



**40 Days For Life**

Last year I saw the movie *Unplanned* which was the story of Abby Johnson and her conversion from running a Planned Parenthood Abortion facility to becoming a Pro-Life advocate. It was the prayerful presence of 40 Days For Life which helped Abby in her conversion and helped her fight the legal intimidation once she left Planned Parenthood. **I would like our parish to be that loving prayerful presence that helps people realize the gift of every human life. I need your help to make 40 Days For Life possible at Our Lady of Grace.** Join me on Saturday, **February 22nd** at 10:00am to be part of this prayerful witness for life. We will explain how you can participate at this meeting. Contact the Parish Office if you will participate this Lent, even if you cannot attend the meeting on Saturday.

**Ash Wednesday**

Lent begins on Wednesday, **February 26th**

Masses with Ash Distribution will be at:

7:00am at the Holy Family Friary Chapel On Redwood Road

8:15am with the School, 12 Noon, and 6:00pm in the Church, followed by our Soup & Bread Meal in Stack Center

**We Are All In This Together**

Wednesday, **March 4th** at 7:00pm in Stack Center

Bishop John Stowe from the Diocese of Lexington in Kentucky will break open the Theology of Pope Francis' encyclical *Ladato Si*. See page 3 for details.

**Masses for Life on Wednesdays** during Lent at 6:00pm in the Church

**Stations of the Cross on Fridays** during Lent at 6:00pm in English and 7:30pm in Spanish

**Friday Fish Fry's** during Lent from 5:00pm to 7:00pm in Stack Center

**Health Precautions For Flu Season**

If you are ill, please refrain from attending Mass until you are feeling better.

1. No cup of Precious Blood
2. Preference for Holy Communion on the hand. Those who choose to receive on the tongue, please receive last.
3. During the Our Father, do not hold hands.
4. During the sign of peace, offer a head bow and not a hand shake.

Thanks to all for following the precautions. ***Does one receive the whole Christ if one receives only Holy Communion?*** Yes. Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior, is wholly present under the appearance either of bread or of wine in the Eucharist. Furthermore, Christ is wholly present in any fragment of the consecrated Host or in any drop of the Precious Blood (cf. Eucharisticum Mysterium, no. 32).

**Meditation Of St. Maximilian Kolbe**

"With patience I can do all things in Him who strengthens me [Phil 4:13] through the dear hands of the Immaculata...I can even become a saint. Courage, then, and go forward in patience and loving faith." (KW 987)

**Prayer of Consecration**

O Immaculata, I renew my consecration to you. Teach me the value of patience and loving faith.

Peace,  
Fr. Tom



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**PRESIDENTS DAY  
PARISH HOLIDAY**

Monday, **February 17th**, is a federal holiday. The Parish Office will be closed in honor of Presidents Day & will re-open on Tuesday, **February 18th** at 8:30am. Monday's Mass is at 8:15am. The entire Parish staff wishes you a safe & relaxing holiday!



**ASH WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 26TH**

The schedule for Ash Wednesday is as follows: 7:00am at the Friary on Redwood Road, 8:15am All School Mass with Ashes, 12:00 Noon Mass with Ashes, 6:00pm Mass with Ashes followed by a Soup Meal in Stack Center.

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**ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP MEAL**

After the 6:00pm Mass, join us for a simple meal of soup and bread on Wednesday, **February 26th** in Stack Center. It will be a time for fellowship and families coming together. Thank you to our Evangelization Program for sponsoring the Soup Meal on Ash Wednesday. Financial donations at the Soup Meal will be accepted for CRS Rice Bowl.



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**PREPARE FOR LENT WITH FORMED.ORG**

Lent begins soon! Exploring what FORMED has to offer is a wonderful way to help us prepare our hearts and minds for the Lenten season. Take advantage of the many free movies and ebooks at your disposal which can be shared and discussed with family and friends. You will also find many choices which are educational and entertaining for the youngest members of your family. **If you don't have an account yet, just follow the instructions below for free access to FORMED.**

To register for free, visit: [www.olgcv.formed.org](http://www.olgcv.formed.org) Type in "Our Lady of Grace, Castro Valley CA" to become a member.



