

Our Lady Of Lourdes Feast Day - February 11th

Our Lady of Lourdes Prayer For The Sick:

Our Lady of Lourdes, heal the sick, convert sinners. Health of the sick, Help of the suffering, pray for us. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse in thee.

40 Days for Life

I would like to begin a 40 Days For Life campaign at Our Lady of Grace. I am looking for people to help organize a campaign here at Our Lady of Grace. Please pray to God if you are to help and contact the office or talk to Fr. Tom after Mass. I would like to begin February 25th.

40 Days for Life is a community-based social justice campaign that takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing our local communities the consequences of abortion in our own neighborhoods, for our own friends and families. It puts into action a desire to cooperate with God in the carrying out of His plan for the end of abortion. It draws attention to the tragedy and evil of abortion through the use of a three-point program:

Prayer and Fasting

Prayer is at the center of 40 Days for Life. During each campaign, we are calling on people of faith to fall on their knees before the Lord, asking Him to hear our plea and heal our land. Pray outside an abortion facility. Pray at church. Pray at work. Pray in the car. Pray at home with your family.

Fasting is not a Christian diet. It is a powerful means of drawing closer to God by blocking out distractions. Fast from certain foods. Fast from electronic devices. Fast from whatever it is that separates you from God.

Constant Vigil

The visible, public centerpiece of 40 Days for Life is a focused, 40-day, non-stop, round-the-clock prayer vigil outside a Planned Parenthood center or other abortion facility in your community. It is a peaceful and educational presence. Those who are called to stand witness send a powerful message to the community about the tragic reality of abortion. It also serves as a call to repentance for those who work at the abortion center and those who patronize the facility.

Community Outreach

Church involvement begins by meeting with local pastors, other church leaders, and members of difference congregations. The Body of Christ is invited to pray together and participate in 40 Days for Life, uniting in one focused mission that can save lives and make an eternal impact.

Virtus Training

All Volunteers at Our Lady of Grace should have their training completed by **February 15th**. If you will not be able to by this deadline, we ask you to step down from your ministry until it has been done. We thank you for your understanding.

Health Precautions During Mass During Flu And Virus Season

We at Our Lady of Grace will adapt the following policies during this flu/cold/virus season. These protocols were adapted from the Diocese of San Jose. While the CDC has reported the risk from the Corona virus is extremely low, it is present in the Bay Area so we will adopt the following precautions:

- 1) For the duration of the flu/cold/virus season, Holy Communion will not be shared under the form of Consecrated Wine. Concelebrating priests and assisting deacons are to receive the Precious Blood by means of intinction. Provision will be made for those parishioners who contact us and rely upon receiving Holy Communion under the Sacred Species of Consecrated Wine because of Celiac Disease or other conditions that do not tolerate the ingestion of a consecrated host.
- 2) For the duration of the flu/cold/virus season, Holy Communion will be distributed only into the hands of communicants; during this time, Holy Communion will not be distributed on the tongue until all receiving on the hand has been completed. Only the Priest will distribute on the tongue and we ask that your mouth is opened wide and your tongue is extended so the priest can easily place the consecrated host in your mouth without risk of touching a tongue.
- 3) For the duration of the flu/cold/virus season, people should refrain from holding hands during the recitation or singing of the Lord's Prayer.
- 4) For the duration of the flu/cold/virus season, the Sign of Peace should be adapted so as to allow for a greeting that does not require shaking hands or touching. We will adapt the liturgical practice of a slight head bow to acknowledge peace to our neighbor.
- 5) For the duration of the flu/cold/virus season, all who administer Holy Communion are to wash their hands with an alcohol-based anti-bacterial solution, such as Purell, before and after they administer the Sacrament. This precaution also extends to those who minister to the homebound.



**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.



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 Type in "Our Lady of Grace, Castro Valley CA" to become a member.

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

In January, we welcomed

Xavier Andres Ochoa

&

Alexandra Blanco Chan

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

YOUNG CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Bring your toddler to kindergarten age kids today, **February 9th**, after the 9:30am Mass. The theme will be *God Is Love..* We will meet in the TK Room in Augustine Center. See you there!



CHRIST *the light of the world*

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THE 2020 BISHOP'S APPEAL



The 2020 Bishop's Appeal begins in February and will continue throughout March and April. In the coming weeks, you will hear more of the Appeal at Mass and through materials sent to you in the mail. Bishop Barber decided to continue with the theme, **Rebuild My Church**, a phrase inspired by St. Francis of Assisi. By sharing our talent and treasure with our sisters and brothers, we are making a sacrifice and returning to God a small portion of the many gifts he has given to us. You can find more information on the Appeal by visiting www.oakdiocese.org/giving. You can also call the Office of Mission Advancement at 510-267-8358.

Our goal this year is to gain 100% participation from all members in Our Lady of Grace's Parish!

We are grateful to all those last year who participated generously. This not only allowed our Parish to meet our goal but to exceed it as well!

A pledge to Appeal will help us reach out to thousands in the East Bay through diocesan ministries, programs & services.

