



Dear Our Lady of Grace Families,

This virus is touching all of us as we are sheltering in place with our families. It is up to us to make good use of this family time. Fill your days with prayer, study, sharing love, working at home, family meals, family chores, encounter your neighbors, and care for your health. If you focus on what you can do, then there is less time worrying about the unknown. We need to work together as we move forward. If you are in need or have been spared financial difficulty, may we seek to provide connections for assistance, work, healing, and hope. Jesus knows how difficult life can be and he will be there for you and your families because he loves us. This Sunday he raises Lazarus from the dead! He can save us! Martha and Mary mourned the death of their brother and 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”

Then he raised Lazarus from the dead.

Your friars are in prayer offering masses each day for you and your intention and for the intentions posted for the day. The Franciscans are taking the Corona virus seriously and we are living under the assumption that one of us may have had contact with the virus. We are practicing in our home the shelter in place rules. Our vulnerable senior friars are under self-quarantine to protect them. Fr. Paul is exercising by walking alone. Fr. Thomas is on door knob patrol by wiping down door knobs with Clorox wipes daily. I, being the youngest, have been doing necessary shopping and cleaning.

I have taken every precaution I can think of to make sure you at OLG have access to prayer, Communion, and Reconciliation during this time that is sanitary. We are not allowed to gather for Mass, however, we can make Sunday and every day Holy with prayer. Come and spend some time in prayer at your church. Jesus is present for us here.

COVID-19 precautions (Wuhan Corona Virus)

Assume you already have the virus and take these precautions to stop the spread.

Always remain at least 6 ft. apart even from family members.

Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue if you have one or into your arm if you do not, but avoid coughing or sneezing in your hand.

Make sure you wipe surfaces you touch with a disinfectant wipe. In the church, wipe surfaces as you enter and when you leave.

Not feeling well? Then do not go in public. Stay home!

Peace,
 Fr. Tom



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Gospel for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (April 5th)

Matthew 26:14-27:66

Due to the length of the Gospel, it could not be printed. We thank you for your understanding.

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 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 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.

God Bless

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 BLESSED SACRAMENT "TAKE-OUT" & "DRIVE-BY"

The Blessed Sacrament is available for our parishioners for pick-up M-F from 10:00am-3:00pm. We ask that you call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806 to reserve a pick-up time of the Eucharist and pyx outside the office entrance. If you are taking a pyx home, please return it to the mail slot so it may be sanitized for re-use.

The Blessed Sacrament will also be exposed for "Drive-by" prayer M-F from 9:00am-3:00pm at the Parish Office window.



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For our families whose businesses have been affected by the shutdown, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806 with the name of your business so we can support you with our prayers.

For those who have lost their jobs, please contact us and we will see if we can connect you with our families who own businesses as to when they will be able to hire again.



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THANK YOU FOR USING ONLINE GIVING

This is a wonderful way to continue your weekly offering while we shelter in place. Parishioners who use the service are pleased with how easy it is to set up and manage. To sign up, visit our website at www.olgcv.org and click on "Online Giving" at the top of the homepage. If you need help with signing up, please contact Colleen at 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.

**ST. MAXMILLIAN KOLBE FRIARY
Militia Immaculata Purgatory Society**

Joey Rosario



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:

- Tuition was paid for 18 young men studying in seminary to serve you as future priests.
- Medical bills were paid to care for priests whose treatments were not covered.

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

Please use the envelope that was sent to you in February. If you do not have one, you may mail your donation to: Diocese of Oakland, 2121 Harrison St., Suite 100, Oakland, CA 94612. You may make your check out to: "Bishop's Appeal" and please write "Our Lady of Grace" in the memo line.

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

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

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

In Memoriam

- JAMES ROSSILLON
LAURA MARTELL
BILL WIEDEMAN
LINDA GUZMAN**

I am the
RESURRECTION
and the LIFE

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Join us daily from 8-9am and 6-7pm in the Church for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions will be heard during these times.



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**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@fescofamilyshester.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!



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
SAVE THE DATE!**

**August 3rd-7th
9:00am-12 noon**

**Church of the Assumption
1851 136th Ave., San Leandro**

This summer Our Lady of Grace & Church of the Assumption in San Leandro are teaming up to bring kids K-6th grade another exciting week of VBS!

Imagine leaving a life of privilege, power and influence to angry mobs, agonizing imprisonment, and chain-breaking earthquakes—all to share the life-altering truth of God's heart for humanity. Hear the awe-inspiring story of the Apostle Paul...straight from Paul himself! In an ancient "anything goes" culture, Paul will inspire kids to share the truth of God's boundless!

Cost is \$65/child and \$105/family. Registration will be available in late April. For more information, please contact John Lee at 510-582-9266.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 29th:

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Distribution of the Eucharist (No Mass)
9:00am, 11:00am & 1:00pm--Church

Monday, March 30th:

Private Prayer
8:00am-7:00pm--Church
Adoration & Confession
8:00-9:00am & 6:00-7:00pm--Church

Tuesday, March 31st:

Private Prayer
8:00am-7:00pm--Church
Adoration & Confession
8:00-9:00am & 6:00-7:00pm--Church

Wednesday, April 1st:

Private Prayer
8:00am-7:00pm--Church
Adoration & Confession
8:00-9:00am & 6:00-7:00pm--Church

Thursday, April 2nd:

Private Prayer
8:00am-7:00pm--Church
Adoration & Confession
8:00-9:00am & 6:00-7:00pm--Church

Friday, April 3rd:

Private Prayer
8:00am-7:00pm--Church
Adoration & Confession
8:00-9:00am & 6:00-7:00pm--Church

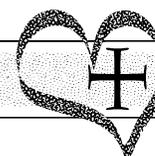
Saturday, April 4th:

Private Prayer
8:00am-7:00pm--Church
Adoration & Confession
8:00-9:00am & 6:00-7:00pm--Church

Sunday, April 5th:

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Distribution of the Eucharist (No Mass)
9:00am, 11:00am & 1:00pm--Church



Mass Intentions for the Week

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

SUNDAY, March 29th

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

9:30am Aaron Alcorn--D

11:30am Franciscan Friars' Intentions

1:30pm Duarte & Ortega Families--L

MONDAY, March 30th

8:15am Fr. Richard Stade Schulte--D

TUESDAY, March 31st

8:15am Ben Leal--D

WEDNESDAY, April 1st

8:15am Debi Telles--D

6:00pm The Berg Family--L

THURSDAY, April 2nd

St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

8:15am Dorothy & Manuel Callier--D

FRIDAY, April 3rd

8:15am Mary Borgas--D

SATURDAY, April 4th

St. Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Mona Mulvaney--D

5:00pm Antonio Chocha--D

SUNDAY, April 5th

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

7:30am Franciscan Friars' Intentions

9:30am Helen Maes--D

Rudy & Augie Enriquez--D

1:30pm Raul Ortega--D



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.

RELEVANT RADIO - 1260 AM



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

March 30th through April 5th

Monday: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:1-11

Tuesday: Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30

Wednesday: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42

Thursday: Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59

Friday: Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42

Saturday: Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56

Sunday: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66



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PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"For every fundamental human right draws its indestructible moral force from the natural law, which in granting it imposes a corresponding obligation. Those, therefore, who claim their own rights, yet altogether forget or neglect to carry out their respective duties, are people who build with one hand and destroy with the other."

—Pope John XXIII, Pacem in Terris, 1963
September 2015

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