**THE 2020 BISHOP'S APPEAL**

The 2020 Bishop's Appeal is under way! There are 5 specific areas that receive funds from the Appeal:

- \* Religious Education & Formation
- \* Clergy Formation & Support
- \* Pastoral Ministries & Services
- \* Priest Retirement & Care
- \* Support for Catholic Schools & Parishes in Need

*Be assured that none of the funds are ever redirected to any other causes.*

We ask you to pray for the Bishop's Appeal and join us in *Rebuilding Christ's Church* in the Diocese of Oakland.

**Our goal this year is to gain 100% participation from ALL members of Our Lady of Grace Parish!**

The Bishop's Appeal is necessary to meet the needs of the Diocese and Chancery. *This appeal helps cover costs of ministries and services.* There are many exciting and positive things happening around the diocese and the services it provides. There are active ministries and programs that serve all the faithful within all parishes in one way or another.



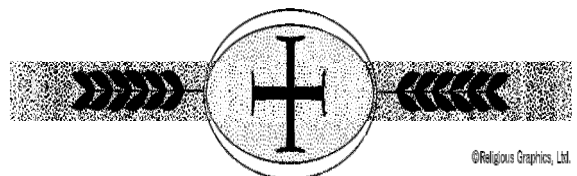
**OLG SPRING AUCTION  
SAVE THE DATE  
MAY 16TH!**

Our Lady of Grace's Spring Auction is scheduled for **Saturday, May 16th**. This year's theme is *Moonlit Masquerade*. We look forward to seeing you there!

**OLG TRACK & FIELD  
REGISTRATION**



Registration for Track & Field is now open. The 2020 program is open to K thru 8th grade students. Fees will be \$90 and includes uniform, practice & meet fees. For a sign-up packet, contact Shane Rogge at [shanerogge@comcast.net](mailto:shanerogge@comcast.net) (510-325-4205) or John Embody at [jembody@hotmail.com](mailto:jembody@hotmail.com) (510-300-5024). For more information, login to [www.olgcyo.siplay.com](http://www.olgcyo.siplay.com) to view eligibility requirements. Go Lions!



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**ALTAR CANDLE MEMORIALS**

We are looking to have 6 monthly sponsors for our Altar Candles and ask for a donation of \$20 to cover the cost of the candles for the month. Our donors will be recognized in the 1st 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.

**BISHOP STOWE COMES TO OLG**

All are invited to meet Bishop John Stowe, O.F.M. Conv. of Kentucky on Wednesday, **March 4th** from 7:00–8:30pm in Stack Center and hear his stimulating presentation on the fraternal interconnectedness in all creation. He will describe St. Francis’ and Pope Francis’ view of creation and its relationship to peace and justice in our world today. This event is sponsored by our Pax Christi/Social Justice group. For more information, pick up a flyer at one of the entrances to the church, or call the church office at 510-537-0806.



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

*Dan was referred to us by 1st Presbyterian Church. He needed food. ADOBE was paying for him to stay at the Budget in Hayward for the next couple of weeks until his foot surgery. At that time the situation would be reevaluated to see if he needed additional time at the motel. The motel has a microwave and he was requesting canned food with pull tabs and some paper plates and utensils. We were able to visit with him and bring him the requested supplies.*

We appreciate your support of St. Vincent de Paul as we help those in our community. Please keep us and those we serve in your prayers. If you would like to get involved in this ministry or just have some questions, please call Heidi at 510-881-7850 or email svdp@olgcv.org



**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 **March 4th** at 7:00pm in the OLG Room in Stack Center.

**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 February 9th:**

Sunday Plate:	\$ 9,933.00
<b>Weekly Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 9,270.00</b>
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 663.00
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 3,484.00

*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     | Julius Spekner   |
| 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.*

**VICTOR PASQUINI**

**MERCEDES TELLEZ**

**HEALTH PRECAUTIONS**

During this cold/flu/virus season, we will discontinue offering the Precious Blood during Holy Communion. In lieu of offering our hands to others at the Sign of Peace, we will acknowledge each other with a slight head bow. Likewise, during the Our Father, we will refrain from holding hands. We thank you for your understanding.

