

Feast of St. Anthony on June 13
 “Motto of St. Anthony”
 Behold the Cross of the Lord!
 Be gone all evil powers!
 The Lion of the tribe of Judah,
 The root of David has conquered! Alleluia!

St. Anthony of Padua is a Doctor of the Church, a Franciscan priest known as the “Hammer of the Heretics”, the “Wonder-Worker”, and the “Living Ark of the Covenant.” Countless conversions, miraculous healings, and powerful preaching were all characteristic of his ministry.

He was born to a noble family in 1195 in Lisbon, Portugal and was baptized Fernando Martins de Bulhões. He was educated by the clergy at the Cathedral of Lisbon. At the age of 15, he joined the Canons Regular of St. Augustine. At 17, he transferred to the Abbey of the Holy Cross at Coimbra. For a period of eight years, he devoted himself solely to study and prayer.

At 25, he met five Franciscan friars who were on their way to Morocco to serve as missionaries. Five months later, when the bodies of these five were brought back from Morocco, he expressed a strong desire to suffer martyrdom for the faith in a similar manner. Stirred by their heroic example, he left monastic life and entered the Franciscan order. At the age of 26, he received the Franciscan habit in the chapel of St. Anthony of Olivares, near Coimbra. At this time, Fernando changed his name to Anthony in honor of the patron saint of the chapel. The same year he was ordained, he was sent to Africa.

However, God had other plans for Anthony. Anthony had barely set foot on African soil when he became seriously ill. Even after he had recovered, he was so frail that he boarded a boat back to Portugal. Suddenly, a storm came up, which drove the ship to the east where it found refuge on the coast of Sicily. There he was given shelter by the Franciscans of that island, who nursed him back to health. Shortly afterward, he traveled to Assisi to attend the Order’s Chapter meeting with their founder, St. Francis of Assisi. As the chapter broke up, Anthony was basically ignored by nearly everyone. However, one provincial from northern Italy, noticed him and sent him to a small hermitage, where he lived a simple life, performing menial tasks, such as gardening, cleaning, setting tables and washing dishes.

But a hidden gift was soon to materialize. Anthony and other members of his community were sent to the town of Forli for the ordination ceremony of some Dominicans and Franciscans. However, the priest who was to give the homily had become ill, and Anthony’s superior selected him to preach, encouraging him to speak whatever the Holy Spirit put in his mouth. Anthony humbly objected, but was overruled. He spoke with such eloquence that his audience was amazed and he was assigned to preach throughout northern Italy. St. Francis of Assisi himself appointed Anthony to teach theology. A contemplative at heart, Anthony consistently spent long hours in prayer prior to preaching and teaching.

Anthony was called the “Wonder Worker” for his many reported miracles. He preached to crowds in the rain, but his audiences remained dry despite the downpour.

The number of those who came to hear him was so large that no church was large enough to hold them, so he had to preach in the open air. He was so zealous in defending the truths of the Catholic Faith that many heretics were converted. This prompted the epitaph given him by Pope Gregory IX the “Ark of the Covenant.”

Once a man, who provided him shelter in his home, came upon St. Anthony and found him holding in his arms the Child Jesus, extraordinarily beautiful and encircled in heavenly light. For this reason, St. Anthony is often depicted holding the Child Jesus.

In 1227, Anthony was elected Minister Provincial of the friars living in northern Italy, yet, as always, he made the time for contemplative prayer.

In Padua, Anthony preached his last and most famous sequence of Lenten homilies. The crowds were as large as 30,000 people, many of whom had waited all night to hear him. He even required a body guard to protect him from those who sought to snatch a lock of his hair or a patch of clothing as keepsakes.

The great amount of energy he expended during the 40 days of Lent at Padua in 1231 left him extremely exhausted and so he rested at a small town near Padua. When he realized he was dying, he wanted to return to Padua, but did not make it back. Instead, he stopped at the town of Arcella. After receiving the last sacraments, he kept looking upward and smiling. When he was asked what he saw there, he answered: “I see my Lord.” Anthony died June 13, 1231, at the age of 36, only ten years after entering the Franciscan order.

Anthony was canonized in 1232, less than one year after his death, and was made a Doctor of the Church in 1946. Although he was Portuguese, St. Anthony took his name from the Italian city of Padua, where he spent most of his later years. A magnificent basilica was built at Padua in his honor; his holy relics were entombed there in 1263. From the time of his death up to the present day, many miracles have occurred through St. Anthony’s intercession.

I am ever so thankful to my Friars for introducing me to devotion to this great saint, who has helped me so many times not only by finding lost items, but in helping me find myself spiritually. He continues to teach me: humility to replace my pride and the importance of submitting to God’s will, rather than my own. Despite his many gifts, St. Anthony remained a man of great holiness and humility, never taking credit for them, but always attributing them all to the Lord. This coming Father’s Day, I will be remembering Fathers and as protectors of souls of their families. We will ask St. Anthony to intercede for our Fathers to empower them in this mission.



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



CONGRATULATIONS LADY LIONS...

For a wonderful girls basketball season! Way to go to the following teams for advancing to post-season play: 5th grade: fought hard in the finals but lost to St. Johns. 7th grade: clinched the Diocean Championship. 8th grade: played hard but lost to St. Joseph of Pinole. A shout-out to all CYO players, coaches, volunteers, parents & families for your continued support! Sending off our 8th graders with many blessings & wish you all the best in high school. We're especially proud of your continued dedication to your team and OLG CYO!



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!

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION APPEAL THANK YOU!

Thank you for generously donating to the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities. Half of all proceeds remain in our diocese and support local needs. Donations will continue to be accepted through this weekend.



