



### Consecration to Mary

All consecrations to Mary have this Spirit-oriented (meaning Christocentric and theocentric) meaning. Consecration to Mary is consecration to the "perfect means" (Montfort) which Jesus chose to unite himself with us and vice versa. Consecration to Mary heightens the depth and truth of our commitment to Christ. Consecration to Mary must explicitly state that our ultimate goal and end is God (Holy Spirit; Christ our Lord). Consecrations to Mary, where one pledges to perform all actions "through Mary, in Mary, and for Mary", are in fact a pledge to perform them more perfectly through Jesus Christ, with him, in, and for him. Dedication to the Heart of Mary must therefore maintain the vital unity between the Heart of Mary and the Heart of Jesus. We must confide ourselves to the Heart of Mary in view of our consecration to God. We offer ourselves to this divine consecration through Mary, for she points the way to the heart of Jesus.

### The Words of St. Maximilian (Magazine article: "The First Condition," May 1922)

The aim of the Militia of the Immaculata is so difficult to achieve. If we relied only on natural energy, activity, and effort, we could, with reason, doubt about the possibility of achieving it. Daily experience, in fact, teaches us that the Church's enemies have more abundant natural means, and often, as Christ has told us, they are wiser in their own ways than the children of light. Further, to obtain the conversion and sanctification of souls, grace is needed, whereas corrupt nature tends by its own inclination towards sin. Consequently, we can count solely on help from on high.

In this area the easiest and surest help is, by God's Will, the most holy Virgin Mary. To her the Church applies the words of the Holy Scripture: "She shall crush your head" (Gn 3:15), that is, of the infernal serpent. Of her the Church sings: "You have overcome all heresies in the whole world" (Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary).

Furthermore, history teaches that no conversion ever has taken place without a particularly evident presence of Mary's hand (all the saints have entertained a special devotion towards her), while Pope Leo XIII affirms in an encyclical on the Rosary: "It can be said that by a divine disposition nothing can be communicated to us from the infinite treasure of grace except through Mary. Thus, just as no one can draw near to the Father, save by means of the Son, so too ordinarily, no one can draw near to Christ except by means of his mother."

Can we, therefore, set about our task of fulfilling the purpose of the Militia of the Immaculata in any other way than by consecrating ourselves unreservedly, totally, and forever to the most Blessed Virgin Mary Immaculate, to be instruments in her hands so that she herself may act in us and through us? A consecration of this kind, therefore, constitutes the essence of the Militia of the Immaculata.

### Help Ukrainian Refugees

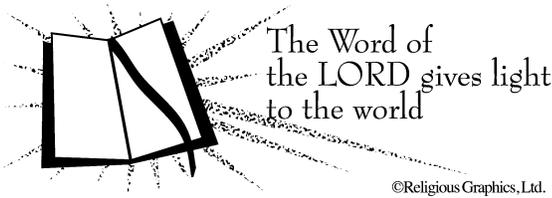
The Conventual Franciscans are helping refugees in Ukraine, Poland, and Romania. Our Friars will not evacuate from the Ukraine and are praying with the people while assisting those escaping the war. Our Friars in Poland and Romania are welcoming, feeding, and assisting refugees. We ask for your financial assistance to directly help our Friars in this unprecedented humanitarian crisis. Our Province has given a sacrificial gift of \$5000 but could OLG help us double this gift? If you can help, please make a gift to the "Conventual Franciscans" and write in the memo "Refugees". *We will directly transfer funds to the Friars working with refugees.* Fr. Tom will have a fund-raising Spaghetti Dinner for Ukrainian refugees on Friday, **April 1st** at 5:30pm in Stack Center. The cost will be \$10. Please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806 to make a reservation.

Peace & Love,  
Fr. Tom

### Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Lent (April 3rd)

**John 8:1-11**

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. They said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."



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**BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL**

**2022 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL**

How was the Bishop's Appeal goal of \$3 million determined? How are parish goals determined? There has been steady incremental growth in the success of the Bishop's Appeal over the last several years. Parish goals are determined by unrestricted parish revenue in a given year.

*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>

**THANK YOU FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Thank you all who attended our Fish Fry! It was indeed an success and a blessing to see all who enjoyed a Lenten meal together. We raised over \$1000 for the Ukranian Solidarity Fund which the Knights will match for a total of over \$2000. Thank you for your generous donations!



**COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE**

Join us on Tuesday, April 5th at 7:00pm for our Communal Penance Service.

**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.



**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>.



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These insights accompany the book of the same name that were available to take home the week of Ash Wednesday. <https://watch.formed.org/st-john-henry-newman-excerpts-from-the-tears-of-christ>

**For the Kids:**

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These engaging videos teach young ones the importance of Lent and what it is all about. <https://watch.formed.org/lent-with-brother-francis>

If you are not a member yet, sign up for free by visiting: [www.olgcv.formed.org](http://www.olgcv.formed.org). and type in "Our Lady of Grace, Castro Valley CA".

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES BISHOP'S OVERSEAS APPEAL This Weekend-March 26th & 27th**

Please give towards Catholic Relief Services. This appeal supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and advocacy on behalf of the powerless. *Please make your check out to "Catholic Charities"*. Envelopes are in the pews for your use. Thank you and God bless.



