

A prayer for Our Graduates from Our Lady of Grace

We ask our Blessed Mother to intercede for our graduating **Class of 2020!**

Our Lady of Grace in this month of May we honor you and ask your help.

When you appeared to St. Catherine Laboure 190 years ago you gave to her and us the Medal of the Immaculate Conception that brought healing to so many people in the Cholera epidemic of 1832 in Paris that it was renamed the Miraculous Medal. Our Lady of Grace in the Miraculous Medal pray our Graduates are kept safe from illness and that this Pandemic in our world ends.

When you appeared to the young girl Bernadette 162 years ago you inspired faith through the healing brought in a spring of water. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes may healing come to those who are ill and may the prayerful witness of the Class of 2020 bring hope to those who are suffering that they may be healed.

Our Lady of Fatima appeared to three children 103 years ago during a World War and entrusted to them a message on how prayer, sacrifice, and turning to Jesus' Sacred Heart could change the future from war to peace. May your Immaculate Heart inspire our graduates to effect our future through seeking the truth, living faith, and offering charity so we may have true peace in our world.

May we say "yes" to God as Mary did so the Kingdom of God may reign in our hearts and in our world.

May God bless all our Graduates in 2020!

Peace,

Fr. Tom

GENEROSITY IN GIVING

We are most grateful for the overwhelming financial support to our parish during this time when we can not join together physically. Your commitment to Our Lady of Grace financially shows the true understanding of sacrificial giving particularly in these uncertain times. We have seen our on line givers grow from 85 before "Shelter in Place" to 119! Everyday we receive donations via the mail as well as dropped in the mail slot at the office. It is definitely noted the commitment to Our Lady of Grace!

We are also grateful for the commitment of time and talent by the Folk Group members as well as the tech support to continue to improve our live streaming masses daily.

Flocknote:

We will be sending out our first Flocknote email in the coming week to all those in the parish whose email address we have in our data base. Flocknote is a new platform for us and a means to keep you up-to-date on what is happening at Our Lady of Grace at this time. You may go to our web site (www.olgcv.org) and sign up by following the link at the top of the page for flocknote.

Sign up for Fr. Tom's Zoom Bible Study

Fr. Tom will be leading a discussion on the Eucharist on Thursday's at 2:00pm beginning May 21st. The discussion is based on the series Lectio: Eucharist on formed. Check it out. If you want to join the Zoom discussion please call the office 510-537-0806 and leave your email address so we can send you the Zoom link.

Gospel for The Ascension of the Lord (May 24th)

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."



FAITH FORMATION 2020-2021

Fr. Tom is encouraging all families with children in grades K-12 to register for the 2020-2021 classes starting in **September 2020**. **Classes are offered for Whole Family, 1st Communion, Middle School, Youth Ministry & Confirmation.** Online registration is available at www.olgcv.org. On the homepage, scroll down & click on the “Faith Formation” or the “Youth Ministry” box. There is an early bird discount if you register by June 30th. Installment payments are available for these classes. Please know dates may change due to the state directives for health issue.



LIVESTREAM MASS SCHEDULE

Our Livestream Mass Schedule is as follows:

Monday to Saturday at 8:15 AM
Sunday at 9:00 AM

In the future, we may have a Spanish Mass scheduled. To join on Fr. Tom’s Facebook page, visit our website at www.olgcv.org and click on “Livestream Mass” at the top of the homepage.

CHURCH SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Face masks are required, along with social distancing of 6 feet between others, when visiting the church. Please adhere to no more than 10 people in the church at a time and be brief when in the church –no more than 20 minutes. Please wait your turn if the church is already occupied with 10 people. As always, please use the disinfectant wipes provided to clean your area before and after your time in the church. Face masks and social distancing are also required when coming to receive the Eucharist on Sundays in the Gathering Area. Thank you!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE EAST BAY



Your generous donation makes it possible for Catholic Charities to help people facing difficult circumstances move forward in life. This includes helping children who face pervasive violence at school, home or on the streets, families or seniors facing homelessness, and people fleeing violence in their homelands. To make a donation, please visit: <https://www.cceb.org/>



CHURCH SCHEDULE

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 Monday to Saturday from 9:00 AM to Noon for private prayer. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed Thursdays from 5:00-7:00pm & Saturdays from 9:00-10:00am. Confessions will be heard during those times. On Sundays the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 10:00am-5:00pm with no Confession.

Eucharist will be offered on Sundays at the hours of 8AM, 11AM and 1PM in the Gathering Area. Please wear a mask and maintain social distancing at all times. Continue to check the website (www.olgcv.org) for the most current information.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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 for 1 camper, \$105 for 2 campers & \$130 for 3 or more campers (same households). To pre-register (no payments taken at this time), visit our website at www.olgcv.org & click on “Vacation Bible School” at the top of the homepage. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

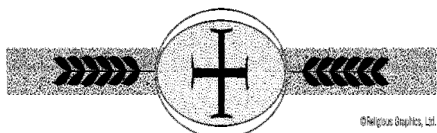
ADULTS & TEEN LEADERS WANTED!

