

Fr. Thomas Czek Will Be Pulled Back From Public Ministry In July To Focus On His Health

I ask for your prayers as I begin my battle with a tumor discovered during my colonoscopy on June 12th. I am in consultation with my doctors to determine the best treatment options.

When I turned 50, I asked about getting a colonoscopy and I was advised that it was not necessary since there was no history of colon cancer in my family. I was told that the Cologuard test would be sufficient. So I was tested in 2014, 2016, and 2019, all showing negative for Colon Cancer. I finally insisted that I needed a colonoscopy due to digestive issues and blood. The COVID-19 state restrictions shut down elective procedures and had delayed my procedure for 4 months. I finally had the procedure and my doctor found a 4 centimeter tumor. That is the size of a walnut. Unfortunately, if I had received my colonoscopy at 50 then the polyp, which is now a tumor, could have been found and removed before it grew.

Please insist on a colonoscopy which can prevent cancer if it is done early. By the time the Cologuard test shows positive, then you already have cancer when it works properly.

I am at peace and I ask the Lord to give me the grace to deal with this issue.

Fr. Paul, Fr. Francisco, and Fr. John Heinz will be working together to care for your spiritual and sacramental needs. I ask for your cooperation with my Franciscan Brothers. Due to the virus restrictions, procedures may be changing.

Please keep me in prayer. Prayer #1: Ask the Lord for a miraculous healing, that the tumor will disappear. Prayer #2: Ask the Lord that I may get to celebrate with my parents their 65th wedding anniversary in September. Prayer #3: Ask the Lord to give me strength to handle graciously whatever the treatment will be.

I will do my best to give periodic updates on my condition and progress. I will be offering my prayer and suffering for you at Our Lady of Grace.

Pax et Bonum,
Fr. Tom

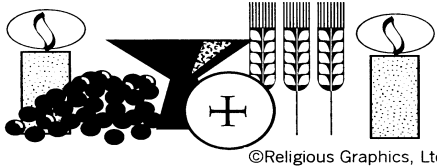
You shall love your neighbor as yourself

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Gospel for The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 5th)

Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus exclaimed: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him." "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."



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**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, JUNE 28th at 9:00am**

Please join us in welcoming these young members of our community to the table for the first time.

First Holy Communion Recipients

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| Sabrina Frisby | Natalie Gutierrez |
| Isabelle Garcia | Bridget O’Farrell |
| Andrew Gutierrez | Victoria Zarich |
| Kimberly Gutierrez | |

**DRIVE-IN SUNDAY MASS
JUNE 28th at 9:00am**

Join us for a Drive-In Mass with distribution of the Eucharist at 9:00am in the back parking lot. Please enter at the Somerset Ave. entrance. The Mass will also be livestreamed on Our Lady of Grace’s Facebook page (“Our Lady of Grace Castro Valley”), no longer on Fr. Tom’s Facebook page.

**JOIN US FOR SPANISH MASS
JUNE 28th at 12 Noon**

Join us for Mass in Spanish with distribution of the Eucharist in the School Courtyard at 12 Noon. Please wear a mask and maintain social distancing at all times. Livestream will not be available. We thank you for your understanding.



LIVESTREAM MASS SCHEDULE

Our Livestream Mass Schedule is as follows:

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

To join on Our Lady of Grace’s Facebook page, visit our website at www.olgcv.org and click on “Livestream Mass” at the top of the homepage.



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CHURCH SCHEDULE - 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 Monday to Saturday from 9:00am to Noon for private prayer. On Sundays at 9:00am, join us for Drive-In Mass with Communion in the Rear Parking Lot. **Beginning on June 28th, Sundays at 12 Noon, join us for Mass in Spanish with Communion in the School Courtyard.** 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.

This week, the Eucharist will be offered this Sunday at 11AM only, 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.

**DISCERNMENT TO PRIESTHOOD
ZOOM MEETING**

To the young adults of our parish: have you ever wondered about a vocation in the church? This meeting is open to young men ages 18-30 years old. It is held the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:00pm and facilitated by Fr. Carl Arcosa and invited priests.

For more info & to receive access to the Zoom meeting, please email: CArcosa@oakdiocese.org. You may also contact one of our friars and we will assist you in your discernment.

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 that dates may change due to the state directives for health issue.





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.

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Visit our website at www.olgcv.org, click on "Covid-19 Update" at the top of the homepage and you will find the link to Bishop Barber's letter.



FESCO BACKPACK DRIVE

As you know, every summer FESCO, (Family Emergency Shelter Coalition), sponsors a backpack drive that our church generously supports. This drive supplies the FESCO families with school supplies their children will need for the upcoming academic year. Even though this school year will look a little different than usual, the students are still going to need backpacks and supplies, and we hope that you will consider participating in this project.

Because of the Covid-19 restrictions, we will not be able to take sign-ups in the courtyard as we have done for many years. Instead, we are asking you to sign up on our website: www.olgcv.org and click on "FESCO Backpack Drive" at the top of the homepage. There will be an attachment with the supply lists needed for the various grade levels and specific directions. As before, you only have to provide the supplies because another group is donating the backpacks.

You can sign up beginning **Sunday, July 5th** and you'll need to return your bag of supplies to the Church or Parish Office by **Monday, July 27th**. Thank you for your generosity.

