



Divine Mercy Sunday

There are Divine Mercy cards in the back of the Church. I invite you today to come and Venerate the Divine Mercy image and to pray the Chaplet on the back of the card after Mass. Confession will be available on Thursday and Saturday during Adoration and at the normal Saturday afternoon at 3:30pm to fulfill the requirement for the plenary indulgence for this Feast.

During the course of Jesus' revelations to St. Faustina on the Divine Mercy He asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. This Feast, which had already been granted to the nation of Poland and been celebrated within Vatican City, was granted to the Universal Church by Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000. In a decree dated May 23, 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stated that "throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come." These papal acts represent the highest endorsement that the Church can give to a private revelation, an act of papal infallibility proclaiming the certain sanctity of the mystic, and the granting of a universal feast, as requested by Our Lord to St. Faustina.

Concerning the Feast of Mercy Jesus said:

I want the image solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it. (*Diary 341*)

On one occasion, I heard these words: My daughter, tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. **The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.***[our emphasis] On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (*Diary 699*)

Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to our neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to absolve yourself from it. (*Diary 742*)

As you can see the Lord's desire for the Feast includes the solemn, public veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy by the Church, as well as personal acts of veneration and mercy. The great promise for the individual soul is that a devotional act of sacramental penance and Communion will obtain for that soul the plenitude of the divine mercy on the Feast.

**The Cardinal of Krakow, Cardinal Macharski, whose diocese is the center of the spread of the devotion and the sponsor of the Cause of Sr. Faustina, has written that we should use Lent as preparation for the Feast and confess even before Holy Week! So, it is clear that the confessional requirement does not have to be met on the Feast itself. That would be an impossible burden for the clergy if it did. The Communion requirement is easily met that day, however, since it is a day of obligation, being Sunday. We would only need confession again, if received earlier in Lenten or Easter Season, if we were in the state of mortal sin on the Feast.*

25th Anniversary to the Priesthood

Fr. Francisco Nahoe OFM, Conv. will be celebrating his 25th Anniversary of Priesthood on May 5th. You are invited to join us for Solemn Evening Prayer on Sunday May 5th at 6:00pm in the Church followed by a light reception. Come join the Franciscans to celebrate!

May is the Month dedicated to Mary

Fr. Tom will be leading a study of Mary in the Bible by Dr. Scott Hahn on Saturday Mornings in May at 10am in the Our Lady of Grace Room in Stack Center. Join me as we learn of Our Lady's role in our salvation and in the church.

- May 4th Mary, Handmaid of the Lord.
- May 11th The Wedding at Cana
- May 18th Mary the New Eve
- May 25th The Arc of the New Covenant

Peace, Fr. Tom

Gospel for the Third Sunday of Easter (May 5th)

John 21:1-19

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Prayer cards are available in the pews for your use.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES
BISHOP'S OVERSEAS APPEAL**

There are envelopes in the pews for the annual appeal in support of Catholic Relief Services. This appeal supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and advocacy on behalf of the powerless. Thank you for your generosity.

**MISSION CO-OP ANNUAL APPEAL
MAY 4TH & 5TH**

When we think of Jamaica, we think of Ocho Rios, beautiful beaches, vacations and wonderful scenery. But, Jamaica is among the poorest countries in our hemisphere and the Diocese of Mandeville is the poorest of the three dioceses in Jamaica where 68% of the people have no running water. 25% of youth are "functionally illiterate;" there is an alarming number of destitute elderly and abandoned children; and, the average Sunday collection is 10% of the operating cost. The Diocese of Mandeville is VERY POOR!

Each year, a missionary is assigned to our parish by our diocesan Mission Office for an appeal asking our assistance for the very poor. This weekend we welcome Fr. Gary Wiesmann for our annual mission appeal on behalf of the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica. Please consider supporting the evangelization programs and outreach to the extremely poor people of this diocese in our second collection.

Envelopes will be available for your use. Fr. Wiesmann and all Missionary groups who benefit from this appeal are deeply grateful for your generosity.

**REGISTER FOR FESCO'S
22nd ANNUAL SHUFFLE WALKATHON
Saturday, May 4th - San Leandro Marina**

Members of Team OLG will be outside Mass on Saturday & Sunday, **April 27th & 28th**, if you would like to stop by and offer your support! Sign up to walk or to donate at www.FESCOShuffle.org. For more information or a pledge sheet, go to www.fescofamilyshester.org or call Stephanie Miller at the FESCO office at 510-886-5473, ext. 101. Help end family homelessness in Alameda County!



**THE 2019 BISHOP'S
APPEAL**

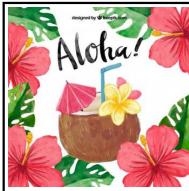
By sharing your time, talent and treasure with our sisters and brothers and our Church of the East Bay, you are making a sacrifice and returning to God a small portion of the many gifts he has given to you. By embracing Rebuild My Church through the 2019 Bishops Appeal, you are contributing greatly to building up the Kingdom of God here in the Church of the East Bay.