We’re looking for positive, enthusiastic adults and incoming 7th through 12th graders to join in the VBS adventure! **Teens: Earn Service Hours/Work Experience/Servant Leadership Skills!** You must be available August 3rd to August 7th from 8:40am to 12:15pm and August 1st from 10:00am to 1:00pm for MANDATORY Saturday Set-Up and Training. To register as a volunteer, visit our website at www.olgcv.org & click on “Vacation Bible School” at the top of the homepage.



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.



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



MILITIA OF THE IMMACULATA

On Saturdays in May, join Fr. Tom in prayer on his YouTube page (Thomas Czeck)



"LECTIO: THE EUCHARIST" VIDEO SERIES

Acclaimed author and teacher Dr. Brant Pitre digs down to the biblical roots of the Eucharist, through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Apostolic teaching. Fr. Tom will begin a Zoom Bible Study on Thursdays at 2:00pm. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

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 APRIL:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 27,074.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 30,428.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [3,354.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [5,479.00]
<i>May God bless your continuing generosity.</i>	



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

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

In Memoriam

BEATRICE VAN WETTER

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.



THE 2020 BISHOP'S APPEAL

Although we call it "The Bishop's Appeal", it is really Christ's appeal. Thank you in advance for your love and generosity. No gift is too small.

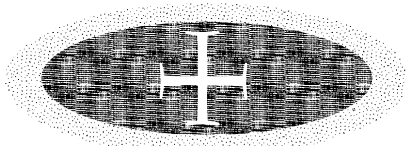
-Bishop Michael C. Barber

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



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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 in 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 that 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"***

THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 17th:

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Livestream Mass on Facebook (Thomas Czeck)
9:00am

Private Prayer & Adoration
10:00am-5:00pm--Church

Distribution of the Eucharist (No Mass)
8:00am, 11:00am & 1:00pm--Gathering Area

Monday, May 18th:

Livestream Mass on Facebook (Thomas Czeck)
8:15am

Private Prayer
9:00am-Noon--Church

Tuesday, May 19th:

Livestream Mass on Facebook (Thomas Czeck)
8:15am

Private Prayer
9:00am-Noon--Church

Wednesday, May 20th:

Livestream Mass on Facebook (Thomas Czeck)
8:15am

Private Prayer
9:00am-Noon--Church

Thursday, May 21st:

Livestream Mass on Facebook (Thomas Czeck)
8:15am

Private Prayer
9:00am-Noon--Church

Zoom Bible Study with Fr. Tom
2:00pm--Online

Adoration & Confession
5:00-7:00pm--Church

Friday, May 22nd:

Livestream Mass on Facebook (Thomas Czeck)
8:15am

Private Prayer
9:00am-Noon--Church

Saturday, May 23rd:

Militia of the Immaculata on Fr. Tom's YouTube page (Thomas Czeck)

Livestream Mass on Facebook (Thomas Czeck)
8:15am

Private Prayer
9:00am-Noon--Church

Adoration & Confession
9:00-10:00am--Church

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, May 17th
 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 7:30am Sue Klas--L
 9:30am Antonio Chocha--D
 11:30am Franciscan Friars' Intentions

MONDAY, May 18th
 St. John I, Pope & Martyr
 8:15am Robert Walters Jr.--D

TUESDAY, May 19th
 8:15am Christina Nunes--L

WEDNESDAY, May 20th
 St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
 8:15am Martha Sanchez--D

THURSDAY, May 21st
 St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs
 8:15am Richard Benson--D

FRIDAY, May 22nd
 St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
 8:15am Arden Fortaleza--L

SATURDAY, May 23rd
 8:15am Delia Lawrence--D
 5:00pm Bozena Kadankova--D

SUNDAY, May 24th
 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
 9:30am Victor Pasquini--D
 11:30am Franciscan Friars' Intentions
 1:30pm Octavio Caro--D

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



THIS WEEK--Continued

Sunday, May 24th:

The Ascension of the Lord

Drive-In Mass

9:00am--Rear Parking Lot

Private Prayer & Adoration

10:00am-5:00pm--Church

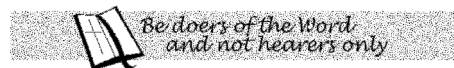
Distribution of the Eucharist (No Mass)

8:00am, 11:00am & 1:00pm--Gathering Area

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

May 18th through May 24th

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4
 Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11
 Wednesday: Acts 17:15,22-18:1; John 16:12-15
 Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20
 Friday: Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23
 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23-28
 Sunday: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20



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PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Christians must become active in every possible way, mobilizing all their resources for the fight against war...Peace is to be preached, non-violence is to be explained as a practical method and not left to be mocked..."—Thomas Merton, 1961

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