



Transfiguration

On the second Sunday of Lent, we hear of the Transfiguration of Jesus before Peter, James, and John. It was a privilege to have Mass at this holy site last October. It was on Mount Tabor that Jesus reveals his divine identity to his closest Apostles before they would be tested in their faith as the head to Jerusalem where Jesus would be crucified. All of the Law and Prophets testify to Jesus. Jesus is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets of God’s plan to save his people in Jesus. “This is my Beloved Son, listen to Him.”

During our Lenten penance may we keep our focus on Jesus and ask that we be fortified in the vision of His divinity, as we live through the struggles of life that test our faith. May we come to the cross with St. John and see the hour of Glory when the Love of God in Jesus is revealed on the cross. May we listen to Him and stay with Him.

Rebuild My Church

I want to thank all who responded so generously last year to the Bishop’s Appeal. We exceeded our goal and approximately \$10,000 will be returned to our parish. I ask that you pray about how we may respond to the Bishop’s Appeal this year. May we respond in faith to this appeal. The 5th Precept of the Church is: *You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church.* The 5th Precept means that the faithful are obliged to assist with the material needs of the Church, according to his own ability. It is the Church which brings us Jesus in the Proclamation of the Word and Sacraments. When all seems lost and darkness and evil seems to take hold of humanity, we Catholics come to find hope in Jesus and come to encounter Him in the Sacraments. May we hear God the Father: “This is my Beloved Son, listen to Him.”

The calling of St. Francis by St. Bonaventure:

“One day when Francis went out to meditate in the fields, he was passing by the Church of San Damiano which was threatening to collapse because of extreme age. Inspired by the Spirit, he went inside to pray.

Kneeling before an image of the Crucified, he was filled with great fervor and consolation as he prayed. While his tear-filled eyes were gazing at the Lord's cross, he heard with his bodily ears a voice coming from the cross, telling him three times: 'Francis, go and repair my house which, as you see, is falling into ruin.'

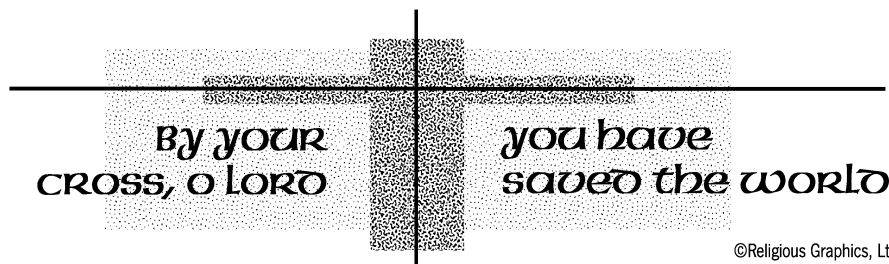
Trembling with fear, Francis was amazed at the sound of this astonishing voice, since he was alone in the church; and as he received in his heart the power of the divine words, he fell into a state of ecstasy. Returning finally to his senses, he prepared to put his whole heart into obeying the command he had received. He began zealously to repair the church materially, although the principle intention of the words referred to that Church which Christ purchased with his own blood, as the Holy Spirit afterward made him realize....”

Francis begged for stones to repair the Church of San Damiano. Bishop Barber has asked us to raise \$29,000. We have about 950 registered families. If all of us respond to the begging of the Bishop, we will easily meet our goal. Can you respond to his request to approximately 30 dollars per family? That works out to 58 cents per week per family. Every year I have asked all families to respond by making a pledge or a onetime donation. Less than 20% of our families responded last year. May we all take the opportunity to respond this year.

Peace,
Fr. Tom

Forgiven

Have you dreaded the Sacrament of Confession? Have you been away from the Sacrament for a while? Jesus wants to forgive you, heal you and give you grace and peace. Come Join Fr. Tom on Wednesdays at 7:15pm for the “Forgiven” Series in Stack Center and consider the joy of this Sacrament. The 2nd Precept of the Church is: *You shall confess your sins at least once a year.* We must prepare for the Eucharist by means of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). This Sacrament “continues Baptism’s work of conversion and forgiveness.”



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**“FORGIVEN” VIDEO SERIES
WITH FR. TOM**

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. 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. Childcare is available with a reservation. Please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

- March 20th:** Mercy: The Rite Explained
- March 27th:** Biblical Foundations
- April 3rd:** Answering Questions About Confession

**LENTEN SCRIPTURE STUDIES
WITH FR. FRANCISCO**

Join Fr. Francisco as we explore *The Gospel of John* together and discover new meaning for us this Lenten Season. We meet at 7:00pm in Stack Center.

