# THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

# **History of the Feast of Corpus Christi**

In 1263 a German priest, Fr. Peter of Prague, made a pilgrimage to Rome. He stopped in Bolsena, Italy, to celebrate Mass at the Church of St. Christina. At the time he was having doubts about Jesus being truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. He was affected by the growing debate among certain theologians who, for the first time in the history of the Church, began introducing doubts about the Body and Blood of Christ being actually present in the consecrated bread and wine. In response to his doubt, when he recited the prayer of consecration as he celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, blood started seeping from the consecrated host and onto the altar and corporal.

Fr. Peter reported this miracle to Pope Urban IV, who at the time was nearby in Orvieto. The pope sent delegates to investigate and ordered that host and blood-stained corporal be brought to Orvieto. The relics were then placed in the Cathedral of Orvieto, where they remain today.

This Eucharistic Miracle confirmed the visions given to St. Juliana of Mont Cornillon in Belgium (1193-1258). St. Juliana was a nun and mystic who had a series of visions in which she was instructed by Our Lord to work to establish a liturgical feast for the Holy Eucharist, to which she had a great devotion.

After many years of trying, she finally convinced the bishop, the future Pope Urban IV, to create this special feast in honor of the Blessed Sacrament, where none had existed before. Soon after her death, Pope Urban instituted Corpus Christi for the Universal Church and celebrated it for the first time in Orvieto in 1264, a year after the Eucharistic Miracle in Bolsena.

Inspired by the miracle, Pope Urban commissioned a Dominican friar, St. Thomas Aquinas, to compose the Mass and Office for the feast of Corpus Christi. Aquinas' hymns in honor of the Holy Eucharist, *Pange Lingua, Tantum Ergo, Panis Angelicus, and O Salutaris Hostia* are the beloved hymns the Church sings on the feast of Corpus Christi as well as throughout the year during Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

#### Solemn High Mass at Our Lady of Grace

On Friday **August 2** at 7pm we will celebrate a Solemn High Mass at Our Lady of Grace for the Feast of Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula. A plenary indulgence is granted for attending Mass on the Feast Day or on the Sunday after the Feast. The Portiuncula indulgence is the first plenary indulgence that was ever granted in the Church. There were indeed indulgences at all times, but they were only partial, and only a partial remission of the temporal punishments could be obtained by them. But, as already remarked, he who gains the Portiuncula indulgence is freed from all temporal punishments and becomes as pure as after holy baptism. This was also the reason why Pope Honorius was astonished when St. Francis petitioned for the confirmation of this indulgence, for such an indulgence, up to that time, bad been entirely unknown. It was only after he had come to the conviction that Jesus Christ himself wished it, that he granted the petition of the saint and confirmed the indulgence.

#### Poland Pilgrimage August 2020

I am excited about the visit to Poland and the City of the Immaculate built by St. Maximilian Kolbe to spread the Militia Immaculata. The phenomenal growth of this apostolate led to the foundation of the first city of the Immaculate, Niepo-kalanow in 1929. This was a friary of Franciscan priests and brothers engaged in the use of all kinds of modern equipment so as to promote via the mass media the Militia through all parts of Poland.

St. Maximilian returned to Niepokalanow, as it spiritual father, in 1936 and under his able direction the number of the friars there grew above 900 in the months preceding World War II. Publishing apostolate was producing 1,000,000 magazines monthly as well all 125,000 copies of a daily paper for the 1,000,000 members of the Militia worldwide.

This was the largest Monastery or Religious Friary to ever have existed in the Church.

Join us on the Pilgrimage. Contact office for More information!

Fr. Tom

#### Gospel for The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (June 30th)

#### Luke 9:51-62

When the days for Jesus' being taken up were fulfilled, he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem, and he sent messengers ahead of him. On the way they entered a Samaritan village to prepare for his reception there, but they would not welcome him because the destination of his journey was Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?" Jesus turned and rebuked them, and they journeyed to another village. As they were proceeding on their journey someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus answered him, "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." And to another he said, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, let me go first and bury my father." But he answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."

#### **OUR LADY OF GRACE PARISH**



by going to our website and clicking on the Faith Formation box. Cost is \$100 for the 1st child & \$50 for each additional child. An early-bird discount of \$20 is offered if your children are registered by **July 1st**. All children are welcome!





