

Our Lady of Grace family,

During this pandemic and our order to shelter in place I asked that we take time to share ourselves with our loved ones. Let them know that they are a blessing from God. Let us beseech God with our prayers asking for his protection and healing. Let us enter into the mystery of our faith by praying the rosary, the Divine Mercy chaplet, the Stations of the Cross, and opening our heart to God who loves us. I ask if you need confession to be in a state of grace please come to the church at 8 AM or 6PM and Confession will be available. If you would like the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick please inform Fr. Tom before Adoration and he will Anoint you after Adoration. Contact your neighbors and if you have elderly people ask if you could help with errands so they can avoid the public. Let us be gentle with each other during these trying times.

Please see **page 2** of this bulletin for further details regarding the church hours for private prayer and adoration. Please check the website (www.olgcv.org) for updates.

O Mary Conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to you.

Peace,
Fr. Tom

Prayers to St. Joseph

O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires.

O St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

O St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him close in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me. Amen.

Gospel for The Fifth Sunday of Lent (March 29th)

John 11:3-45

The sisters of Lazarus sent word to Jesus, saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." He became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?" So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go." Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE

In response to the Alameda County Health Department's legal order directing residents to shelter in place, Our Lady of Grace Office will be closed to the public beginning at midnight **March 16** until further notice.

Our Lady of Grace Church **will be open daily from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM for private prayer.** *The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 8:00-9:00 AM and 6:00-7:00 PM daily.* When the Blessed Sacrament is exposed confession will be available. Please observe social distancing of 6 feet between others. It is recommended that no more than 30 people gather in the church at one time. Please use the disinfectant wipes provided to clean your area before and after your time in the church.

Eucharist will be offered Sunday on the hours of 8AM, 9AM, 11AM and 1PM. Please maintain social distancing during at those times.

Please continue to check the website (www.olgcv.org) for the most current information.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR COVID-19

O Mary,
you shine always on our way
as sign of our safety and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you,
Health of the Sick,
who at the foot of the Cross bound yourself to the suffering of Jesus,
keeping strong in your faith.

O Salvation of God's people,
you know what we need
and we are sure you will provide it for us
just as at Cana of Galilee
the joy and feasting could return
after that moment of trial.

Mother of Divine Love, help us,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us,
He who took upon Himself our sufferings
and is marked by our sorrows
and so lead us, toward the Cross,
to the joy of the Resurrection.
Amen.



THE 2020 BISHOP'S APPEAL

The 2020 Bishop's Appeal is under way! Here are some ways your gifts helped to *Rebuild the Church* in 2019:

- 700 young people celebrated & grew in their faith at the Youth Conference. 98 of those men & women came forward to declare they were open to a religious vocation.
- The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal opened a convent in Oakland to minister to the destitute & homeless.

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

Envelopes are in the pews for your use. Please be sure to write "Our Lady of Grace" in the envelope.

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

For more information on the Appeal, visit: www.oakdiocese.org/bishops-appeal

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES
BISHOP'S OVERSEAS APPEAL
MARCH 22ND & 23RD**

There are envelopes in the pews for the annual appeal in support of Catholic Relief Services. This appeal supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and advocacy on behalf of the powerless. Thank you for your generosity.



**THANK YOU FOR USING
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Parishioners who use the service are pleased with how easy it is to set up and manage. If you have not yet signed up for Online Giving, please consider this option. This is a perfect tool for anyone who shops online! By using Online Giving, you are helping the parish improve our operational efficiency. If you need help, contact Colleen at 537-0806 or email: clindberg@olgcv.org



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.



**OLG SPRING AUCTION
Saturday, May 16th
5:30pm-10:00pm
Stack Center**

Join us for an amazing night of Silent & Live Auctions, 50/50 Raffles, Catered Dinner by Skewers, Dessert Dash, No-Host Bar & Dancing
Sponsor a 10-person table for \$300 or \$35 per person (Adults only)

No-Host Bar: Signature Drink, Beer, Wine, etc.
\$10 per bottle corkage fee at door, if bringing own bottle of wine

Purchase tickets online at www.auctria.com/auction/olg2020 or purchase tickets in the School or Parish Office

Limited tickets available until **Monday, May 11th**
Tickets NOT sold at the event

Proceeds benefit OLG Parish, OLG School & selected charities

Onsite Childcare available for nominal fee

Donations: We need donations. Do you have a nice bottle of wine? Extra tickets to a Sporting Event? Play? Musical? Symphony? Is there a favorite kids' class/camp, fitness club/class, restaurant, spa, hair salon that you might solicit a gift certificate or gift basket from? Do you have a cabin or vacation home?

