

**Mission of the Immaculata**

I will be in Rome, attending a meeting about the Mission of the Immaculata. We will be honoring its 103rd Anniversary. May we renew ourselves in the Mission to bring Christ to the world.

St. Maximilian wrote about our spiritual participation in Mary's relationship with God: "To approach her, become like her, permit her to take possession of our heart and all our self, that she may live and act in us and through us, that she may love God with our heart... this is our ideal." (WK 1210).

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta echoed the same understanding: "Mary, Mother of Jesus, give me your heart, so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate, so full of love and humility, that I may be able to receive Jesus in the Bread of Life, and love Him as you loved Him and serve Him in the distressing disguise of the Poorest of the Poor." Mother Teresa spoke very intimately with Fr. James McCurry OFM Conv. about Mary's role in her life, when, on the 9th of December 1991, the two of them privately prayed together the whole text of the "Consecration to Mary" composed by St. Maximilian Kolbe. He enrolled Mother Teresa in the MI on that day.

When Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio was elected to the papacy in 2013, taking the name "Pope Francis," he introduced to the Universal Church a title of Mary that he had earlier discovered in Germany and brought to Argentina: "Mary the Untier of Knots." Like his sainted predecessor Pope John Paul II who lived the "Totus Tuus," (Totally Yours, the motto for his consecration of his pontificate to Mary) Pope Francis regards Mary as actively involved in human affairs, undoing knotty predicaments. No shrinking violet, she accompanies us through the hurly-burly of modern life, never mollycoddling us but always challenging us to be catalysts of hope. She "unties the knots" of sin and despair which bind us.

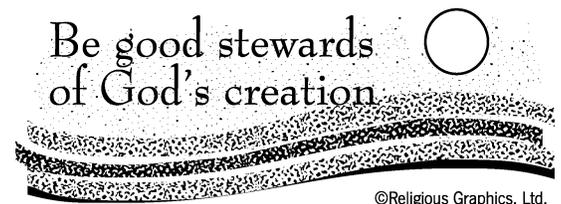
Fr. Jobe Abbass OFM Conv. has composed a Marian "Consecratory Prayer" for daily use during the MI Centenary Year in 2016. *It is my earnest hope that each member of Our Lady of Grace parish recite the prayer of consecration so that we might live and work in deeper communion under Mary's mantle.*

*O Immaculate Virgin, Mary Our Mother,
I consecrate myself and our community to You today
so that You may make use of us especially for the spiritual good of our brothers and sisters.
(As we celebrate the centenary of the M.I.),
We ask you, O Queen of the Franciscan Order and Mother of the Church,
to cooperate fully in Your mission for the coming of the Kingdom of Jesus in the world.
We offer to you, O Immaculate Heart of Mary,
our prayers, actions and sacrifices of this day
so that we know to give witness to the joy and hope of the Risen Lord
in our daily gift of self to our brothers and those we serve.
O Mary, conceived without sin,
pray for us who have recourse to You,
and for those who do not have recourse to You,
especially for the enemies of the Church
and for those who are recommended to You. |*

An ancient prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the oldest known version of which is found on an Egyptian papyrus from the 3rd century. This prayer is used in Litanies to the Blessed Mother and as a concluding prayer to Compline. A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful who recite it.

*We fly to thy patronage, O holy
Mother of God; despise not our
Petitions in our necessities, but
deliver us always from all
dangers, O glorious and blessed
Virgin. Amen.*

Peace,
Fr. Tom



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COLUMBUS DAY

In honor of Columbus Day, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, **October 14th**. The offices will re-open on Tuesday, **October 15th** at 8:30am.

**OUR LADY OF GRACE FESTIVAL 2019
ANOTHER TERRIFIC FESTIVAL EFFORT!**

Many thanks to everyone in our Parish & School who worked very hard to make our Festival a success once again! We also give thanks to those who patronized the booths, to the entertainers, to our sponsors and donors, to the behind-the-scene folks and to our gracious God. We are truly grateful to all of you!

RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

We are happy to announce our winners: Our Grand Prize Winner is Dennis Socher! 2nd Prize went to Carol Brown and 3rd Prize went to Nellwyn Randisi. Congratulations to you all!

**PILGRIMAGE AUGUST 2020
Passion Play, Poland & Prague
FINAL CALL!**

A play of life and death, promised in a moment of mortal threat. In 1633, in the middle of the Thirty Years War, Oberammerguers pledged to perform the "Play of the Suffering, Death & Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ" every ten years. We will be closing applications for the Pilgrimage this month. Please contact Heidi Denzler-Halsey at 510-881-7850 or heidimdh106@gmail.com

WINTER COLD & FLU SEASON

As always, you are reminded to use common good sense in the reception of Holy Communion during the annual cold & flu season. If you are feeling ill or think you may have been exposed to a virus, you should refrain from partaking of the Blood of Christ from the communal chalice. In the same way, you should refrain from offering you hand to others at the sign of peace. Likewise, if you are not comfortable sharing the sign of peace or receiving Holy Communion from the communal chalice for fear of infection, you should feel no pressure to do so. All of us must be aware of such sensitive matters in the intimate life of the Christian community & we should expect that some will refrain from the sign of peace and the communal chalice out of care for our well-being and not out of unkindness or lack of piety.



**CATHOLIC VOICE
ANNUAL APPEAL**

This month is our annual appeal for The Catholic Voice. Your donation helps our Parish offset its payment for this important communication ministry. The Voice is the only regular source of Catholic news and information delivered to all parishioners in the Diocese. *Please be generous in your support of our Parish! Checks should be made payable to Our Lady of Grace. Envelopes are in the pews.*



ICF BISCOTTI SALE

Plan ahead and order your holiday Biscotti this weekend of **October 12th & 13th** after all the Masses. You will be able to pick them up after all Masses the weekend of **November 23rd & 24th**, in time for Thanksgiving. Price remains at \$6 a dozen. To place a phone order, please call Toni at 510-303-8664. Get your orders in early!

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

Bring your toddler to kindergarten age kids to our event **today, October 13th** after the 9:30am Mass. The theme will be *Celebrating the Saints*. Join us in Augustine Center for All Saint's Crafts & Rosary Walk. See you there!



DINNER WITH THE FRANCISCANS

St. Maximilain Kolbe Council 16770 Knights of Columbus invites you to join us to for an evening of music and dining with the Franciscan Friars of the Province of St. Joseph of Cupertino. Stack Center doors open at 5:00pm on **Saturday, November 9th** for hors d'oeuvres, no-host bar and opening of the Silent Auction. Dinner is catered by Miraglia's Catering and will be served at 6:00pm. There will be a presentation on the Friars Ministries with dessert at 7:00pm. Council 16770 is selling tickets online and after Mass or you may come by the Parish Office. Prices are \$45/adult & \$30/child. The night is a fundraiser to support young men being formed for the Ministry. All proceeds from the event will be donated by Council 16770 to help with the cost of education and formation of a young man to become a Franciscan Friar.



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.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

We extend a warm welcome to new parishioners & guests. Please stop by Stack Center, today, **October 13th**, 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.

DELICIOUS BURRITOS FOR SALE!

The Hispanic Group will be selling Mexican food on **Sunday, October 27th** after the 11:30 Mass and at 3:00pm after the 1:30pm Spanish Mass at Stack Center. We will sell chicken and chile verde (pork) burritos. These will include: rice, beans, cheese, pico de gallo, sour cream and your choice of meat. Price is \$7.50 each. Come and join us and enjoy homemade Mexican food. Thank you for your support!



NEW PROTOCOLS FOR LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please choose one of two days: **October 29th or November 12th for training beginning at 6:30pm**. If you have not been a lector or minister, this is your opportunity to “come and see”. RSVP Jackie at jcruez@olgev.org with your choice of training date.

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.

