



### Welcome Bishop John Stowe to OLG this Wednesday March 4th

We are blessed that Bishop John Stowe will help us this Lent to help us understand that our Catholic Social Justice Teaching can help us with our world problems today. In his presentation “**We are All in this together**” he breaks open Pope Francis’ encyclical *Ladato Si*. We will be installing Solar Panels at the end of the month to do our part in taking responsibility for our effect on the environment. Come learn how our Church is responding to the serious problems of our times and how our faith can assist our actions to care for others. Join us **March 4th** at 7:00pm in Stack Center.

### 40 Days for Life

Take the challenge this Lent to save a life. The leading cause of death in our world is abortion. 42 million babies were aborted last year. Could you give an hour a week to end this holocaust and offer love to girls and women in crisis in our community.

My personal reasons are many. One my Grandma Rose went to Washington DC on one of the first March for Life. Second workers at a Catholic Hospital encouraged my mother to abort my little brother who is my Godchild. Third, I have mourned with friend who had abortions. Fourth, I have ministered to women who were healing after abortion who suffered greatly and found the Forgiveness and Mercy of God. Fifth, I took part of Project Gabriel at All Saints helping young pregnant women with practical issues of life so they could have there child.

I have been at the “A” Street Planned Parenthood in Hayward for at least 10 hours since Ash Wednesday. Could you join me? Could you take a day to be a day Captain? Could you commit to pray? Could you fast a day during the week for our 40 Days for Life Campaign? Could you share with someone the value of each human life?

### All Night Prayer Vigil

Spend time with the Lord as we keep watch with in prayer from 8:00pm to 8:00am on Friday, **March 13th, 20th, 27th**. Help us keep vigil with the Lord. There will be Confession at 8:00pm until 10:00pm on each Vigil. Please help us fill our nights of prayer to ask Jesus to renew your faith, our parish, and help save lives during our 40 Days for Life Campaign.

### Friday Stations of the Cross, a Franciscan Prayer

The Franciscan tradition Stations of the Cross were part of the Lenten devotional soon after St. Francis’ return from the Holy Land in 1221. The Franciscans became active in the development of the devotion of the Stations of the Cross when they were granted custody of the sacred sites of Jerusalem in 1343. Then they began to promote the devotion of Christ’s passion. During the 15th and 16th centuries the Franciscans began to build a series of outdoor shrines in Europe to duplicate their counterparts in the Holy Land.

In 1686, in answer to their petition, Pope Innocent XI granted to the Franciscans the right to erect stations *within* their churches. In 1731, Pope Clement XII extended to all churches the right to have the stations, provided that a Franciscan father erected them, with the consent of the local bishop. One friar, St. Leonard of Port Maurice, expressed his zeal by erecting 571 sets of stations between 1731 and 1751, becoming known as the “preacher of the way of the cross.” It is likely he was also responsible for reversing the order of the stations so that they ended at Calvary. At the same time the number was fixed at fourteen.

Come to Calvary with Jesus and Walk the Stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent. Join us at 2:30pm with the School, 6:00pm in English, and 7:00pm in Spanish.

### FORMED.org for Lent

Journey Through Lent with Dr. Tim Gray - Set yourself up for a transformative 40 Days with FORMED Lenten Reflections. It takes less than 5 minutes a day. Get daily videos from Dr. Tim Gray delivered right to your inbox so you don’t miss a day of growing closer to our Lord. Visit: <https://lent.formed.org> to sign up.

Journey Through Lent for the Kids - Discover a plethora of engaging videos and audio designed for children. Click on the “BROWSE” tab & Scroll down to “KIDS”, watch the Brother Francis video series as well as animated Jesus stories, the saints, and much more.

**To sign-up for free**, go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org), type our parish name & city on the pull down tab and create a free account!