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION 2019-2020

Just a friendly reminder 2018-2019 Faith Formation (Whole Family and Sacrament Preparation) year is complete. Registration for the new year is available now, and classes will resume in September. The registration form is available in the Parish Office and on our website: <http://www.olgcv.org>. Online registration is available 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!

HOLY LAND FUNDRAISER

A group from the Holy Land will be selling religious articles made from olive wood after all Masses this weekend, **June 8th and 9th** to support the Catholic Christian minorities in Bethlehem. Due to security concerns, tourism to the Holy Land is at an all-time low, and many native Catholic families are facing economic hardship from the lack of tourism sales. *Please support this mission generously and pray for our brothers and sisters in Bethlehem and Jerusalem.*



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.



**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 NIGHT - JUNE 12TH

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.

ICF RAVIOLI DINNER

Celebrate Father's Day and those new Graduates the easy way! Join the ICF for their Ravioli Dinner on **June 13th** in Stack Center. Doors open at 6:00pm and dinner will be served at 6:30pm, cost is \$15.00 for members and \$20.00 for nonmembers. For reservations please call Juanita at 510-582-7242. Deadline is **June 11th at Noon**. Mangia! Mangia!



**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.

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 2nd

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| Sunday Plate: | \$ 8,882.00 |
| Weekly Budgeted Goal: | \$ 9,038.00 |
| Over/[Shortfall] | \$ [156.00] |
| Year-to-date Over/[Shortfall] | \$ [15,401.00] |

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

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

**CAROL THOMAS
ANNABEL PARENTI**



**SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING
ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER**

Thank you for using Online Giving! Parishioners who use the service are pleased with how easy it is to set up and manage. This is a perfect tool for anyone who already shops online. By signing up, you will help improve our parish's operational efficiency. Visit 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

**2020 PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND,
CZECH REPUBLIC & GERMANY
A Day in Wadowice & Krakow**

We will visit Wadowice, the birthplace of Fr. Karol Wojtyla, later known as Pope St. John Paul II. In Krakow, we will tour the 16th C. Wawel Royal Castle, St. Mary's Church and Old Town.

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.

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.

DID YOU KNOW???

Your Maintenance Fund Donation allows us to make crucial repairs and improvements to our facilities. Below are some recent examples:

- New stove & hood for the Casa kitchen
- HVAC repairs for the Church & Augustine Center
- Water heater for the Parish Office
- Semi-annual maintenance on the kitchen hood in Stack center
- Annual testing of fire extinguishers
- Microphones & equipment for the Evangelization programs

Thank you for your generous contributions!



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.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 9th:

Pentecost Sunday

Holy Land Sale

After All Masses--Outside Rear Entrance

Coffee & Donuts

After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center

New Parishioner Registration

10:00am--Stack Center

Tuesday, June 11th:

Men's Faith Share

7:00pm--Stack Center, Room 7

Wednesday, June 12th:

Bingo

6:00pm--Stack Center

Ichthus

7:00pm--Stack Center, Resource Room

Thursday, June 13th

ICF Ravioli Dinner

6:00pm--Stack Center

Adoration

7:00pm--Church

AA Serenity Group

7:30pm--Augustine Center, Room A2

Saturday, June 15th:

K of C Spaghetti Dinner

6:00pm--Stack Center

Sunday, June 16th:

The Most Holy Trinity

Happy Father's Day!

Coffee & Donuts

After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

We extend a warm welcome to new parishioners & guests. Please stop by Stack Center **June 9th**, 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.

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 9th

PENTECOST SUNDAY

9:30am Jerome Gann--D

1:30pm Juana & Carmen Fregoso--D

MONDAY, June 10th

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

8:15am Debi Telles--D

TUESDAY, June 11th

ST. BARNABAS, APOSTLE

8:15am Larry La Brie--D

WEDNESDAY, June 12th

8:15am Antonio Chocha--D

THURSDAY, June 13th

St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Charles Dan Estorga--D

FRIDAY, June 14th

8:15am Paul & Gretchen Reetz & Family--L

SATURDAY, June 15th

8:15am Keith Crane--L

5:00pm Hans Friedeberg--D

SUNDAY, June 16th

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

11:30am Randall Soares--D

1:30pm Fernandez & Gonzalez Families--L



EASTER FLOWERS - THANK YOU

Thank you for your flower donations--our Easter Season decorations have been enhanced by beautiful, colorful flowers. Many people donated toward the Easter Lilies. Several of our Spanish Community bring flowers regularly for Our Lady of Guadalupe. We owe a special thank you to Imelda Guerrero for her continued craft and creativity in doing our weekly flower arrangements--if you use the flower donation envelopes, it is Imelda who provides these arrangements. Finally, this year, even more than previously, because they do this every year for us, we were blest with an abundance of beautiful cymbidiums and there are still bouquets of them in the sanctuary--our very sincere thanks to John and Maria Barbuzano for their generosity.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

June 10th through June 16th

- Monday: Genesis 3:9-15, 20; John 19:25-34
- Tuesday: Acts 11:21-26;13:1-3; Matthew 5:13-16
- Wednesday: 2 Corinthians 3:4-11; Matthew 5:17-19
- Thursday: 2 Corinthians 3:15-4:1, 3-6; Matthew 5:20-26
- Friday: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 5:27-32
- Saturday: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Matthew 5:33-37
- Sunday: Proverbs 8:22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

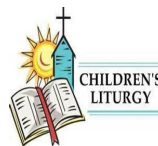
REGARDING FLYERS FOR YOUR EVENTS

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.



ICHTHUS - YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Ichthus will have it's last meeting on **June 19th** and will resume in September. Have a blessed summer!



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy will be on summer break and will resume in September, after Labor Day. See you in the fall!



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.

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