

**Pentecost**

We live in a time where many are abandoning the faith especially in areas where Christianity had been practiced over a millennium. Christians continue to be persecuted and a target for violence in many parts of the world. May we learn from the witness of the Apostles and Martyrs that empowered by the the Love of God in the Holy Spirit there is hope and transformation of hearts is possible. "Knowledge of faith is possible only in the Holy Spirit: to be in touch with Christ, we must first have been touched by the Holy Spirit. He comes to meet us and kindle faith in us." (CCC, 683)

May we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit to move from fear and offer ourselves to serve the Lord and testify to Jesus Christ who is risen and present for us offering Mercy and Love, to show us the way to peace for all eternity. We see how empowered by the Holy Spirit a fisherman could inspire people to believe in a carpenter who was crucified. May we not fear to proclaim Jesus is Lord and alive. May we face our world with fearless Faith and Hope so people may hear the Good News. May people be cut to the heart today and respond to the Gospel and be Baptized and come to receive the Holy Spirit and find Salvation in Jesus Christ.

The pilgrims who had heard Peter give this first pentecostal sermon "were pierced to the heart and said: Brethren, what shall we do? But Peter said to them: Repent and be baptized; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Three thousand responded.

Confirmation

"Now when the Apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the Word of God, they sent to them Peter and John. On their arrival they prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit; for as yet He had not come upon any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit." (Acts 8:14-17)

The significance of this passage lies in what it tells us about the sacrament of Confirmation. It tells us that while Confirmation is a complement to Baptism, a completing of what was begun in Baptism, nevertheless Confirmation is a sacrament distinct from Baptism. We are particularly interested in this fact which the passage makes plain: the fact that it was the Apostles-that is, the bishops-who did the confirming. Whoever it was who had baptized the Samaritans very evidently did not have the power to "lay hands" upon them and to impart to them the Holy Spirit. Two of the Apostles, Peter and John, had to travel from Jerusalem to Samaria in order to give the sacrament of Confirmation to these new Christians. The bishop was the original minister of Confirmation. Ordinarily, the bishop still administers this sacrament so that there is a clear link to the first outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. However, bishops can also permit priests to administer this sacrament and in practice this is often done.

The Catechism's section on Confirmation says that Confirmation is the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Its effects are to:

- * Root us more deeply in divine filiation (being children of God)
- * Unites us more firmly to Christ
- * Increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us
- * Strengthens our bond with the Church
- * Associates us more closely to her mission of bearing witness to Christ
- * Helps us and more strictly obliges us to spread and defend the faith by word and deed

A generation ago, we said that confirmed Catholics were "soldiers of Christ." This indicates Confirmation's effects: it configures us for a full & active mission of service to Christ. This generation like no other faces a society that is indifferent or hostile to the message of Christ. This generation is disillusioned with the institution of the Church whose sins have been revealed. Come Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of our confirmandi with the love so they can renew our church and our world with faith. Please pray for our young people who are being confirmed on Saturday, June 8th.

Pilgrimage to Encounter Our Lady of Czestochowa

In a little over a year, the pilgrimage to Poland, Prague, and Oberammergau will begin. This pilgrimage is to give honor to our Lady as we go to Sacred image at Czestochowa. In the monastery-fortress of Jasna Gora, in Czestochowa, Poland has venerated an ancient icon of Holy Mary and the Infant God, with a fascinating history. Tradition has it that it was painted by St. Luke the Evangelist on a table built by Our Lord Jesus in St. Joseph's workshop. Empress Saint Helena who found Our Lord's cross, also discovered this icon in Jerusalem, and took it to Constantinople where her son, Constantine, built a church to enshrine it. The image remained in Constantinople for 500 years until, through dowries, it was taken to Russia to a region that later became Poland. Our Lady of Czestochowa has protected and delivered the people of Poland for over 700 years. Many miracles are attributed to this image. Join us for this Pilgrimage of a lifetime!

