



Thoughts On Our Election

We are still waiting for the outcome of the election. Just a few thoughts: We are a divided nation and Church. Politicians are not saviors but are to be servants of the people. I hear Pontius Pilate’s response, “What is Truth?” when I hear the news. I hope we know that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life and no one comes to the Father accept through Him. I hope by now that you know that I am Pro-Life and I will proclaim it whether it is politically popular or not. I pray whoever is elected will keep us out of war and protect life from conception until natural death. May we keep our focus on our strength and hope, which is Jesus, and live in His Kingdom. May we all pray for our nation and may we give witness to our hope in Jesus Christ.

Rebuilding The Church

Our St. Francis Garden Chapel is being built thanks to the generosity of our parishioners. There were several large donations which made it possible. I have ordered an altar and statues to express our faith in a more dignified setting than a plastic table on pallets. While our Church has partially opened, we are not able to accommodate a full congregation. We also need to offer options for worship that are safe during this pandemic. We will offer our catechetical masses outside on the lawn whenever possible, so that families continue to feel safe bringing their children to receive their sacraments.

We will also be moving forward with upgrades in the Church in the New Year. I am reviewing options for painting, refreshing our pews, addressing the deteriorating ceiling tiles, upgrading lighting, and refreshing the flooring. While this is not a renovation, it is a refreshing of the Church, addressing necessities explored by the renovation committee.

If you would like to help support these projects, we will appreciate your donations. The vision of the last campaign was never fully completed since it never addressed issues inside the Church. The painting of the Church was much more expensive than I anticipated, however, it is time to address our Church building. While the roof issues have been addressed, years of leaks have taken their toll and are evident.

St. Francis received his calling in a Church which was in disrepair. The mission given to Francis was “Francis, rebuild my Church for you cannot see it is in ruins.” This mission of Francis was lived by rebuilding abandoned Churches which you can visit today. St. Francis also rebuilt the Church by renewing the faithful in a relationship with Jesus Christ by touching the humanity of the life of Jesus to draw us towards encountering his divinity.

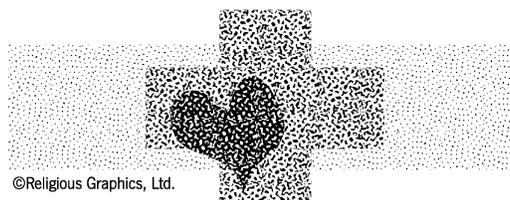
Jesus is alive and present for each of us. We have placed our focus first on building the Church through relationships of encounter through our evangelization efforts. We want to give every opportunity for our people to encounter Jesus, who is alive. I am happy to say that our Evangelization efforts are bearing fruit with programs for our youth being filled and for our adult online bible study which continues to grow every week, reaching approximately 100 people. We give thanks for all God has done! I am grateful to be a part of such a generous and loving community.

November Schedule

In response to the Pope’s call for mercy during the month of November through praying for the dead, we have opened all daily Masses to the public at 8:15am, Monday through Saturday in the Church. You can fulfill a plenary indulgence by visiting the Church, praying for the dead, receiving Communion and going to Confession. Confessions are available on Thursdays from 5:00pm until 6:30pm in the Church during Adoration, on Saturday mornings during Adoration from 9:00am until 10:00am (sharp), and on Sundays at 11:30am before the Spanish Mass at Noon.

- Weekend Faith Formation Masses for the youth will be at the St. Francis Garden Chapel.
- Vigil Mass on Saturdays is at 11:00am in the Church
- Drive-In Mass on Sundays is at 9:00am in the Rear Parking Lot
- Spanish Mass on Sundays is at Noon in the Church until the outdoor chapel is complete.

Peace & Love,
Fr. Tom



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A HEARTFELT THANK YOU!

We are most grateful to all those who participated in our first Parish Calendar Raffle! You helped us have some fun while offsetting some of the funds we would have enjoyed this year from our annual Fall Festival. The Calendar Raffle generated over \$13,000 to the Parish. We are grateful to Claudia Dobbs and Heidi Denzler-Halsey for bringing this all together as well as all those who generously donated gift cards and prizes for our daily drawings! We hope you had fun with this too! Please visit our webpage to see a list of all the winners and prizes.



NOVEMBER

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 5:00-6:30pm: Adoration & Confession in the Church.

