

**New At OLG**

We begin the year and celebrate the Baptism of the Lord when Jesus begins his mission to save the world. The identity of Jesus is revealed by the Father as the Holy Spirit rests on Him. Jesus will now reveal himself as he goes forth to begin his Public Ministry.

We too will prepare for the re-opening of our church when it is allowed. Just as Jesus went into the wilderness after his Baptism to be tested, we too have been in the wilderness as we worship outside. During the month of January, we will be preparing our church to reopen. I am taking this time to do maintenance of our building. Painting our stained walls and ceiling, refinishing our floors and pews, replacing our carpet in the sanctuary are where we will begin. If money and time hold out, then we will address more issues like a shrine for Our Lady of Guadalupe, lighting, sound system, and some altar furnishings.

May we plan for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to touch people's hearts and fill our worship space. We are so blessed at Our Lady of Grace and we seek to share our faith and blessings in Jesus Christ! May this be a year of hope and healing for our parish, our state, our nation, and our world.

Caring For Creation

Our solar panels are supplying our power, our gardens have been planted, and we have put energy efficient lighting on the campus. Our St. Vincent de Paul is helping our brothers and sisters who are struggling to survive in our lockdown economy. St. Vincent de Paul is helping the homeless camps in the area. They need our help!

We have helped with donations and I encourage people to continue to donate even if we do not have donation boxes at the end of the month. This year we are looking for the help of volunteers to serve the homeless. I (Fr. Tom) will be cooking and coordinating a dinner to be given to the homeless once a month. If you can **help me with the meal**, please contact the Parish Office. May this be a year of healing, charity, and hope! May this be a year of gentle, compassionate, love.

Epiphany Prayer

At the end of Mass I asked people to pray for our country because on January 6th the election will be contested. This statement led to contentious discussion between some friars. I was surprised at the response since I did not say it was good or bad but it will happen as reported in the news. This type of response is why I asked for prayer. Peace is a gift from God and it is by His grace we can live in peace. I have been distressed trying to understand what is going on since the Election. I have no illusion that either candidate is a savior since they are both flawed men, however, I seek truth and a peaceful transition in our nation. I am going to pray in Sacramento for our Nation and State, asking God to help our country at this time. I woke up on Thursday after the election and came to a conviction that the election was not settled and I must pray. I have been asking people to pray the Rosary for our nation that we may come to Jesus to find hope, healing, and peace. Our Lady of Fatima will let us know that Her Immaculate Heart will triumph and peace will come and I believe it. I ask all to respond to her request to pray the Rosary, the conversion of sinners, and to reject error. Our Lady of Fatima pray for us!

Peace,
Fr. Tom

Gospel for The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (January 17th)**John 1:35-42**

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher —, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ —. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" — which is translated Peter.



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THIS WEEKEND'S MASS SCHEDULE

Reservations are not required

Saturday 4:00PM: Vigil Mass at the St. Francis Garden Chapel (bring your own chairs)

Sunday 9:00AM: Drive-In Mass with Livestream. (Rear Parking Lot)

Sunday 11:00AM: Mass at the St. Francis Garden Chapel (bring your own chairs)

Sunday 1:00PM: Spanish Mass at the St. Francis Garden Chapel (bring your own chairs)

We will continue to livestream daily and weekend Masses.

OUTDOOR IN-PERSON MASS PROTOCOLS

For everyone's safety, we ask that parishioners bring their own lawn/camping chairs, have masks in place and worn throughout the duration of Mass, and sit 6 feet from other households. If you are not feeling well, we invite you to celebrate Mass via Livestream. We thank you for your understanding!



YEARLY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

For your convenience in preparing your tax return, a contribution statement for 2020 will be prepared at your request. Please phone the Parish Office at 537-0806, with your name and envelope number. Your statement will be available for you to pick up once it has been signed.

**ADORATION & CONFESSION
By The Tent**

Come on **Thursdays from 3:00-4:30pm** and **Saturdays from 8:45-9:45am** for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession.



CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

In December, we welcomed **Dominic Peter Dmello** into Our Lady of Grace Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. God Bless you!

ANNUAL SEMINARY COLLECTION

This weekend (**January 9th & 10th**) our diocese asks us to help with the work of education for tomorrow's priests through our contributions to the Seminary Collection. This year is a challenging year for all of us financially but the Diocese humbly appeals to all of you to give your best effort to support our seminarians in their training and formation in your own unique and creative way. Please include the seminarians in your prayers. Prayer especially during Holy Mass is the one of the most effective ways in campaigning and promoting vocations in our Church. You may make your check out to "Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland" & label your envelope "Seminary". Please drop it off at the collection at the Masses or at the Parish Office mail slot. Your kindness, generosity, and prayers are deeply appreciated.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL IS HERE TO HELP

This has been a tough year for many in our community. If you or someone you know in the parish is struggling financially, our St. Vincent de Paul Conference may be able to help you. We have been blessed with some very generous contributions these past few months and would like to reach out to help those in our church community. We are able to help with food and partial utility or rent payments. If you have any questions, please contact us at 510-581-2164. Wishing you God's blessings this New Year – Heidi, Sean, Flo, Will, Trish, Debbie, Cec, Chris, Ken & John.



