

“The Demonic Vision That Inspired the St. Michael Prayer” by Philip Kosloski

Some reports claim that during the vision Pope Leo XIII was “pale and fearful.”

In 1886 Pope Leo XIII instituted what would later be known as the “Leonine Prayers” after Mass (something familiar to those who have attended a Low Mass in the Extraordinary Form). These prayers include the well-known Prayer to St. Michael. Not much is known for certain about the origin of this prayer, but it is believed by many historians that Pope Leo had a profound vision that sparked its creation.

According to Kevin Symonds, author of *Pope Leo XIII and the Prayer to St. Michael*, the vision likely occurred between 1884 and 1886 and took place during the celebration of Mass. Several different reports relate that Pope Leo had a visible change come over his face during the vision and one claims that his face was “pale and fearful.”

A cardinal at the time who knew the pope’s private secretary explains that “Pope Leo XIII truly had a vision of demonic spirits, who were gathering on the Eternal City (Rome). From that experience ... comes the prayer which he wanted the whole Church to recite.”

As time went on a few embellishments started to appear regarding the vision, claiming that Pope Leo witnessed a conversation between Jesus and Satan. The popular story even goes so far as to record the dialogue between the two and is usually recounted as follows:

Satan says to Jesus: “I can destroy your Church.”

Jesus replies: “You can? Then go ahead and do so.”

Satan: “To do so, I need more time and more power.”

Jesus: “How much time? How much power?”

Satan: “75 to 100 years, and a greater power over those who will give themselves over to my service.”

Jesus: “You have the time, you will have the power. Do with them what you will.”

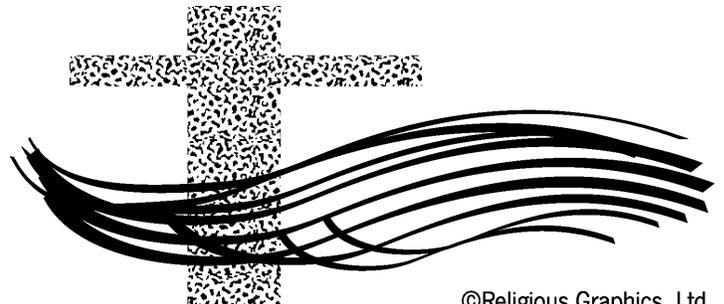
The conversation is reminiscent of the prologue to the biblical Book of Job, in which Satan asks God for, and receives, permission to tempt the faith of the righteous Job. However, while the dialogue has become a central part of “popular legend,” there is no strong foundation in historical fact.

Whatever happened during Pope Leo’s vision, it appears certain that he did have a vision and what he saw was not pleasant. It prompted him to quickly compose the Prayer to St. Michael, and to request its use at the end of Low Masses. The pope lived during particularly turbulent times, and he believed prayer was needed to dispel the darkness that hung over the world. A longer prayer to St. Michael, sometimes known as the exorcism prayer although it was not intended for use in actual exorcism rituals, was approved by the pope 3 years later in two versions, one for clergy and one for lay individual prayer.

St. Michael the Archangel has always been known to be a powerful intercessor against evil, especially since he is recorded in the Book of Revelation as, “fighting against the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they were defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven” (Revelation 12:7-9). Based on this episode in scripture, St. Michael is frequently depicted in art thrusting a lance, spear or sword into Satan, who is often depicted as a serpent or dragon.

Ever since Pope Leo XIII composed it, the St. Michael Prayer has continued to be a staple of Catholic prayer and is a prayer many exorcists recommend to anyone who needs to combat the presence of evil in their lives.

*Saint Michael Archangel,
defend us in battle,
be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil;
may God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God, cast into hell
Satan and all the evil spirits
who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen*



Peace & Love,
Fr. Tom

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**MASS SCHEDULE
In The Church**

Saturdays at 5:00PM (Vigil)

Sundays at 7:30AM 9:00AM, 11:00AM and
1:00PM (Spanish)

**FAITH FORMATION
2021-2022**

Please pray for the young members of our Church.

