



**Reopening Of The Church Celebration**

We will have an open house on the Solemnity of Pentecost on **Sunday, May 23rd**. We will have a tour of the Church at 10:00am in English and at 2:00pm in Spanish with gifts for those who visit the Church that day. We have been blessed to refresh our Church and we want to share it with the community.

**The Story of Saint Joseph the Worker—Celebrated May 1st**

To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the “May Day” celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955. This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, humankind both fulfills the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (Gn 2:15) and to be productive in their labors. Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor. Jesus, too, was a carpenter. He learned the trade from Saint Joseph and spent his early adult years working side-by-side in Joseph’s carpentry shop before leaving to pursue his ministry as preacher and healer. In his encyclical *Laborem Exercens*, Pope John Paul II stated: “the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide [social] changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society.” Saint Joseph is held up as a model of such work. Pius XII emphasized this when he said, “The spirit flows to you and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Savior of the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work.”

**Receive A Plenary Indulgence on May 1st**

Pray any lawfully approved prayer or act of piety in honor of Saint Joseph, for example “To you oh blessed Joseph,” especially on: May 1st (Feast of St. Joseph the Worker). The plenary indulgence is granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the intentions of the Holy Father) to the faithful who, with a spirit detached from any sin, participate in the Year of Saint Joseph on the occasions and in the manner indicated by this Apostolic Penitentiary:

**Prayer Before Work To St. Joseph the Worker**

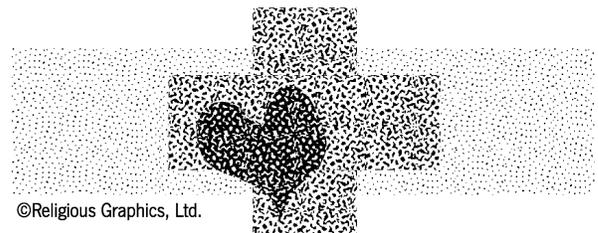
*O Glorious Saint Joseph, model of all those who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work in a spirit of penance for the expiation of my many sins; to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my natural inclinations; to work with thankfulness and joy, considering it an honor to employ and develop by means of labor the gifts received from God; to work with order, peace, moderation, and patience, never shrinking from weariness and trials; to work above all with purity of intention and detachment from self, keeping unceasingly before my eyes death and the account that I must give of time lost, talents unused, good omitted, and vain complacency in success, so fatal to the work of God. All for Jesus, all through Mary, all after thy example, O Patriarch, Saint Joseph. Such shall be my watch-word in life and in death. Amen. (Composed by Pope St. Pius X)*

**May And The Month of Mary**

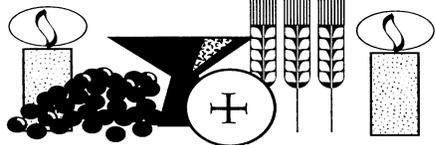
*God wills that all his gifts should come to us through Mary" (St. Bernard)*

It was in Rome, towards the end of the eighteenth century, one fine evening in May. A child of the poor gathered his companions around him and led them to a statue of Mary, before which a lamp was burning, as is the custom in that holy city. There, these fresh young voices sang the Litany of our Lady. The next day, the little group, followed by other children, again gathered at the feet of the Mother of God. Next came their mothers, to join the little assembly. Soon, other groups were formed, and the devotion rapidly became popular. Holy souls, troubled by the disorderly conduct which always increases and becomes graver at the return of the pleasant springtime, saw in these growing practices the hand of God, and they cooperated with the designs of Providence by approving and promoting this new devotion, as a public and solemn act of reparation. The Month of Mary was founded. "This is the month in which, in the churches and individual homes, the most affectionate and fervent homage of prayers and devotions from the hearts of Christians are raised to Mary. It is also the month in which from his throne descend upon us the most generous and abundant gifts of the Divine Mercy." In our own times, we Catholics, wanting to be close to her always, offer her special presents in May: pilgrimages, visits to churches dedicated to her, little sacrifices in her honor, periods of study and well-finished work offered up to her, and a more attentive recitation of the rosary. To pray the Marian Prayers for the month of May, visit our website at: <http://olgcv.org/response-to-covid-19-outbreak/>

Peace & Love,  
Fr. Tom



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**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION  
SATURDAY, MAY 1ST AT 11:00AM &  
SUNDAY, MAY 2ND AT 1:00PM**

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

**First Holy Communion Recipients**

- |                            |                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Kailee Alderete            | Mateo Lupian       |
| Ezequiel Becerra           | Olivia Mangundayao |
| Cristopher Carrillo-Espino | Alexis Navarro     |
| Emilio Cisneros            | Aiden Sisol        |
| Natalie Garcia             | Asia Thompson      |
| Carmen Gomez               | Isabella Vazquez   |
| Sarah Guzman               | Sophia Vazquez     |
| Emma Harder                | Duncan Zasa        |
| Jacob Huntsman             | Zachary Zasa       |

**FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION**

Please pray for our Sacrament students as they prepare to receive First Holy Eucharist on **May 1st & 2nd** and for our Confirmation candidates as they prepare for their Confirmation on **June 6th** at Our Lady of Grace Church.

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE  
Reservations Are Not Required**

- Saturday 5:00PM:** Vigil Mass in the Church
- Sunday 7:30AM:** Mass in the Church
- Sunday 9:00AM:** Drive-In Mass with Livestream
- Sunday 11:00AM:** Mass in the Church
- Sunday 1:00PM:** Spanish Mass in the Church

Our 8:15AM daily and 9:00AM Sunday Masses are Livestreamed at: <https://www.facebook.com/olgcv/>

**ADORATION & CONFESSION  
In The Church**

Join us on Thursdays at 3:30pm and Saturdays at 9:00am

*Beginning May 6th, Thursday Adoration & Confession will be 5:00-6:30pm.*



**MOTHER'S DAY**

As a means of honoring our mothers, living and deceased, a Triduum of Masses will be celebrated on **May 10th, 11th, and 12th**. Cards and forms are available in the Parish Office for those wishing to give or send a remembrance card. The names of those to be remembered will be placed at the altar for the three days of remembrance. Please complete the requested information on the form and return it to the Parish Office with your donation. If you choose to use [Online Giving](#), please list the names of your loved ones there. You may also list names on your Sunday offering envelope.



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**REBUILD MY CHURCH  
BISHOP'S APPEAL 2021**

Many thanks to those parishioners who have already generously contributed towards our Annual Bishop's Appeal. We are off to great start but still have some room to go! Following is the status of our Annual Bishop's Appeal through **March 31st**:

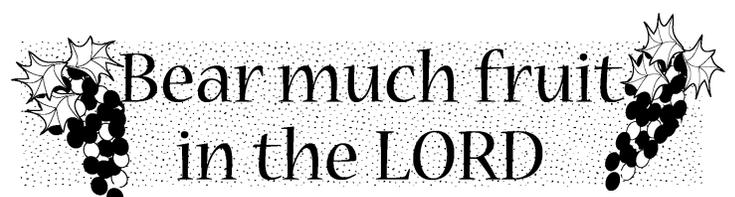
\$ 14,936.67—Actual Donations Received

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| <b>Our Goal for 2021:</b>         | <b>\$29,000.00</b> |
| # of Acknowledged Donors to date: | 80                 |
| Funds Raised (includes pledges)   | \$21,895.00        |

We are currently at **75%** of our goal for this year's Bishop's Appeal! **We are looking for 100% participation from Our Lady of Grace parishioners!** If you have not yet made your donation or pledge, please consider doing so today.

The Bishop's Appeal provides funds to offset some of the following expenses: Parishes & Schools in Need, Pastoral Ministries & Service, Clergy Formation & Retirement, Religious Education & Formation.

During the 2020 Bishop's Appeal, Our Lady of Grace surpassed our goal of \$29,000 and contributed \$33,470! This means \$4,470 over our goal of \$29,000 was returned to OLG to help meet our parish needs.



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We deeply thank the following donor who has given generously towards sponsoring our Altar Candle Memorial.