All of us must be aware of such sensitive matters in the intimate life of the Christian community & we should be aware that by refraining from the Sign of Peace and the communal chalice is out of care for our well-being and not out of unkindness or lack of piety.

**PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

“May the God of peace arouse in all an authentic desire for dialogue and reconciliation. Violence cannot be overcome with violence. Violence is overcome with peace.”

– Pope Francis

To join our work with Pax Christi, please contact the Parish Office at 510-537-0806



**DID YOU KNOW???**

Our church has wonderful, hardworking volunteers who clean & set up our pews with missalettes, song books & envelopes each week for our Masses. We are grateful for their years of service in doing this! It has come to our attention that trash items, such as used tissues, cough drop wrappers, gum wrappers, water bottles, Cheerios & Goldfish crackers have been left behind. Please work with our volunteers & honor their work by picking up after yourselves. Many thanks in advance, in helping keep our church immaculate!

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**USE SCRIP WHILE YOU SHOP**

**Do you get coffee at Starbucks? Buy groceries at Safeway?** Use SCRIP 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. 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? Contact the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

**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.



**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, February 16th:**

**The Sixth 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 Class  
10:50am--Stack Center

**Monday, February 17th:**

**President’s Day  
Parish Office Closed**

**Tuesday, February 18th:**

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

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

Women’s Evening Bible Study  
7:00pm--Stack Center, OLG Room

**Wednesday, February 19th:**

Strobridge Dinner  
5:30pm--Strobridge Apartments

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

**Thursday, February 20th:**

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, February 23rd:**

**The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

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



*Mass Intentions for the Week*

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

**SUNDAY, February 16th**

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Andrew Perino--L

9:30am Jerome Gann--D

11:30am Franciscan Friars' Intentions

**MONDAY, February 17th**

*The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*

8:15am Martha Kozel--D

**TUESDAY, February 18th**

8:15am Anna Friedeberg--L

**WEDNESDAY, February 19th**

8:15am Kenneth J. McMullen--D

**THURSDAY, February 20th**

8:15am Maura Vanderpoorten--D

**FRIDAY, February 21st**

*St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

8:15am Genieve Atol--D

**SATURDAY, February 22nd**

*The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle*

8:15am John McCann--D

5:00pm Lilia Sousa--D

**SUNDAY, February 23rd**

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Franciscan Friars' Intentions

9:30am Aaron Alcorn--D

11:30am Helen Maes--D

**THIS WEEK--Continued**

*Sunday, February 23rd:*

*The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

New Parishioner Registration

10:30am--Stack Center

Whole Family & Middle School Catechesis

10:50am--Stack Center

Youth Ministry / Confirmation

6:00pm--Stack Center



**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!

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

February 16th through February 23rd

Monday: James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday: James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21

Wednesday: James 1:19-27; Mark 8:22-26

Thursday: James 2:1-9; Mark 8:27-33

Friday: James 2:14-24, 26; Mark 8:34-9:1

Saturday: 1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19

Sunday: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18;

1 Corinthians 3:16-23;

Matthew 5:38-48

**FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND**

We are grateful for the generous donation from **Barbara Lang & Family in memory of Victor Pasquini**. Flower donation envelopes can be found at the entrances of the church to make a donation in memory of or in 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.

**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: **February 20th**

9:00am to 11:15am

Speaker: Dean Ron Pangan

Topic: "Blessed & Gifted: A Call To Discipleship"

**EXECUTION ALERTS**

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

February 20th Nicholas Sutton Tennessee

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

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