



Dear Our Lady of Grace Families,

We are now Livestreaming our daily, Sunday & Feast Day Masses. See Page 2 of this bulletin for our Holy Week Schedule of Livestream Masses.

The office remains closed to the public however messages will be taken by phone Monday-Friday 9am until 4pm. Please remember we are here to inspire faith and proclaim our faith in Jesus Christ through the Grace of God and your generosity. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) act will let taxpayers deduct up to \$300 in charitable donations from their taxable income. We ask for those who are still working or receiving income please give an Easter Offering and remember us with your weekly offering. You can mail your donation, drop it in the office mail slot, but we suggest online giving. We invite you to sign up for our online giving on our website so you can shelter in place and still support Our Lady of Grace through Online giving. We have had to review our staffing needs in this new reality.

During Holy Week I invite you to watch *Divine Mercy the second greatest Story ever told* on **Formed**. These 10 episodes will give you hope during our dark days. Watch an episode each day and your Holy Week will be blessed. Pray your Rosary especially the Sorrowful Mysteries, Pray the Divine Mercy Novena beginning on Good Friday, Pray the Stations of the Cross especially on Good Friday. On Easter Sunday read the Sunday Readings by going to the USCCB website or get a reflection on the Readings on **Formed**. Thank God for your life and allow His Love to fill you as we celebrate the Resurrection.

During the Easter season I will be bringing **Holy Communion** home delivery style for our seniors and others who want to receive and must stay home. You can have the Easter Communion delivered during the Easter Season. The Eucharist delivered will not be touched by human hands. The host will be in a sterilized pyx and placed in a plastic bag and delivered in a brown paper bag. Call the office so we can schedule your delivery of Holy Communion or you want more information about the process.

During Holy Week I invite you to watch *Divine Mercy the second greatest Story ever told* on **Formed**. These 10 episodes will give you hope during our dark days. Watch an episode each day and your Holy Week will be blessed. Pray your Rosary especially the Sorrowful Mysteries, Pray the Divine Mercy Novena beginning on Good Friday, Pray the Stations of the Cross especially on Good Friday. On Easter Sunday read the Sunday Readings by going to the USCCB website or get a reflection on the Readings on **Formed**. Thank God for your life and allow His Love to fill you as we celebrate the Resurrection.

I would like us to use this shelter in place time well with your families. I would like to begin a tradition of **dinner and a movie** night beginning on Saturday April 18. An uplifting adventure for the family on **Formed** is *The Adventures of Ocee Nash*, I think your family will enjoy it. I invite you to order from **Miraglia Catering** home delivery menu. Visit www.cateringandmore.com for their menu. You know it is good food and it supports one of our family businesses during these difficult times. If you are a parishioner and have a business that needs help please notify the office and we will talk with you on how we may share your services with our community.

Our St. Vincent de Paul is the best I have ever seen. If you are in need or can help St. Vincent de Paul please call 510-581-2164. Our homeless are especially vulnerable with no home, trying to stay healthy, and people afraid to help due to the contagion of the Coronavirus. St. Vincent's continues to provide food for homeless as well as respond to those in need in our community and seeks new ways to help. Please remember them with prayers & donations.

Things are changing daily so please check our Website at www.olgcv.org for information and our online bulletin for updates, times of streamed services, and prayer intentions.

Peace,
Fr. Tom

Gospel for Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (April 12th)

John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

JOIN US FOR VIRTUAL MASSES LIVESTREAM ON FACEBOOK (THOMAS CZECK)

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule for Holy Week

Monday, April 6th 8:15am
 Tuesday, April 7th 8:15am
 Wednesday, April 8th 8:15am

*No morning Masses Thursday-Saturday
 No services are held in the Church,
 but it is open for prayer Monday-Wednesday,
 9:00am-7:00pm*

- More prayers on Fr. Tom’s YouTube page (Thomas Czeck)
- The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration 5:00-7:00pm and Confession is available at that time.
- We suggest that all wear a scarf or mask to cover your face for safety, along with distancing and disinfecting.

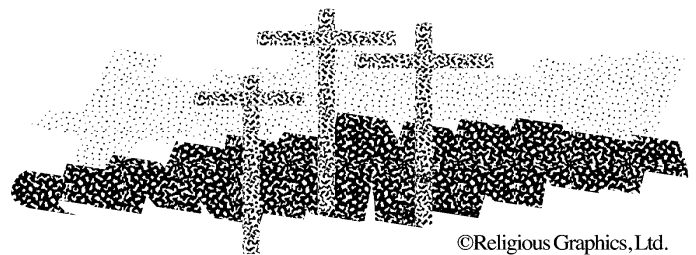
SCHEDULE FOR THE SACRED TRIDUUM:

Holy Thursday, April 9th, 7:30pm
MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Good Friday Service, April 10th, 3:00pm
CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S PASSION

Holy Saturday, April 11th, 8:00pm
THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL

Easter Sunday Mass, April 12th, 7:00am
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



©Religious Graphics, Ltd.

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOW TO CELEBRATE A LIVESTREAMED MASS

Remember you are in the loving presence of the Lord. As you gather in your home to participate at the online Mass consider these suggestions:

- Gather the family and set up an altar or prayer space with a crucifix and candle
- Wear your Sunday Mass attire and do not have any food, drink or electronic devices to distract you from being present and consciously participating at Mass.
- Recite the corresponding responses and observe the proper gestures at Mass, like standing, sitting and kneeling.
- At Communion time, prayerfully recite the *Prayer of Spiritual Communion*: **“My Jesus, I believe that you suffered and died, and rose from death to save us. I believe that you are fully present in the bread this is blessed and broken, and the wine that is blessed and poured out in the sacrament of the Eucharist/ Renew in me your sacrificial presence, and let me be united with you at this moment, so that, in all my thoughts, words and actions, I may represent you, and love others as you love me. Amen**

Personal Prayer Times in the Church
 During Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday: The Church will be open for prayer, 9:00am-12 Noon

Good Friday: A Cross will be outside the Church. You may pray the Stations in the Church privately at 9:00am-2:00pm and 5:00-7:00pm. Please enter using the center door in front and exit by St. Joseph. One person or couple per Station at a time.

Holy Saturday: The Church will be closed.

Easter Sunday: The Blessed Sacrament will be adored, 8:00am-5:00pm. Eucharist distribution is available at the Gathering Space entrance, 9:00am and 11:00am

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 A pyx containing the Eucharist 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.



©Religious Graphics, Ltd.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Never in all my years of teaching have I or my fellow teachers faced anything as challenging as the planning and preparing of curriculum necessary for this coronavirus crisis. What can we take from this first time experience that is uplifting? Well, first of all, when the call came to close our schools, our faculty and staff went into "work mode" coming in for hours and hours over Saturday and Sunday, March 14th and 15th. They began making videos and creating online lessons so the children would not fall behind and keep moving in a forward direction. On top of that, they created packets and packets of fun, challenging work in all of their subjects. They also gave their students online access to them personally so they would not be without immediate feedback. What I know is we are blessed with the finest givers anywhere. The staff at OLG has every child and family tucked deeply into their hearts. When Jesus said, "Bring the little children to me," I think He knew to send them to Our Lady of Grace Catholic School. Following the loving lead of their parents, every single staff person is doing his or her best to make this very difficult period in our lives move in a positive direction. Thank you families and staff at OLG. We will do just fine as a community of learners working together.

-Susan Anderson

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

Claudia Dobbs
Joey Rosario



**THANK YOU FOR USING
ONLINE GIVING**

This is a wonderful way to continue your weekly offering while we shelter in place.

During this time without public Masses we also have no Sunday collection. We are grateful to the Parishioners who have dropped off or mailed in their weekly offering to the Parish office as well as the Parishioners who continue to support us using our Online Giving.

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

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 for the Month of MARCH:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 33,023.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 45,158.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 12,135.00
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [2,228.00]

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:

- | | |
|---------------------|------------------|
| 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
VICTIMS OF COVID-19**



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. And to list you on our Parish website in our Business Directory.

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.



ALTAR CANDLE MEMORIAL DONORS

We deeply thank the following donors who have given generously towards sponsoring our Altar Candle Memorial.

