

**VATICAN STATEMENT ON THE SEAL OF SECRECY FOR CONFESSION**

The Apostolic Penitentiary released the following statement approved by Pope Francis on Confession. “The inviolable secrecy of Confession derives directly from revealed divine law and is rooted in the very nature of the sacrament, to the point of admitting no exception in the ecclesial or, even less so, in the civil sphere. In the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, in fact, the very essence of Christianity itself and of the Church is encapsulated: the Son of God became man to save us, and He decided to involve the Church, as a “necessary instrument” in this work of salvation, and, in her, those whom He has chosen, called, and constituted as His ministers”.

I want to thank those who wrote to the State Assembly. Bill SB360 has been pulled from consideration because there were not enough votes.

*Peace,
Fr. Tom*

SB 360, Legislative Threat to Seal of Confession, Pulled from Committee

Published on California Catholic Conference (<https://www.cacatholic.org>)

SACRAMENTO, CA -- The day before hundreds of Catholics were planning to voice their opposition by attending a hearing in the Capitol, SB 360 was pulled from the agenda for tomorrow's Assembly Public Safety Committee effectively removing it from any further consideration this year.

SB 360 (Hill, D-San Mateo) attempted to deny the sanctity of confession when it comes to priests and to Catholics who work with priests in parishes, Church agencies and ministries.

The action follows the delivery of tens of thousands of letters, emails and phone calls from Catholics and others concerned with the free expression of religion. Hundreds more planned on boarding buses from as far away as Los Angeles to voice their opposition tomorrow.

Andrew Rivas, executive director of the California Catholic Conference, expressed his thanks to the Californians who reached out to their legislators to oppose SB 360:

“An amazing number of people spoke to their legislators to explain the sacred nature of the Sacrament of Reconciliation,” said Rivas. “It is important to our spirituality and our relation to God and to others. Our thanks go to all who played a part.”

Rivas emphasized the strengthening mandatory reporting laws continues to be a priority of the Conference’s public policy efforts.

Analysis of SB 360 by the staff of the Public Safety Committee, released today, also raised significant First Amendment concerns, emphasized that no other state had taken a similar approach and pointed to the impracticality of enforcing the new law. The analysis also noted it had received opposition from more than 125,000 individuals – although emails and letters from several dioceses continued to be delivered after that count was made. Authors can pull bills for a variety of reasons ranging from not having enough votes to a desire to continue working on details. Since the California legislature has a two-year session, the bill can still be considered next year.

Gospel for The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 21st)

Luke 10:38-42

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

BEWARE OF TEXT SCAM!

Recently, there have been fraudulent texts sent to parishioners, supposedly from Fr. Tom. **Fr. Tom would never solicit funds through any electronic means!** These texts (and emails back in February) are fake and have nothing to do with Our Lady of Grace Church. Please report any of these kinds of electronic correspondences to the police and to Jay in the Parish Office at 537-0806. God Bless and be safe!

**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION
2019-2020**

Registration for Sacrament Preparation & Whole Family

Catechesis is available now and classes will begin in September. The registration form is available in the Parish Office and on our website: <http://www.olgcv.org>. Online registration is also 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. All children are welcome!

Whole Family Catechesis (K-5th grade)

1st day of class: September 8th
10:50am - 12:30pm

Middle School Catechesis (6th-8th grade)

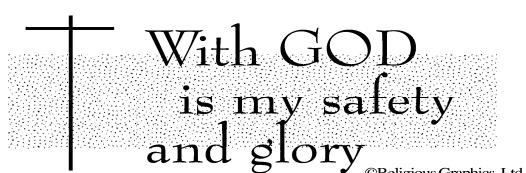
1st day of class: September 8th
10:50am - 12:30pm

First Holy Communion

1st day of class: September 15th
10:50am - 12:30pm

Youth Ministry & Confirmation

1st day of class: September 8th
6:00pm-7:30pm



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PARISH
PICNIC

**PARISH PICNIC AT
LAKE CHABOT PARK
AUGUST 11TH**

Our Annual Parish Picnic will be taking place **August 11th** in the Cove Picnic Area at Lake Chabot Park. Mass in the Park will begin at 10:00am, followed by lunch and games from 12:00pm-3:00pm. Please RSVP to the Parish Office with the number of adults and children attending, as well as what dish you're bringing to share.



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

**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 **June 15th**:

\$ 19,198.00—Actual Donations Received

Our Goal for 2019: **\$29,000.00**

of Acknowledged Donors to date: 118

Funds Raised (includes pledges) \$26,199.00

We are currently at **90%** of our goal for this year's Bishop's Appeal!



FESCO BACKPACK DRIVE

As you know, every summer FESCO, (Family Emergency Shelter Coalition), sponsors a backpack drive that our church generously supports. This drive supplies the children of the FESCO families with school supplies they will need for the upcoming academic year. We are hoping that you will consider participating in this event.

If you would like to participate, we are asking you to "adopt" a student. An organization has generously agreed to donate backpacks, so you would just need to provide the supplies for a backpack. For the student you "adopt," we will give you a specific list of grade-appropriate supplies attached to a paper bag in which you can put the supplies. After all the supply bags are turned in, we will transfer the supplies to the donated backpacks. We estimate that all of the needed supplies for a backpack will cost \$30 – \$50 depending on the grade level and where you shop.