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# CHRIST our light

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## 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 6th** 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 Retreat

April 3rd  
10:00am—Stack Center

### Whole Family

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

### Confirmation

Next Class: April 3rd  
12:15pm—Stack Center



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## 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:

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

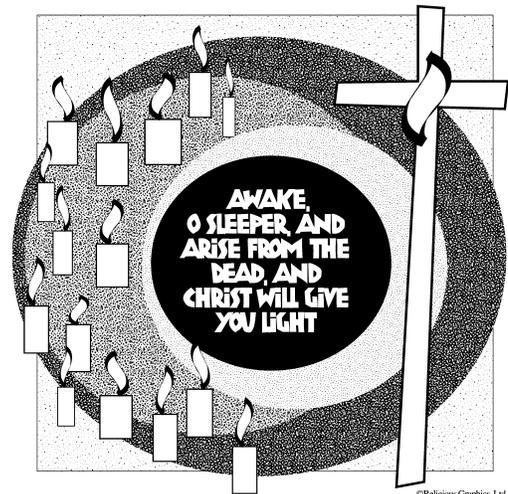
*May God bless your continuing generosity.*



## 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:

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| Peter Bodas          | Angela Schaaphok   |
| Peggy Burton         | Peggy Silva        |
| James Czeck          | Howard Songey      |
| Trish Ferrari        | Ronald Staszko     |
| Elena Harder         | Jim Taylor         |
| Billy Lawrence       | Alyssia Tortora    |
| Grace Letteer        | Concepcion Velasco |
| Brian Linney         | Mary Lou Vincent   |
| Geraldine D. Montoya | Arthur Williams    |
| Arcadio Morfin       | Peggy Winkenbach   |
| Diana Riley          |                    |



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*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 THE UKRANIAN INVASION**

**VICTIMS OF COVID-19**



**GRIEF SUPPORT**

The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Bi-monthly meetings which are held at St. Elizabeth Seton at 4001 Stoneridge Drive in Pleasanton. Meetings are held on Thursdays at 7:00pm on **April 7th & 21st** and **May 12th & 26th**. The meetings are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. To view a short video explaining our grief program and additional information, please visit: <https://www.catholicofpleasanton.org/grief-ministry.html>. If you have additional questions, please call Barbara at 925-846-3904.

**DIOCESE OF OAKLAND MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY**

In our ever-changing world, families find solace and guidance in faith. The Office of Marriage and Family Life strives to enrich and strengthen the spiritual and personal relationships of everyone in the family: of the single, engaged, married, widowed or divorced. Every ministry offered seeks to promote the dignity of all persons, especially the most vulnerable. Visit: <https://www.oakdiocese.org/marriage-family-life> to find information on Marriage Prep, Marriage Convalidation, Family Planning, Theology of the Body and other resources in English and Spanish.

**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**

*“Listen with serenity, humility and love to the voice of the Immaculata’s will. and act.”*

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, March 27th:**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

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

**Monday, March 28th:**

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

**Tuesday, March 29th:**

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

**Wednesday, March 30th:**

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

**Thursday, March 31st:**

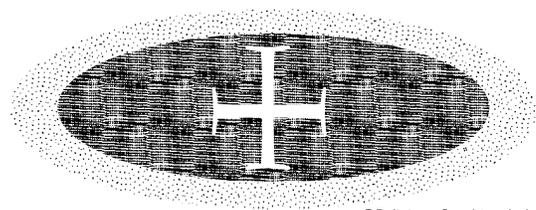
Adoration & Confession  
6:00-7:00pm—Church  
AA Serenity Group  
7:30pm—Augustine Center

**Friday, April 1st:**

Spaghetti Dinner  
5:30pm—Stack Center  
Stations of the Cross (English)  
6:00pm—Church  
1st Friday Latin Mass  
7:00pm—Church  
Stations of the Cross (Spanish)  
After Latin Mass—Church

**Saturday, April 2nd:**

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



*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**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

**MONDAY, March 28th**

- 8:15am Raymond Henry Tolosko – D

**TUESDAY, March 29th**

- 8:15am Dallas Halsey – D

**WEDNESDAY, March 30th**

- 8:15am Roy Silva – D

**THURSDAY, March 31st**

- 8:15am Anecia Leary – D

**FRIDAY, April 1st**

- 8:15am All Souls in Purgatory

**SATURDAY, April 2nd**

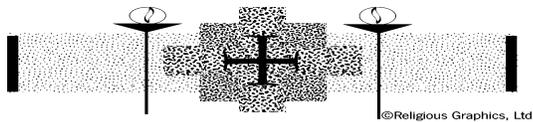
**St. Francis of Paola, Hermit**

- 8:15am Raul Ortega – D
- 5:00pm Letty Coronel Guinto – D

**SUNDAY, April 3rd**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

- 7:30am OLG Community
- 9:00am Mary Borges – D
- David & Soledad Jimenez – L
- 11:00am Brian O’Leary – D
- 1:00pm Francisco Friars



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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**March 28th through April 3rd**

- Monday: Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54
- