



**Novena to St. Joseph March 10th-19th**

The Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saint Joseph on March 19th. Join others in seeking the intercession of St. Joseph for the many people whose lives are touched by adoption by praying the novena from March 10th –18th. To sign up for daily emails and to read the Adoption Novena, visit: [respectlife.org/adoption-novena](https://respectlife.org/adoption-novena).

*O Glorious St. Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, to you do we raise our hearts and hands, to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the benign Heart of Jesus all the helps and graces necessary for our spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death, and the special favor we now implore.*

*O guardian of the Word Incarnate, we feel filled with confidence that your prayers on our behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God.*  
*O Glorious St. Joseph, through the love you bear to Jesus Christ, and for the glory of His name, hear our prayers and obtain our petitions. (Repeat 7 times)*

*Let us pray:  
O Glorious St. Joseph, spouse of the Immaculate Virgin, obtain for us a pure, humble, and charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the divine Will. Be our guide, father and model through life, that we may merit to die as you did, in the arms of Jesus and Mary.*

**40 Days For Life**

"Only with prayer—prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and souls—will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life."

—U.S. Catholic Bishops

To read more about the Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities visit: <https://www.usccb.org/prolife/pastoral-plan-pro-life-activities>

**Please Pray For Those Keeping Vigil In Prayer**

*All powerful God,  
You always show mercy to those who love you  
and you are never far away for those who seek you.  
Remain with your servants on this journey  
and guide their way in accord with your will.*

*Shelter them with your protection by day,  
give them the light of your grace by night,  
and, as their companion on the journey,  
bring them to their destination in safety.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

**Rebuild My Church**

We are well into our Bishops Appeal and I encourage you, if you have not given, to make a donation or a pledge. Our Diocese, like many of you, have struggled with the restrictions due to the Pandemic. Many parishes have not done well, meaning that they have not been able to fulfill their financial obligations to the Diocese. The annual appeal helps our Diocese to operate and they are counting on us to fulfill our goal. Thank you for your generous support over the years and I ask for your continued support of our local church as well as our Diocese.

We are rebuilding our church by attending to needed maintenance and will open for Holy Week. The pews will be reinstalled next week. The carpet is being ordered for the sanctuary and will be installed when it arrives after Easter.

Rebuilding the Church is more than just physical buildings but our lives as followers of Jesus.

**Here Are Five Things We Can Learn From St. Francis On Rebuilding The Church Today:**

**\*Living simple lives that rely more on God’s providence:** Francis took to heart the Lord’s message to sell all he had and to follow Christ. He renounced his worldly possessions and family inheritance and trusted God to take care of his daily needs.

**\*Authentically love those around us:** Love isn’t just a feel-good attitude. Love is a decision most clearly seen in the way it manifests in our conduct and life.

**\*Share the good news about Jesus!:** For the record, *there is no record* that Francis ever said, “Preach the Gospel, and if necessary, use words.” In fact, given Francis’ extensive preaching ministry, it is more likely that Francis would have preferred that we do actually preach the Gospel *with words*. If God has made a positive difference in our lives, we ought to be ready, willing and able to share God’s message of love, mercy and salvation with anyone at any time.

**\*A reverence for the sacred:** Once, someone asked Francis if the Mass being celebrated by a priest who was openly living with a mistress was tainted. Francis responded by going to the priest, kneeling before him and kissing his hands – a sign that no matter how sinful or corrupt the priest, those hands held Christ, our Lord, in the Eucharist.

**\*A renewed prayer life and relationship with God:** Nothing in Francis’ life and mission would have borne fruit without his profound prayer life and love for God. There were times during his initial conversion journey that Francis would weep for his sins while in prayer. He also spent long hours reflecting on the word of God. He listened for, and then followed God’s instructions to him through prayer.

Peace,  
Fr. Tom

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**THIS WEEKEND'S MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday 4:00PM:** Vigil Mass at the St. Francis Garden Chapel

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

**Sunday 11:00AM:** Mass in Stack Center. *Reservations are required. Please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806 to reserve your seat(s).*

**Sunday 1:00PM:** Spanish Mass at the St. Francis Garden Chapel

Our daily and 9:00am Sunday Masses are also livestreamed at: <https://www.facebook.com/olgcv/>

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Join us for Stations of the Cross during Lent. We meet on Fridays at 7:15am & 5:00pm, both in Spanish and 3:30pm in English by the St. Francis Garden Chapel.



**ADORATION & CONFESSION**

Join us on Thursdays at 3:30pm and Saturdays at 9:00am in Stack Center and Sundays (Confession only) at 12:30pm by the Tent.