You may sign up at the entrances to the church after the Masses **this weekend, July 13th - 14th or July 20th - 21st**, if bags remain. You need to return your bag of supplies to the Church or Parish Office on or before Sunday, August 4th. (Church Office is closed on weekends.) God Bless & thank you for your generosity!

**COFFEE & DONUTS
SUMMER SCHEDULE**

For the months of **July and August**, Coffee & Donuts will be offered the 1st Sundays of the month. We thank you for your understanding.



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 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.



SPRING AUCTION PROCEEDS

We were delighted with the Spring Auction results this year due to the efforts of a great committee and, of course, the enthusiastic bidders who attended this fun event. After expenses, the OLG School received \$14,772 and \$4,924 was set aside for Parish Ministry programs. Thank you to all those who attended this fun event and contributed to the great outcome.

SUPPORT OLG! AMAZON SMILE PRIME DAY

Prime Day is a 2-day parade of epic deals! Prime members can shop deals starting **Monday, July 15th at 12:01am through Tuesday, July 16th at 11:59pm**. If you shop at Amazon.com, please consider going to smile.amazon.com and choosing Our Lady of Grace to receive 0.5% of all qualifying purchases you make when shopping. Products and prices are the same, and Our Lady of Grace will receive a donation each time you shop! Don't miss it!



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 July 7th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 8,503.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 9,038.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [535.00]
Year-to-date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [15,019.00]

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	Rose Montalban
Maria Bettencourt	Mona Mulvaney
Maureen Boeh	Angela Schaaphok
Peggy Burton	Florence Sharp
Ana Cochran	Rosemary Slater
Lynn Franks	Howard Songey
Anna Friedeberg	Lurdes Sousa
Tony Goncalves Jr.	Mercedes Tellez
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.

VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

As many of you know, OLG has a wonderful ministry called "Helping Hands", started by Dianne Fisher many years ago. We help families who have lost a loved one and whom we assist with making and serving food to their family and friends after the Funeral Mass. If you would like to periodically assist us by making food for these gatherings (each entrée, salad or dessert is enough for 10 people), please contact Carmel Ledyard (510-274-5627) or Margaret McKean (510-340-1871) or you may leave your name and number in the Parish Office. Thank you and God Bless!

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 Stack Center, OLG Room, 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**.



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



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LIFE INSURANCE FOR YOUR FAMILY

You have big plans for your kids and want to see them realize their hopes and dreams. It's hard enough to make that happen, but what if you or your spouse, or both of you, were suddenly out of the picture? From diapers to diplomas, would there be enough income to pay for day care, a college education, and everything in-between? Your children are your greatest responsibility, and life insurance can help them grow up in an environment where they're physically and financially secure should something happen to you. The Knights of Columbus offers a full-line of quality, flexible products backed by our top-rated financial strength to help protect your Catholic family.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 14th:

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

New Parishioner Registration
After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center

Tuesday, July 16th:

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

Wednesday, July 17th:

Strobridge Dinner
6:00pm--Strobridge Apartments

Thursday, July 18th

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
7:00pm--Parish Office, Upper Room

Adoration
7:00pm--Church

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

Sunday, July 21st:

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

SUNDAY, July 14th

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Gerry Erwin--L

9:30am Lee Shilts--D

MONDAY, July 15th

St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Mary Walsh--D

TUESDAY, July 16th

Our Lady of Carmel

8:15am Bill Correia--D

WEDNESDAY, July 17th

8:15am Antonio Chocha--D

THURSDAY, July 18th

St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

8:15am Joni & Katie Linney--D

FRIDAY, July 19th

8:15am Gilberto C. Marquez--D

SATURDAY, July 20th

St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr

8:15am Louis Rodriguez--D

5:00pm Alfons Gessman--D

SUNDAY, July 21st

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Iluminada De Vega--D

9:30am Lee Shilts--D

DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve the OLG Community on your schedule? Consider joining the *Eucharistic Ministry to the Sick*. We deliver the Blessed Sacrament to the sick and homebound who are unable to join us at Mass on a regular basis. Qualifications required? A faith-filled and compassionate heart! Minimal training required. If this could be your calling or you have questions, please contact Theresa at 510-581-7694 or leave your name and number at the Parish Office. Blessings!



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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

July 15th through July 21st

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| Monday: | Exodus 1:8-14,22; Matthew 10:34-11:1 |
| Tuesday: | Exodus 2:1-15; Matthew 11:20-24 |
| Wednesday: | Exodus 3:1-6,9-12; Matthew 11:25-27 |
| Thursday: | Exodus 3:13-20; Matthew 11:28-30 |
| Friday: | Exodus 11:10-12:14; Matthew 12:1-8 |
| Saturday: | Exodus 12:37-42; Matthew 12:14-21 |
| Sunday: | Genesis 18:1-10; Colossians 1:24-28;
Luke 10:38-42 |



FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND



We are grateful for the generous donation from Joe Babel to the Flower Fund in memory of Donna Babel.

Flower donation envelopes can be found at the entrances of the church to make a donation in memory of or in 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.

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.

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