



Catholic Schools week at Our Lady of Grace

National Catholic Schools Week is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. We began with Mass and an open house last Sunday. We focused on our core values of Unity, Truth, and Charity. Susan Anderson our Principal acknowledged our team of teachers and aids that help provide a loving atmosphere where children can excel academically. Our Children read at the Liturgy and sang for us a meditation song. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

NCEA has created a new theme to celebrate Catholic schools. "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." encompasses the core products and values that can be found in Catholic schools across the country. Not only are we teaching students to become future servant leaders, faith-filled disciples and enriched citizens in our communities, we, as educators, are growing with them. In Catholic schools, we are all learners, servants and leaders. These shared qualities are what make Catholic schools work. They are what make Catholic schools succeed.



The official CSW logo brings the theme to life. The open book made up of multi-colored pages symbolizes how all areas of Catholic schools blend together, with faith — symbolized by the cross — at the forefront. Catholic schools are vibrant, dynamic and excellent.

Catholic Schools
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

I would like us to pray for all the students at Covington Catholic who have been thrown into the national spot light. I was amazed at the composure of the young students at the March for life last Saturday who were being harassed and taunted for who they were, Catholic Students who were Pro-life. The Scripture said when one part of the body suffers the whole body suffers and when one part of the body is exalted we all rejoice.

Peace,
Fr. Tom

Support our Evangelization of our Children through using Scrip.

During this month we will unveil our new Scrip program for the Education of our Children through our Evangelization efforts in our Whole Family Catechesis. Purchasing scrip to buy your gas and groceries will benefit our education efforts greatly at Our Lady of Grace. Watch the bulletin for how and when we begin and you can participate in the Scrip program.



*Be doers of the Word
and not hearers only*

Gospel for The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (February 10th)

Luke 5:1-11

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch. Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners, there is much to celebrate in our parish and especially in our parish school. We are a school with an enrollment of 216 wonderful children from TK through 8th grade. Our 8th graders just took the HSPT test to enter our surrounding Catholic high schools and anxiously await those results. The majority of our 25 8th graders are hoping to attend Catholic high schools in our area. In the past ALL applicants wishing to attend Catholic high schools have been accepted and this year should be the same. I hope many of you were able to visit school at our Open House for Catholic Schools' Week. If you did, you would have met all our dedicated teaching/support staff. We are blessed to have 32 on staff who give of themselves in too many ways to mention to enhance the learning begun by our parents. Our school is open to you for a visit should you wish to come. Just call the school office to set up an appointment to visit. Looking ahead to February activities, check out the Lillian Black Arts Festival on Sunday, **February 24th** at Bishop O'Dowd High School where many of our artists will have their work on display thanks to their teacher and parishioner, Barbara Westerhoff.

-Susan Anderson



Receive the LORD JESUS

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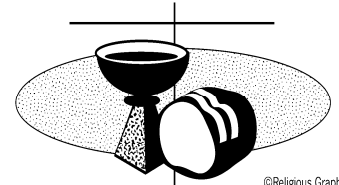
WINTER COLD & FLU SEASON

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.

OLG'S NEWEST ALTAR SERVERS!



Welcome to our new 5th Grade Altar Servers who begin their ministry this month: Adriana, Roy, Sean, Erick, and Lourdes!



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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.



ST. VINCENT de PAUL NEWS

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

Sally & Joe are retired. They fell behind on their PG&E and had received a 48-hour notice. Joe is on dialysis has had triple by-pass and also had a toe amputated due to diabetes. Their daughter and her 4 children recently moved in. This has caused a very stressful situation. We were able to help them with a portion of their past due PG&E.

Marlene works for a local school district in their after-school program for at-risk children. She is living in her van and trying to save up enough money to get into an apartment. We help her with food that does not need refrigeration and an occasional gas card.

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.



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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:

- JACK DEXTER**
- GERALD J. MOORE & FAMILY**
- SAMANTHA STAINBROOK**



ICF NEWS

Superbowl Bake Sale - Today!

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 **February 10th**. Happy St. Valentine's Day!

EVANGELIZATION CORNER

Youth Ministry & Confirmation

Next Meetings: February 3rd & 10th

1st Holy Communion

Next Meetings: February 3rd *We Listen*
February 24th *We Offer Bread*

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 27th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 8,173.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 9,038.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ -865.00
Year-to-date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ -1,497.00

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.

ANTONIO CHOCHA

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.

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



**ICHTHUS -
YOUNG ADULT GROUP**
Did you know???

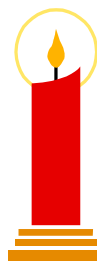
Our Lady of Grace has a young adult group, open to all young adults, ages 21-35. Bring a friend! We meet at the Evangelization Office, in Stack Center, **every Wednesday at 7:00pm** and start our bible study at 7:30pm, wrapping up around 9:00pm. We are dedicated to helping build good solid friendships,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

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 or contact us at info@augustinianvolunteers.org

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 3rd:*****The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

ICF Bake Sale
After all Masses--Stack Center
Coffee & Donuts
After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center
1st Holy Communion Class
10:50am--Stack Center
Youth Ministry/Confirmation
6:00pm--Stack Center

Tuesday, February 5th:

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 6th:

Ichthus-Young Adult Group
7:00pm--Evangelization Office
Baptism Class
7:00pm--Stack Center, OLG Room

Thursday, February 7th:

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 10th:***The Fifth 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
Whole Family & Middle School Catechesis
10:50am--Stack Center
Youth Ministry/Confirmation
6:00pm--Stack Center

Mass Intentions for the Week

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

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

MONDAY, February 4th

8:15am Adelaide Martin--D

TUESDAY, February 5th

St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

8:15am Annette--L & Hans Friedeberg--D

WEDNESDAY, February 6th

St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

8:15am Kimberly Hinkson--L

THURSDAY, February 7th

8:15am Dorothy & Manuel Callier--D

FRIDAY, February 8th

St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

8:15am Larry La Brie--D

SATURDAY, February 9th

8:15am Roland & Charlotte Tedesco--D

5:00pm Lilia Sousa--D

SUNDAY, February 10th

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Gary Sousa--L

11:30am Doug & Debbie Reetz & Family

1:30pm Isabel Vastag--L

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

February 4th through February 10th

Monday: Hebrews 11:32-40; Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday: Hebrews 12:1-4; Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday: Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Mark 6:1-6

Thursday: Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24; Mark 6:7-13

Friday: Hebrews 13:1-8; Mark 6:14-29

Saturday: Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21;

Mark 6:30-34

Sunday: Isaiah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11;

Luke 5:1-11



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.



FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

We are grateful for the generous donation from Amy Hernandez to the Flower Fund in memory of her mother, Martha W. Leeman.

Flower donation envelopes can be found at the entrances of the church to make a donation in memory of or in 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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- Girls Assistant Athletic Director
- Marketing & Fundraising Coordinator
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- Snack Bar Coordinator

Email olgcyocv@gmail.com before 1/xx to be considered for a position.