



**Festival Festival Festival**

Come next weekend to our Festival! Tell your neighbors and Friends to join us for Food, Fun and entertainment. There are still spaces to volunteer. Get your tickets now for our Pasta dinner, and Pancake breakfast. Enter your Chili Recipe to challenge me. Come visit me at the Militia Immaculata Booth in the Stack Center. We have information about the Militia and there are free images of Our Lady and religious medals. There is also information about the Pilgrimage to Poland, Prague, and Passion Play in Germany next August 2020. There is a Video on the last Passion Play being played on a schedule to learn more. This will be the final chance to learn about the Pilgrimage and sign up. See you next weekend!

**Novena to St. Francis (September 25-October 3)**

**Opening Prayer each day**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen. Peaceful and loving Saint Francis, through your kind intercession we seek holiness above all things. We seek the faith, hope and love that allowed you to joyfully renounce the pleasures of earthly life and to radically follow our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pray for us that we may be willing to suffer with and for the poor in the example of Jesus. Help us to be always grateful for the all blessings we have received and the strength to overcome our most pressing concerns, especially.. (Mention intentions here)

**Day One. September 25**

St. Francis, as you left a comfortable life to lead a life of poverty and service to our Lord Jesus Christ, we ask you to pray that we also realize the folly of seeking to amass material gains and experience worldly pleasures. This day I humbly forego (name a sacrifice you will make today) as an offering to God our Father, hoping that this act signals a start of my ongoing conversion. (reflect a moment then Prayer of St. Francis)

**Day Two September 26**

Holy St. Francis, when you decided to serve in the manner of our Lord Jesus Christ you entrusted your whole life to his Divine Providence. Emboldened by your example, I resolve to entrust the favorable resolution of my situation to God our Father, through your most kind intercession. (reflect a moment then Prayer of St. Francis)

**Day Three September 27**

Humble St. Francis, you have acted as a peacemaker even in the face of extreme physical danger. Through your prayers, may we also be filled with a desire to find peaceful resolutions to the problems that plague us, even in the most trying of times. As an offering to our Almighty Father, I resolve to forgive all the wrongs I have suffered from anyone in the past. (reflect a moment then Prayer of St. Francis)

**Day Four September 28**

Holy St. Francis, your concern for God’s creation has caused you to be named patron of ecology. May we, through your prayers, follow your footsteps in being good stewards of all of creation which God our Almighty Father has provided. May we also be faithful stewards of the skills and abilities we have been given. (reflect a moment then Prayer of St. Francis)

**Day Five September 29**

Blessed St. Francis, when you were blessed with the decision to serve our Lord, you abandoned everything and surrendered yourself totally to God’s will. Obtain for us the same trust in God, that the Holy Spirit may guide our every thought, word and deed. (reflect a moment then Prayer of St. Francis)

Prayer of St. Francis before the Crucifix

Most High, glorious God,  
enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me  
true faith, certain hope, and perfect charity,  
sense and knowledge, Lord, that I may carry out  
Your holy and true command. Amen.

**Feast of St. Francis of Assisi events**

Join the Friars to celebrate the Solemnity of St. Francis our Seraphic Father. We will venerate the relic of St. Francis at all of our Masses on Friday **October 4.**

Solemn Mass at 8:15am in the Church

Solemn High Mass in Latin at 7pm with Our Provincial Fr. Victor Abegg OFM Conv. In the Church.

Blessing of Animals with School at 8:15am in front of Stack Center

Blessing of Animals on Saturday October 5 at noon in the Gathering area.

Pilgrimage to Poland, Prague, and Passion Play

Last chance for the Poland, Prague and Passion Play in Germany. We will be closing applications when tickets sell out or at the end of October for the Pilgrimage. The tickets for the performances Passion Play are selling out so sign up ASAP. Come see me at the Militia Immaculata booth to watch a video and get information for this once in a lifetime opportunity. The Pilgrimage is August 11-21, 2020 and I have not seen a better price than ours of \$4649 including air, hotels, most meals, and tickets to attractions. This year is the 100th Anniversary of the birth of St. John Paul II and we will stop at his birth place on our Tour.



**OLG FESTIVAL 2019  
"GOES TO HOLLYWOOD"**  
Make plans to join us for our annual Parish Festival, September 28th-29th

**Family fun for all!**

*Free Admission, Live Entertainment, Carnival Games, Prizes, Gourmet Food, Snack Shack, Beer, Wine & Margaritas, Chili Cook-Off & Sunday Morning Pancake Breakfast*

**Raffle Tickets:** Tickets have been mailed! You could be the lucky winner but you have to return your tickets to the Parish Office to claim your prize.

**Festival T-Shirts:** T-Shirts are for sale in the Parish Office for \$12 each or \$20 for 2.

**Donate Your Time!** Consider giving a couple of hours volunteering at your favorite booth. Sign-up sheets are in the Parish Office.

