



Evangelization Begins For Our Children and Youth

In October we begin our Family Evangelization events. We will be having Mass and virtual meetings for our families. We begin on the weekend of October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis, the Founder of the Franciscans. We will have our children attend a Family Mass outdoors at least once a month. The children preparing for Communion will come with a parent to the Mass on Saturdays at 11:00am. We will be having a youth Mass for Confirmation students and families twice a month at 3:30pm on Sundays. The Mass is the source and summit of our faith and as our Bishop stated in The Catholic Voice, "We Cannot Live Without The Eucharist." We will receive Jesus in the Sacrament at Mass and then present a piece of the Keregma, the core teachings of Christianity, for our youth to give them hope and peace. Our Mass and faith are not optional but essential for health, life and eternal happiness. Prayer and faith changes things for good. The Bishop has encouraged us to contact our health officials in Alameda County at 510-268-2101 and let them know we need our churches reopened.

A Blessing For Animals (There will not be a public blessing at the Church)

*Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures.
 You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land.
 You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters.
 We ask you to bless this pet.
 By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan.
 May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation.
 Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen.*

St. Francis and Life

What does Saint Francis' witness tell us today? What does he have to say to us, not merely with words—that is easy enough—but by his life? The first thing he tells us is this: that being a Christian means having a living relationship with the person of Jesus; it means putting on Christ, being conformed to him. Where did Francis's journey to Christ begin? It began with the gaze of the crucified Jesus. He entered the poverty and simplicity of the Nativity. Finally, he was imprinted with the wounds of Christ before eternal life on October 4, 1226.

Prayer Before The Crucifix By St. Francis

Most High, Glorious God,
 enlighten the darkness of our minds.
 Give us a right faith, a firm hope and a perfect charity,
 so that we may always and in all things act according to Your Holy Will. Amen.

Our Raffle Begins

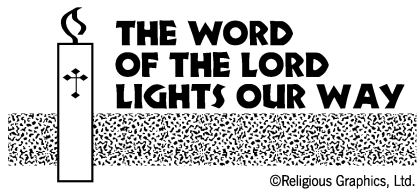
On **October 4th** after the 9:00am Mass, we will have our Kick Off drawings! There will be 3 special drawings including an Amazon Gift Card. If you cannot join us, watch our Livestream Mass on Facebook to see who wins the first prizes in the month of October. Tickets are \$20. Get one this week so you do not miss out!

Peace,
 Fr. Tom

Gospel for The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 4th)

Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes?* Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."



CALENDAR RAFFLE IS HERE!

We are going to have great fun in October! Daily drawings for our OLG Calendar Raffle beginning October 4th ---some days will have surprise multiple drawings! **A winner will be drawn daily October 4th through the 31st.** Winners will be notified by email or phone. Winning tickets will be put back in the bucket for another chance to win! Each calendar purchased includes entry for every prize shown. Complete the bottom portion of the calendar and send to the Parish office with your donation of \$20 per ticket (ticket number is not needed). Be sure to get your entry in for the October 4th kick-off drawing. Multiple calendars may be purchased to increase your chances of winning. All proceeds benefit Our Lady of Grace Church. Good luck!



From now through **November 1st**, help end abortion where we live during the largest 40 Days for Life campaign ever. Join Fr. Tom and others from Our Lady of Grace and pray at Planned Parenthood in Hayward on A Street. To sign up, visit: 40daysforlife.com/Hayward.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: GENESIS WITH FR. FRANCISCO

Beginning in October, join Dr. Matthew Thomas, Ph.D. and Fr. Francisco Nahoe OFM, Conv. as they lead a reading of Genesis via Zoom. **Meetings will be held at 7:00pm on the first and third Mondays of each month.** For more details, email Fr. Francisco at FranciscanVietnamMission@gmail.com.

En octubre, Padre Francisco y Joel de Loera van a ofrecer el mismo estudio de Biblia en castellano los segundo y cuarto lunes del mes.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you or someone you know is interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith or is seeking membership into the Church, please join us for our weekly formation meetings beginning Thursday, **October 8th** at 7:00pm. We will meet via Zoom; all are welcome! Please contact the Parish Office at 510-537-0806 for the Zoom Meeting information.

WEEKLY MASS & ADORATION SCHEDULE

Mondays to Fridays from 9:00am-Noon: Private Prayer in the Church. No more than 10 people at a time. Please observe all safety precaution signs.