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 October 6th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 10,105.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 9,038.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 1,067.00
Year-to-date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [15,030.00]

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 | Sheila McAlinden |
| Maria Bettencourt | Rose Montalban |
| Maureen Boeh | Mona Mulvaney |
| Peggy Burton | Florence Sharp |
| Heidi Carne | Howard Songey |
| Ana Cochran | Lurdes Sousa |
| Byron Griffith | Mercedes Tellez |
| Linda Guzman | Denyse Verhaegen |
| Maxine Kruzel | Mary Lou Vincent |
| Wally Lim | Arthur Williams |
| Laura Martell | Peggy Winkenbach |

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

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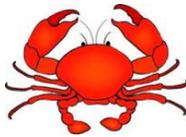
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OLG PARISH CHRISTMAS OUTING

Come enjoy a beautiful day at Filoli Gardens on **December 10th**. We will depart OLG by bus at 11:00am & return at 5:00pm. The cost is \$95 per person & includes: transportation, high tea, self-tour of Filoli Gardens and house. Holiday attire is encouraged! To reservations & payment instructions, please call Dorothy Cassani no later than **November 1st** at 510-331-5553.

**OLG CRAB FEED 2020
SAFE THE DATE!**

You don't want to miss the OLG Crab Feed scheduled for **February 1st, 2020** in Stack Center, hosted by the Knights of Columbus.



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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!



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, October 13th:

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

New Parishioner Registration
10:30am--Stack Center

Whole Family Catechesis
10:50am--Stack Center

Monday, October 14th:

Columbus Day
Parish Offices Closed

Tuesday, October 15th:

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

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

Wednesday, October 16th:

Strobridge Dinner
5:30pm--Strobridge Apartments

Thursday, October 17th:

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

RCIA
7:00pm--Stack Center, OLG Room

Adoration
7:00pm--Church

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

Sunday, October 20th:

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

1st Communion & Middle School Catechesis
10:50am--Stack Center

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

SUNDAY, October 13th

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:30am Mark Kochel--D

MONDAY, October 14th

St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr

8:15am Neil & Marguerite Nolan--D

TUESDAY, October 15th

St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Martyr Martin--D

WEDNESDAY, October 16th

St. Hedwig, Religious

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

8:15am Stephanie Sigmon--L

THURSDAY, October 17th

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

8:15am Antonio Chocha--D

FRIDAY, October 18th

St. Luke, Evangelist

8:15am Fred Dorado--D

SATURDAY, October 19th

Sts. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues & Companions, Martyrs

8:15am Antonio Chocha--D

5:00pm Jerome Gann--D

SUNDAY, October 20th

THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:30am Louis Rodrigues--D

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

October 14th through October 20th

Monday: Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday: Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday: Romans 2:1-11; Luke 11:42-46

Thursday: Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54

Friday: 2 Timothy 4:10-17; Luke 10:1-9

Saturday: Romans 4:13,16-18; Luke 12:8-12

Sunday: Exodus 17:8-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2;
Luke 18:1-8

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Looking to put your faith into action? Volunteering your time and talent is a good way to do it. The Casa Sandoval senior living facility in Hayward (under the new ownership of Morning Star) is looking for such volunteers. Some contribute their musical talent in group sing-alongs, others lead card games and holiday activities, faith-filled volunteers bring prayers and Communion--all contribute compassion and companionship. If you want to contribute to this community, please contact Life Enrichment Coordinator LoriAnne Frias at 510-304-3960. You will be blessed!

WINGS - WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT

We invite all women to join us for WINGS (Women in God's Spirit).

WINGS is a faith enhancement group that encourages spiritual growth through prayer, scripture study, Catechesis, life sharing and community.

We meet at Transfiguration Church

Marian Room (Hall)

Next Meeting: **October 17th**

9:00am to 11:15am

Speaker: Doreen Jones

Topic: "Embracing God's Grace"



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EXECUTION ALERTS

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

October 16th Randall Mays Texas

October 30th Ruben Gutierrez Texas

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

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