Your Generosity in Action: The Bishop's Appeal provide funds to offset some of the following expenses: Parishes and Schools in Need; Pastoral Ministries and Service; Clergy Formation and Retirement; Religious Education and Formation.

During the 2018 Bishop's Appeal, Our Lady of Grace surpassed it's goal of \$29,000 and contributed \$39,578! This means the \$10,578 comes back to us and will help meet our parish needs!



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**TIKI TIKI LUAU DINNER
AUCTION**

**Saturday, May 18th, 2019
5:30pm - 10:30pm
Stack Center**

Aloha! It's Tiki Time!

Join us for an amazing night of Silent & Live Auctions, Catered Dinner by Miraglia, Dessert Dash, No-Host Bar & Dancing

Sponsor a 10-person table for \$300 or \$35 per person open seating (Adults only)

No-Host Bar: Mai Tais, Beer, Wine, etc.
\$10 per bottle corkage fee at door, if bringing own bottle of wine

Purchase tickets online at www.olgcv.org/auction or purchase tickets in the school or parish office

Limited tickets available until **Tuesday, May 14th**
Tickets NOT sold at the event

Proceeds benefit OLG Parish, OLG School & selected charities

Team Tortalani Childcare - \$15 fee, includes pizza, fruit, drinks & dessert

Questions, Donations & Event Information :
our.lady.of.grace.auction@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE

The Easter Offering will be posted in the next bulletin. Thank you for your generosity and understanding.

**FR. FRANCISCO NAHOE'S
25TH ANNIVERSARY**



Fr. Francisco Nahoe OFM, Conv. will be celebrating his **25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination** at Our Lady of Grace Church on **Sunday, May 5th** at 6:00pm with sung Vespers, followed by refreshments in Stack Center, OLG Room Let's come together as a church community to honor & rejoice in all that Fr. Francisco has done for our parish!

**MARIAN SCRIPTURE STUDIES
WITH FR. TOM**

Beginning **May 4th**, Fr. Tom will lead a Marian Scripture Study: "The Bible and the Virgin Mary", which can be found on Formed.org. We will meet at 10:00am every Saturday in May in Stack Center, OLG Conference Room. Join us as we learn of the essential role of Mary in our faith.



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



Come join us **1st Friday, May 3rd**, for Mass at 8:15am with the recitation of the Litany of the Sacred Heart. On **1st Saturday, May 4th** join us for Mass, Adoration, Rosary & Benediction at 8:15am.

1ST FRIDAY-TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

There will be a Traditional Latin Mass on **May 3rd** at 7:00pm, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in the Friary Chapel in the CASA at 19950 Anita Ave.



**VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL
June 17th-June 28th**

WANTED: Positive, enthusiastic incoming 7th through 12th graders to join in the VBS adventure! If you are motivated to serve and lead by example and enjoy working with school-aged children, consider joining our VBS Teen Crew. Go to www.olgcv.org and click on the VBS icon/box to register as a volunteer or email jlee@olgcv.org if you have any questions.

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 April 14th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 9,743.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 9,038.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 705.00
Year-to-date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [3,158.00]

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 |
| Maria Bettencourt | Mona Mulvaney |
| Maureen Boeh | Angela Schaaphok |
| Peggy Burton | Florence Sharp |
| Ana Cochran | Rosemary Slater |
| Sylvia Dekas | Howard Songey |
| Fred Dorado | Lurdes Sousa |
| Lynn Franks | Mercedes Tellez |
| Anna Friedeberg | Baby Jackson Tyler Bishop |
| Byron Griffith | Denyse Verhaegen |
| Linda Guzman | Marylou Vincent |
| Maxine Kruzel | Arthur Williams |
| Wally Lim | Peggy Winkenbach |
| Laura Martell | |

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

JEAN ACNAM MIGUEL
BR. GEORGE CHERRIE OFM, CONV.

AN INVITATION TO CURSILLO

What is an Oakland Cursillo Weekend? For some it is a dynamic new expression of the Holy Spirit. For others, it's a chance to examine their faith and learn different perspectives from other Christians. Cursillo is an ongoing Diocese program held at Holy Redeemer Center in Oakland. "An Oakland Cursillo weekend is three days long, but its impact can last a lifetime". Are you interested in having a better relationship with Jesus & in knowing more about our Catholic Faith? **The next Men's Weekend is May 2nd-5th and Women's Weekend is May 16th-19th.** Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER

We are keeping up with technology!

