



### Feast of St. Francis on First Friday, October 4

We will celebrate our founder this year with the following events on Friday, **October 4**: Mass with veneration of the relic of St. Francis at 8:15am

Blessing of Animals with School Children at 8:00am in front of Stack Center.

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

Saturday **October 5** at noon we will have a Blessing of Animals

The patron saint of Italy, Francis of Assisi, was a poor little man who astounded and inspired the Church by taking the gospel literally—not in a narrow fundamentalist sense, but by actually following all that Jesus said and did, joyfully, without limit, and without a sense of self-importance.

Serious illness brought the young Francis to see the emptiness of his frolicking life as leader of Assisi's youth. In prayer he began to search out God's plan for his life. From the cross in the neglected field-chapel of San Damiano, Christ told him, "Francis, go repair my house, for it is in ruin." Francis became the totally poor and humble workman. He got his message and mission from Christ on the cross and sought to respond to every word Christ he heard in the Gospel.

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

#### 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 Six-September 30th

Holy St. Francis, through your prayers, may we be blessed with the desire to give all of our strength, and abilities towards serving God's purpose in our lives. May our lives be filled with complete faith and the hope of spending eternity with our Heavenly Father. (reflect a moment then Prayer of St. Francis)

#### Day Seven-October 1st

Devout St. Francis, you were untiring in your service to the poor. Obtain for us the same capacity for mercy and desire to give of ourselves so that we may one day be considered worthy of the promises of Christ. (reflect a moment then Prayer of St. Francis)

#### Day Eight-October 2nd

Holy St. Francis, you spent your life evangelizing and won over many people to God. We humbly ask that through your intercession, God may grant that our doubts be replaced with the certainty that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide us through life's many trials as we journey towards The eternal kingdom. (reflect a moment then Prayer of St. Francis)

#### Day Nine-October 3rd

Almighty God, through the kind intercession of St. Francis, we humbly ask for the grace to be free of the fears and anxieties that try to control us, especially (reflect a moment then Prayer of St. Francis) May we be relieved of the causes of our distress, that we may be able to better serve as the instruments of your Divine Purpose on earth. (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.

#### First Saturday October 5

Join us for Mass at 8:15 AM followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

10am Presentation On Mary in the Scripture: The Promised Mother in the Our Lady of Grace Room in the Stack Center.

11am Meeting of the Militia Immaculata Village in the Our Lady of Grace Room in Stack Center.

Peace,  
Fr. Tom

**Gospel for the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 6th)**

**Luke 17:5-10**



**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*

**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!  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th**

- 9:30am Mass at the Stage
- 11:00am Fusion Dance Project
- 11:45am Dance Live Dream Center
- 1:00pm Castro Valley Performing Arts
- 2:15pm Ms. Wei Asian Culture Performing Arts
- 3:30pm Mexican Folk Dance
- 4:30pm Acoustic Sunday with Rust & Friends
- 6:00pm Sons of Nimitz Band
- 6:45pm Raffle Drawing
- Chili Cook-Off Winner
- Booth Decoration Winner
- Fr. Tom's Close Out



**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.

**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.



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

Come and taste the best chili at OLG in the *Annual Chili Cook-Off!* Top voted chili gets a prize and bragging rights! Judging will be from 11:00am to 4:00pm and winner will be announced at 6:45pm.

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**CATHOLIC VOICE  
ANNUAL APPEAL  
October 5th & 6th**

Next weekend is the annual second collection for *The Catholic Voice*. Your donation helps your parish offset its payments for this important communications ministry, *The Voice* and its other operations, such as, *El Heraldo Catolico*, website and social media. These are the only regular source of Catholic news and information for 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.*



**1ST FRIDAY &  
1ST SATURDAY DEVOTION**

Come join us **1st Friday, October 4th**, for Mass at 8:15am with the recitation of the Litany of



the Sacred Heart. On **1st Saturday, October 5th**, join us for Mass, Adoration, Rosary & Benediction at 8:15am.

**1ST FRIDAY-SOLEMN HIGH MASS**

We invite you on **October 4th** for **Solemn High Mass at 7:00pm in the Church**, followed by refreshments in Stack Center.



**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.



**PRE-BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS & GODPARENTS**

If you are wishing to have your child, ages infant to six years baptized, parents and Godparents need to attend a Pre-Baptism Class. You also need to be registered members of the parish for at least three months. Call Jay at 510-537-0806 for more information. The next Pre-Baptism Class will be held on **October 9th** at 7:00pm in the OLG Room in Stack Center.

**CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM**

On September 14th, we welcomed **Andrew Gutierrez, Tom David Doan and Amerie Arias** into Our Lady of Grace Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. God Bless you all!