- March 19th:** Portraits of Beloved Discipleship
- March 26th:** No Meeting
- April 2nd:** Bread of Life

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DO NOT BE AFRAID OF CONFESSION

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



**THE 2019 BISHOP’S
APPEAL**

The 2019 Bishop’s Appeal has begun and will continue throughout March and April. Bishop Barber has chosen

Rebuild My Church as this year’s theme. In the coming weeks, you will hear more of the Appeal at Mass and through materials sent to you in the mail. Bishop Barber asks all parishioners to pray for the success of this year’s Appeal. You can find more information on the Appeal by visiting www.oakdiocese.org/giving. You can also call the Office of Mission Advancement at 510-267-8358

To successfully achieve both our parish goal & the overall diocesan goal of \$3 million, we need your help! A pledge to Appeal will help us reach out to thousands in the East Bay through diocesan ministries, programs & services.

What is the Bishop’s Appeal?

The Bishop’s Appeal is an organized effort to give every Catholic family in the Diocese of Oakland the opportunity to make a gift to the best of their financial ability to support the ministries and services provided by the Diocese. It gives each household a chance to help further the mission of the Diocesan Church. This year the goal of the Appeal is \$3.0 million dollars, so we hope everyone responds to the best of their ability!



LENTEN SOUP & BREAD 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 & Bread Meal follows the 6:00pm Mass. Thank you to the Italian Catholic Federation for sponsoring this week’s meal. Financial donations at the Soup Meal will be accepted for Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl.



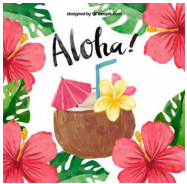
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
English & Spanish**

Stations of the Cross in English are offered at Our Lady of Grace this Friday at 2:30pm during Lent in the Church. Stations of the Cross in Spanish are offered at 7:00pm. On Good Friday, they will be offered at Noon in English, and 6:00pm in Spanish.



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. For more information, please call the Parish Office.



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

Aloha! Our Lady of Grace's Spring Auction is scheduled for **Saturday, May 18th, 5:30-10:30pm**. This year's theme is **Tiki Tiki Luau**. We look forward to seeing you there!

Donations: We need donations. Do you have a nice bottle of wine? Extra tickets to a Sporting Event? Play? Musical? Symphony? Is there a favorite kids' class/camp, fitness club/class, restaurant, spa, hair salon that you might solicit a gift certificate or gift basket from? Do you have a cabin or vacation home?

Make Something: Do you like to bake or cook? Offer to make dinners, jams, desserts or soups. Are you crafty? Create jewelry, knitwear, blankets or quilts. *Homemade is priceless!*

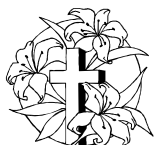
Desserts: If you like to bake, we'd love a donation of cake, cupcakes, etc. for the Dessert Dash!

Advertise: If you own a business or provide a service, place an AD in our program.

Donations accepted through April 15th.

Have questions? Feel free to ask! Please send questions to: our.lady.of.grace.auction@gmail.com.

Stay tuned for ticket & website information!



**EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS
OUR LADY OF GRACE TRADITION**

Once again, this year we are inviting you to remember family members and friends through a Flower Offering which will help us to purchase the plants and other decorations we need to beautify our sanctuary. You may list the names of loved ones you wish to remember or memorialize by using the special Easter Flower Offering envelopes available in the pews. A list of names of all who are remembered will be available after Easter.

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 March 10th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 8,096.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 9,038.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [942.00]
Year-to-date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [3,092.00]

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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| Glen Alcorn | Rose Montalban |
| Maureen Boeh | Mona Mulvaney |
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| Byron Griffith | Baby Jackson Tyler |
| Linda Guzman | Bishop |
| Cher Jones | Denyse Verhaegen |
| Maxine Kruzel | Marylou Vincent |
| Laura Martell | |

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

LEE SHILTS

COME GET YOUR SCRIP ORDER FORMS!

Purchase your SCRIP CARDS at Our Lady of Grace. You can purchase the gift cards and spend it at local stores where you already shop. This is a great fundraiser for the church and at NO extra expense to you. Orders placed on the 1st & 3rd week of the month will be ready for pick-up on the 2nd & 4th week of the month. Payment is due at the time of your order. An order form is available at the back of the church or in the Parish Office for your convenience. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at 510-537-0806. Thanks for shopping!