First Communion

1st Day of Class: September 26th
10:15am—Stack Center

Whole Family

1st Day of Class: September 19th
10:15am—Stack Center

Confirmation

1st Day of Class: September 26th
12:15pm—Stack Center

Registration has been extended to October 1st.

After October 1st there will be a late fee of \$20. Please register online by visiting: www.olgcv.org. Scroll down the homepage and click on the Faith Formation box. Cost is \$120 for the 1st child and \$60 for each additional child in the same household.



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
Taking Donations This Month**

Many thanks to all who have given donations so far. St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting men's new work boots and athletic type shoes and socks during the month of September. (Please no dress shoes). Many of the folks we help are living in rugged conditions and are very grateful for some new shoes and socks. There will be a large barrel at the entrance of the Church on the Somerset Ave. side. As always, we are grateful to you for your help as we minister to those who are less fortunate.



OCTOBER CALENDAR RAFFLE

We are most grateful to all those businesses and individuals who so generously donated gift cards and cash for our upcoming October Calendar Raffle! The Calendar and tickets have been mailed. You do not want to miss a chance for the Kick-Off drawing on October 3rd so return your tickets and \$20 donation per ticket as soon as possible once you receive your tickets. We will have daily drawings thru October 31st. Good luck!

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Classes begin next **Wednesday, September 22nd**. They will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00pm in Stack Center, OLG Room. If you or someone you know is interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith or is seeking membership into the Church, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806 to register. All are welcome!

OLG DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT

"The Greatest Miracle " & "Francis: The Knight of Assisi"

Join us for two engaging animated family films on Saturday, **September 25th** at 6:15pm in the Rear Parking Lot. Enjoy a fun movie night out with the kids & load up everyone in your car! Entrance fee is \$10 per car. *Please pre-pay by bringing your entrance fee to the Parish Office. If you are paying by check, please put Movie Night on the memo line.* Food will be available for purchase. RSVP by **September 23rd** by visiting: <https://olgcv.flocknote.com/signup/67148>. See you there!



September 22nd—October 31st

You're invited to join other Catholics and Christians for 40 Days for Life – to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood at 1032 A Street in Hayward. Help spread the word about this important community outreach. Sign up to be a voice for the defenseless by visiting: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/hayward>



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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.

DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT BENEFIT TRUST

There is still time to give! This collection allows us to express gratitude and support for our retired and soon-to-be retired priests. They now face retirement with minimal government assistance. Please prayerfully consider how you can match their generosity to the Church by contributing to the Retirement Fund. *Please make your check out to "Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland" and place it in an envelope clearly marked "Priest Retirement" and place it in the Sunday Mass offering.* You may also drop your donation off at the Parish Office mail slot. Thank you and God bless.

FESCO BENEFIT SALE

The Family Emergency Shelter Coalition is holding an exciting Benefit Sale this month of September. There will be wonderful deals on collectibles, sports memorabilia, antique and vintage items and so much more! All proceeds will benefit FESCO. Questions? Please contact Janet Alfaro at 510-861-8220.

Saturday, September 18th: 9:00am—5:00pm

Sunday, September 19th: 9:00am—5:00pm

2918 Hidden Lane in Hayward

MILITIA IMMACULATA

Maximilian Kolbe Quote of the Week

"Those who give themselves up to the Immaculata in the spirit of the MI vividly perceive that they are dependent on her in all things: they sense that they no longer belong to themselves but are truly a property of her, of the Immaculata, of the Mother of God, true and loving Queen of Heaven and earth."