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 MAY:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 44,002.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 34,403.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 9,599.00
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 4,120.00

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 |
| Pam Ahland | Rose Montalban |
| Glen Alcorn | Diana Riley |
| Elvira Arechiga | Lisa Rosenbusch |
| Maureen Boeh | Florence Sharp |
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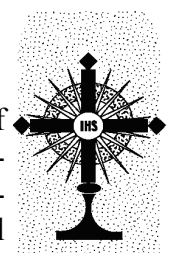
Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of a loved one.

In Memoriam

VICTIMS OF COVID-19

**ADORATION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Come on Saturdays for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 10:00am-5:00pm and on Thursdays from 5:00-7:00pm in the Church. Please observe all safety precaution signs.





STAY IN TOUCH WITH FLOCKNOTE

Flocknote is the most important way for OLG to communicate to you, our parishioners. We understand that for some of you, our updates have not been arriving in your Inbox. **Please add “mail@flocknote.com” to your contact list to prevent updates from ending up in your Spam folder.** If you would like to be a member of Flocknote, visit our website at www.olgcv.org and click on “Flocknote” at the top of the homepage.

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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

THE CATHOLIC VOICE ONLINE

The June 22, 2020 issue of The Catholic Voice is available online at www.catholicvoiceoakland.org



THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 28th

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Drive-In Mass w/ Distribution of the Eucharist
9:00am--Rear Parking Lot

Livestream Mass on Facebook
 (“Our Lady of Grace Castro Valley”) 9:00am

Distribution of the Eucharist (No Mass)
11:00am Only--Gathering Area

Spanish Mass w/ Distribution of the Eucharist
12 Noon--School Courtyard

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

Monday, June 29th:

Livestream Mass on Facebook
 (“Our Lady of Grace Castro Valley”) 8:15am

Private Prayer
9:00am-Noon--Church

Tuesday, June 30th:

Livestream Mass on Facebook
 (“Our Lady of Grace Castro Valley”) 8:15am

Private Prayer
9:00am-Noon--Church

Wednesday, July 1st:

Livestream Mass on Facebook
 (“Our Lady of Grace Castro Valley”) 8:15am

Private Prayer
9:00am-Noon--Church

Thursday, July 2nd:

Livestream Mass on Facebook
 (“Our Lady of Grace Castro Valley”) 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, July 3rd:

Livestream Mass on Facebook
 (“Our Lady of Grace Castro Valley”) 8:15am

Private Prayer
9:00am-Noon--Church

Saturday, July 4th:

Happy 4th of July!

Livestream Mass on Facebook
 (“Our Lady of Grace Castro Valley”) 8:15am

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, June 28th

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Stephanie Rosevear--D
Jim McDonald--D
Colleen Lindberg--L

12 Noon Franciscan Friars' Intentions

MONDAY, June 29th

STS. PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES

8:15am Lino Parenti--D

TUESDAY, June 30th

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

8:15am Lino Parenti--D

WEDNESDAY, July 1st

St. Junipero Serra, Priest

8:15am Dorothy & Manuel Callier--D

THURSDAY, July 2nd

8:15am Debi Telles--D

FRIDAY, July 3rd

St. Thomas, Apostle

8:15am The Marques Family--D

SATURDAY, July 4th

8:15am Arlene Margot Fisher--D

SUNDAY, July 5th

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Helen Maes--D
Rudy & Augie Enriquez--D
Franciscan Friars' Intentions

12 Noon Mercedes Tellez--D

THIS WEEK--Continued

Saturday, July 4th:

Private Prayer
9:00am-Noon--Church
Adoration & Confession
9:00-10:00am--Church

Sunday, July 5th

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Drive-In Mass w/ Distribution of the Eucharist
9:00am--Rear Parking Lot
Livestream Mass on Facebook
("Our Lady of Grace Castro Valley") 9:00am
Mass in the Church with Confirmed Reservation
11:00am--Church
Spanish Mass w/ Distribution of the Eucharist
12 Noon--School Courtyard

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

June 29th through July 5th

Monday: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18;
Matthew 16:13-19
Tuesday: Amos 3:1-8;4:11-12; Matthew 8:23-27
Wednesday: Amos 5:14-15,21-24; Matthew 8:28-34
Thursday: Amos 7:10-17; Matthew 9:1-8
Friday: Eph 2:19-22; John 20:24-29
Saturday: Amos 9:11-15; Matthew 9:14-17
Sunday: Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9,11-13;
Matthew 11:25-30

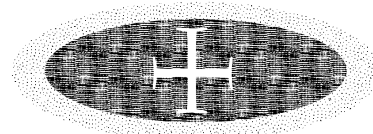


*Be doers of the Word
and not hearers only*

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

TEACHING POSITION OPENINGS AT OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SCHOOL IN FREMONT

Our Lady of Guadalupe School in Fremont is looking for dynamic teachers to fill their 5th grade & middle school math teaching positions. Candidates must have a Bachelor's degree, teaching credential or working towards a teaching credential. A practicing Catholic with classroom experience is preferred. Qualified and interested candidates should submit their resume to: sjtwellington@csdo.org



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PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"People say, 'What is the sense of our small effort?' They cannot see that we must lay one brick at a time, take one step at a time." --Dorothy Day

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