### SAVE THE DATE! PARISH PICNIC AT LAKE CHABOT PARK AUGUST 11TH

Mark your summer calendar now for our Parish Picnic! It will be a time for our Parish family to come together for Prayer, Fun, and Food. More details to come.

# **NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION**

We extend a warm welcome to new parishioners & guests. Please stop by Stack Center, today, **June 23rd**, 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.



#### **REBUILD MY CHURCH BISHOP'S APPEAL 2019**

REBUILD MY CHURCH 2019 BISHOP'S APPEAL Ously contributed towards our Annual Bishop's Appeal. We

are off to a great start but have a ways to go! Following is the status of our Annual Bishop's Appeal through **May 31st**:

\$18,733.00—Actual Donations Received

Our Goal for 2019:\$29,000.00# of Acknowledged Donors to date:112Funds Raised (includes pledges)\$25,724.00

We are currently at **89%** of our goal for this year's Bishop's Appeal!

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THUNDER VALLEY CASINO TRIP SATURDAY, JULY 27th

Join the St. Maximilian Kolbe Council 16770 Knights of Columbus for a fun day at Thunder Valley Casino Resort. We will travel by chartered bus from Castro Valley to Thunder Valley Casino Resort in Lincoln, CA. (near Sacramento) Tickets are \$35.00 per person, you will receive a \$12.00 food coupon and a \$15.00 gaming coupon upon arrival. Enjoy Finger Tip BINGO, 50/50 Raffle and other games during the trip (\$5.00 per game). Departure will be from OLG at 7:30am, with return approximately 5:30pm. Tickets are available from any member of the Council. contact Dwight Speir at dwightmv700@aol.com for information or tickets.

#### 2020 PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND, CZECH REPUBLIC & GERMANY August 11th - 21st, 2020 The Passion Play of Oberammergau

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. **Don't miss this chance to experience the Passion Play of Oberammergau**. The price for this 11-day pilgrimage is \$4649 per person and includes RT air from SF, 1st class/select hotels, 1st class admission tickets for the Oberammergau Passion Play, most meals, sightseeing & more. Book early! Please contact Heidi Denzler-Halsey at 510-881-7850 or heidimdh106@gmail.com for more details.



# 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.

### WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY The Acts of the Apostles

The Acts of the Apostles provides us more than a history of the First Christians - it is the story about the Early Church with the Holy Spirit as the protagonist. Christ did not leave His Apostles alone - He sent the Holy Spirit to guide, instruct and equip them. Enrich and deepen your faith as you learn how the Apostles continued Christ's mission on earth through the Power of the Holy Spirit.

Join us for *Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom* in the Our Lady of Grace Room in Stack Center, beginning **September 10th** at 7:00pm and continuing every other Tuesday for 20 Sessions. Cost is \$33. For more information or to register for the study please, contact Jay at the Parish Office at 537-0806 or Heidi Denzler-Halsey at 510-881-7850 or heidimdh106@gmail.com. Last day to register is **August 15th**.

# **CELEBRATE CHILDREN!**

#### Dear Parents,

Our parish enthusiastically welcomes your growing family to fully celebrate with us. May we suggest:

- \***Relax**. God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house.
- \*Sit towards the front or aisle where it is easier for little ones to see & hear.
- \*Quietly explain the parts of the Mass.
- \*Sing the hymns and pray the prayers together. Children learn from your actions.
- \*If necessary, the Family Room located at the right side of the Church is available for your use.

To all Parishioners:

The presence of children is a gift to your Church. Like all of us, they are members of the Body of Christ & a reminder of the growth & future of our Church. Please welcome our children & their parents, & give them a big smile of encouragement!