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**HOLY LAND FUNDRAISER  
 MAY 8TH & 9TH**

A group from the Holy Land will be selling religious articles made from olive wood after all the Masses on **May 8th and 9th** to support the Catholic Christian minorities in Bethlehem. Due to the pandemic, many native Catholic families have been facing economic hardship from the lack of tourism sales and unfortunately, have no support from the government. *Please support this mission generously and pray for our brother and sisters in Bethlehem and Jerusalem.*

**FESCO SHUFFLE 2021 IS HERE!**

This year's Shuffle is a virtual event until **June 9th**. During this time, you can pledge as an individual or gather sponsors from your family and friends. You can also take a short "FESCO" walk on your own or with a small group. There will be a celebration ceremony on **Saturday, June 12th, from 11:00am to 12 Noon**. Your donations make it possible for FESCO to help homeless families gain stability and find permanent housing! Register and record your donations at [www.FESCOShuffle.org](http://www.FESCOShuffle.org). For questions or help with registration, please call Chris Ippolito at 510-343-4876 or email: [christineippolito@comcast.net](mailto:christineippolito@comcast.net).



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

If you are wishing to have your child baptized, ages infant to six years, 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. **Our next class will be on May 5th.** Call Jay at 510-537-0806 for more information.

**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 APRIL:**

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Sunday Plate for the month:                      | \$ 34,760.00        |
| <b>Month Budgeted Goal:</b>                      | <b>\$ 30,428.00</b> |
| Over/[Shortfall]                                 | \$ 4,332.00         |
| Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]                    | \$ 7,903.00         |
| <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:

- |                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Pam Ahland           | Arcadio Morfin     |
| Glen Alcorn          | Diana Riley        |
| Elvira Arechiga      | Beth Snow          |
| Peggy Burton         | Howard Songey      |
| Virginia Cabardo     | James Van Wert     |
| Cristina Castellanos | Concepcion Velasco |
| Romana Cristobal     | Mary Lou Vincent   |
| Nancy French         | Arthur Williams    |
| Grace Letteer        | Peggy Winkenbach   |

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

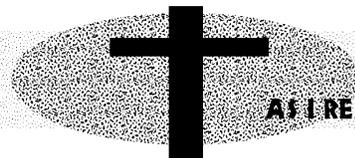
**In Memoriam**

**EMIL F. ORTIZ**

**BYRON GRIFFITH**

**VICTIMS OF COVID-19**

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AS I REMAIN IN YOU

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**BISHOP'S COLUMN  
 "Come Home To Mass"**



We invite you to read Bishop Barber's Column in the current issue of the Catholic Voice. Please visit:

<https://www.catholicvoiceoakland.org/2021/041921/bishop.htm>



*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**SUNDAY, May 2nd**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
 7:30am Victims of Covid-19  
 9:00am Marie Correia – D  
 11:00am OLG Community  
 1:00pm Rosa Martinez Reyes – D

**MONDAY, May 3rd**  
 STS. PHILIP & JAMES, APOSTLES  
 8:15am Dorothy & Manuel Callier – D

**TUESDAY, May 4th**  
 8:15am Alberto Reveles & Crucita Covarrubias – D

**WEDNESDAY, May 5th**  
 8:15am Marie Correia – D

**THURSDAY, May 6th**  
 8:15am Maura Vanderpoorten – D

**FRIDAY, May 7th**  
 8:15am Mary Gladden – L

**SATURDAY, May 8th**  
 8:15am Rodrigo Reveles – L  
 5:00pm Franciscan Friars

**SUNDAY, May 9th**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
 7:30am Victims of Covid-19  
 9:00am Antonio S. Barroso – D  
 11:00am OLG Community  
 1:00pm Esperanza Ortega – D

**THIS WEEK--Continued**  
**Sunday, May 9th:**  
*The Sixth Sunday of Easter*  
*Happy Mother's Day!*  
 Holy Land Sales  
 After All Masses—Gathering Area behind the Church

Mass  
 7:30am--Church  
 Drive-In Mass With Livestream  
 9:00am--Rear Parking Lot

Mass  
 11:00am--Church  
 Spanish Mass  
 1:00pm--Church

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**  
**May 3rd through May 9th**  
 Monday: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14  
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a  
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8  
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11  
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17  
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21  
 Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48;  
 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

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**WINGS - WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT**  
 We invite all women to join us for WINGS

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: **May 6th**  
 9:00am to 11:00am

Speaker: Rev. Leah Grace Maxwell-Styles  
 Topic: "Hula As A Spiritual Practice"  
 Please contact Nancy Marcotte at nanmar2@aol.com

**PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK**  
*"If you want peace, work for justice!"*  
 -Pope Paul VI, January 1972

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

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