Given By:	In Memory of / In Honor of:
Virginia Cabardo	Leonardo Cabardo
Natalina De Freitas	Joe & Natalina De Freitas
Imelda Guerrero	Christopher Guerrero
	Marcelino Perdido
John & Patricia Hierro	The Hierro Family
Ron Stainbrook	Orville Stainbrook
Maria Zambrano	Jose & Gloria Areas



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:

- At our largest event, braving inclement weather, 6,000+ faithful marched in a seven-mile pilgrimage through East Oakland to the Cathedral to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe.

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



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!

Cost is \$65/child and \$105/family. **Registration will be available in late April.** For more information, please contact the Parish office at 510-537-0806.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 5th:

Palm Sunday of Passion of our Lord

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

Drive-by Distribution of Palms
10:00am & Noon, from the Back Parking lot

Monday, April 6th:

Private Prayer
9:00am-7:00pm--Church
Adoration & Confession
5:00-7:00pm--Church

Tuesday, April 7th:

Private Prayer
9:00am-7:00pm--Church
Adoration & Confession
5:00-7:00pm--Church

Wednesday, April 8th:

Private Prayer
9:00am-7:00pm--Church
Adoration & Confession
5:00-7:00pm--Church

Thursday, April 9th

Private Prayer
9:00am-12 Noon--Church

Friday, April 10th:

Private Prayer
8:00am-7:00pm--Church
Stations of the Cross (Privately)
9:00am-2:00pm & 5:00-7:00pm--Church

Saturday, April 11th:

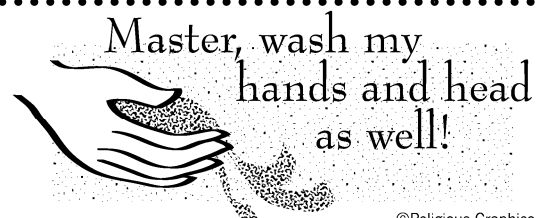
Church is Closed

Sunday, April 12th:

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Adoration
8:00am-5:00pm--Church

Distribution of the Eucharist (No Mass)
9:00am & 11:00am--Gathering Area at Rear Entrance



Mass Intentions for the Week

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

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

MONDAY, April 6th

8:15am Marcelino Perdido--D

TUESDAY, April 7th

8:15am Richard Benson--D

WEDNESDAY, April 8th

8:15am Helen Maes--D

6:00pm Carlos Almeda--D

THURSDAY, April 9th

HOLY THURSDAY

7:30pm *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*

Livestream on Facebook (Thomas Czeck)

FRIDAY, April 10th

GOOD FRIDAY

3:00pm *Good Friday Service*

Livestream on Facebook (Thomas Czeck)

SATURDAY, April 11th

HOLY SATURDAY

8:00pm THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL

Livestream on Facebook (Thomas Czeck)

SUNDAY, April 12th

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESSURECTION OF THE LORD

7:00am EASTER SUNDAY

Livestream on Facebook (Thomas Czeck)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

April 6th through April 12th

Monday: Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11

Tuesday: Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33,36-38

Wednesday: Isaiah 50:4-9; Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday: Isaiah 61:1-3,6,8-9; Revelations 1:5-8; Luke 4:16-21

Friday: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

Saturday: Genesis 1:1-2:2; Genesis 22:1-18

Sunday: Acts 10:34, 37-43;

Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

EXECUTION ALERTS

The following executions are scheduled to take place in April:

April 23rd Fabian Hernandez Texas
 April 29th Billy Wardlow Texas

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

NEED TO BE SPIRITUALLY REJUVENATED WHILE AT HOME? BE A MEMBER OF FORMED.ORG

Now more than ever, become a member of FORMED.org for free and get easy access to daily Mass, and thousands of movies and ebooks. Don't miss out! If you don't have an account yet, just follow the instructions below for free access. To register for free, visit: www.olgcv.formed.org Type in "Our Lady of Grace, Castro Valley CA" to become a member.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Everything that is in the heavens, on earth, and under the earth is penetrated with connectedness, penetrated with relatedness."

—St. Hildegard of Bingen, Scivias, 1152

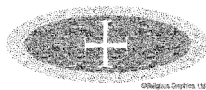
To join our work with Pax Christi, please contact the Parish Office at 510-537-0806

THANK THEM WITH YOUR SUPPORT

Please support our advertisers who make our weekly bulletin possible and so generously support our Parish. We are grateful to them!

This week we extend our gratitude to:

B.A. MORRISON



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.