**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. **Everyone is welcome, not just pet-owners!**

**CHOOSING PEACE Pax Christi Event**

On Saturday, **October 12th**, Pax Christi Northern California will be hosting a special event on "Choosing Peace" at Newman Hall/Holy Spirit Parish, 2700 Dwight Way in Berkeley between 9:00am and 3:00pm. Marie Dennis, who served on the board of Pax Christi International for 20 years, will give the keynote address on how various nonviolent approaches can effectively transform conflict, and how the Catholic Church can foster peaceful solutions by adopting active nonviolence as its Gospel-based approach. Break-out sessions with Tom Bonacci, Nick Mele, and Miriam Noriega will follow keynote address. For more info, see flyer at <https://paxchristinorcal.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 September 22nd:**

Sunday Plate:	\$ 14,160.00
<b>Weekly Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 9,038.00</b>
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 5,122.00
Year-to-date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [14,685.01]

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

*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**

**CATHOLIC WOMEN CONFERENCE October 7th-13th**

Do not miss this upcoming, free Online Conference for all Catholic women. This week long conference is given by Heart Ridge Ministries (formerly Catholic Mosaic) and titled "Let Us Pray". Visit <https://www.catholicmosaic.com/free-online-conference.html> to sign up.



**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.



**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 **September 15th**:

\$25,344.00—Actual Donations Received

<b>Our Goal for 2019:</b>	<b>\$29,000.00</b>
# of Acknowledged Donors to date:	144
Funds Raised (includes pledges)	\$30,390.00

We are currently at **105%** of our goal for this year's Bishop's Appeal!



**ICF NEWS**

**ICF Polenta Dinner**

Our ever popular Polenta, chicken and sausage dinner will be Thursday, **October 10th**. Doors open at 6:00pm & dinner will be served promptly at 6:30pm, as we will have a guest speaker, Laurice Levine. Laurice is a survivor of Cooley's Anemia, who is living a full life of reaching adulthood, wife and mother as well as spokesperson for the Thalassemia programs. Reservations are necessary. Please contact Juanita at 510-582-7242. Deadline is **October 2nd**. Cost is \$15 for members, \$20 for guests & \$10 for children 10 & under. Ciao!

**ICF Biscotti Sale**

Plan ahead and order your holiday Biscotti beginning the weekends of **October 5th & 6th and 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. Get your orders in early!

**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 3rd**  
9:00am to 11:15am

Speaker: Sr. JoAnn Heinritz CSJ

Topic: "A Wake-Up Call, Caring For Our Common Home"

**THIS WEEK**

*Sunday, September 29th:*

*The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**OLG Goes to Hollywood Festival**  
9:30am - 7:00pm

**Mass**  
9:30am--Stage

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

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

*Tuesday, October 1st:*

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

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

*Thursday, October 3rd:*

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

*Friday, October 4th:*

First Friday Devotion  
8:15am--Church

First Friday Solemn High Mass  
7:00pm--Church

*Saturday, October 5th:*

1st Saturday Mass & Adoration  
8:15am--Church

Blessing Of The Animals  
Noon--Gathering Area

*Sunday, October 6th:*

*The Twenty-Seventh 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, September 29th**

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
9:30am Lee Shilts--D

**MONDAY, September 30th**

St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church  
8:15am Gloria & Luis Chavarri--D

**TUESDAY, October 1st**

St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church  
8:15am Maria Godinez--D

**WEDNESDAY, October 2nd**

The Holy Guardian Angels  
8:15am Dorothy & Manuel Callier--D

**THURSDAY, October 3rd**

8:15am Carlo P. Barroso--L

**FRIDAY, October 4th**

St. Francis of Assisi  
8:15am Debi Telles--D

**SATURDAY, October 5th**

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest  
8:15am Richard Benson--D  
5:00pm Helen Elliott--D

**SUNDAY, October 6th**

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
7:30am Rudy & Augie Enriquez--D  
9:30am Helen Maes--D



**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!

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

September 30th through October 6th

Monday: Zechariah 8:1-8; Luke 9:46-50  
Tuesday: Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56  
Wednesday: Nehemiah 2:1-8; Matthew 18:1-5, 10  
Thursday: Nehemiah 8:1-12; Luke 10:1-12  
Friday: Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16  
Saturday: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Luke 10:17-24  
Sunday: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4;  
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14;  
Luke 17:5-10



**ST. VINCENT de PAUL NEWS  
Who Are We Helping?**

The stories of the people we help are as varied as the individuals themselves. Some come to us through our help-line number (510-581-2164), others are referred to us by other agencies and still other times, we team with a neighboring Conference to help. Recently, we were contacted by the SVdP Conference at Transfiguration. They had just met with a family of 3 at one of the trailer parks here in Castro Valley. The husband Jesus recently had to stop working due to twice a day dialysis treatments. He is on a waiting list for a new kidney. His wife had to stop her janitorial job to look after him. They have an 11-year old son. Jesus has applied for disability and hopes to start receiving benefits next month. This will allow them to cover their next month's rent. However, they only have enough money to cover half of their rent for this month. Transfiguration did not have enough to cover the entire amount. Our 2 Conferences teamed up and together we were able to help this struggling family. Please keep them in your prayers as he waits for a new kidney.

If God is calling you to this ministry, please leave a message at 510-581-2164 or email us at [svdp@olgcv.org](mailto:svdp@olgcv.org)

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