

Walk for Life West Coast with Fr. Tom

In the early years of the March for Life in Washington DC my Grandmother Rose took a 1200 mile bus ride to be a witness for life. When I moved to Castro Valley and heard there was a Walk for life in San Francisco and I only had to take a BART to partake in it then it was time for me to take up Grandma's commitment and be a witness for the voiceless. Join me on **Saturday January 25 at 10:15AM** at the Castro Valley BART to Walk for life this year.

Last year was the most memorable moment in the 15 year history of the Walk for Life West Coast, seven pregnant women and their unborn children ascended the stage, put microphones to their bellies, and filled San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza with the sounds of tiny heartbeats.

Two of the pregnant mothers were also speakers at the rally: former Planned Parenthood employees Abby Johnson and Patricia Sandoval. Both women walked away from their jobs at Planned Parenthood in disgust, both are now among the most effective and articulate pro-life advocates in the country.

This Year, the first speaker scarcely needs an introduction. Father Frank Pavone has dedicated his life to the prolife movement. As the Director of Priests for Life, which was founded in 1990 right here in San Francisco, Father Frank has tirelessly spread the pro-life message to all 50 states as well as five continents. He has met with and advised leaders at the highest levels of the Church and government. Under his direction, Priests for Life has grown into a family of over a dozen ministries, all in service of the Culture of Life. I am looking forward to seeing Fr. Pavone again, when he was newly ordained I got to attend his Masses in Staten Island New York when I was a novice for the Franciscans. His message was always pro life and always clear.

Also speaking this year will be Kathleen Folan. A wife and mother, Mrs. Folan holds a degree in philosophy from the University of San Francisco. Her inspirational story of faith, hope and a willingness to appreciate God's blessings has been shared in the National Catholic Register. She currently serves as the Director of Family and Youth Ministry at St. Dominic's Church in San Francisco.

Finally, walkers will be inspired by the soaring oratory of the Reverend Clenard Howard Childress, Jr., who has spoken at almost every Walk for Life West Coast. Senior Pastor at New Calvary Church in Montclair, NJ, and founder of blackgenocide.org, Rev. Childress has been a tireless advocate for the Right to Life for all Americans, with a special emphasis on eliminated the scourge of abortion from the African-American community. A respected pro-life hero, Rev. Childress has been profiled in many newspapers, magazines, and on PBS.

"Love cannot remain by itself - it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action and that action is service." Mother Teresa

I want to thank our volunteers who help the Gospel come alive with their works of mercy. Teaching, proclaiming the word, helping the poor, ministering Christ through the Eucharist for our congregation and our homebound, Seeking justice, attending to the needs of the Altar, assisting in the office, offering hospitality, guarding our congregation, attending to the grounds, making a Joyful sound with music, assisting with boards and committees, as well as helping in the office and volunteering for fund raisers.

We are blessed at Our Lady of Grace to have so many faithful volunteers who offer there service to build up the kingdom here in Castro Valley. May Our Lady of Grace intercede for us and Christ Bless us as we seek to build the Kingdom of God. The Gift this year for our Volunteers is the book Signs of Life by Scott Hawn which explores 20 Catholic Traditions. We have such a profound faith with 2000 years of prayers and traditions.

Blessings to All of You Fr. Tom!

*Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which He looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which He blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are His body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*
— St. Teresa of Avila



**OUR LADY OF GRACE SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE**

Our Lady of Grace School will host its annual Open House for grades TK-8 from 11:00am-Noon on Sunday, **January 26th**. Visitors are invited to join us for a light brunch in Stack Center. Tour the school, meet our principal, Mrs. Anderson, our teachers, and school parents. Also, meet representatives from our after-school programs, CYO Board, PTG Board, School Board, Tech Coordinator and Kid Kare Director. Submit your application for the 2020-2021 school year on our website: <https://www.olgschool.org/>. For further information, please call Our Lady of Grace School office at 510-581-3155 between the hours of 8:30am--3:00pm. Please note: Our Lady of Grace School offers Transitional Kindergarten for children who do not meet the age requirement of being 5 years old by **September 1st** to enter Kindergarten. Our Transitional Kindergarten includes rigorous academics and age-appropriate play in a Catholic environment to prepare for Kindergarten.