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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.

FAITH FORMATION 2020-2021

Please pray for the young members of our Church.

First Communion

Next class: January 9th
11:00am—St. Francis Garden Chapel
Weather Permitting

Whole Family

Next class: January 23rd
11:00am—St. Francis Garden Chapel,
Weather Permitting

Youth Ministry

Next class: January 10th
3:30pm—St. Francis Garden Chapel,
Weather Permitting



STAY IN TOUCH THIS NEW YEAR!

Flocknote is the most important way for OLG to communicate to you, our parishioners. If you would like to be a member, visit our website at www.olgcv.org and click on “Flocknote” at the top of the homepage.

PARISH OFFICE REMAINS CLOSED

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.

Offerings for the Month of DECEMBER:

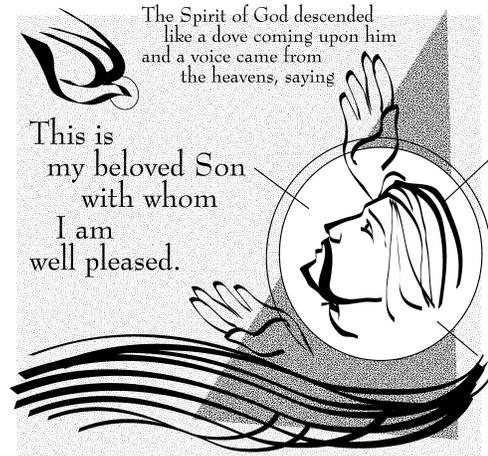
Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 36,735.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 48,500.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [11,765.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [37,226.00]
<i>May God bless your continuing generosity.</i>	



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

In Memoriam

**EDUARDO CALALO
VICTIMS OF COVID-19**

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**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.

EXECUTION ALERTS

The following executions are scheduled to take place in **January**:

January 12th	Lisa Montgomery	Federal
January 14th	Cory Johnson	Federal
January 15th	Dustin Higgs	Federal
January 21st	Blaine Milam	Texas

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

THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 10th:

The Baptism of the Lord

Drive-In Mass With Livestream on Facebook
9:00am--Rear Parking Lot

Mass—Reservations are not required
11:00am--St. Francis Garden Chapel

Spanish Mass - Reservations are not required
1:00pm--St. Francis Garden Chapel

Youth Ministry Mass & Mini-Session
3:30pm--St. Francis Garden Chapel

Monday, January 11th:

Mass With Livestream
8:15am—Tent

Bible Study—Spanish
7:00pm—Zoom

Tuesday, January 12th:

Mass With Livestream
8:15am—Tent

“The Search” with Fr. Tom
7:00pm—Zoom

Wednesday, January 13th:

Mass With Livestream
8:15am—Tent

Thursday, January 14th:

Mass With Livestream
8:15am—Tent

Confession & Adoration
3:00-4:30pm—By the Tent

Friday, January 15th:

Mass With Livestream
8:15am—Tent

Saturday, January 16th:

Mass With Livestream
8:15am—Tent

Confession & Adoration
8:45-9:45am—By the Tent

1st Communion Mass & Mini-Session
11:00am—Tent by the St. Francis Garden Chapel

Vigil Mass—Reservations are not required
4:00pm--St. Francis Garden Chapel

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, January 10th
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
9:00am Steve Penland - D
11:00am OLG Community
1:00pm Mary Chocha - L
MONDAY, January 11th
8:15am Bill & Michelle Moal - D
TUESDAY, January 12th
8:15am Violet Bartolf - D
WEDNESDAY, January 13th
St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
8:15am Maria Teresa Torres - L
THURSDAY, January 14th
8:15am Maria Teresa Torres - L
FRIDAY, January 15th
8:15am Gerard Laspina - D
SATURDAY, January 16th
8:15am Dorothy & Manuel Callier - D
4:00pm Theresa Ortiz - D
SUNDAY, January 17th
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00am Steve Penland - D
11:00am Antonio O. Chocha - D
1:00pm OLG Community

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:
January 11th through January 17th
Monday: Hebrews 1:1-6; Mark 1:14-20
Tuesday: Hebrews 2:5-12; Mark 1:21-28
Wednesday: Hebrews 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39
Thursday: Hebrews 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45
Friday: Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Mark 2:1-12
Saturday: Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 2:13-17
Sunday: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19;
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20;
John 1:35-42



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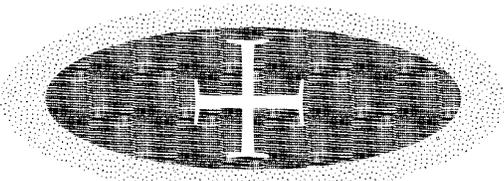
PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Then, it was as if I suddenly saw the secret beauty of their hearts, the depths of their hearts where neither sin nor desire nor self-knowledge can reach, the core of their reality, the person that each one is in God's eyes. If only they could see themselves as they really are. If only we could see each other that way all the time."

-Thomas Merton, 1966

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