



**Little Sisters of the Poor**

The persecution of the Little Sisters of the Poor continues by our Attorney General the Xavier Becerra. It was not enough to get a Supreme Court Ruling in their favor and an Religious Exemption signed by the President. On October 24th, the 9th Circuit Court ruled against the Little Sisters of the Poor and the Religious Exemption given them. This means these nuns must either go against Catholic teaching and pay for contraceptives and abortions for their employees in their health insurance or stop offering hospice and healthcare to the poor which they have done in California for decades.

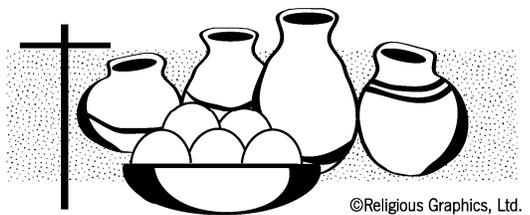
Mark Rienzi, senior counsel at Becket and lead attorney for the Little Sisters, previously told LifeNews: “Sadly, Josh Shapiro and [California Attorney General] Xavier Becerra think attacking nuns is a way to score political points. These men may think their campaign donors want them to sue nuns, but our guess is most taxpayers disagree. No one needs nuns in order to get contraceptives, and no one needs these guys reigniting the last administration’s divisive and unnecessary culture war.”

Last Sunday, I spoke about our First Reading from Maccabees which told of a family executed for not eating pork against their Jewish religious dietary laws. They chose to die rather than offend God. Sometimes people of faith have to say “enough is enough”. We will not deny our faith to capitulate to earthly leaders. May we pray for and support these Sisters who are taking on the power of the State which rejects the law of God and promotes murder of defenseless babies, coercing religious people to reject the teachings of their faith and to follow the teachings of the state. Jesus is the light of the world. May we follow Him with all our heart, mind and soul.

**“By your perseverance you will secure your lives.”**

Jesus lets us followers know that there will be much persecution of believers. Persecution of the church continues around of the world. We remember the horrors of ISIS as it destroyed churches, killed those who would not leave or convert to Islam. Young Christian girls are being sold off as wives and children are being crucified. While the caliphate has been destroyed, the ideology of the professed continues. Even in our society, which is free and guarantees us freedom of religion, there are ideologies which continue to marginalize people of faith. To claim what Jesus taught is now considered to be offensive, bigoted and illegal, as Jesus has said that God created them male and female and the two become one flesh, that God joins and no man must divide. To say nowadays that there are two genders and marriage is between a man and a woman is considered offensive and illegal in our country, yet that is what Jesus taught. A man in Texas has to fight his ex-wife to keep her from allowing their seven-year-old son to undergo chemical transition to permanently sterilize him to become a girl. We must know our faith and what Jesus taught and then proclaim it until the end, for it is life. No one is a mistake and we are all children of God. Next weekend is Christ the King! Will we testify to our Faith saying “Vivo Christo Rey”? When the persecution comes, will we secure our lives by persevering in the faith?

Peace,  
Fr. Tom



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**Gospel for Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe (November 24th)**

**Luke 23:35-43**

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews." Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

**THANKSGIVING DAY LITURGY**

Our Lady of Grace Parish will celebrate a *Mass of Thanksgiving* on **Thursday, November 28th at 9:00am**. There is much to be thankful for in our lives and this is also a time to consider ways of helping those around us who are in need. The monetary collection from this Mass will benefit the work of our St. Vincent de Paul Society. As in years past, the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be taking donations of food and money at the Mass. As you give your donations, please pray for those families who will be helped. Over the years, the population that we serve has changed. Most of our clients are single and have very minimal access to cooking facilities. Items most needed for our pantry are: soups, stews, chili, pork & beans, instant mashed potatoes & gravy, peanut butter & jam, canned vegetables (corn, green beans, peas, yams, etc.), canned fruits of any kind, tuna & canned meats like chicken or Spam, pasta & pasta sauce, instant pudding, packaged cookies (something for our Christmas baskets). When possible, pop top cans are great. Please check “best by” dates. God bless all of you for your support! You are also invited to bring the bread and wine you will be serving at your own Thanksgiving meal to be blessed for your feast.



**HELPING THOSE IN NEED  
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON  
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Do you or someone you know need assistance this holiday season? The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at Our Lady of Grace can help you with food for the holidays or other resources as needed. Please call our message line at 510-581-2164 or email [svdp@olgcv.org](mailto:svdp@olgcv.org) and leave a message. We will get back to you the next day. All names are kept confidential.



**ONE WARM COAT DRIVE**

This year the St. Vincent de Paul Conference at Our Lady of Grace will be participating in the One Warm Coat Drive. We invite parishioners to donate **new or gently used men’s, women’s or children’s coats** to this drive. These coats will be distributed through our local Conference and the drop-in centers and clothing closet at St. Vincent de Paul’s main campus in Oakland. We will also be collecting **sleeping bags, blankets, handwarmers & tarps**. Please bring your donations and place in the barrel at the Somerset entrance of the church or in the parish office. We will be accepting coats from **November 1st to December 31st**. We thank you for your generosity.

**DELICIOUS TAMALES FOR SALE!**

The Hispanic Group, once again, will be selling tamales on **Sunday, November 24th** in Stack Center, after all the Masses until they are sold out. Don’t miss out! **Make sure you get your tamales by pre-ordering by November 18th**. Price is \$19.50 per dozen in pork, chicken or vegetarian (cheese and chile). To place your pre-order, please call Martha at 510-581-0716 or the Parish Office at 510-537-0806. Thank you!