THE PASSION PLAY OF OBERAMMERGAU

Fact #1 The Passion Play takes place only once every 10 years. The summer of 2020 will be the last opportunity to see this world-famous play until the year 2030. **Half a million people will see this play in the summer of 2020. Space is always on a 1st come basis and every ticket will be sold. It always sells out! Don't miss this chance to experience the Passion Play of Oberammergau.** For more information on our August 11-21, 2020 Pilgrimage to Poland, Prague and Germany with Fr. Tom Czeck, please contact Heidi Denzler-Halsey at 510-881-7850 or heidimdh106@gmail.com

**REGISTER FOR FESCO'S
22nd ANNUAL SHUFFLE WALKATHON**

Support FESCO (Family Emergency Shelter Coalition) in its efforts to end family homelessness in Alameda County by joining us at our 22nd Annual FESCO Shuffle Walkathon on **Saturday, May 4th**. You can walk as a team or as an individual in this family-friendly, dog-friendly event along the beautiful path at the San Leandro Marina. Check-in starts at 8:30am at the Seagull Picnic Site and the walk begins at 10:00am. You can walk from one to three miles, or even be a benchwarmer! If you are attending, you can sponsor yourself or get your friends and families to sponsor you. If you are unable to attend, please consider sponsoring a walker or making a direct financial contribution to FESCO. Your donations make it possible for FESCO to help homeless families gain stability and find permanent housing!

Chris Ippolito and Colleen Lindberg will be outside Mass on Sunday, **April 6th & 7th**, if you would like to stop by and offer your support for team OLG for this years FESCO Shuffle! Sign up to walk or to donate at www.FESCOShuffle.org. For more information or a pledge sheet, go to www.fescofamilysHELTER.org or call Stephanie Miller at the FESCO office at 510-886-5473, ext. 101.



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.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 17th:

The Second Sunday of Lent

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

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

Tuesday, March 19th:

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

Scripture Studies with Fr. Francisco
7:00pm--Stack Center

Men's Faith Share
7:00pm--Stack Center, Room 7

Wednesday, March 20th:

Strobridge Dinner
5:30pm--Strobridge Apartments

Lenten Soup Meal
Following the 6:00pm Mass--Stack Center

Ichthus
7:00pm--Stack Center, Resource Room

Forgiven Video Series with Fr. Tom
7:15pm--Stack Center

Thursday, March 21st:

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
7:00pm--Parish Office, Upper Room

Adoration
7:00pm--Church

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

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

Friday, March 22nd:

Stations of the Cross - English
2:30pm--Church

Stations of the Cross - Spanish
7:00pm--Church

Mass Intentions for the Week

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

SUNDAY, March 17th

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

9:30am Kathleen Cande--L
11:30am Norman Goyette--D

MONDAY, March 18th

8:15am Mario Tejada--D

TUESDAY, March 19th

8:15am Antonio & Mary Chocha & Family

WEDNESDAY, March 20th

8:15am Louis Rodrigues--D
6:00pm Luz M. Villanueva--L

THURSDAY, March 21st

8:15am Norman Goyette--D

FRIDAY, March 22nd

8:15am Norma Wardle--D

SATURDAY, March 23rd

8:15am Richard Benson--D
5:00pm Stephanie Rosevear--D

SUNDAY, March 24th

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

9:30am Norman Goyette--D
11:30am Marcie Dugan--D
1:30pm Imelda Corona--L



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Sunday, March 24th:

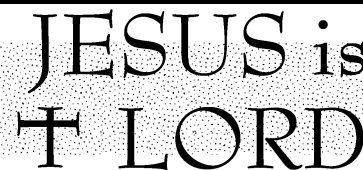
The Third Sunday of Lent

- 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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

March 18th through March 24th

- Monday: Daniel 9:4-10; Luke 6:36-38
- Tuesday: 2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14,16;
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22;
Matthew 1:16,18-21,24
- Wednesday: Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28
- Thursday: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31
- Friday: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28;
Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3,11-32
- Sunday: Exodus 3:1-8,13-15;
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12;
Luke 13:1-9



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EXECUTION ALERTS

The following executions are scheduled to take place in **March**:

March 28th Patrick Murphy Texas

We ask your prayers for these persons, for the victims of their crimes, and for their families.

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: **March 21st**

9:00am to 11:15am

Speaker: Fr. Mark Weisner

Topic: "Thresholds of Faith:
The Journey of a Disciple"

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