



No Fear, Only Faith

We live in turbulent times where hunger, violence, illness, political instability, and natural disasters threaten, causing many to be afraid or despair. Jesus wants us to gather and pray. “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” In the presence of Jesus there is peace, hope, comfort, and mercy. May we make a commitment to pray in faith. May we gather as a community in faith of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Place yourself under the mantle of Our Lady. In 1945 when the nuclear bomb was dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, there were 2 groups that survived and were not affected by the radiation: the Conventual Franciscans in Mary’s Garden in Nagasaki and the Jesuits in Hiroshima.

The Two Churches That Survived The Atomic Bombs In Hiroshima & Nagasaki

“We survived because we were living the message of Fatima.”

August 6th was the liturgical Feast of the Transfiguration of Christ. On that date in 1945, the transfigured face of God, reflected in His children, was disfigured with the devastating explosion of the atomic bomb over Hiroshima, in Japan, which exterminated nearly 140,000 men, women, and children.

Jesuits in Hiroshima

Nonetheless, there were miracles among the destruction. At a distance of only eight blocks from ground zero of the explosion, a church where eight Jesuit missionary priests lived remained standing and practically intact, unlike buildings three times farther away that were completely destroyed. These Jesuits went down in history as the Hiroshima Eight. They didn’t just survive the explosion that had instantly killed 86% of the people in that eight block radius; they lived into old age, unaffected by the radiation which, throughout the following months and years, killed many other survivors of the explosion. The more than 200 tests they underwent over the years all showed negative results for radiation poisoning. One of the eight, Fr. Hubert Schiffer, was 30 years old on that August 6, 1945. He had celebrated the Holy Mass of the Feast of the Transfiguration, and had just sat down to eat breakfast when, in his own oft-quoted words, “Suddenly, a terrific explosion filled the air with one bursting thunderstroke. An invisible force lifted me from the chair, hurled me through the air, shook me, battered me, whirled me ’round and ’round like a leaf in a gust of autumn wind.” When he was asked why he and his companions survived, Fr. Schiffer said, “We believe that we survived because we were living the message of Fatima. We lived and prayed the Rosary daily in that home.”

The Franciscan Convent of Nagasaki—The Japanese Capital of Catholicism

On August 9, 1945, another atomic bomb was dropped—this time on Nagasaki, the city known as the Japanese capital of Catholicism since nearly two-thirds of Japan’s Catholics lived there. Nagasaki was devastated. The Franciscan Convent built by St. Maximilian Kolbe, however, remained standing. The Polish saint, martyred in the concentration camp at Auschwitz during that same war, had decided to build the convent in a location that many thought was poorly chosen because it was not near the center of the city. Despite this criticism, Maximilian insisted on a plot of land located behind a mountain. It was that mountain, in fact, that protected the convent when the atomic bomb destroyed the city, killing nearly 70,000 people. In the midst of such horrible death and destruction, God—apparently at least in part due to Mary’s intercession—protected those missionaries, but surely not only for their own sake. They lived so they could minister to the injured, sick, and dying from the attack. They lived so they could be witnesses to the world of the horrors of war and specifically of nuclear weapons, witnesses to God’s power and mercy, and witnesses to the importance and power of prayer.

Seventy-four years later, have we learned the lesson?

Sunday, August 29th—Parish Picnic!

Join us at 12:30am in the School Courtyard as we safely gather as a church community. **RSVP by Thursday, August 26th** by calling the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

Peace & Love

Fr. Tom

Gospel for The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 5th)

Mark 7:31-37

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man’s ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, “*Ephphatha!*”—that is, “Be opened!”—And immediately the man’s ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, “He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

JESUS IS LORD

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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)

1ST FRIDAY-TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

Join us in the Church on **Friday, September 3rd at 7:00pm** for 1st Friday Mass in Latin.

**MASSES AT THE HOLY FAMILY FRIARY
HAVE RETURNED**

Join us **Mondays to Fridays at 7:00am** at the Holy Family Friary for morning Masses located at 19697 Redwood Road in Castro Valley. Masks are required, we thank you for your understanding.