What is the Bishop's Appeal?

The Bishop's Appeal is an organized effort to give every Catholic family in the Diocese of Oakland the opportunity to make a gift to the best of their financial ability to support the ministries and services provided by the Diocese. It gives each household a chance to help further the mission of the Diocesan Church.

Your faith rests
not on human wisdom
but on the power
of GOD

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NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

We extend a warm welcome to new parishioners & guests. Please stop by Stack Center today, **February 9th**, after the 9:30am Mass to register or update your information. A Hospitality volunteer will greet you at the New Parishioner Registration table. We are grateful to our volunteers for providing this ministry on our behalf.



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.



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

We have been helping Sam and Kathy for 2 ½ years. He has Parkinson’s Disease and she takes care of him. When they first came to us they were living in a van. They applied for housing but the wait would be long. After 2 years they were able to stay in a trailer. About 2 months ago they received housing from Abode. They are living in a very small one bedroom mini house in Hayward. During these past 2 years we have helped them mainly with food but also with DMV registration. One of the greatest gifts we gave to them was that of compassion and caring. It is humbling to see how grateful people are just to have someone who cares.

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

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.

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.

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 2nd:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 9,169.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 9,819.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [650.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 2,731.00

May God bless your continuing generosity.



Your Prayers Are Requested

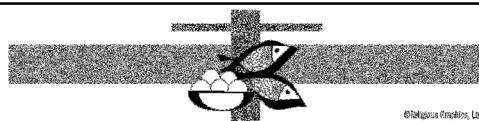
Please lift up in your prayer those many among us who are ill and those who have asked for our prayerful remembrance:

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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.

ROSALIND CRUDO

VICTOR PASQUINI



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.

REGARDING FLYERS FOR YOUR EVENTS

When creating a flyer for your event to be placed on the church bulletin boards, please use a half-sheet format (5.5 x 8.5). There are many who want their events promoted, but we simply do not have enough space when the flyers are a full-sheet. But first, please submit your flyer to the Parish Office for placement on the bulletin boards in church and on the rolling sign board outside Stack Center on Sundays. Thank you for your understanding.

**ARE YOU A AMAZON SHOPPER?
SHOP WITH AMAZON SMILE!**

If you shop at Amazon.com, please consider going to smile.amazon.com and choosing Our Lady of Grace to receive 0.5% of all qualifying purchases you make when shopping through smile.amazon.com. Buy your gifts and holiday essentials here. Products and prices are the same, and Our Lady of Grace will receive a donation each time you make a purchase.

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.

RELEVANT RADIO - 1260 AM



Relevant Radio brings you the best in Catholic Radio 24/7! Playing on 1260AM and dedicated to sharing the heart of the Catholic Faith and changing lives.

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.

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, February 9th:

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

Young Children's Ministry
After 9:30am Mass--Augustine Center, TK Room

New Parishioner Registration
10:30am--Stack Center

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

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

Tuesday, February 11th:

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

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

Thursday, February 13th:

ICF Polenta Feed
6:00pm--Stack Center

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

Adoration
7:00pm--Church

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

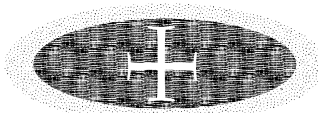
Sunday, February 16th:

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



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Mass Intentions for the Week

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

SUNDAY, February 9th

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Laura Perino--L

9:30am Roger Lowe--D

1:30pm Franciscan Friars' Intentions

MONDAY, February 10th

St. Scholastica, Virgin

8:15am Mary Jean Alvernaz--D

TUESDAY, February 11th

Our Lady of Lourdes

8:15am Lilia Sousa--D

WEDNESDAY, February 12th

8:15am Antonio Chocha--D

THURSDAY, February 13th

8:15am Debi Telles--D

FRIDAY, February 14th

St. Cyril, Monk

St. Methodius, Bishop

8:15am Louis Rodriguez--D

SATURDAY, February 15th

SUNDAY, February 16th

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Andrew Perino--L

9:30am Jerome Gann--D

11:30pm Franciscan Friars' Intentions

You prepare a table for me, O Lord



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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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

February 10th through February 16th

Monday: 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Mark 6:53-56
 Tuesday: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Mark 7:1-13
 Wednesday: 1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23
 Thursday: 1 Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30
 Friday: 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Mark 7:31-37
 Saturday: 1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mark 8:1-10
 Sunday: Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S SOUP & SANDWICH MEALS

Each Thursday from 10:00-11:00am, free lunches will be offered for our neighbors in need at the First Presbyterian Church on Grove & Redwood Road. ABODE Services will also be there weekly to offer free medical services 1x/week. Please pass this info on to anyone you may know within our parish boundaries who may benefit from these services.



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.

GRIEF SUPPORT

The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Please join us on your healing journey on Thursday, **February 13th and 27th** at St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton, at 7:30pm. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation. Please call Eleanor at 925-46-8708 for more information.

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This week we extend our gratitude to:

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