Mondays to Saturdays at 8:15am: Masses in the Church with Livestream. *Reservations are not required.* After the Saturday Mass, Adoration and Confession will immediately follow, concluding at 10:00am.

Saturdays at 11:00am: Vigil Mass in the Church. *Reservations are not required.* 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 Church. *Reservations are required.* Visit our homepage at www.olgcv.org to reserve your seat(s).

**CHURCH SAFETY PRECAUTIONS
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Face masks are required, along with social distancing of 6 feet between others, when visiting the church. Please adhere to all safety precaution signs. As always, please use the hand sanitizer provided.

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IS THIRSTING
FOR THE LORD**

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Don't forget to purchase your tickets! Winners are picked daily on the FB Parents Group, Livestream! Complete the bottom portion of the calendar and drop it off at the OLG School Office with your donation of \$20 per ticket in an envelope marked "Calendar Raffle". Multiple calendars may be purchased to increase your chances of winning. All proceeds benefit Our Lady of Grace School. Good luck!

**1ST FRIDAY-TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS
November 6th at 7:00pm**

Join us for Mass in Latin held in the Church at 7:00pm. Reservations are not required. Please come with face masks in place.



**PRE-BAPTISM CLASS
FOR PARENTS & GODPARENTS**

If you are wishing to have your child, ages infant to six years baptized, parents and Godparents need to attend a Pre-Baptism Class. You also need to be registered members of the parish for at least three months. Pre-Baptism classes are held the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm via Zoom. Call Jay at 510-537-0806 for more information.

FAITH FORMATION 2020-2021

Please pray for the young members of our Church. Our classes have moved to the St. Francis Garden Chapel located at the Outdoor Grassy Area

First Communion

Next class: November 7th
11:00am—St. Francis Garden Chapel

Whole Family

Next class: November 14th
11:00am—St. Francis Garden Chapel

Youth Ministry

Next class: November 15th
3:30pm—St. Francis Garden Chapel



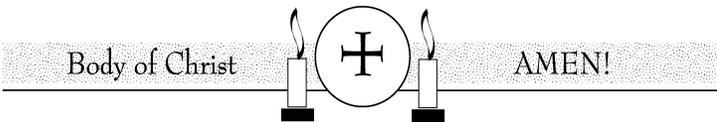
ALTAR CANDLE MEMORIALS

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.



STUDY GROUP ON "FRATELLI TUTTI"

Pax Christi Northern CA will be putting on a Zoom study group on Pope Francis's recent encyclical, "Fratelli Tutti." This social encyclical explores building a culture of peace and dialogue in order to work together to care for each other as a human family, especially as we recover from the pandemic. The study group will be on Monday evenings from 7:00-8:00pm for 8 weeks concluding on December 21st. You can access the document online at http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html. If you are interested, please contact Dennise at info@paxchristinorcal.org and you will be sent the Zoom link.



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The Parish Office remains closed to the public for the health and safety of our staff and parishioners. The office staff can be reached by phone, Monday to Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm.

If you have a request or need from the office, please call or email us. If there is paperwork needed to be dropped off, please use the mail slot at the Parish Office. If you are dropping something off that cannot fit in the mail slot, please ring the bell and we will assist you while maintaining social distancing.

As much as we would love to visit, the health and safety of everyone is our highest concern. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

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.

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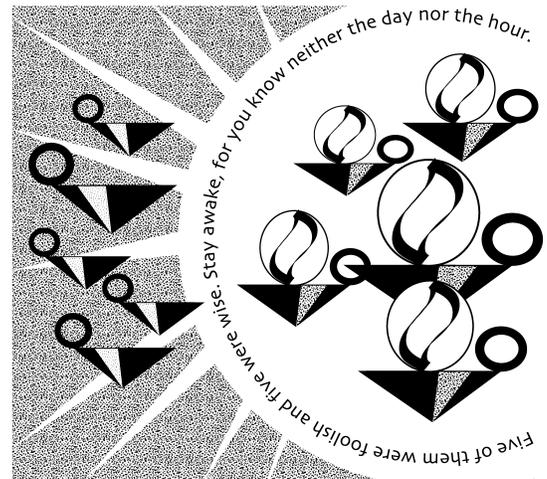
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| Month Budgeted Goal: | \$ 43,945.00 |
| Over/[Shortfall] | \$ [10,437.00] |
| Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall] | \$ [22,260.00] |
| <i>May God bless your continuing generosity.</i> | |



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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| Glen Alcorn | Beth Snow |
| Elvira Arechiga | Howard Songey |
| Peggy Burton | Concepcion Velasco |
| Virginia Cabardo | Mary Lou Vincent |
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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.

