



New Years Blessing

The Franciscans and Staff at Our Lady of Grace are grateful to you for your faithful support this last year. We have accomplished so much over the last year, thanks to you. Our Evangelization Program continues to build up families as we share the blessing of our faith with our most precious children. Our Church volunteers are our strength as they lead us in song, teach and inspire our families in the faith, help with the beautification of the exterior & interior of our church, help in our office, wash our altar linens, serve on committees and boards, minister to us at our liturgy, as well as generously supporting our parish financially.

Since the Franciscans have arrived, we have sought as a community to offer our talents and skills in ministry. Offering our love for the richness of our faith with courses in scripture, leading small groups, developing devotions, leading pilgrimages, sharing our mission, offering liturgical training and sharing our liturgical treasures, sharing our charism, and offering our prayers.

We ask for your continued support as we seek to rebuild our faith and our church during these times of scandal, corruption, confusion, and injustice. Our hope and our strength is knowing that Jesus will never abandon us and Our Lady's Immaculate Heart will triumph over all evil. The Franciscan response to corruption, evil, and sin in our lives and the world is to humbly embrace Jesus both in the crèche and at the cross. At both the crèche and cross, Our Lady is there to help us to know and receive her Son, Jesus. We then embrace him and seek to live the Gospel.

In the New Year, we will work to rebuild our physical church by creating a plan to enhance our worship space with better lighting, enhanced sound and ventilation, and fresh paint. In addition, we have plans to create a daily Mass Chapel to be used as an intimate space for devotion to Our Lady and adoration of Our Lord. May the Lord renew our hearts as we give worship, building the kingdom of Love.

Have a Blessed New Year!

Fr. Tom, the Friars and Staff at OLG

New Landscaping

Our new landscaping is near completion with native grass and flowering shrubs to enhance our entrance. Our irrigation system has been upgraded to be efficient with water use. We heard your concern over our dried-up lawns and have sought to beautify our church. We have invested \$11,600 and we ask your help to cover the cost of this upgrade.

Memorial Mass Cards

The Friars at St. Maximillian Kolbe Friary will be offering a one-year enrollment in our Purgatory Mass Association. Every 1st Saturday Mass, those enrolled will be remembered for a year. The Friars will also remember your loved one in our prayers daily. The Mass will be offered along with our 1st Saturday Mass at 8:15am at Our Lady of Grace in the Church. A memorial card of the Sacred Heart of Jesus or Our Lady of Grace is given to you to offer the family.

Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

In gratitude for the many hands that accomplish so much work in our Parish, the Franciscans and Our Lady of Grace Staff will express their gratitude to all our volunteers at a Volunteer Appreciation Celebration on **January 18, 2020** at 2:30pm in Stack Center.

Are You Using SCRIP?

Did you get gas recently? Did you go to Starbucks or the grocery store? If so, why not purchase your everyday items using SCRIP gift cards? This fundraiser benefits our Evangelization Program by earning 2%-17% per certificate at no extra cost to you! Call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806 for details.

Gospel for The Epiphany of the Lord (January 5th)

Matthew 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*" Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

*Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Sunday, December 29th*

Mass at 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm (Spanish)

New Year's Eve: Tuesday, December 31st
Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

New Year's Day: Wednesday, January 1st
Mary, the Mother of God
Mass at 9:30am, 11:30am & 1:30pm (Spanish)

LORD
Bless us all
in the coming year

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
CRAB FEED**

Saturday, February 1, 2020
6:00pm-10:00pm
Stack Center

Get your Crab Feed Tickets today!

Live Music Featuring Triple Play and Rust. Dancing,
50/50 Raffle and Great Food!

No-Host Bar
\$15 Corkage Fee

Kids care opens at 6:00pm (\$15)

Crab Feed tickets make a great stocking stuffer, get
them while they last!

Tickets are available in the Parish and School
Offices and online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/our-lady-of-grace-crab-feed-tickets-84526453899>

Prices are \$45 each **if purchased by Dec. 25th**
or \$50 each after the deadline

Group Purchases Welcome (Tables of 10) - \$450

Chicken option if ordered at the time of ticket
purchase. Bring your own Crab Butter!