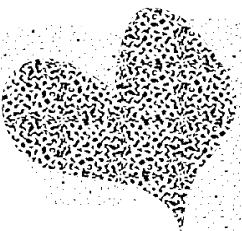
**Cakes & Desserts are needed for the Cake Booth**  
Your delicious goodies may be brought directly to the booth or dropped off at Stack Center on Saturday morning.

**LET US ENTERTAIN YOU!  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th**

- 11:45am Opening Ceremonies
- 12:00pm OLG Kids
- 12:45pm Bishop O'Dowd Jazz Band
- 2:00pm Moreau Catholic Jazz Band
- 3:00pm Conservatory of Classical Ballet
- 4:30pm Sweet Children Band
- 5:30pm Triple Play Band
- 8:00pm Rust Band

**FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS, T-SHIRTS,  
FOOD AND GAME TICKETS &  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST TICKETS AVAILABLE**

Need additional Raffle tickets? How about a Festival T-shirt or Food and Game tickets? Pancake Breakfast tickets? All are available in the Parish Office. Stop in and get ready for the Festival!



*God will not spurn  
a heart that is contrite  
and humble*

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**THE CORLEONE PASTA DINNER  
SEPTEMBER 28th  
5:00pm-7:00pm**

Join us for a delicious Pasta Dinner on Saturday, **September 28th**. The menu includes penne pasta with meat or vegetarian sauce, garlic bread, salad & biscotti for dessert. Tickets are \$9 per person & \$16 for 2 people. Kids ages 10 & under are \$6. Tickets are available in the Parish Office.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
SEPTEMBER 29th  
8:30am-11:30am**



Join us Sunday morning for a delicious Pancake Breakfast, organized by OLG's chapter of the Knights of Columbus. Breakfast will be served in Stack Center. Tickets are \$8 for ages 11 & up, \$6 for ages 10 & under. Tickets may be purchased ahead of time in the Parish Office.



**GREAT BALLS OF FIRE CHILI  
COOK-OFF  
SEPTEMBER 29th**

Time to cook up your best batch of Chili and enter the *Annual Chili Cook-Off!* Top voted chili gets a prize and bragging rights! To enter, please email your contact info to [olgchilicookoff@olgcv.org](mailto:olgchilicookoff@olgcv.org) by **September 24th**. Please bring your chili in a one-gallon crock pot and an extension cord by 11:00am. Judging will be from 11:00am to 4:00 pm and winner to be announced at 6:45pm on Sunday, **September 29th**.

**FORMED**

Everyone in our parish now has free, unlimited access to **FORMED!**

Register at the Our Lady of Grace web site: [www.olgcv.org](http://www.olgcv.org) With access to the FORMED website 24/7 on your smartphone, computer, iPad, or Kindle, you can:

- Prepare for Mass by watching an insightful five-minutes video on the Sunday Readings
- Enjoy an immense selection of captivating movies for the whole family
- Listen to audio talks or podcasts to redeem your commute time
- Questions??? Contact Colleen Lindberg, [clindberg@olgcv.org](mailto:clindberg@olgcv.org)



**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.

**USE SCRIP WHILE YOU SHOP**

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.

**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

**YOUNG CHILDREN’S MINISTRY  
(Formerly Parents Café)**

Bring your toddler to kindergarten age kids to our upcoming kick-off event **today, September 22nd** after the 9:30am Mass. The theme will be *The Gift of Our Guardian Angels*. Join us for fun and fellowship as we gather between the new playground and Augustine Center. Look for signs for Young Children's Ministry!



**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 September 15th:**

Sunday Plate:	\$ 9360.00
<b>Weekly Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 9,038.00</b>
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 322.00
Year-to-date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [19,802.00]

*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      | Florence Sharp   |
| Peggy Burton      | Howard Songey    |
| Ana Cochran       | Lurdes Sousa     |
| Byron Griffith    | Mercedes Tellez  |
| Linda Guzman      | Denyse Verhaegen |
| Maxine Kruzal     | Mary Lou Vincent |
| Wally Lim         | Arthur Williams  |
| Laura Martell     | Peggy Winkenbach |
| Sheila McAlinden  |                  |

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

- MICHELLE MOAL**  
**ROSEMARY SLATER**  
**ALEJANDRA VILLALBAZO**

**CHILDREN’S GUIDE TO MASS**

At the entrances of the church, you will find 2 different Children’s Guide to the Catholic Mass cards. The first is for young children and uses pictures and a simple description suggesting participation and sequential parts of the Mass. The second card with 25 windows is for children who can read and gives a simple description of the sequential activities during Mass. Please feel free to use these during the Mass and return these cards to the baskets at the end of Mass.