Thursdays from 5:00-7:00pm: Adoration and Confession in the School Courtyard.

Mondays to Thursdays at 8:15am: Livestream Mass.

Fridays and Saturdays at 8:15am: Mass in the School Courtyard with Livestream. Please enter from Anita Avenue. *Reservations are not required.* **After the Saturday Mass, Adoration and Confession will immediately follow in the School Courtyard, concluding at 10:00am.**

Saturdays at 11:00am: Vigil Mass in the School Courtyard. *Reservations are required beginning on October 3rd.* **We welcome our Faith Formation families who will be joining us.** This Mass will not be Livestreamed.

Sundays at 9:00am: Drive-In Mass in the Rear Parking Lot with Livestream. *Reservations are not required.* Please enter from Somerset Avenue.

Sundays at 12 Noon: Spanish Mass in the School Courtyard. *Reservations are required.* There is a maximum of 84 seats. Visit our homepage at www.olgcv.org to reserve your seat(s).

MILITIA IMMACULATA

Join Fr. Tom for the Celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on **October 7th at 5:00pm** in the Courtyard. We will celebrate Mass and offer consecration for those who have prepared for consecration to Mary in the Militia Immaculata. Contact the Parish Office (510-537-0806) for more information and to register. *"Through the Immaculata you can do all things, either in yourself or concerning others, since she refuses nothing to sinners, and Jesus can refuse nothing to her."*



-St. Maximilian Kolbe 2



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.

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

On September 20th, we welcomed

Mateo Nunez Mendoza

into Our Lady of Grace Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. God Bless you!

FAITH FORMATION 2020-2021

Our formation ministries will begin in October. They will include some virtual sessions as well as brief catechetical lessons within our outdoor liturgies. Our primary objective will be to empower parents to recognize and carry out their mission as the primary catechists of their children. Parents will be receiving more information in the upcoming days regarding our formation ministries. **To register for Whole Family (K-5th), 1st Communion (2nd), Middle School (6th-8th) & Confirmation/Youth Ministry (9th-12th), visit our homepage at www.olgcv.org. Scroll down and click on the "Faith Formation" or the "Youth Ministry" box. If you have any questions, please call the Faith Formation Office at 510-582-9266.**



Christ has died Christ has risen Christ will come again



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**BISHOP BARBER'S COLUMN
"We Simply Cannot Live
Without The Eucharist"**

In his special message in The Catholic Voice, the Bishop shares his thoughts regarding the present state in which our churches are allowed to celebrate Mass. He encourages us to phone the Alameda County Health Office at 510-268-2101 to let them know that the re-opening process is moving too slowly! To read his message, visit: <https://www.catholicvoiceoakland.org/2020/09-21/bishop.htm>

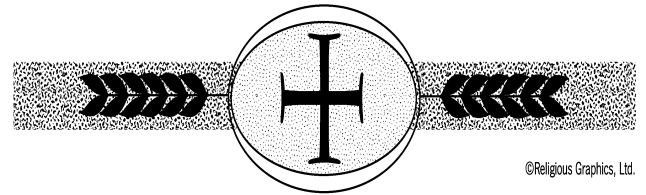
SUNDAY COLLECTION

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 AUGUST:

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| Sunday Plate for the month: | \$ 40,968.00 |
| Month Budgeted Goal: | \$ 39,183.00 |
| Over/[Shortfall] | \$ 1,785.00 |
| Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall] | \$ [10,931.00] |

May God bless your continuing generosity.



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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 | Arcadio Morfin |
| Pam Ahland | Steve Penland |
| Glen Alcorn | Diana Riley |
| Elvira Arechiga | Lisa Rosenbusch |
| Maureen Boeh | Florence Sharp |
| Peggy Burton | Beth Snow |
| Virginia Cabardo | Howard Songey |
| Heidi Carne | Lurdes Sousa |
| Natalina De Freitas | Mark Vaz |
| Theresa Ferrari | Concepcion Velasco |
| Nancy French | Mary Lou Vincent |
| Wally Lim | Arthur Williams |
| Sheila McAlinden | Peggy Winkenbach |
| Rose Montalban | |

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

In Memoriam

NANCY POTTS

RAE CHRISTINA SPOWART

VICTIMS OF COVID-19

VICTIMS OF FIRES

EMAIL & TEXT SCAMS ARE BACK!