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

Last weekend, we welcomed

Jack Ryan Daugherty

Sebastian Thomas Penland

into Our Lady of Grace Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. God Bless you!



**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION
2021-2022**

Last day to register is Monday, August 30th! Registration for Grades

1st to 12th is available for Fall 2021 (1st Communion, Confirmation and Whole Family Catechesis) **Classes begin in September/October.** The registration form is available in the Parish Office. You may also register online by visiting our website: <http://www.olgev.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.

All Children Are Welcome!

**LITURGY VOLUNTEER TRAINING SESSION
Tuesday, August 31st at 7:00pm**

Are you looking for opportunities to serve OLG during our Masses? We are in need of volunteers to assist as ushers, lectors and communion ministers to facilitate safe, dignified, and reverent celebration of our liturgies. Answer God's call to serve! To attend our training session in the Church, please RSVP by phoning the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open Mondays-Fridays from 8:30am-4:30pm and closed for lunch from 1:00-1:30pm.

**PARISH PICNIC
August 29th at 12:30pm
In The School Courtyard**



Join us on **Sunday, August 29th** as we gather as a community of faith! Fr. Tom will supply the hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and soda. *We ask that if you bring side dishes, to please share only with members of your household.* **RSVP by calling the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.** See you there!



**OCTOBER CALENDAR RAFFLE
IS COMING!**

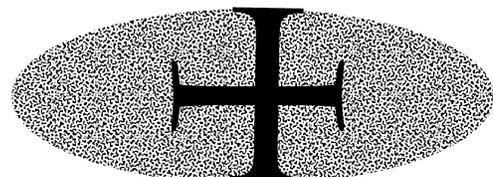
Since we are not able to have our annual Fall Festival, we are looking for donations of gift cards to fill our October Calendar with 29 days of fun Raffle Prizes as we did last year! If you are able to make a donation of a gift card for a local business or restaurant, or a gift card for Target, Amazon or a gas station we would be most grateful. If you have sporting event tickets or movie passes to donate that would be most welcome as well. Please drop off your gift card donation to the Parish Office in an envelope marked "Calendar Raffle" or drop it in the collection basket at one of the weekend liturgies also marked "Calendar Raffle". Gift Card donations need to be in by **Monday, September 13th.** The Calendar Raffle will be mailed at the end of September for our first drawing on **October 3rd.** Any questions? Please contact Colleen Lindberg at the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

**ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE FRIARY
Militia Immaculata Purgatory Society**

Dr. Olivia Cordero De la Cruz

Georgia Kilkenny-Talmadge

Vince Sierra



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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.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Classes will begin on **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!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus is looking for Catholic Men who are interested in putting their Catholic Faith in Action! You can join online at <https://www.kofc.org/apps/joinus/en/registration/index.html>.

You can also join by contacting Grand Knight, Terence Dugan at tdugan@rocketmail.com. Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic Men's Fraternal Organization focused on protecting Catholic families.

Our next meeting will be held on **September 23rd at 7:00pm** in Stack Center, OLG Room

**ADORATION & CONFESSION
In The Church**

Join us on Thursdays at 6:00-7:00pm and Saturdays at 8:45-10:00am



**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 September 1st.** 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 JULY:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 35,612.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 33,000.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 2,612.00
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 24,868.00

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 | Dave Morris |
| Glen Alcorn | Ruth Picha |
| Peggy Burton | Diana Riley |
| Cristina Castellanos | Howard Songey |
| Romana Cristobal | Concepcion Velasco |
| Nancy French | Mary Lou Vincent |
| Mark Jerome | Rex Warren |
| Sandra Ketchel | Arthur Williams |
| Grace Letteer | Peggy Winkenbach |
| Arcadio Morfin | |

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

In Memoriam

- VICTIMS OF COVID-19**
- VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE**
- VICTIMS OF WILDFIRES**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

We are excited to bring back our Sunday's Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:00am Mass but we need volunteers to help lead the sessions. 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 jacruz@olgcv.org. *Training and materials will be provided.*



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SCRIP IS AVAILABLE AGAIN

Do you get coffee at Starbucks? Buy groceries at Safeway? Use SCRIP at local stores where you already shop. SCRIP cards (at face value) help Our Lady of Grace’s Evangelization Program earn 2%-17% per certificate. Orders placed on the 1st & 3rd week of the month will be ready for pick-up on the 2nd & 4th week of the month. Payment is due at the time of your order. Download a copy of the order form by visiting our website: www.olgcv.org and click on “SCRIP” at the top of the homepage. Forms are also available at the Parish Office.

