



### Operating Income & Expenses For 2021

We are pleased to be able to report on the parish Operating Income and Expenses for fiscal year 2021. The chart (page 2 of this Bulletin) reflects the income and expenses against the budget for 2021. We had a healthy 8.5% increase in Unrestricted Plate compared to 2021. We benefited from a \$10,000 bequest late in the year as well as directed/restricted donations of \$12,500 to the church refurbishment done in early 2021. These two extraordinary funds accounted for the \$22,000 over budget on the income line. As to the operating expenses we continue to cut costs where ever possible. We had extraordinary property expense over budget due to two downed trees during the wind and rain events as well as increased annual tree maintenance.

Looking ahead to 2022, we have submitted our Finance Council approved budget to the diocese with a modest 2% increase in Operating Income. In the coming year as we deal with inflation, we ask that you remember OLG with your time, talent and treasure. We are experiencing an increase in expenses due to inflation and ask your help to cover that increase. We have proposed that we will need at least a 2% increase in giving to cover our expenses and ask you to prayerfully consider your gift this coming year. We encourage all to participate in our online giving or our envelope programs. We ask that all of you consider ordering "Scrip Gift Cards" from OLG to make your purchases of gas and groceries which does not increase your expense but benefits our income. We thank you for your continued support.

### Lent Begins This Wednesday!

I ask that all of us truly enter into Lent this year. We need Christ and we of faith need sacrificial prayer to give us hope and seek that the love of Christ may bring peace to our troubled world. Europe is in turmoil. Canada has imposed a state of emergency and suspended due process and human rights. Drug cartels are trafficking people on the southern boarder and abusing and extorting.

Join us on **March 2nd**, Ash Wednesday, to begin our Lenten Journey. There will be a Mass with Ashes at 7:00am at the Holy Family Friary Chapel on Redwood Road. In our Church, there will be Masses with Ashes at 8:15am, 9:30am with the School and at 7:00pm (Bilingual).

We have books to help us meditate during Lent. On the First Sunday of Lent, we will have meditation books available for you to take home: *The Tears of Christ*, written by St. John Newman who was canonized in 2018. We also have a Lenten reflection on the daily Scriptures from *The Word Among Us*.

Join us for our Latin Mass on Friday, **March 4th and April 1st**.

On Fridays, we will have Stations of the Cross in English with Fr. Tom at 6:00pm, beginning on **March 11th** and at 7:00pm in Spanish.

Come to our Listening Sessions for the Synod after Mass on **February 26th-27th** and on **March 5th-6th**.

Join 40 Days For Life and take time to pray and witness to the people at Planned Parenthood in Hayward. If we as Christians cannot witness the sanctity of human life, then who will? For more information and to sign up for vigil hours, please visit: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/local-campaigns/hayward/>. Also, our state seeks to be an abortion sanctuary state and broaden euthanasia protections for those who coerce the elderly. Will you witness to life?

Peace & Love,  
Fr. Tom

### First Sunday of Lent (March 6th)

**Luke 4:1-13**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, *One does not live on bread alone.*" Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, "I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written *You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.*" Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: *He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, and: With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.*" Jesus said to him in reply, "It also says, *You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.*" When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

SEEK first the KINGDOM of GOD

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**2021 OPERATING INCOME AND EXPENSES**

We begin with gratitude to God for the generosity of our community which has sustained us. We are pleased to report on the parish Operating Income and Expenses for fiscal year 2021.

Income	2021 Actual	2021 Budget	Difference
Plate Collection/Unrestricted	551,526	546,500	5,026
Plate Collection/Restricted	2,956	4,900	-1,944
Donations Unrestricted	13,238	12,250	988
Donations Restricted	47,527	25,000	22,527
Fundraising Restricted	11,375	15,000	-3,625
Edu. Programs/Ministries	10,244	14,188	-3,944
Interest Income	10,813	10,293	520
Other Operating Income	30,224	27,550	2,674
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$677,903</b>	<b>\$655,681</b>	<b>\$22,222</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Salary Expense/Benefits	275,095	258,995	16,100
Administration	135,767	137,780	-2,031
Parish Property	64,792	54,200	10,592
Priest/Rectory Living	127,314	140,396	-13,082
Liturgy/Music	10,789	10,000	789
Faith Formation	4,407	8,562	-4,155
Adult Ed/Evangelization	121	325	-204
Fellowship/Other Ministries	5,729	4,675	1,054
Festival/Fundraisers	772	500	272
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$624,786</b>	<b>\$615,433</b>	<b>\$9,353</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$53,177</b>	<b>\$40,248</b>	<b>\$12,869</b>

**HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SYNOD**

All Catholics are being asked to participate in the Synod called by Pope Francis to help discern the Holy Spirit’s call to the Church by listening and hearing one another on all facets of Church life. Our Lady of Grace will hold “listening sessions” after the Masses on the weekend of **February 26th – 27th and March 5th – 6th**. Various groups in the parish and the school community will also host both in-person and Zoom sessions. Please plan to be part of this exciting opportunity to get your voices heard. Each session takes about an hour. You can find more information on the Synod at <https://oakdiocese.org/synod-resources>. If you have questions about this process or are interested in becoming a group facilitator or coordinator, contact Dennise Burgess at [denniseburgess@gmail.com](mailto:denniseburgess@gmail.com) or Kim Vanderheiden at [kidae.family@gmail.com](mailto:kidae.family@gmail.com).



**ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 2nd**

Join us for Mass with Distribution of Ashes in the Church: 8:15am, 9:30am (School Liturgy) and 7:00pm (Bilingual).



**BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL**

**2022 KICKOFF WEEKEND BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL**

It is time for the Bishop’s Ministries Appeal here at OLG and throughout the Diocese of Oakland. This yearly appeal assists our diocese in funding a variety of ministries, services, and programs that benefit many throughout the East Bay. There are 5 specific areas’ that receive funds from the appeal.

- \* Religious Education & Formation
- \* Clergy Formation & Support
- \* Pastoral Ministries & Services
- \* Priest Retirement & Care
- \* Support for Catholic Schools & Parishes in need

*Be assured that none of the funds are ever redirected to any other causes.*

This year, the Bishop has selected the theme *Feed My Lambs, Feed My Sheep*. There are many exciting and positive things happening around the diocese and the services it provides. There are active ministries and programs that serve all the faithful within all parishes in one way or another. Our parish achieved 137% of our goal last year with a small member participation imagine what we can do with greater participation. While OLG is your spiritual home, we are also part of a much larger, universal family and we have responsibilities to them as well. Let us act together to accomplish great things.



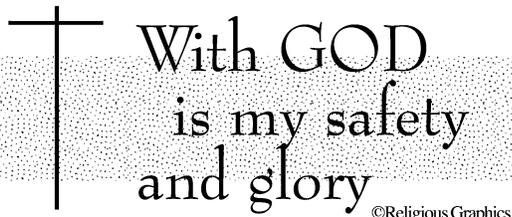
**1ST FRIDAY-TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS**  
**March 4th at 7:00pm**

Join us for Mass in Latin held at 7:00pm in the Church.



**STAY IN TOUCH!**

Don’t miss out. Flocknote is the most important way for OLG to inform you of our latest announcements. It’s easy and free! Text keyword **OLGCV** to 84576 or visit: <https://OLGCV.flocknote.com>.



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**COVID PROTOCOL UPDATE FROM THE DIOCESE OF OAKLAND**

Mass/Worship Services: Only those who are unvaccinated must continue to wear a mask. *No one will be forced or requested to 'prove' their vaccination status to participate in worship.*

Sign of Peace: The Sign of Peace will continue to be exchanged without physical contact, except for family members.

The Eucharist: It is still encouraged that the faithful receive Communion in the hand. The Precious Blood will continue to not be distributed.

Parish Office: When visiting the Parish Office, only those who are unvaccinated must continue to wear a mask.

We thank you for your continuing 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 JANUARY:**

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 44,642.00
<b>Month Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 47,691.00</b>
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [3,049.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [3,049.00]

*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:

- Larry Bronzini
- Peggy Burton
- James Czeck
- Trish Ferrari
- Nancy French
- Elena Harder
- Billy Lawrence
- Grace Letteer
- Brian Linney
- Arcadio Morfin

- Diana Riley
- Ricardo Sanchez
- Angela Schaaphok
- Howard Songey
- Ronald Staszko
- Jim Taylor
- Concepcion Velasco
- Mary Lou Vincent
- Arthur Williams
- Peggy Winkenbach

**COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE**



It's not too late to give. You may make your check out to "Church in Central & Eastern Europe" Envelopes are in the pews for your use. For more information, please visit: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/church-central-eastern-europe>. God Bless and thank you for your generosity.

**ICF POLENTA DINNER March 12th**



The East Bay District of the ICF will be hosting a Polenta and Chicken Dinner on **Saturday, March 12th** in Stack Center. Doors open at 6:00pm and dinner is served at 7:00pm. Cost is \$45 per person, \$20 for 12 years old and under. Table of 8 is \$320. Come and enjoy! We will also have entertainment and a raffle! **Reservations are required by February 28th.** Please send payment to Pat Grasso at 16987 Hinton Court, Castro Valley, 94546. Checks may be made out to *ICF Branch #343*. If you are reserving a table, please send one check with names of the guests. Questions? Please call Pat at 510-538-2844. Grazie!



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

**In Memoriam**

**LARRY BRONZINI**

**ARTHUR SANTIAGO**

**VICTIMS OF COVID-19**

**REGULATIONS FOR LENT**

**Abstinence and Fasting:**

Abstinence from eating meat is to be observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays during Lent. This applies to all persons 14 and older. The law of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday applies to all persons 18 or older and younger than 59.