Make Something: Do you like to bake or cook? Offer to make dinners, jams, desserts or soups. Are you crafty? Create jewelry, knitwear, blankets or quilts. *Homemade is priceless!*

Desserts: If you like to bake, we'd love a donation of cake, cupcakes, etc. for the Dessert Dash!

Advertise: If you own a business or provide a service, place an ad in our program.

Donations accepted through April 27th.

Have questions? Feel free to ask! Please send questions to: our.lady.of.grace.auction@gmail.com

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 March 15th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 7,950.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,399.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [449.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 3,130.00

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 | Sheila McAlinden |
| Glen Alcorn | Rose Montalban |
| Elvira Arechiga | Diana Riley |
| Maureen Boeh | Florence Sharp |
| Peggy Burton | Howard Songey |
| Heidi Carne | Lurdes Sousa |
| Natalina De Freitas | Julius Spekner |
| Theresa Ferrari | Mary Lou Vincent |
| Linda Guzman | Arthur Williams |
| Wally Lim | Peggy Winkenbach |
| Laura Martell | |

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

VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

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

“Peace in our homes, our families, our schools and communities. Peace in all those places where war never seems to end. Peace for those faces which have known nothing but pain.”

–Pope Francis at the Ground Zero Memorial, September 2015

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

**REGISTER FOR FESCO SHUFFLE
Walk to End Family Homelessness**

Please join FESCO (Family Emergency Shelter Coalitions) for the 23rd Annual FESCO Shuffle on **Saturday, May 2nd** (9:00am-12 Noon) at San Leandro Marina Park - Seagull Picnic Area. This is a family-friendly, dog-friendly event with morning refreshments, lunch, entertainment and a drawing for door prizes. Check-in starts at 8:30am at the Seagull Picnic site and the walk begins at 10:00am. You can walk from one to three miles, or even be a benchwarmer! If you are attending, you can sponsor yourself or get your friends and families to sponsor you. If you are unable to attend, please consider sponsoring a walker or making a direct financial contribution to FESCO. Your donations make it possible for FESCO to help homeless children and their parents. Sign up to walk or donate at www.FESCOshuffle.org For more information or a pledge sheet, call Stephanie Miller at the FESCO office at (510) 886-5473, Ext. 105 or email her at smiller@fescofamilyshelter.org

Chris Ippolito & Team OLG Members will be outside Masses on **April 19th & 26th** to encourage you to walk or support those who are walking. Stop by and support Team OLG!

THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 22nd:

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Friday, March 20th:

Stations of the Cross

6:00pm (English)

& 7:00pm (Spanish)--Church

Sunday, March 29th:

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
SAVE THE DATE!**

June 24th-June 28th, 9:00am-12 noon

Cost is \$65/child and \$105/family. Registration forms are now available at the church exits and in the Parish Office. For more information, please contact John Lee at 510-582-9266.

**FEELING BORED AT HOME? JOURNEY
THROUGH LENT WITH FORMED.ORG**

Exploring what FORMED has to offer is a wonderful way to help us prepare our hearts and minds for the Easter 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.



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.

Mass Intentions for the Week



All Masses are celebrated in the Church

SUNDAY, March 22nd

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30am Franciscan Friars' Intentions

9:30am Antonio Chocha--D

1:30pm Jose Duarte--D

MONDAY, March 23rd

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

8:15am Thomas Burgess--D

TUESDAY, March 24th

8:15am Mary P. Burgess--D

WEDNESDAY, March 25th

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

8:15am Mona Mulvaney--D

6:00pm Rosalind Crudo--D

THURSDAY, March 26th

8:15am Fred Hammer--D

FRIDAY, March 27th

8:15am Leticia Figueroa--D

SATURDAY, March 28th

8:15am Joyce Sevilla--D

5:00pm Eileen Basbas--L

SUNDAY, March 29th

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

9:30am Aaron Alcorn--D

11:30am Franciscan Friars' Intentions

1:30pm Duarte & Ortega Families--L

MASS INTENTIONS DURING THE SHELTER IN PLACE DIRECTIVE

The mass intentions will continue to be offered by Fr. Tom during private chapel mass until the Shelter in Place legal order is lifted.

EXECUTION ALERTS

The following executions are scheduled to take place in **March**:

March 25th Tracy Beatty Texas

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

March 16th through March 22nd

Monday: 2 Kings 5:1-15; Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday: Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9; Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Samuel 7:4-5,12-14,16;

Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22;

Matthew 1:16, 18-21,24

Friday: Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34

Saturday: Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14

Sunday: 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7, 10-13;

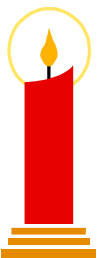
Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

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.



GRIEF SUPPORT

The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Please join us on your healing journey on Thursday, **March 26th** at St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton, at 7:30pm. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation. Please call Eleanor at 925-846-8708 for more information.

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This week we extend our gratitude to:

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