Recently, there have been fraudulent emails and texts circulating through our parish once again, seeking gift cards. Our priests at OLG would never solicit funds through any electronic means! These emails & texts are fake and have nothing to do with Our Lady of Grace Church. Please report these to the police and to Jay in the Parish Office at 537-0806. God Bless and be safe.

SUPPORT OUR LADY OF GRACE WHEN YOU SHOP WITH AMAZON SMILE

If you shop at Amazon.com, please consider going to smile.amazon.com and choosing Our Lady of Grace to receive 0.5% of all qualifying purchases you make when shopping through smile.amazon.com. Buy your gifts & household items here. Products and prices are the same, and Our Lady of Grace will receive a donation each time you make a purchase.



WINGS - WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT

We invite all women to join us for WINGS (Women in God's Spirit).

WINGS is a faith enhancement group that encourages spiritual growth through prayer, scripture study, Catechesis, life sharing and community.

We meet via Zoom

Next Meeting: **October 1st**

9:00am to 11:00am

Speaker: Fr. Tom Bonacci

Topic: "The Parable of the Wheat/Weeds"

Please contact Nancy Marcotte at nanmar2@aol.com or 510-303-3324 for the Zoom link

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THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 27th:

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Drive-In Mass - Reservations not required
With Livestream on Facebook
9:00am--Rear Parking Lot

Spanish Mass - Reservations required
12 Noon--School Courtyard

Monday, September 28th:

Livestream Mass on Facebook
8:15am

Private Prayer
9:00am-Noon--Church

Tuesday, September 29th:

Livestream Mass on Facebook
8:15am

Private Prayer
9:00am-Noon--Church

Wednesday, September 30th:

Livestream Mass on Facebook
8:15am

Private Prayer
9:00am-Noon--Church

Thursday, October 1st:

Livestream Mass on Facebook
8:15am

Private Prayer
9:00am-Noon--Church

Adoration & Confession
5:00-7:00pm--School Courtyard

Friday, October 2nd:

Mass - Reservations not required
Livestream Mass on Facebook
8:15am--School Courtyard

Private Prayer
9:00am-Noon--Church

Saturday, October 3rd:

Mass - Reservations not required
Livestream Mass on Facebook
8:15am--School Courtyard, followed by Adoration & Confession until 10:00am

Vigil Mass - Reservations are required
11:00am--School Courtyard

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, September 27th
 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 9:00am Rudy & Augie Enriquez – D
 12 Noon Juanita Morales – D

MONDAY, September 28th
 St. Wenceslaus, Martyr
 St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs
 8:15am Victims of Covid-19

TUESDAY, September 29th
 Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels
 8:15am Cathy Bui – L

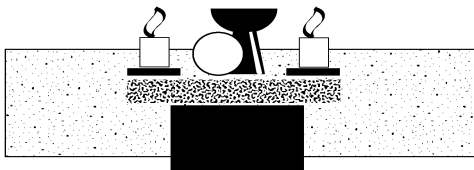
WEDNESDAY, September 30th
 St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church
 8:15am Kathi Gaab – D

THURSDAY, October 1st
 St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
 8:15am Dorothy & Manuel Callier – D

FRIDAY, October 2nd
 The Holy Guardian Angels
 8:15am Antonio Chocha – D

SATURDAY, October 3rd
 8:15am Yolanda Gardose Leonor – D
 11:00am Franciscan Friars' Intentions

SUNDAY, October 4th
 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 9:00am Carlo P. Barroso – L
 Larry Perino – L
 Rudy & Augie Enriquez – D
 12 Noon Fernando Flores Martinez – D



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THIS WEEK--Continued

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Drive-In Mass - Reservations not required

With Livestream on Facebook

9:00am--Rear Parking Lot

Spanish Mass - Reservations required

12 Noon--School Courtyard

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

September 28th through October 4th

Monday: Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50
 Tuesday: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; John 1:47-51
 Wednesday: Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Luke 9:57-62
 Thursday: Job 19:21-27; Luke 10:1-12
 Friday: Job 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5;
 Matthew 18:1-5, 10
 Saturday: Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10:17-24
 Sunday: Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9;
 Matthew 21:33-43

conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Jesus Christ!

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EXECUTION ALERTS

The following execution is scheduled to take place in **September:**

September 30th Carlos Trevino Texas

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

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"No one walks so safely as one who walks humbly and harmlessly with great love and great faith. For such a person gets through to the good in others (and there is good in everyone), and therefore cannot be harmed. This works between individuals, it works between groups and it would work between nations if nations had the courage to try it." -Peace Pilgrim

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