**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
FEDERAL HOLIDAY**

Monday, January 20th is a federal holiday. There will be one Mass only at 8:15am in the Church. The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday and will re-open on Tuesday, **January 21st** at 8:30am. The entire Parish staff wishes you a safe and relaxing holiday.

ANNUAL SEMINARY COLLECTION

If you haven't had an opportunity to give towards our annual Seminary Collection, it's not too late. Our diocese asks us to help with the work of education for tomorrow's priests through our contributions to the Seminary Collection. Your prayers and support for our seminarians are a tremendous encouragement to the candidates. Your generous contributions assist these seminarians on their way to the priesthood. Our seminarians are dedicated, enthusiastic and most willing to be of service. Your kindness, generosity, and prayers are deeply appreciated. Envelopes are in the pews for your use.

**WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST 2020
Saturday, January 25, 2020**

We invite you to join our Parish as we walk with fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and the Western United States as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 16th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on **January 25th**. There will be Mass at 9:30am at St. Mary's Cathedral celebrated by Archbishop Alexander Sample from Portland, OR. The rally begins at 12:30pm in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk, down Market Street, begins at 1:30pm. Last year's Walk drew 50,000+ people! Following the OLG 8:15am Mass, parishioners will gather with Fr. Tom at the CV Bart Station for the trip to San Francisco. For complete information about the Walk, visit www.walkforlifewc.com



**OUR LADY OF GRACE
CRAB FEED
Saturday, February 1st
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!

Price is \$50 per person

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

No-Host Bar

\$15 Corkage Fee

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

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>

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

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 these to the police and to Jay in the Parish Office at 537-0806. God Bless and be safe!



**CYO GIRLS BASKETBALL
REGISTRATION**



Registration is available online for **CYO Girls Basketball** at www.olgcyo.siplay.com then click "Login". Girl's Basketball is open for grades 2nd-8th. Fees for the 2020 program year will be \$190.00 and will increase to \$215 beginning **February 1st**. Space is limited. Registrants will be placed on a "Waiting List" if slots are full. For more information or questions, please email: olgcyocv@gmail.com. Go Lions!

CHRISTMAS OFFERING RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Christmas Collection. Our Christmas Offering for 2019 totaled \$25,518 with a budget of \$30,000 and a shortfall of \$4,482. As always we thank you for the generosity of your gift and ask God to bless your continuing generosity.

2019 PLATE COLLECTION RESULTS

Total Sunday Plate Offering 2019: \$468,790
 Total Sunday Plate Budget 2019: \$470,000
 Total Shortfall 2019: \$1,210

We are most grateful to those who have consistently supported our Parish and have maintained their level of giving. We recognized those who responded so generously to our shortfall to budget earlier in the year and personally committed to make a difference in our outcome for the year. For those in the Parish not using the offering envelopes or the online giving, we ask you to prayerfully consider committing your support to our ministries, liturgies, outreach and all that a Parish is expected to provide its members and the members of the larger community in which we reside. May we continue to be good stewards of so great a gift and remember that God will not be outdone in generosity.

2019 MAINTENANCE FUND RESULTS

Total Collection 2019: \$24,988
 Total Budget 2019: \$25,000
 Total Property Repairs/Improvements 2019: \$26,488

We are grateful to all those who faithfully contribute to the monthly Grounds and Maintenance Offering. Your contributions allow us to make needed repairs and improvements to the property. The \$26,488 includes the new landscaping in the front of the church (\$11,600) as well as updated LED lighting in the back parking lot and tree trimming. We also wish to acknowledge those who responded so generously to the landscaping fund for the front of the church. Please consider a monthly contribution to the Grounds and Maintenance envelope as part of your monthly offering.



YEARLY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

For your convenience in preparing your tax return, a contribution statement for 2019 will be prepared at your request. Please phone the Parish Office at 537-0806, with your name and envelope number. Your statement will be available for you to pick up once it has been signed.