MEN’S FAITH SHARE

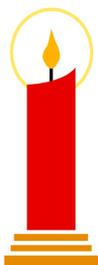
The OLG Men's Faith Share Group meets on **Tuesdays at 7:00pm** in Stack Center, Room 7. All men in the Parish are invited to come. This group meets each week to read and discuss the upcoming Sunday's readings for the Mass. If you are looking for a small group setting to pray with and explore the Word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

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DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

Candles for our candle stand are available for purchase in the Parish Office or next to the candle stand. The candles will burn for 5 days. The cost per candle is \$4.00. The glass globes in the candle stand must be left in the church.



THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 29th:

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Masses
7:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am--Church
- Parish Picnic
12:30pm—School Courtyard
- Spanish Mass
1:00pm--Church

Monday, August 30th:

- Mass
8:15am—Church

Tuesday, August 31st:

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

Wednesday, September 1st:

- Mass
8:15am—Church
- Pre-Baptism Class
7:00pm—Zoom

Thursday, September 2nd:

- Mass
8:15am—Church
- Adoration & Confession
6:00-7:00pm—Church

Friday, September 3rd:

- Mass
8:15am—Church
- 1st Friday Latin Mass
7:00pm—Church

Saturday, September 4th:

- Mass
8:15am—Church
- Adoration & Confession
8:45-10:00am—Church
- Vigil Mass
5:00pm—Church

Sunday, September 5th:

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Masses
7:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am--Church
- Spanish Mass
1:00pm--Church

Mass  *for the Intentions* *for the Week*

SUNDAY, August 29th
 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am OLG Community
 9:00am David Ruiz – D
 11:00am Victims of Covid-19
 1:00pm Demecio Mendoza – D

MONDAY, August 30th
 8:15am Julie Villarreal Dillon – D

TUESDAY, August 31st
 8:15am Marvin Picha – D

WEDNESDAY, September 1st
 8:15am Dorothy & Manuel Callier – D

THURSDAY, September 2nd
 8:15am Frank Groves – D

FRIDAY, September 3rd
 St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church
 8:15am Mary Gladden – L

SATURDAY, September 4th
 St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 8:15am Joni, Ted & Katie Linney – D
 5:00pm Franciscan Friars

SUNDAY, September 5th
 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 7:30am Victims of Covid-19
 9:00am Clara Fisch – D
 Anthony Anastasi – D
 11:00am OLG Community
 1:00pm Santiago Nunez – D

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:
August 30th through September 5th
 Monday: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18;
 Luke 4:16-30
 Tuesday: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11;
 Luke 4:31-37
 Wednesday: Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44
 Thursday: Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11
 Friday: Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 5:33-39
 Saturday: Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5
 Sunday: Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-5;
 Mark 7:31-37

SECRETARY POSITION
St. Raymond Parish, Dublin

St. Raymond Parish is seeking a full-time Office Secretary II responsible for providing a full range of clerical and administrative functions. Must be bilingual in Spanish. Responsible for greeting and referring visitors and scheduling parish facilities. Will oversee the timely opening and closing of the parish office, is responsible for maintaining a parish sacramental record keeping system. This is a full time, non-exempt position which includes full health benefits. Salary is based upon the Diocesan Scale and depends on qualifications and experience. Interested candidates should send their resume and cover letter with three references to the attention of Augustine Gill (email: agill@srcdublin.org) no later than **Friday, August 27th**.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.”

-Jane Goodall

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

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