



### Praying for our Elect and Candidates

We have 3 people preparing for Sacraments this Easter. Please pray for Our Elect, Madhu Perleta, Ronald Stainbrook, and Sean Vanderbilt are preparing for Sacraments this Easter Vigil. Please keep them in prayer during the Lenten Season. Bishop Barber at the Rite of Election gave 5 reasons to be Catholic. Our Church was founded by Jesus Christ, The Catholic Church is the largest provider of services to the poor, we speak for human dignity and rights, The Eucharist, and we are called by the Holy Spirit. May we count our blessings from our faith this lent.

### Scrutinies next 3 Sunday's

"In order to inspire in the elect a desire for purification and redemption by Christ, three scrutinies are celebrated. By this means, first of all, the elect are instructed gradually about the mystery of sin, from which the whole world and every person longs to be delivered and thus saved from its present and future consequences. Second, their spirit is filled with Christ the Redeemer, who is the living water (gospel of the Samaritan woman in the first scrutiny), the light of the world (gospel of the man born blind in the second scrutiny), the resurrection and the life (gospel of Lazarus in the third scrutiny). From the first to the final scrutiny the elect should progress in their perception of sin and their desire for salvation." RCIA 141

### Forgiven on Wednesday

Scripture shows us that we can have total confidence in God's merciful love and in the reality of his forgiveness. God doesn't just discount or ignore our sins—he completely wipes them away. There is no limit to his forgiveness. And our confidence comes not just from our own faith, but through the gift of hearing God himself speak through the ministry of the priesthood when we hear the words of absolution.

Join Fr. Tom after Mass and Soup at 7:15pm on Wednesday to experience Forgiven.

### Formed Family Day on Monday's

Watch a film on the Shroud of Turin or Joseph of Nazareth, Brother Francis Forgiven for Children, Listen to the Passion of Christ, pray the Stations of the Cross as a family at home, watch the Lenten Reflection together. Celebrate the Annunciation by watching The Blessed Virgin Mary in Scripture, lesson 2 the handmaid of the Lord.

### Fr. Tom's Formed Monday Movie Review

I watched Convinced last week and enjoyed the interviews with people who came understand the truth of Jesus in the Catholic Church. This film would be great to connect with those in the R.C.I.A. As we pray for them on their Journey to become Catholic. This is a hopeful message for families whose children and grandchildren are wandering outside of the faith. This could be watched as a family but I think little children would not enjoy the documentary model of the film. I was inspired by the people who shared their journey to faith in Jesus in His Church.

### The Annunciation on March 25

#### The Story of the Annunciation of the Lord

The feast of the Annunciation, now recognized as a solemnity, was first celebrated in the fourth or fifth century. Its central focus is the Incarnation: God has become one of us. Mary has an important role to play in God's plan. From all eternity, God destined her to be the mother of Jesus and closely related to him in the creation and redemption of the world. We could say that God's decrees of creation and redemption are joined in the decree of Incarnation. Because Mary is God's instrument in the Incarnation, she has a role to play with Jesus in creation and redemption. It is a God-given role. It is God's grace from beginning to end. Mary becomes the eminent figure she is only by God's grace. She is the empty space where God could act. Everything she is she owes to the Trinity.

Mary is the virgin-mother who fulfills Isaiah 7:14 in a way that Isaiah could not have imagined. She is united with her son in carrying out the will of God (Psalm 40:8-9; Hebrews 10:7-9; Luke 1:38).

Together with Jesus, the privileged and graced Mary is the link between heaven and earth. She is the human being who best, after Jesus, exemplifies the possibilities of human existence. She received into her lowliness the infinite love of God. She shows how an ordinary human being can reflect God in the ordinary circumstances of life. She exemplifies what the Church and every member of the Church is meant to become. She is the ultimate product of the creative and redemptive power of God. She manifests what the Incarnation is meant to accomplish for all of us. (Franciscan Media)

### Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Lent (March 31st)

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Due to the length of the Gospel, it could not be provided this week. Thank you for your understanding.

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

Join Fr. Tom each Wednesday evening as we prepare for Easter 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 27th:** Biblical Foundations
- April 3rd:** Answering Questions About Confession
- April 10th:** Communal Penance at 7:15pm in Church

**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 on Tuesdays at 7:00pm in Stack Center.

- March 26th:** No Meeting
- April 2nd:** Bread of Life
- April 9th:** Hour of Glory

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**DO NOT BE AFRAID OF CONFESSION**

During the Lenten season, 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](http://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 Our Lady of Grace School for sponsoring this week’s meal. Financial donations at the Soup Meal will be accepted for Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl.



