



Scrutinies

This weekend we begin the Scrutinies for the Elect. In the renewal of the initiation rites, the scrutiny is meant not to simply critique and assess one's readiness—remember that readiness was established at the Rite of Election with the godparents' testimonies and the bishop's acceptance of the catechumens' names. The purpose of each of the scrutinies is "to uncover, then heal all that is weak, imperfect, or sinful in the hearts of the elect" and "to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, and good" (RCIA, 141). The true pastoral sense of this two-fold act of uncovering and strengthening is emphasized in the next sentence of 141: "For the scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ." At its core, the scrutinies are not about the sinfulness of the elect but about the overwhelming grace of God in Christ. The exorcisms are not fear-laden bouts with Satan but are grace-filled encounters with the healing power of the Spirit.

The 10 Commandments

I want to thank Lino Poblete who donated the 10 Commandments display and Dwight Speir for coordinating the installation. How do we know if we are living the command of love in our hearts? Are we living the 10 Commandments? The 10 Commandments teach us to live in right relationship with God and with each other. The scripture tells us to instill them into our children. The Commandments are wisdom to build a life and a civilization. Without the Commandments there is chaos and tyranny rules.

Come to Reconciliation and make your life right with God and your brothers and sisters. Reconciliation (Confession) is available on Saturday mornings at 9:00am and Thursday evenings at 6:00pm. Our Communal Penance Service will be on April 5th at 7:00pm.

Lenten Prayer and Community

Join us on Wednesdays at 6:00pm during Lent for Mass, followed by a soup dinner. Join us for Stations of the Cross during Lent at 6:00pm on Fridays or 7:00pm in Spanish.

Consecration to the Immaculata (Immaculate Virgin Mary)

The Bishops of the Ukraine have asked for the Pope to consecrate the Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. May we consecrate ourselves to the Immaculate Mary on the Feast of the Annunciation on March 25th at 8:00pm with a Mass followed by enrollment into a personal Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary. To prepare yourselves for Consecration, pray the Rosary, attend Mass and ask Fr. Tom for a consecration book.

40 Days For Life

We will have the movie *Roe vs. Wade* in Stack Center on March 25th at 7:00pm. This movie shares the perspective of Bernard Nathanson who was a doctor, working for the legalization of abortion and aborted his own child before his conversion, later rejecting abortion and spent the rest of his life as a Pro-life advocate.

Peace & Love,

Fr. Tom

Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Lent (March 27th)

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them Jesus addressed this parable: "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."' So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'"



2022 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL

What if my parish goes over goal? Where does the excess go? 100% of all funds collected over a parish's goal will be returned directly to parishes for their own special needs in the form of rebate checks paid at the conclusion of the Appeal (i.e. Feb. 2022). The only exception to this rebate process will be for parishes with delinquent diocesan obligations (i.e. parish assessment, package insurance, workers' compensation, and health benefits.) These parishes will have funds collected over goal credited to these obligations.

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

To make your donation, please use the envelopes provided in the pews or make your donation online by visiting: <https://oakdiocese.org/bishops-appeal-donation-page>

UPCOMING MOVIE NIGHTS

**40 Days For Life Movie Night
March 25th**

Join us on Friday, **March 25th** at 7:00pm in Stack Center for the docudrama "Roe vs. Wade". Admission is free. This movie is rated PG-13 and re-examines the culture-changing 1973 Supreme Court case with a different and interesting perspective of Dr. Bernard Nathanson.



Family Movie Night—March 26th

Come together as a family during Lent and join us at our next Family Movie Night on Saturday, **March 26th** in Stack Center. Doors open at 6:00pm. Admission is free! We will be featuring "The Day the Sun Danced: The True Story of Fatima" and "The Prince of Egypt". Hamburgers, hotdogs, drinks, chips and dessert are available for purchase. Kids-bring your sleeping bags and pillows! See you there!

"LITURGY BECKONS THE CHILDREN"

Fr. Tom shares an article which reflects on the importance of bringing our children to Mass. To read the article, please visit: <http://olgcv.org/liturgy-beckons-the-children/>



LENTEN WEDNESDAY MASSES & SOUP MEAL

Join us for our Lenten Masses held on Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm, followed by a simple Soup Meal in Stack Center.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Stand and peacefully pray during this 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way, outside Planned Parenthood in Hayward. This campaign runs until **April 10th**. If you have any questions, please contact Dwight Speir at [dwightmv700@aol.com](mailto:dwrightmv700@aol.com). To sign up, visit: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/hayward>.



ADORATION & CONFESSION

Come on Thursdays from 6:00-7:00pm for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession and on Saturdays immediately following the 8:15am Mass, concluding at 10:00am.

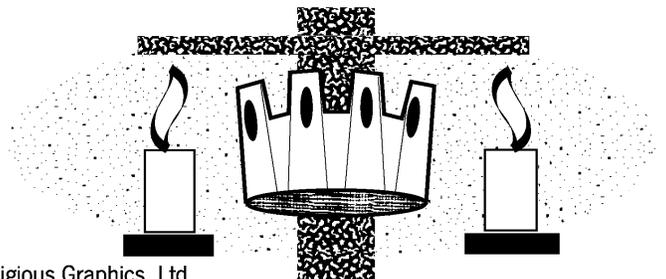
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us for Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm in English and at 7:00pm in Spanish on Fridays in the Church.

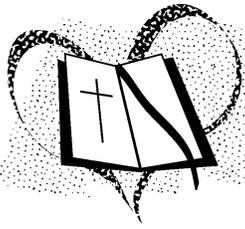


CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPEAN CHURCH COLLECTION

Thank you to all who contributed towards this important cause. Over \$4000 was collected and will benefit these countries rebuilding of their political structures, social welfare, economies and religious life. Also, our Ash Wednesday offerings have been given towards this special collection.