Fasting means that one full meatless meal per day may be eaten. Two other meatless meals may be taken sufficient to maintain strength, but together they should not equal a full meal. Liquids, including milk and fruit juice, may be taken between meals. If health or ability to work is affected, fasting does not oblige. Private, self-imposed observance of fasting on Lenten weekdays is strongly recommended. Parents should ensure that children who are not bound by the laws of fast and abstinence are taught an authentic sense of penance, conversion and reconciliation.

**Lenten Observance:**

Catholics are encouraged to participate in Holy Mass and in the Sacrament of Penance during Lent, and parishes are encouraged to provide regular and frequent opportunities for such participation. Likewise encouraged are devotions such as Stations of the Cross, vigils and prayer services (with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, if opportune). Traditional practices - including increased prayer, Scripture and spiritual reading, alms, personal self-denial in food and drink, increased care and service to the sick and needy - are also suggested.

**Easter Duty:**

All initiated Catholics are bound by the obligations of receiving Communion at least once a year and to confess sacramentally all serious sins not previously acknowledged in individual Confession. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter duty season, which is from the first Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday.

**MAXIMILIAN KOLBE  
QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*“[The Immaculata] is the Queen of the Universe, Queen of Heaven and earth. In heaven they will all recognize her as their Queen. Hell detests her and tremble before her, while here on earth, how many souls do not yet know her, or know her too little, or even, making common cause with demons do not venerate her but hate her.”*



**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, February 27th:**

**The Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

Masses  
7:30am, 9:00am (Livestream), 11:00am--Church

1st Communion Class  
10:15pm—Stack Center

Spanish Mass  
1:00pm--Church

**Monday, February 28th:**

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

**Tuesday, March 1st:**

Men’s Faith Share  
7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

**Wednesday, March 2nd:**

Ash Wednesday Masses  
8:15am, 9:30am (School Liturgy)  
& 7:00pm (Bilingual)—Church

RCIA  
7:00pm—Stack Center

**Thursday, March 3rd:**

AA Serenity Group  
7:30pm—Augustine Center

Adoration & Confession  
6:00-7:00pm—Church

**Friday, March 4th:**

1st Friday Latin Mass  
7:00pm—Church

**Saturday, March 5th:**

Adoration & Confession  
8:45-10:00pm—Church

Vigil Mass  
5:00pm--Church

**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 March 2nd.** Call Jay at 510-537-0806 for more information.



*Mass for the Intentions*  *for the Week*

**SUNDAY, February 27th**  
THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Ramona Cristobal – D  
9:00am Kathleen Cande – L  
11:00am OLG Community  
1:00pm Franciscan Friars

**MONDAY, February 28th**

8:15am Reginald & Ronnie Kitrelle – L

**TUESDAY, March 1st**

8:15am All Souls In Purgatory

**WEDNESDAY, March 2nd**

ASH WEDNESDAY

8:15am Mass with Ashes  
9:30am Mass with Ashes (School Liturgy)  
7:00pm Bilingual Mass with Ashes

**THURSDAY, March 3rd**

St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

8:15am Maryann & Howard Harrington – L

**FRIDAY, March 4th**

St. Casimir

8:15am Louis Rodrigues – D

**SATURDAY, March 5th**

8:15am Rafael & Jennifer Lee – L  
5:00pm Ann Everly – D

**SUNDAY, March 6th**

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30am Letty Guinto – D  
9:00am Claudia Dobbs – L  
Bill Latone – D  
11:00am Franciscan Friars  
1:00pm OLG Community



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

February 28th through March 6th

Monday: 1 Peter 1:3-9; Mark 10:17-27  
Tuesday: 1 Peter 1:10-16; Mark 10:28-31  
Wednesday: Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25  
Friday: Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15  
Saturday: Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32  
Sunday: Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

**THIS WEEK—Continued**

*Sunday, March 6th:*

**First Sunday of Lent**

Masses

7:30am, 9:00am (Livestream), 11:00am--Church

Children's Liturgy of the Word

9:00am—Church/Augustine Center

1st Communion Class

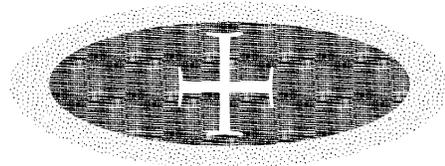
10:15pm—Stack Center

Confirmation Class

12:15pm—Stack Center

Spanish Mass

1:00pm--Church



**PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*“Everything a baptized person does every day should be directly or indirectly related to the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.”*

-Dorothy Day

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

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This week we extend our gratitude to:

**COMMUNICATION LINKS**

**BEWARE OF EMAIL SCAMS!**

There have been fraudulent emails circulating through our parish, using Fr. Tom's name and a fake email address. For your safety, please do not open these emails and report these to Jay in the Parish Office at 537-0806. God Bless and be safe.