2020 CALENDARS AVAILABLE

Catholic Extension 2020 Family Appointment Calendars are available. We are grateful and we extend our sincere appreciation to the Catholic Funeral Cremation & Cemetery Services of the Diocese of Oakland for again sponsoring the 2020 calendars. If you have not picked up a copy in the church you may find one in the parish office. *Please only one per household.*

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Offices will close early at Noon on Tuesday, **December 31st** and will be closed on Wednesday, **January 1st** and will re-open on Thursday, **January 2nd** at 8:30am. The entire Parish Staff wishes you all a Blessed Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!

EMAIL & TEXT SCAMS ARE BACK!

Recently, there have been fraudulent emails & texts circulating through our diocese once again, seeking gift cards. **Our priests at OLG would never solicit funds through any electronic means!** These emails & texts are fake and have nothing to do with Our Lady of Grace Church. Please report any of these kinds of emails & texts to the police and to Jay in the Parish Office at 537-0806. God Bless and be safe!

**ST. MAXMILLIAN KOLBE FRIARY
Militia Immaculata Purgatory Society**

Those Enrolled This Month

- Fidelina Contreras
- Jonathan Ilmberger
- Roger Clark Lowe
- Celeste Marques
- Camille Poole
- Rose Marie Souza



**1ST FRIDAY DEVOTION &
EVENING LATIN MASS**

Come join us **1st Friday, January 3rd**, for Mass at 8:15am with the recitation of the Litany of the Sacred



Heart. Join us in the evening at 7:00pm at the Casa Kolbe Chapel (19950 Anita Ave.) for Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form.

1ST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Join us on **1st Saturday, January 4th** for Mass, Adoration, Rosary & Benediction at 8:15am. Afterwards, join us for a video presentation "All Holy" from The Bible & The Virgin Mary Series at 10:00am in Stack Center, OLG Room. At 11:00am, The Village of the Militia Immaculata holds their monthly meeting in the OLG Room.

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

On December 14th, we welcomed

Leela Zoe Perez

into Our Lady of Grace Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. God Bless you!

SUNDAY COLLECTION UPDATE

Please note due to the holiday schedule of our bulletin publisher, we are not able to report the weekly offerings for **December 22nd**. The Sunday offering will be updated with the **January 5th** bulletin.



BARBERSHOP CHORUS

Join us for Retro Night with a men's quartet including our very own Dave Swanson, from Devil Mountain Chorus of Walnut Creek on Friday, **January 24th**, at 7:30pm in Stack Center. Tickets are \$12 which include fried chicken and root beer floats. Tickets may be purchased at the Parish Office or please see Bonnie Ricketts after the 7:30am & 11:30am Masses.

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. We will get back to you the next day. All names are kept confidential.



ONE WARM COAT DRIVE Thank you!

Heartfelt thanks to all in our Parish who donated generously to the coat drive, as well as those who offered their time to collect and sort through the many coats. Your support and love has made a difference to those less-fortunate. Thank you for giving the gift of warmth this Christmas!



FESCO AND CASTRO VALLEY OUTREACH

Christmas Giving Trees-Thank you!

Also, many thanks to those who participated in donating wonderful gifts to those in our community! Also, thank you to those who donated their time and effort to collect and sort through the gifts and deliver them to the CV Outreach Families. Thank you to our OLG students who volunteered their time to beautifully wrap the gifts for our families in need.

May God bless you all this Christmas Season!

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 December 15th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 11,116.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 9,038.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [2,078.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [1,408.00]

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 | Mona Mulvaney |
| Maureen Boeh | Leticia Nelson |
| Peggy Burton | Diana Riley |
| Heidi Carne | Florence Sharp |
| Theresa Ferrari | Howard Songey |
| Linda Guzman | Lurdes Sousa |
| Wally Lim | Mercedes Tellez |
| Laura Martell | Mary Lou Vincent |
| Sheila McAlinden | Arthur Williams |
| Rose Montalban | Peggy Winkenbach |

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

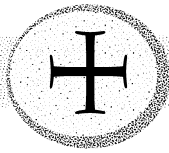
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ICF BELATED CHRISTMAS PARTY

Join the ICF for a Belated Christmas Party on **January 9th**. Doors open at 6:00pm and dinner is served at 6:30pm. We will once again be collecting new baby clothes, diapers, etc. for Birthright. For reservations, please contact Juanita at 510-582-7242. Deadline is **January 6th**.