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harden not your hearts

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

All children are invited to Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) on **February 20th**,

during the 9:00am Mass. Before the Readings, the priest will invite the children up to the altar for a blessing. Children will then be escorted by catechists to Augustine Center. They will be escorted back to the Church before the Liturgy of the Eucharist. All children are welcome!



PRE-BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS & GODPARENTS

If you are wishing to have your child, ages infant to six years baptized, 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. Call Jay at 510-537-0806 for more information. The next Pre-Baptism Class will be held on **April 1st** at 7:00pm in the OLG Room in Stack Center.

FAITH FORMATION 2021-2022

Please pray for the young members of our Church.

First Communion

Next Class: March 20th
10:15am—Stack Center

Whole Family

Next Class: April 10th
10:15am—Stack Center

Confirmation

Next Class: March 20th
12:15pm—Stack Center



YEARLY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

For your convenience in preparing your tax return, a contribution statement for 2021 will be prepared at your request. Please phone the Parish Office at 537-0806, with your name and envelope number. Your statement will be available for you to pick up once it has been signed.

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 of for the Month of FEBRUARY:

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| Sunday Plate for the month: | \$ 37,036.00 |
| Month Budgeted Goal: | \$ 45,482.00 |
| Over/[Shortfall] | \$ [8,446.00] |
| Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall] | \$ [11,495.00] |

May God bless your continuing generosity.

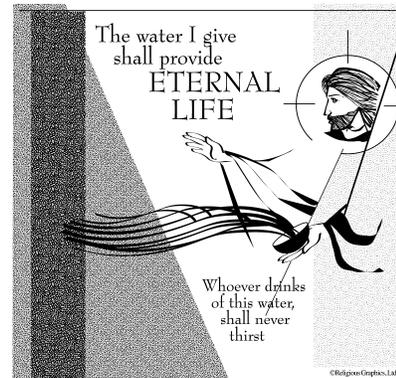


Your Prayers Are Requested

Please lift up in your prayer those many among us who are ill and those who have asked for our prayerful remembrance:

Peter Bodas
Peggy Burton
James Czeck
Trish Ferrari
Elena Harder
Billy Lawrence
Grace Letteer
Brian Linney
Geraldine D. Montoya
Arcadio Morfin
Nghia Nguyen
Diana Riley

Ricardo Sanchez
Angela Schaaphok
Peggy Silva
Howard Songey
Ronald Staszkw
Jim Taylor
Alyssia Tortora
Concepcion Velasco
Mary Lou Vincent
Arthur Williams
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

DOLORES FERNANDEZ

JOHN WOOL

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DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

Candles for our candle stand are available for purchase in the Parish Office or in the Sacristy after Mass on Sundays. 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.



ROSARY BEFORE MASS

Come join in prayer of the Rosary 30 minutes before each of the weekend liturgies. Pray for our Parish. All are welcome!



**MAXIMILIAN KOLBE
 QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

“Mortification is a power which together with prayer, obtains divine graces, purifies souls, inflames them with love for God and one's neighbor and lovingly submits them to God through the Immaculata.”

THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 20th:

Third 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
10:15am—Stack Center
- Confirmation Class
12:15pm—Stack Center
- Spanish Mass
1:00pm--Church

Monday, March 21st:

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

Tuesday, March 22nd:

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

Wednesday, March 23rd:

- Lenten Mass
6:00pm—Church
- RCIA
7:00pm—Stack Center

Thursday, March 24th:

- Adoration & Confession
6:00-7:00pm—Church
- AA Serenity Group
7:30pm—Augustine Center

Friday, March 25th:

- Stations of the Cross—Church
6:00pm—English
7:00pm—Spanish

Saturday, March 26th:

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

Sunday, March 27th:

Fourth Sunday of Lent

- Masses
7:30am, 9:00am (Livestream), 11:00am--Church
- Spanish Mass
1:00pm--Church

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, March 20th

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30am Debi Telles--D

9:00am Concepcion Alog – D

11:00am OLG Community

1:00pm Franciscan Friars

MONDAY, March 21st

8:15am Eluterio Gonzalez – D

TUESDAY, March 22nd

8:15am Kate & George Rider & Family

WEDNESDAY, March 23rd

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

8:15am Rita Filteau – D

THURSDAY, March 24th

8:15am Brenda Velez – L

FRIDAY, March 25th

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

8:15am Maria Ortega – D

SATURDAY, March 26th

8:15am Jordan Ismael – L

5:00pm Emilo Carabelli – D

SUNDAY, March 27th

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30am Franciscan Friars

9:00am OLG Community

11:00am Jose Ricardo Sanchez – D

1:00pm Kimberly Avila Navarro – L



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

March 21st through March 27th

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: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38
 Saturday: Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14
 Sunday: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

**BUSINESS MANAGER POSITION
 Conventual Franciscans In Castro Valley**

The Business Manager for the Province is a position that supports the Provincial Treasurer and the Friary Operations. The responsibilities include (but are not limited to), accounting, office management, the tracking and management of assets and insurance (both automotive and medical). The position offers some flexibility in customizing your work schedule and does allow for some work from home. The ideal Catholic candidate will be adept in QuickBooks, Excel, Word, Google Docs and Calendars. They will be able to work independently as well as in conjunction with the Treasurer and other offices. They must be able to prioritize work, problem solve and be able to manage multiple tasks. The candidate must have strong verbal and written communication skills and must be well organized. This is an hourly, exempt position, 30 hours per week. Please contact: Rev. John Heinz, O.F.M., Conv. at friarjohnhz@hotmail.com

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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