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 AUGUST:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 42,037.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 39,183.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 2,854.00
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 27,722.00

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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| Pam Ahland | Grace Letteer |
| Glen Alcorn | Arcadio Morfin |
| Peggy Burton | Diana Riley |
| Cristina Castellanos | Angela Schaaphok |
| Joyce & James Czeck | Howard Songey |
| Nancy French | Concepcion Velasco |
| Barbara Hammer | Mary Lou Vincent |
| Mark Jerome | Arthur Williams |
| Sandra Ketchel | Peggy Winkenbach |

MILITIA OF THE IMMACULATA MARIAN CONFERENCE

Join us on Saturday, **October 16th** as we gather to honor the 80th Anniversary of St. Maximilian Kolbe Martyrdom in the Church. We will begin with Mass at 8:15am, followed by Adoration and Confession. Our speakers will begin at 10:00am. Cost is \$25 per person and includes lunch. Please register by contacting Susana at susana.d@olgcv.org or calling the Parish Office at 510-537-0806. Last day to register is **October 10th**.

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

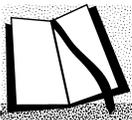
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PRE-BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS & GODPARENTS

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 October 6th.** Call Jay at 510-537-0806 for more information.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

We are grateful to those who have signed up for this ministry but are still in need of more volunteers to assist at the 9:00am Masses. Children's Liturgy of the Word is a unique opportunity to present the Sunday Gospel in a dynamic way that connects with our young children. If you can commit to one Sunday a month, either as a catechist or as an assistant, please email Jackie at jcruz@olgcv.org. Training and materials will be provided.

MEN’S FAITH SHARE

The OLG Men's Faith Share Group meets on **Tuesdays at 7:00pm** in Stack Center, Room 7. All men in the Parish are invited to come. This group meets each week to read and discuss the upcoming Sunday's readings for the Mass. If you are looking for a small group setting to pray with and explore the Word each week, plan on joining us!

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SPACE IS LIMITED - SIGN UP TODAY!!!

THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 19th:

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses
 7:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am--Church

Whole Family Class
 10:15am—Stack Center

Spanish Mass
 1:00pm--Church

Monday, September 20th:

Mass
 8:15am—Church

Tuesday, September 21st:

Mass
 8:15am—Church
 Men’s Faith Share
 7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

Wednesday, September 22nd:

Communion Service (No Mass)
 8:15am—Church

Thursday, September 23rd:

Mass
 8:15am—Church
 Adoration & Confession
 8:15am—Church

Friday, September 24th:

Mass
 8:15am—Church

Saturday, September 25th:

Mass
 8:15am—Church
 Adoration & Confession
 8:45-10:00am—Church
 Vigil Mass
 5:00pm—Church
 Drive-In Movie Night
 6:15pm—Rear Parking Lot

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“For Christians, non-violence is not merely tactical behavior but a person’s way of being, the attitude of one who is so convinced of God’s love and power that he is not afraid to tackle evil with the weapons of love and truth alone.”

-Pope Benedict XVI, February 2007

Mass  for the Intentions  for the Week

SUNDAY, September 19th
 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Victims of Covid-19
 9:00am OLG Community
 11:00am Arcadio Morfin – L
 1:00pm Jose Duarte – D

MONDAY, September 20th
 Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gōn, Priest & Paul Chōng Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs

8:15am Louis Rodrigues – D

TUESDAY, September 21st
 St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
 8:15am Reydante D. Padua – D

WEDNESDAY, September 22nd
 8:15am Theresa Erwin – L

THURSDAY, September 23rd
 St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
 8:15am Adriana Perino – L

FRIDAY, September 24th
 8:15am Robert Perino – D

SATURDAY, September 25th
 8:15am Linda Morgan – D
 5:00pm Franciscan Friars

SUNDAY, September 26th
 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Victims of Covid-19
 9:00am Antonio Oliveira Chocha – D
 11:00am OLG Community
 1:00pm Elias Gallegos Duarte – D



THIS WEEK--Continued

Sunday, September 26th:

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses
 7:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am--Church

1st Communion Class
 10:15am—Stack Center

Confirmation Class
 12:15am—Stack Center

Spanish Mass
 1:00pm--Church

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

September 20th through September 26th

Monday: Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18
 Tuesday: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13
 Wednesday: Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6
 Thursday: Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9
 Friday: Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22
 Saturday: Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45
 Sunday: Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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