Holy Family
pray for us!



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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 & a reminder of the growth & future of our Church. Please welcome our children & their parents, & give them a big smile of encouragement!

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.



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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Join us every Saturday for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8:15am Mass, and every Thursday at 7:00pm in the Church.



THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 29th:

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Tuesday, December 31st:

Parish Offices Close at Noon

New Year's Eve Vigil Masses
5:00pm--Church

Wednesday, January 1st:

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Parish Offices Closed

Thursday, January 2nd:

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, January 3rd:

First Friday Devotion
8:15am--Church

First Friday Latin Mass
7:00pm--CASA Chapel

Saturday, January 4th:

First Saturday Mass, Adoration & Franciscan Friars' Intentions
8:15am--Church

The Bible & The Virgin Mary Video Presentation
10:00am--Stack Center, OLG Room

The Village of the Militia Immaculata Meeting
11:00am--Stack Center, OLG Room

Sunday, January 5th:

The Epiphany of the Lord

Children's Liturgy of the Word
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

Mass Intentions for the Week

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

SUNDAY, December 29th

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

7:30am Edmar Victorino--D

9:30am Greg Dickson--D

MONDAY, December 30th

Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:15am Karen Chan--D

TUESDAY, December 31st

Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
St. Sylvester I, Pope

8:15am Antonio M. Capote--L

WEDNESDAY, January 1st

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

8:15am David Gladden--D

THURSDAY, January 2nd

Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

8:15am Marcelino Perdido--D

FRIDAY, January 3rd

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:15am Steve Gavazza--L

SATURDAY, January 4th

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:15am Society of the Militia Immaculata
Spiritual Mass

5:00pm Jerome Gann--D

SUNDAY, January 5th

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:30am Franciscan Friars' Intentions

HELP WANTED IN THE PARISH OFFICE

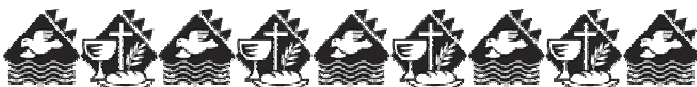


We are looking for volunteers to help in our Parish Office Monday-Friday from 1:00-2:00pm. If you are able to help, please call Jay at 510-537-0806

RELEVANT RADIO - 1260 AM



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

December 30th through January 5th

- Monday: 1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40
- Tuesday: 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18
- Wednesday: Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21
- Thursday: 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28
- Friday: 1 John 2:29-3:6; John 1:29-34
- Saturday: 1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42
- Sunday: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

INTERFAITH COUNCIL DISPLAY

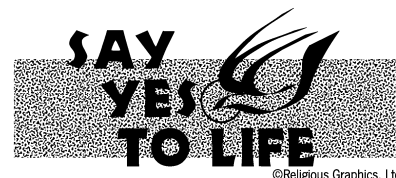
The Eden Area Interfaith Council recently installed an interfaith exhibit on the theme of "Adornment" in one of the entrance display cases at Castro Valley Library. The compelling objects include Our Lady of Grace's contribution of a powerful image of St. Maximilian Kolbe. The next time you're in the library, stop and take a look! The display will be up through December.



ICF CRAB FEED

Saturday, February 1, 2020

The East Bay District of the ICF invite you to the Dave Rose Memorial Crab Feed on Saturday **February 1, 2020** at St. Philip Neri Parish, Msgr. O'Brien Hall in Alameda. Hosted bar and Hors d'Oeuvres at 6:00pm, Dinner at 7:00pm. Cost is \$55.00 per person, children 10 and under, \$10.00. Chicken may be requested instead of crab when reservations are made. For reservations send check with name & dinner request to ICF East Bay District, c/o Peggy Lubeck, 1823 Harvard Dr., Alameda, CA 94501. Questions? Please call Leonard at 510-581-3246. Deadline for reservations is **January 25, 2020**.



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