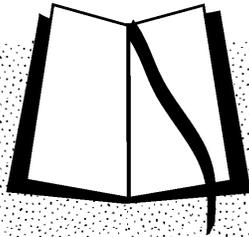
In Memoriam

STEVE PENLAND

VICTIMS OF COVID-19

VICTIMS OF FIRES

The
WORD
of the
LORD



Renews
and gives
life to
my soul

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For our families whose businesses have been affected by the pandemic, 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.

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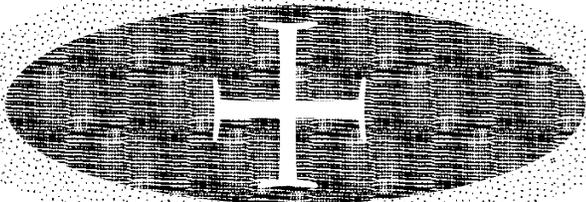



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THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 8th:

Thirty-Second 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--Church

Monday, November 9th:

Private Prayer

9:00am-Noon--Church

Pax Christi—Fratelli Tutti

7:00pm—Zoom

Bible Study-Spanish

7:00pm—Zoom

Tuesday, November 10th:

Livestream Mass on Facebook
8:15am

Private Prayer

9:00am-Noon--Church

Wednesday, November 11th:

Livestream Mass on Facebook
8:15am

Private Prayer

9:00am-Noon--Church

Thursday, November 12th:

Livestream Mass on Facebook
8:15am

Private Prayer

9:00am-Noon--Church

Adoration & Confession

5:00-6:30pm—Church

Friday, November 13th:

Mass—Reservations not required

Livestream Mass on Facebook

8:15am—Church

Private Prayer

9:00am-Noon--Church

Saturday, November 14th:

Mass—Reservations not required

Livestream Mass on Facebook

8:15am—Church, followed by Adoration & Confession until 10:00am

Vigil Mass

Reservations not required

11:00am--Church

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, November 8th
 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 9:00am Mabel Poon – D
 Ferdinand Perdido – D
 Nilda Toledo – D
 Antonio Chocha – D

MONDAY, November 9th
 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
 8:15am Luis Martinez – D

TUESDAY, November 10th
 St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church
 8:15am Raul Hernandez – D

WEDNESDAY, November 11th
 St. Martin of Tours, Bishop
 8:15am Lilia Sousa – D

THURSDAY, November 12th
 St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr
 8:15am Richard Benson – D

FRIDAY, November 13th
 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
 8:15am Raul Hernandez – D

SATURDAY, November 14th
 8:15am Raul Hernandez – D
 11:00am Helen Maes – D

SUNDAY, November 15th
 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 9:00am Victor C. Bright – D
 Franciscan Friars' Intentions
 12 Noon Magdalena Barajas – D

THIS WEEK--Continued

Saturday, November 14th:
 Whole Family Mass
 Reservations not required
 11:00am--St. Francis Garden Chapel

Sunday, November 15th:
Thirty-Third 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--Church
 Youth Ministry Mass
 3:30pm--St. Francis Garden Chapel

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

November 9th through November 15th

Monday: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12;
 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17;
 John 2:13-22
 Tuesday: Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Luke 17:7-10
 Wednesday: Titus 3:1-7; Luke 17:11-19
 Thursday: Philemon 7-20; Luke 17:20-25
 Friday: 2 John 4-9; Luke 17:26-37
 Saturday: 3 John 5-8; Luke 18:1-8
 Sunday: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31;
 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6;
 Matthew 25:14-30

**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.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If our poor die of hunger, it is not because God does not care for them. Rather it is because neither you nor I are generous enough. It is because we are not instruments of love in the hands of God. We do not recognize Christ when once again He appears to us in the hungry man, in the lonely woman, in the child who is looking for a place to get warm."

-St. Theresa of Calcutta, 1997

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

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