### Meditation Prayer -“The Pinnacle of Perfection”

*“We emulate good, righteous, holy people yet none of them is flawless; only she, without stain of sin from the first instant of her existence, knows no fall, even the slightest. To imitate [the Immaculata], therefore, to draw near to her, to offer oneself up as property of her, to become her: that is the pinnacle of human perfection.”* -St. Maximilian Kolbe

Peace,  
Fr. Tom



**THE 2020 BISHOP'S APPEAL**

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

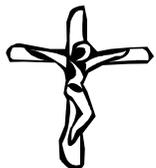
- \* Religious Education & Formation
- \* Clergy Formation & Support
- \* Pastoral Ministries & Services
- \* Priest Retirement & Care
- \* Support for Catholic Schools & Parishes in Need

*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.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
English & Spanish**

Join us on Lenten Fridays for Stations of the Cross which is offered at Our Lady of Grace at 2:30pm with the School, 6:00pm in English & 7:00pm in Spanish, in the Church.



**1ST FRIDAY &  
1ST SATURDAY DEVOTION**

Come join us **1st Friday, March 6th**, for Mass at 8:15am with the recitation of the Litany of the Sacred



Heart. On **1st Saturday, March 7th**, join us for Mass, Adoration, Rosary & Benediction at 8:15am, followed by our Lenten Series "Always A Mother" 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.

**1ST FRIDAY-TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS**

There will be a Traditional Latin Mass on **March 6th** at 7:00pm, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in the Friary Chapel in the CASA at 19950 Anita Ave.



**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

February is always packed with educational excitement. We started off celebrating the 100th day of school. Students and teachers were attired as if 100 years old and each primary level illustrated what the number 100 looks like in various projects they created. The focus switched to appreciation for our Presidents especially for George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. In studying their eras, students learned about famous African-Americans who helped to build our country with the understanding God made us all in His image and likeness. As we wended our way to the end of the month, the joy of Mardi Gras, celebrated here as our Heritage Food Day, where school families shared ethnic dishes for all students to try led us to the holy season of Lent. Our entire school celebrated at the 8:15am Mass on Ash Wednesday and for the next 40 days will pray for the precious gift of life and in particular for the unborn. We pray we will have grown closer to the Lord who loves us after praying these forty days of Lent.

-Susan Anderson

**DO NOT BE AFRAID OF CONFESSION**

During the Lenten season, Confession will be available every Thursday at 7:00pm during Adoration and on Saturdays at 8:45am & 3:30pm. In addition, Confessions will also be heard on **March 18th** at 7:00pm and **April 7th & 8th** at 7:30am. CORRECTION! Our Communal Penance service is scheduled for Tuesday, **March 31st** at 7:00pm, not April 1st.



**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!

**FRIDAY FISH FRY'S**

Join us each Lenten Friday from 5:00-8:00pm in Stack Center for a delicious fish dinner, prepared by the Knights of Columbus. Curbside pick-up, Take-out or Dine-in options are available. Cost is \$10 for adults & \$5 for children. Dinner includes fried fish, salad & fries. Please pre-pay in the Parish Office or reserve your dinner at Pay-At-The-Door. Checks may be made payable to St. Maximilian Kolbe Council 16770. You may pay online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/friday-fish-frys-during-lent-tickets-94873548337>



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**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.



**ICF CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER**

Come join the "ICF" (Italian/Irish Catholic Federation), for Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner with the St. Joseph's Table on **March 12th**. The St. Joseph's Table is a fundraiser for the St. Vincent de Paul Society at Transfiguration Parish. Not to worry, we donate non-perishable food to the OLG St. Vincent de Paul Society in November. The St. Joseph's Table will have homemade desserts that you may make a donation to buy. Doors open at 6:00pm. Cost is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members and \$8 for children aged 10 and under. For reservations, please call Juanita at 510-582-7242, deadline is **March 8th**.

**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 (510-325-4205) or John Embody at jembody@hotmail.com (510-300-5024). For more information, login to www.olgcyo.siplay.com to view eligibility requirements. Go Lions!