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 January 12th:

Sunday Plate: \$ 11,358.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal: \$ 9,346.00
 Over/[Shortfall] \$ 2,012.00
 Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall] \$ 3,713.00
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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| Cindy Abraham | Rose Montalban |
| Glen Alcorn | Leticia Nelson |
| Maureen Boeh | Diana Riley |
| Peggy Burton | Florence Sharp |
| Heidi Carne | Howard Songey |
| Theresa Ferrari | Lurdes Sousa |
| Linda Guzman | Mercedes Tellez |
| 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.

- LEONARDO CABARDO**
MONA MULVANEY
PEGGY WARD
ANGIE DORADO



ICF POLENTA FEED

Come join the ICF Branch #343 for our Polenta Feed on Saturday, **February 15th**, in Stack Center. Doors open at 6:00pm. Menu includes: Salad, Polenta, Sausage, Bread, Dessert, Wine, Soda and Coffee. There will be entertainment and raffles. Price is \$35 per person or \$250 for a table of 8! Reservations and payment required in advance. **Deadline is February 8th.** Please send one check with the names of those at your table for 8 to: Lisa Crudo, 3718 September Ct. Castro Valley, CA 94546, the same for individual reservations. Any questions, please call Lisa at 510-861-9835.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayer shawls are universal and embracing, they comfort and enfold, wrap and warm, shelter and embrace. Those who knit or crochet or receive a shawl are blessed. If you know of someone in need and would like to give them this gift of prayer, you are welcome to pick one up at the Parish Office or contact Ruth Picha at 510-538-9063.

Real Men



BARBERSHOP CHORUS

Join us for Retro Night with a men's quartet from the 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 see Bonnie or Dave after a Mass. Best vintage clothing earns a \$50 prize!

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

MEN'S FAITH SHARE

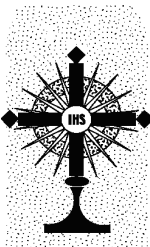
The Men's Faith Share group meets on Tuesdays each week at 7:00pm in Stack Center, Room 7. The group reads and discusses the upcoming Sunday's readings for the Mass. If you are looking for a small group setting to pray and explore the Word each week, please join us on Tuesday evenings.

GRIEF WORKSHOP

The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Please join us on your healing journey at St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton, at 7:30pm Thursday, **January 23rd**. Please call Eleanor at 925-846-8708 for more information.

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.



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!

THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 19th:

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

Monday, January 20th:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Parish Offices Closed

Tuesday, January 21st:

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

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

Wednesday, January 22nd:

Knights of Columbus Meeting
7:00pm--Stack Center

Thursday, January 23rd:

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

Adoration
7:00pm--Church

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

Sunday, January 26th:

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

New Parishioner Registration
10:30am--Stack Center

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

Open House
11:00am--Stack Center & School

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



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Mass Intentions for the Week

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

SUNDAY, January 19th

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Franciscan Friars' Intentions

9:30am Martyr Martin--D

11:30am Jay Jontz--D

MONDAY, January 20th

St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr

St. Sebastian, Martyr

8:15am Louis Rodrigues--D

TUESDAY, January 21st

St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

8:15am Velaquez & Moran Families--D

WEDNESDAY, January 22nd

Day of Prayer For The Legal Protection Of Unborn Children

8:15am Caden Sigmon--L

THURSDAY, January 23rd

St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr

St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

8:15am Hilda & Evelyn Serpa--D

FRIDAY, January 24th

St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Mary Guzman--L

SATURDAY, January 25th

The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

8:15am Visitacion Perdido--D

5:00pm Jonathan Ilmberger--D

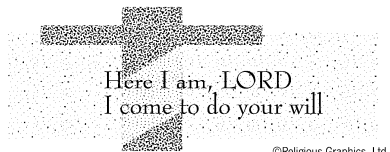
SUNDAY, January 26th

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Franciscan Friars' Intentions

9:30am Erlinda P. Barroso--L

1:30pm Guillermo Cordova--D



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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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

January 20th through January 26th

Monday: 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19

Saturday: Acts 22:3-16; Mark 16:15-18

Sunday: Isaiah 8:23-9:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17; Matthew 4:12-23



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.



ICF CRAB FEED

Saturday, February 1st

The East Bay District of the ICF invite you to the Dave Rose Memorial Crab Feed on Saturday **February 1st** 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 per person, children 10 and under-\$10. 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 25th.**



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.

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This week we extend our gratitude to:

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