Peace , Fr. Tom



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

When June 7, 2019 arrives we will have been in school for 180 days. So much has been accomplished with and for our students this 2018-2019 school year. Our Mission statement says we try to "create a balance among the spiritual, academic, and social growth" of each student. To that end each teacher and staff person has worked with love and dedication to fulfill that promise. As we begin the summer and go our separate ways, many thanks are in order. Change occurs every year and this is no different. Our Kid Kare will miss the early morning presence of Ms. Rosemary who lovingly opens the doors daily at 6:30am. Our upper grade students will miss their teachers, Mr. Scholz, Mrs. Contreras and Ms. Markette as well as our Tech coordinator/teacher, Ms. Gibbons. New staff will be joining us to continue the great work these people leave as their legacy. Please pray for all of us that we have a safe, fruitful, happy summer break. May we all remember Psalm 45 which says, "The Lord is near to all who call on Him."
 -Susan Anderson



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL CLASS OF 2019



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| Reese Bartlett | Michael Omans |
| Jack Buckley | Isabel Ovalle |
| Eileen Caldwell | Mannat Padda |
| Nora Caldwell | David Phillips |
| Ellie Deorsey | David Pita |
| Albert Hickey | David Reggiardo |
| Amelia Hollis | Camille Romo |
| Amber Huizar | Ariana Schoefer |
| Genevieve Koceniak | Myles Secrist |
| Emma Kwok | Elijah Tavares |
| Ryan Moran | Nicole Westerhoff |
| Elias Nierengarten | Matthew Wren |

This past week, our 8th grade students celebrated their final events leading to graduation. We congratulate them and their families as they complete their educational pursuits at OLG and now prepare to move on to their various new High Schools. We can be rightly proud of the many accomplishments of this year's graduation class-it is a clear indication of the talents of our students, and of the commitment and support they received from family and teachers along the way. We wish them well, and we offer profound thanks to our school's wonderful principal, faculty and staff who have done so much to prepare them for this new adventure!

PEACE
be with you



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CONFIRMATION 2019

Please join in celebration with these young members of our Parish Community who will be Confirmed in faith, on **June 8th at 2:00pm** by Bishop Barber at the Cathedral of Christ the Light.

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| Marina Alejandre | Rosie Lara |
| Sofía Alonso | Carime Martínez |
| Antonio Cervantes | Christopher Martínez |
| Samantha Daniels | Valeria Morfin |
| Abby Deorsey | Gio Mota |
| Aleana Dugan | Lesly Ojeda |
| Sebastian Escobedo | Alvaro Prieto Jr. |
| Milo Fernández | Esmeralda Prieto |
| Selena Galván | Alex Rico |
| Cassandra García-Morfin | Dominic Sequeira |
| Isabella García-Morfin | Juan Trujillo |
| Noah González | Alex Villaverde |
| Viviana Hernández | Brianna Villaverde |
| Garrett Koceniak | |

I will send the SPIRIT to you



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REBUILD MY CHURCH BISHOP'S APPEAL 2019

Many thanks to those parishioners who have already generously 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 15th**:

- \$ 14,198—Actual Donations Received
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| Our Goal for 2019: | \$29,000.00 |
| # of Acknowledged Donors to date: | 89 |
| Funds Raised (includes pledges) | \$21,478.00 |

We are currently at **74%** of our goal for this year's Bishop's Appeal!

Gospel for Pentecost Sunday

June 9th

John 20:19-23



ALTAR CANDLE MEMORIAL DONORS

We deeply thank the following donors who have given generously towards sponsoring our Altar Candle Memorial.

Given By:	In Memory of / In Honor of:
Amy Hernandez	Helen F. Reidy
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	Sally Schultheis
Ron Stainbrook	Edna Shay
Maria Zambrano	Jose & Gloria Areas
Jan & Chris Richard	
Tim Schantin	



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 24th-June 28th
9:00am-noon**

Cost is \$65 for 1 child, \$105 for 2 children and \$130 for 3 or more children. **Space is limited! Last day to register is June 14th.** A late fee of \$20 will be added after **June 1st.** Hard copy registration forms are available at the church exits and in the Parish Office. **To register your camper or teen volunteer online:** visit our website at www.olgcv.org, then click on "VBS" at the top of the homepage.

Roar with Us! Become a VBS Teen Volunteer!

We're looking for 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.

VBS Donation Requests

Can you help outfit our Roar! VBS with some needed supplies? We're looking for donations of specific food items/gift cards and we're also hoping to get some recyclable items for the week of Vacation Bible School. There is a VBS DONATION board near the church restrooms with post-it notes for you to take with you. Thanks for your generous consideration!

Questions? Please contact John Lee at jlee@olgcv.org



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 May 26th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 10,037.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 9,038.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 999.00
Year-to-date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [14,052.00]

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

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

**CAROL THOMAS
STEVEN COLEMAN**

**PARISH APPEAL
Catholic Communication Campaign**

The Catholic Communication Appeal is today, **June 2nd.** This campaign is connecting people with Christ through the internet, television, radio & print media. 50% of the funds we collect stay in our diocese to support local communication efforts as well as projects in developing countries. This collection connects people around the world to the gospel message. Envelopes will be provided in the pews. Please be generous!

