

MONDAY, February 25th

8:15am Dulcidia Chaviel Chocha--D

TUESDAY, February 26th

8:15am Norma Wardle--D

WEDNESDAY, February 27th

8:15am Kathleen Cande--L

THURSDAY, February 28th

8:15am Bonnie Sill--D

FRIDAY, March 1st

8:15am Dorothy & Manuel Callier--D

SATURDAY, March 2nd

8:15am Antonio Chocha--D
5:00pm Marcie Dugan--D

SUNDAY, March 3rd

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Janine Pohorski--D
9:30am Claudia Dobbs--L
1:30pm Elias Gallegos--L

LOVE and you fulfill the whole law

THIS WEEK--Continued

Saturday, March 2nd:

Marian Devotion & Evangelization Meeting
10:00am--Stack Center, OLG Room

Sunday, March 3rd:

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

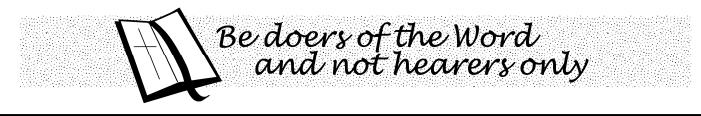
Coffee & Donuts
After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

February 25th through March 3rd

Monday:	Sirach 1:1-10; Mark 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Sirach 2:1-11; Mark 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Sirach 4:11-19; Mark 9:38-40
Thursday:	Sirach 5:1-8; Mark 9:41-50
Friday:	Sirach 6:5-17; Mark 10:1-12
Saturday:	Sirach 17:1-15; Mark 10:13-16
Sunday:	Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45



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.

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

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