**40 DAYS OF LENT WITH FORMED.ORG**



***"Fatima Hope For The World"***

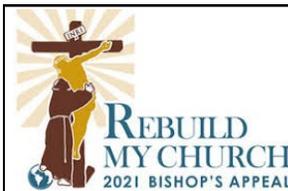
Follow this 13-part video series that tells the story of Fatima from the apparitions in 1917 through the 20th century. The 5-minute videos are intended for educational purposes and are appropriate for ages 12 and up.

***"Lent With Brother Francis"***

This 4-part series will help children learn more about what Lent is all about and why it is so important.

If you don't have an account yet, just follow these instructions: visit: [www.olgcv.formed.org](http://www.olgcv.formed.org) Type in "Our Lady of Grace, Castro Valley CA" to become a member.

**THE 2021 BISHOP'S APPEAL**



The 2021 Bishop's Appeal has begun and continues through April. Bishop Barber decided to continue with the theme, *Rebuild My Church*, a phrase inspired by St. Francis of Assisi. By sharing our talent and treasure with our sisters and brothers, we are making a sacrifice and returning to God a small portion of the many gifts he has given to us. You can find more information on the Appeal by visiting [www.oakdiocese.org/giving](http://www.oakdiocese.org/giving). You can also call the Office of Mission Advancement at 510-267-8358.

**Our goal this year is to gain 100% participation from all members of Our Lady of Grace's Parish!**

*We are grateful to the 129 households who gave last year, allowing us to meet and exceed our goal by \$4,495. Please consider being part of the effort this year. Let us not rely on the few in what is an opportunity to be part of the greater good.*

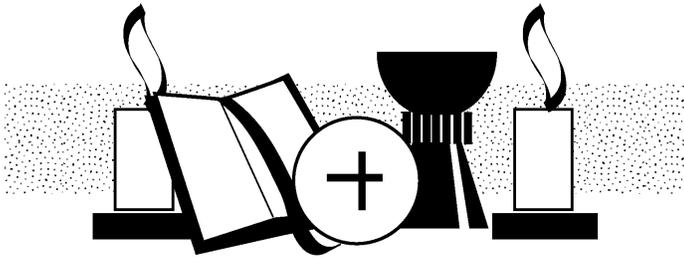
A pledge to this Appeal will help us reach out to thousands in the East Bay through diocesan ministries, programs & services.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES BISHOP'S OVERSEAS APPEAL MARCH 13TH & 14TH**

During Lent next weekend, please give towards Catholic Relief Services. This appeal supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and advocacy on behalf of the powerless. *Please make your check out to "Catholic Charities" and write "Catholic Charities" on the envelope.* Your generous donation will be collected at all the Masses. You may also drop your donation off at the Parish Office mail slot. Thank you and God bless.



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**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

We keep increasing the number of children who are on campus and that is good. School is where our children belong. At this time we have children completely on campus in TK and K and they are so happy to see each other. We have learned a lot during this distance learning and what we all know is, children do best when working with friends in the classroom. We are so grateful to all of our parents as they have taken this journey of educating our children. It has not been easy and would not have been possible without their support. Now that the season of Lent is here, our focus for the children is preparing for Easter over the 40 days of Lent. Thanks to our art teacher, Barbara Westerhoff, we have the Stations of the Cross all along the fence line in our parking lot. Check them out, as they are really beautifully done. We are moving through the school year with a very solid program for those at home and those in school and as our staff gets their vaccine, we hope to be able to bring all students back. Please continue to keep all of our staff in your prayers!

-Susan Anderson

**OUR LADY OF GRACE SCHOOL'S FUN RUN T-SHIRT SPONSORSHIP**



Please consider sponsoring Our Lady of Grace Catholic School's Annual Healthy Kids Fun Run on **March 17th!** Family and Business Sponsorships are \$250 each and tax deductible. For more information, contact Chrystalla at 510-581-3155.



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**Offerings for the Month of FEBRUARY:**

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 44,459.00
<b>Month Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 46,068.00</b>
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*May God bless your continuing generosity.*

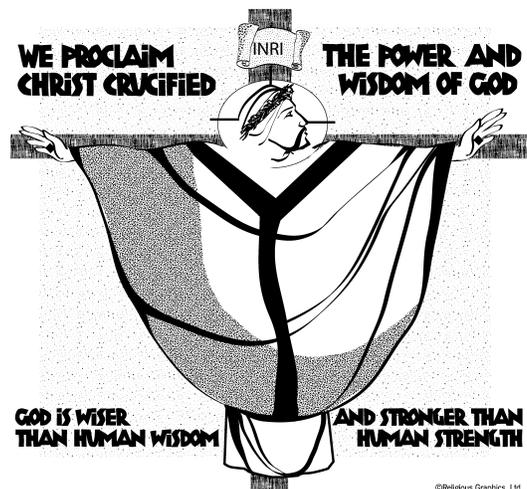


**Your Prayers Are Requested**

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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Peggy Burton  
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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**