**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 23rd:**

Sunday Plate:	\$ 8,489.00
<b>Weekly Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 8,501.00</b>
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [12.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 2,008.00

*May God bless your continuing generosity.*

The Sunday Collection will be updated in next week’s Bulletin. We thank you for your understanding.



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

**LETICIA NELSON**

**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.

**REGULATIONS FOR LENT**

**Abstinence and Fasting:**

Abstinence from eating meat is to be observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays during Lent. This applies to all persons 14 and older. The law of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday applies to all persons 18 or older and younger than 59.

Fasting means that one full meatless meal per day may be eaten. Two other meatless meals may be taken sufficient to maintain strength, but together they should not equal a full meal. Liquids, including milk and fruit juice, may be taken between meals. If health or ability to work is affected, fasting does not oblige. Private, self-imposed observance of fasting on Lenten weekdays is strongly recommended. Parents should ensure that children who are not bound by the laws of fast and abstinence are taught an authentic sense of penance, conversion and reconciliation.

**Lenten Observance:**

Catholics are encouraged to participate in Holy Mass and in the Sacrament of Penance during Lent, and parishes are encouraged to provide regular and frequent opportunities for such participation. Likewise encouraged are devotions such as Stations of the Cross, vigils and prayer services (with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, if opportune). Traditional practices - including increased prayer, Scripture and spiritual reading, alms, personal self-denial in food and drink, increased care and service to the sick and needy - are also suggested.

**Easter Duty:**

All initiated Catholics are bound by the obligations of receiving Communion at least once a year and to confess sacramentally all serious sins not previously acknowledged in individual Confession. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter duty season, which is from the first Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday.

**PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*"It is contrary to reason to hold that war is now a suitable way to restore rights which have been violated."*

– Pope John XXIII, *Pacem in Terris*, 1963

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

**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, March 1st:**

**The First Sunday of Lent**

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

**Tuesday, March 3rd:**

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, March 4th:**

Pre-Baptism Class  
7:00pm--Stack Center, OLG Room

**Thursday, March 5th:**

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, March 6th:**

First Friday Devotion  
8:15am--Church  
Stations of the Cross  
2:30pm (w/ School), 6:00pm (English)  
& 7:00pm (Spanish)--Church

Friday Fish Fry's  
5:00pm--Stack Center

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

**Saturday, March 7th:**

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

"Always A Mother" Video Presentation  
10:00am--Stack Center, OLG Room

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

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

**SUNDAY, March 1st**

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30am Franciscan Friars' Intentions

9:30am Kathleen Cande--L

11:30am Claudia Dobbs--L

**MONDAY, March 2nd**

8:15am Debi Telles--D

**TUESDAY, March 3rd**

8:15am Dorothy & Manuel Callier--D

**WEDNESDAY, March 4th**

8:15am Titan Darael Edward Breeze--D

6:00pm Maria Ramirez--D

**THURSDAY, March 5th**

8:15am Ted, Joni & Katie Linney--D

**FRIDAY, March 6th**

8:15am Tiffany Yeh--D

**SATURDAY, March 7th**

8:15am Franciscan Friars' Intentions

5:00pm Roger Lowe--D

**SUNDAY, March 8th**

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30am Franciscan Friars' Intentions

9:30am Ricardo Estrada--D

Rudy & Augie Enriquez--D

1:30pm Mela Ortega--D



**THIS WEEK--Continued**

**Sunday, March 8th:**

*The Second Sunday of Lent*

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

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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

March 2nd through March 8th

Monday: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18;  
Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday: Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32

Thursday: Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25;  
Matthew 7:7-12

Friday: Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday: Deuteronomy 26:16-19;  
Matthew 5:43-48

Sunday: Genesis 12:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:8-10;  
Matthew 17:1-9



**FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND**

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.



**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.

**GRIEF SUPPORT**

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, March 12th and 26th.** All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation. Please call Eleanor at 925-46-8708 for more information.

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