WITH SINCERE APPRECIATION



My heartfelt gratitude and sincere appreciation goes out to the entire Our Lady of Grace community after the passing of my husband, Lee Shilts. Blessings to all who called, sent cards, requested Masses, provided meals, gave hugs, said prayers and held me up and continue to share their friendship and love on a daily basis. The list is too long to mention individuals but I especially want to thank Fr. Tom, Fr. Kevin Mullins, Jay, the Folk Group, Helping Hands and Miraglia Catering for their guidance and generosity.

Love & Blessings to All,
Susan Klas



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
SPAGHETTI DINNER - June 15th**

Join us for a delicious Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, **June 15th** at 6:00pm in Stack Center to celebrate St. Anthony of Padua and St. Bonaventure's Feast Days. Dinner includes spaghetti with meat or marinara sauce, salad, bread and your choice of juice, coffee or tea. We will also have a No-Host wine bar. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children & may be purchased online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spaghetti-dinner-tickets-61971280769> or after Mass or at the Parish Office. See you there!

BINGO NIGHTS!

St. Maximilian Kolbe Council 16770 Knights of Columbus is hosting BINGO games on the **2nd Wednesday of each month**. Enjoy a variety of fun BINGO games on shutter cards. 50/50 Blackout game will be on paper BINGO sheets, BINGO Daubers and \$100 minimum winners pot. Progressive BINGO game each month! Doors open at 6:00pm at Stack Center.



REGARDING FLYERS FOR YOUR EVENTS

When creating a flyer for your event to be placed on the church bulletin boards, please use a half-sheet format (5.5 x 8.5). There are many who want their events promoted, but we simply do not have enough space when the flyers are a full-sheet. But first, please submit your flyer to the Parish Office for placement on the bulletin boards in church and on the rolling sign board outside Stack Center on Sundays. Thank you for your understanding.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 2nd:

The Ascension of the Lord

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

Tuesday, June 4th:

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

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

Wednesday, June 5th:

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

Pre-Baptismal Class
7:00pm--Stack Center, OLG Room

Thursday, June 6th

Adoration
7:00pm--Church

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

Friday, June 7th

First Friday Devotion
8:15am--Church

First Friday Traditional Latin Mass
7:00pm--CASA, Friary Chapel

Saturday, June 8th:

Confirmation
2:00pm--Cathedral of Christ the Light

Holy Land Sale
After 5:00pm Mass--Outside Rear Entrance

Sunday, June 9th:

Pentecost Sunday

Holy Land Sale
After All Masses--Outside Rear Entrance

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

MEN'S FAITH SHARE

The Men's Faith Share group meets on Tuesdays each week at 7:00pm in Stack Center, Room 7. We will read and discuss the upcoming Sunday's readings for the Mass. If you are looking for a small group setting to pray with and explore the Word each week, plan on joining us!

Mass Intentions for the Week

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

SUNDAY, June 2nd

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

7:30am Rudy & Augie Enriquez--D

9:30am Helen Maes--D

1:30pm Antonia Vargas

MONDAY, June 3rd

St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs

8:15am Josephine Herrera--D

TUESDAY, June 4th

8:15am Dorothy & Manuel Callier--D

WEDNESDAY, June 5th

St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

8:15am Connie Linney--L

THURSDAY, June 6th

St. Norbert, Bishop

8:15am Salvador Tejada--D

FRIDAY, June 7th

8:15am Mark Kochel--D

SATURDAY, June 8th

St. Justin, Martyr

8:15am Richard Benson--D

5:00pm Lilia Sousa--D

SUNDAY, June 9th

PENTECOST SUNDAY

9:30am Jerome Gann--D

1:30pm Juana & Carmen Fregoso--D

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

June 3rd through June 9th

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13-21; John 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23



**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.

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 parish & school 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.

EXECUTION ALERTS

The following executions are scheduled to take place in June:

June 16th	Donnie Johnson	Tennessee
	Michael Samra	Alabama
June 23rd	Robert Long	Florida
June 30th	Christopher Price	Alabama

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

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This week we extend our gratitude to:

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**2020 PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND,
CZECH REPUBLIC & GERMANY**

A Day in Czestochowa, Auschwitz & Krakow

In Czestochowa, we will visit the Jasna Gora Monastery which withstood the religious wars of the 17th C. This city is also home to the Black Madonna, the "Queen of Poland". We continue to the Auschwitz Concentration Camp & then to Krakow, Poland's ancient capital.

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.