**NELLIE KLAS**

**VICTIMS OF COVID-19**

**FAITH FORMATION**

Please pray for the young members of our Church

**First Communion**

Next class: March 6th

11:00am—St. Francis Garden Chapel  
Weather Permitting

**Whole Family**

Next class: March 13th

11:00am—St. Francis Garden Chapel  
Weather Permitting

**Youth Ministry**

Next class: March 7th

3:30pm—St. Francis Garden Chapel  
Weather Permitting



**2022 PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND & EASTERN EUROPE  
August 9th-20th, 2022**

**The Passion Play of Oberammergau**

The 2020 trip has been rescheduled for 2022. This exciting pilgrimage will be hosted by Fr. Tom Czek. The Passion Play of Oberammergau depicts the last week of the life of Christ. The villagers of this town have been keeping a 389 year old promise to God to perform this play every 10 years with love and devotion. The price for this 12-day pilgrimage is \$5100 per person and includes RT air from SF, 1st class/select hotels, 1st class admission tickets for the Oberammergau Passion Play, most meals, sightseeing and more. Book early! Please contact Susana Dugan at 510-537-0806 or susana.d@olgcv.org for more details.

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**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, March 7th:**

**The Third Sunday of Lent**

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

Mass—Reservations are required  
11:00am--Stack Center

Confession  
12:30pm—Tent

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

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

**Monday, March 8th:**

Mass With Livestream  
8:15am—Stack Center

Bible Study with Fr. Francisco—Spanish  
7:00pm—Zoom

**Tuesday, March 9th:**

Mass With Livestream  
8:15am—Stack Center

**Wednesday, March 10th:**

Mass With Livestream  
8:15am—Stack Center

**Thursday, March 11th:**

Mass With Livestream  
8:15am—Stack Center  
Confession & Adoration  
3:30pm—Stack Center

**Friday, March 12th:**

Stations of the Cross—Spanish  
7:15am—By the St. Francis Garden Chapel

Mass With Livestream  
8:15am—Stack Center

Stations of the Cross—English  
3:30pm—By the St. Francis Garden Chapel

**Saturday, March 13th:**

Mass With Livestream  
8:15am—Stack Center

Confession & Adoration  
9:00am—Stack Center

Whole Family Mass & Mini Session  
11:00am—St. Francis Garden Chapel

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

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**SUNDAY, March 7th**

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00am Jim Rossillon – D

11:00am OLG Community

1:00pm Rosa Martinez Reyes – D

**MONDAY, March 8th**

St. John of God, Religious

8:15am Maria Silva (D)

& All Souls in Purgatory

**TUESDAY, March 9th**

St. Frances of Rome, Religious

8:15am Maria Silva (D)

& All Souls in Purgatory

**WEDNESDAY, March 10th**

8:15am Barbara Laspina – D

**THURSDAY, March 11th**

8:15am Joan C. Dexter – D

**FRIDAY, March 12th**

8:15am Antonio O. Chocha – D

**SATURDAY, March 13th**

8:15am Maria Silva (D)

& All Souls in Purgatory

4:00pm Mario Venturini – D

**SUNDAY, March 14th**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00am OLG Community

11:00am Franciscan Friars

1:00pm Martin Flores Martinez – D

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

March 8th through March 14th

Monday: 2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday: Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9;  
Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday: Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23

Friday: Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34

Saturday: Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14

Sunday: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a;  
Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

**PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR POSITION**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe School in Fremont**

Our Lady of Guadalupe School in Fremont is looking for a Preschool Director who is able to be a Head Teacher and manage the day-to-day operations of our Preschool program, which serves children ages 2.5 years – entry to Kindergarten. Candidates must be passionate about Early Childhood Education, have a Bachelor’s degree in Early Childhood Education, Child Development, or closely related field, working experience as a lead preschool teacher/director, 12 ECE and 3 Administrative units. A practicing Catholic candidate would be preferable. Send resume to [sjtwellington@csdo.org](mailto:sjtwellington@csdo.org) or call 510-657-1674.

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**PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*“It is not enough to say we are Christians. We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions.”*

-Pope Francis, January 2014

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**THIS WEEK--Continued**

**Sunday, March 14th:**

**The Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Drive-In Mass With Livestream on Facebook

9:00am--Rear Parking Lot

Mass—Reservations are required

11:00am--Stack Center

Confession

12:30pm—Tent

Spanish Mass - Reservations are not required

1:00pm--St. Francis Garden Chapel

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