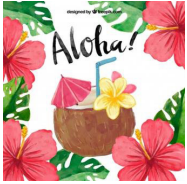
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS English & Spanish**

Stations of the Cross in English, 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 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](mailto: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 10% of your income to the Church and charity, for example, God will help you live on the rest.

**Offerings of March 17th:**

Sunday Plate:	\$ 7,450.50
<b>Weekly Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 9,038.00</b>
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [1,539.50]
Year-to-date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [4,631.50]

*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             |
| Ana Cochran     | Angela Schaaphok          |
| Angel Cuevas    | Florence Sharp            |
| Claudia Dobbs   | Rosemary Slater           |
| Fred Dorado     | Howard Songey             |
| Lynn Franks     | Lurdes Sousa              |
| Anna Friedeberg | Mercedes Tellez           |
| Byron Griffith  | Baby Jackson Tyler Bishop |
| Linda Guzman    | Denyse Verhaegen          |
| Cher Jones      | Marylou Vincent           |
| Maxine Kruzel   | Arthur Williams           |
| Laura Martell   |                           |

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

**ANTHONY ALFISI  
JOHN KURILICH  
LEE SHILTS**

**INTERESTED IN JOINING THE ICF?**

As some of you know, the ICF is celebrating their 95th Anniversary this June, but ICF Branch #343 of OLG is celebrating their 40th Anniversary this weekend. Our mission is to uphold and develop the religious spirit among our members and to spread it throughout the community. Our members come from OLG, Transfiguration and parishes in San Ramon and San Leandro. To find out more about the ICF, join us on the 2nd Thursday of the month for dinner and a meeting. We would like to share our spiritual blessing with you and your families.

**THE PASSION PLAY OF OBERAMMERGAU**

**Fact #2** The village of Oberammergau is just 1 hour south of Munich in the heart of the Bavarian Alps “the Zugspitze”. The Village is gorgeous & perfectly situated, located 1 hour from Innsbruck and 2 hours from Salzburg! This is one of Germany’s most picturesque villages that should be seen by all! **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! 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**. 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, sponsor yourself or get friends and families to sponsor you. If you are unable to attend, please consider sponsoring a walker or making a direct financial contribution and 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! Sign up to walk or to donate at [www.FESCOShuffle.org](http://www.FESCOShuffle.org). For more information or a pledge sheet, go to [www.fescofamilyshester.org](http://www.fescofamilyshester.org) or call Stephanie Miller at the FESCO office at 510-886-5473, ext. 101.



**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 **April 3rd** at 7:00pm in the OLG Room in Stack Center.

**THIS WEEK****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

**Tuesday, March 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, March 27th:**

Knights of Columbus  
6:00pm--Stack Center, Room 7

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 28th:**

Adoration  
7:00pm--Church

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

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

**Friday, March 29th:**

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 24th**

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

9:30am Norman Goyette--D

11:30am Marcie Dugan--D

1:30pm Imelda Corona--L

**MONDAY, March 25th**

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

8:15am Debi Telles--D

**TUESDAY, March 26th**

8:15am Stephanie Rosevear--D

**WEDNESDAY, March 27th**

8:15am Antonio Chocha--D

6:00pm Jeff Stone--L

**THURSDAY, March 28th**

8:15am Velasquez & Moran Families--D

**FRIDAY, March 29th**

8:15am Antonio Chocha--D

**SATURDAY, March 30th**

8:15am Antonio Chocha--D

5:00pm Norma Wardle--D

**SUNDAY, March 31st**

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

9:30am Heidi Halsey--L

11:30am William Ervin Kottinger--D



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**THIS WEEK--Continued**

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**March 25th through March 31st**

Monday: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday: Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9; Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday: Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23

Friday: Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34

Saturday: Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14

Sunday: Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

**BOOK SIGNING EVENT**

OLG Parishioner Mark Vaz and John H. Hill, authors of the recently released book, "Pan Am At War: How The Airline Secretly Helped America Fight World War II", are pleased to announce a presentation and book signing at Books on B, 1014 B St. in Hayward, on **March 30th**, 5:30-7:00pm. Support your local writers AND a thriving neighborhood business! You can buy or order books from owner Renee Rettig by visiting the store or calling her at 510-538-3943. For questions, call Mark Vaz at 510-582-4832. Come hear how "Aviation's Untold Story" came to be! (Register for this **free** event at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) & search for Hayward events or by liking Books on B on Facebook).



**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.

**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.

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