**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN  
FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT  
November 23rd & 24th**

Please be generous in this weekend’s special collection, which supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. ***In the U.S. alone, 1 in 6 people live in poverty. Your donation will help fund grassroot organizations empowering low-income people to lift themselves out of poverty.*** Also, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our Diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and assist to make this year’s collection a success!. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at [www.cchdeastbay.org](http://www.cchdeastbay.org).

**REMEMBERING OUR DECEASED  
FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

The envelopes for All Saints and All Souls will be placed on the altar for the month of November for those wishing to remember their loved ones.

You may bring a picture of your loved one to be placed on a table before the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Church and it will remain there through the month of November. Please put your name and contact on the back of the photo.

Our *Book of Remembrance* also provides an opportunity to record the names of deceased loved ones to be lifted up in prayer during the month of November.

**YOUNG CHILDREN’S MINISTRY**

Bring your toddler to kindergarten age kids today, **November 17th** after the 9:30am Mass. The theme will be *Giving God Thanks*. Join us in Augustine Center for a fun Blessing Jar activity. See you there!





**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.



**DO YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING WITH AMAZON SMILE!**

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**ICF BISCOTTI PICK-UP**

Biscotti orders will be available for pick up after all Masses the weekend of **November 23rd & 24th**. Thanks for your support. Happy Thanksgiving from the ICF!

**BIRTHRIGHT BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER**

This weekend of **November 16th & 17th**, volunteers from Birthright of San Lorenzo will be giving out empty baby bottles after the Masses. Please take them home, fill them with your donation then return them to the Parish Office or to our Birthright office at 1048 Grant Ave. (Donations may be given at the fundraiser weekend also). Our number is 510-481-9677. Your generosity will enable our volunteers to continue helping moms, babies and families. This will also be an opportunity to learn more about Birthright, sign-up to receive our quarterly newsletters or to be a volunteer. We would love to have you on our team.

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**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 November 10th:**

Sunday Plate:	\$ 8,769.00
<b>Weekly Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 9,038.00</b>
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [269.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [9,901.00]

*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    |
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| 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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**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.

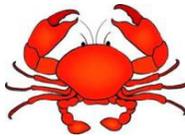


**ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY**

Altar Serving is a privilege, and a necessary ministry, assisting priests and deacons at Masses and other liturgical services. It is open to students in 5th through 12th grades. Students must have received Baptism, 1st Reconciliation & 1st Holy Eucharist in order to participate. There are four required training sessions at 3:15pm January 13th, 15th, 22nd & 27th. Registration forms are available at the Church entrances. Please fill out the bottom portion & return it to the Parish Office by **December 5th**. Thank you for your interest!

**OLG CRAB FEED 2020  
SAVE 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.

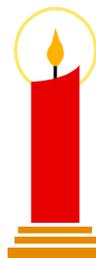


**HELPING HANDS MINISTRY**

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!

**DEVOTIONAL CANDLES**

Candles for our candle stand are available for purchase in the Parish Office or in the Sacristy after Mass on Sundays. The candles will burn for 5 days. **The cost per candle is \$4.00.** The glass globes in the candle stand must be left in the church.



**FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND**



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

**THIS WEEK**

*Sunday, November 17th:*

*The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- Children's Liturgy of the Word  
9:30am Mass--Augustine Center
- Young Children's Ministry  
After 9:30am Mass--Augustine Center
- Coffee & Donuts  
After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center
- 1st Communion Class  
10:50am--Stack Center
- Youth Ministry / Confirmation  
6:00pm--Stack Center

*Tuesday, November 19th:*

- 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

*Thursday, November 21st:*

- 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, November 24th:*

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

- Hispanic Group Tamales Sale  
After all Masses--Stack Center
- ICF Biscotti Pick-Up  
After all Masses--Gathering Area
- 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 & Middle School Catechesis  
10:50am--Stack Center

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

**SUNDAY, November 17th**  
THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:30am Roland Tamayo--D

1:30pm Marie Evans--D

**MONDAY, November 18th**

The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

8:15am Marlene Dexter--D

**TUESDAY, November 19th**

8:15am Louis Rodrigues--D

**WEDNESDAY, November 20th**

8:15am Mercy Peterson--D

**THURSDAY, November 21st**

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15am Angela Higgins--D

**FRIDAY, November 22nd**

St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

8:15am Carlos Dela Torre, Sr.--D

**SATURDAY, November 23rd**

St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr

St. Columban, Abbot

Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest & Martyr

8:15am Marie Exberger & Family--L

5:00pm Stephanie Rosevear--D

**SUNDAY, November 24th**

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

9:30am Debi Telles--D



**EXECUTION ALERTS**

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

November 20th Rodney Reed Texas

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

**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:**

November 18th through November 24th

- Monday: 1 Macabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Luke 18:35-43
- Tuesday: 2 Macabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10
- Wednesday: 2 Macabees 7:1,20-31; Luke 19:11-28
- Thursday: 1 Macabees 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44
- Friday: 1 Macabees 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48
- Saturday: 1 Macabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40
- Sunday: 2 Samuel 5:1-3; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43

**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.

**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: **November 21st**

9:00am to 11:15am

Speaker: Michele Walsh

Topic: "Advent Attentiveness For The Spirit Who Constantly Arrives"

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