# 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 June 16th:

Sunday Plate:	\$	8,332.00	
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$	9,038.00	
Over/[Shortfall]	\$	[705.00]	
Year-to-date Over/[Shortfall]	\$	[15,467.00]	
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:

Glen Alcorn Jose Arellano Maria Bettencourt Maureen Boeh Peggy Burton Ana Cochran Fred Dorado Lynn Franks Anna Friedeberg Tony Goncalves Jr. Byron Griffith Linda Guzman Maxine Kruzel Wally Lim Laura Martell Rose Montalban Mona Mulvaney Angela Schaaphok Florence Sharp Rosemary Slater Howard Songey Lurdes Sousa Mercedes Tellez Denyse Verhaegen Marylou Vincent Arthur Williams Peggy Winkenbach

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

### HENRY ATTWOOD



# SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING DURING THE SUMMER

While you are away on summer trips, you can still stay up-to-date on your

giving and continue your weekly offering through the summer months! Visit our parish website at www.olgcv.org and select "Online Giving" at the top of the screen to register and get instructions on how to make offerings online. If you need help, contact Colleen at 537-0806 or email:clindberg@olgcv.org



# **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights of Columbus monthly meetings are held the 4th 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, **June 26th**.



# PRE-BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS & GODPARENTS

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

### **SCRIP ORDER FORMS ARE HERE!**

You can purchase SCRIP gift cards and spend it at local stores where you already shop. SCRIP cards (at face value) help Our Lady of Grace's Evangelization Program earn 2%-17% per certificate. Stop by the Parish office and look over the list. This is a great fundraiser for the church. 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. Forms are available at the back of the church or in the Parish Office. Questions? Please contact the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.



#### **GRIEF WORKSHOP**

The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Whether the death was sudden or tragic, or one with warning and preparation, the reality of death leaves most of us in a state of shock, confusion and sadness. Join us and let us accompany you on your healing journey. Fr. Padraig Greene will facilitate an evening to discuss grief on **Thursday, June 27th** at 7:30pm at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr. Pleasanton. Grief can be due to the death of a loved one, divorce or separation. All are welcome, regardless of religious affiliation. Please call Eleanor Flatley at 925-846-8708 for more information.



#### Sunday, June 23rd:

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

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

New Parishioner Registration 10:00am--Stack Center

#### Tuesday, June 25th:

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

Wednesday, June 26th:

Knights of Columbus 6:00pm--Stack Center

#### Thursday, June 27th

Adoration 7:00pm--Church

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

#### Sunday, June 30th:

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



# QUO VADIS YOUTH RETREAT

The Seminarians of the Diocese of Oakland will be hosting a **Quo Vadis Day** on **Monday, July 22nd** from 9:30-6:30pm at the Diocese of Oakland Youth Retreat Center in Lafayette. This day of gathering is open to young men ages 13-18 and the cost is \$20. To register or for more information, please email Cielo Barroso-Branco at cbranco@oakdiocese.org or call 510-267-8356.

#### **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. <u>The cost per candle is \$4.00.</u> The glass globes in the candle stand must be left in the church.





All Masses are celebrated in the Church

SUNDAY, June 23rd THE MOST HOLY BLOOD & BODY OF CHRIST 9:30am Cec Penland--L 1:30pm Jose Duarte--D

MONDAY, June 24th THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST 8:15am For All Souls

**TUESDAY, June 25th** 8:15am Bill Correia--D

WEDNESDAY, June 26th 8:15am Glen Alcorn--L

**THURSDAY, June 27th** St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 8:15am Tony Cabrera--D

**FRIDAY, June 28th** THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS 8:15am Anna Mai Nguyen--L

SATURDAY, June 29th STS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES 5:00pm Colleen Lindberg--L

SUNDAY, June 30th THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1:30pm Ruth "Uty" Rodriguez--D



# **COME JOIN US**



All are invited after the **9:30am** Sunday Mass to gather in Stack Center for coffee and donuts.

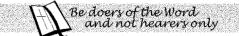
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# **READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

#### June 17th through June 23rd

Monday:	Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26;
2	Luke 1:57-66,80
Tuesday:	Genesis 13:2,5-18; Matthew 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday:	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18;
	Matthew 7:15-20
Thursday:	Genesis 16:1-12,15-16;
-	Matthew 7:21-29
Friday:	Ezekiel 34:11-16; Romans 5:5-11;
-	Luke 15:3-7
Saturday:	Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18;
-	Matthew 16:13-19
Sunday:	1 Kings 19:16,19-21;
	Galatians 5:1, 13-18; Luke 9:51-62
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### 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.

# 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.



### **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 8:15am Mass each Wednesday in the Church. Please join us.

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