Our parish provides Online Giving as an electronic tool for contributions so you can give via the Internet. Online Giving helps you maintain your giving even if you cannot be here at Mass. This also helps the parish streamline our cash flow, especially during bad weather or vacation times. Go to our parish website at www.olgcv.org to get started today. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at www.olgcv.org and select "Online Giving" at the top of the screen to register. If you need help, contact Colleen at 537-0806 or email: clindberg@olgcv.org

MOVIE NIGHTS AT OLG

See thought-provoking movies and share fellowship and discussion at OLG movie nights sponsored by our Pax Christi/Social Justice group. On **May 1st** the movie will be "**The True Cost**", a 90 min. documentary on the human and environmental costs of the fashion industry. We will meet at 7:00 pm in Stack Center. For more info, pick up a flyer at the entrances of the church or call Dennise at 510-538-6071.



ICF MEXICAN DINNER - MAY 9TH

Come join the ICF on **May 9th** in Stack Center, as we honor our Blessed Mother with the Rosary prior to our May dinner meeting. Doors open at 5:30pm and the Rosary will be prayed at 6:00pm. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm. If you cannot join us at 6:00pm, please join us quietly until we are finished. For reservations, please contact Juanita at 510-582-7242. Please reserve your spots by **May 5th**.

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: **May 2nd**

9:00am to 11:15am

Speaker: Tiffany Hoover

Topic: "The Dawning of Day: The Life & Epiphanies of Dorothy Day"

THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 28th:

The Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

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, April 30th:

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

9:30am--Parish Office, McGarvey Room

Men's Faith Share

7:00pm--Stack Center, Room 7

Wednesday, May 1st:

Pre-Baptism Class

7:00pm--Stack Center, OLG Room

Pax Christi Movie Night

7:00pm--Stack Center

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7:00pm--Stack Center, Resource Room

Thursday, May 2nd:

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

7:00pm--Parish Office, Upper Room

Adoration

7:00pm--Church

AA Serenity Group

7:30pm--Augustine Center, Room A2

Friday, May 3rd:

First Friday Devotion

8:15am--Church

First Friday Traditional Latin Mass

7:00pm--CASA, Friary Chapel

Saturday, May 4th:

First Saturday Mass & Adoration

8:15am--Church

Marian Scripture Study with Fr. Tom

10:00am--Stack Center, OLG Room

1st Holy Communion Rehearsal & Retreat

10:00am--Church

Mass Intentions for the Week 

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

SUNDAY, April 28th

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

7:30am Anthony Mirande--L

9:30am Mercy Peterson--D

11:30am Marcie Dugan--D

MONDAY, April 29th

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Julie Villarreal Dillon--D

TUESDAY, April 30th

St. Pius V, Pope

8:15am Tony & Roberta Shomon--L

WEDNESDAY, May 1st

St. Joseph the Worker

8:15am Mary Maravella--D

THURSDAY, May 2nd

St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Dorothy & Manuel Callier--D

FRIDAY, May 3rd

STS. PHILIP & JAMES, APOSTLES

8:15am Louis Rodrigues--D

SATURDAY, May 4th

8:15am Kordula Gardner--L

5:00pm Norma Wardle--D

SUNDAY, May 5th

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30am Rudy & Augie Enriquez--D

9:30am Helen Maes--D

11:30am Bohn Family--L

THIS WEEK--Continued

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Coffee & Donuts

After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center

Whole Family & Middle School Catechesis

10:50am--Stack Center

Fr. Francisco's Celebration

6:00pm--Church & Stack Center, OLG Room

Youth Ministry/Confirmation

6:00pm--Stack Center

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

April 29th through May 5th

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36

Friday: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41;

Revelations 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION

Please pray for our Sacrament students as they prepare to receive First Holy Eucharist during Masses on **May 11th & May 19th**. Please continue to pray for our Confirmation candidates as they prepare for their Confirmation on **June 8th** at Cathedral of Christ the Light.

PARENT CAFÉ - MAY 5TH

Families with children Pre-K and Kindergarten are invited to join us after the 9:30 Mass (or before the 11:30 Mass) for some fellowship with other parish families, refreshments and fun-themed activities. Kids will participate in a **Resurrection Egg Hunt**, make **egg-citing** crafts and **crown** our Blessed Mother with flowers and song. We will gather in the patio garden area adjacent to the rear entrance to the church (right side). Look for signs posted on the gate entrance. Please RSVP jcruz@olgcv.org so we know how many children will be participating.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S SOUP & SANDWICH MEALS

As of **May 1st**, St. Vincent de Paul will no longer be providing Soup and Sandwich Meals at Our Lady of Grace Church. In order to better serve our neighbors in need, we will be partnering with the HOPE Project Mobile run by ABODE Services. They have started to offer free medical services 1x/week at the First Presbyterian Church on Grove & Redwood Road. **We will be handing out lunches in that location on Thursdays from 10-11:00am beginning May 2nd.**

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