**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 **August 31st**:

\$ 23,889.00—Actual Donations Received

**Our Goal for 2019: \$29,000.00**  
 # of Acknowledged Donors to date: 137  
 Funds Raised (includes pledges) \$28,965.00

We are currently at **99%** of our goal for this year's Bishop's Appeal!



**THANK YOU FOR USING ONLINE GIVING**

Parishioners who use the service are pleased with how easy it is to set up and manage. If you have not yet signed up for Online Giving, please consider this option. This is a perfect tool for anyone who shops online! By using Online Giving, you are helping the parish improve our operational efficiency. If you need help, contact Colleen at 537-0806 or email: [clindberg@olgev.org](mailto:clindberg@olgev.org)

**EVANGELIZATION CORNER**

**Youth Ministry & Confirmation**  
 Next Meeting: September 22nd

**1st Holy Communion**  
 Next Meeting: October 6th

**Whole Family & Middle School Catechesis**  
 Next Meeting: September 22nd

For more information, contact the Evangelization Office at 510-582-9266.



**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

This year's Blessing of the Animals will take place on Saturday, **October 5th** at Noon in the Gathering Area. Well-socialized animals are welcome. Please bring dogs on leashes, cats in carriers, and creatures in cages.



**BARBERSHOP CHORUS**

Thanks for inquiring about the Barbershop Chorus. Our Retro Night Dinner Concert has been moved to January.

**THIS WEEK**

*Sunday, September 22nd:*

*The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Children's Liturgy of the Word  
 9:30am Mass--Augustine Center

Young Children's Ministry  
 After 9:30am Mass--Btwn Playground & Augustine Center

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

New Parishioner Registration  
 10:30am --Stack Center

Whole Family & Middle School Catechesis  
 10:50am--Stack Center

Confirmation/Youth Ministry  
 6:00pm--Stack Center

*Tuesday, September 24th:*

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

Women's Evening Bible Study  
 7:00pm--Stack Center, OLG Room

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

*Wednesday, September 25th:*

Knights Of Columbus Meeting  
 6:00pm--Stack Center, Room 7

*Thursday, September 26th:*

Adoration  
 7:00pm--Church

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

*Saturday, September 28th:*

**OLG Goes to Hollywood Festival**  
**Noon - 10:00pm**



**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.

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

**SUNDAY, September 22nd**  
 THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
 11:30am Velazquez & Moran Families--D  
 1:30pm Jose Duarte--D

**MONDAY, September 23rd**  
 St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest  
 8:15am Anita Martin--D

**TUESDAY, September 24th**  
 8:15am Annabelle Parenti--D

**WEDNESDAY, September 25th**  
 8:15am Lee Shilts--D

**THURSDAY, September 26th**  
 Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs  
 8:15am Lucille Mary Kelley--D

**FRIDAY, September 27th**  
 St. Vincent de Paul, Priest  
 8:15am Antonio Chocha--D

**SATURDAY, September 28th**  
 St. Wenceslaus & St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs  
 8:15am Annabelle Parenti--D  
 5:00pm Lilia Sousa--D

**SUNDAY, September 29th**  
 THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
 9:30am Lee Shilts--D



**THIS WEEK--Continued**

*Sunday, September 29th:*

*The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**OLG Goes to Hollywood Festival**  
 9:00am - 7:00pm

**Mass**  
 9:00am--Stage

**Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast**  
 8:30am--Stack Center

**Great Balls of Fire Chili Cook-Off**  
 11:00am--In Front of Stack Center

**The Corleone Pasta Dinner**  
 5:00pm--Stack Center

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

September 23rd through September 29th

Monday: Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18  
 Tuesday: Ezra 6:7-8, 12, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21  
 Wednesday: Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6  
 Thursday: Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9  
 Friday: Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22  
 Saturday: Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15; Luke 9:43-45  
 Sunday: Amos 6:1, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31



**EVENING UNDER THE STARS  
 San Damiano Retreat**

Dine and dance under the stars at San Damiano Retreat in Danville. Bid on once in a lifetime experiences including a pilgrimage to Assisi and dinner with the Bishop. All proceeds benefit the work of beautiful San Damiano Retreat. For reservations, please email [www.sandamiano.org](http://www.sandamiano.org) or call 925-837-9141 x315.

**BISHOP'S VINEYARD WINE TASTING  
 Church of the Assumption**

Please join the Assumption Church Community at 1100 Fulton Ave. in San Leandro for the Bishop's Vineyard for wine tasting, food, live music and great fellowship on **October 6th** at 1:00pm. RSVP to Faye at 510-882-5002 or [fayeclements@yahoo.com](mailto:fayeclements@yahoo.com). Admittance is \$35 per person.

**EXECUTION ALERTS**

The following execution is scheduled to take place in **September:**

September 25th Robert Sparks Texas

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

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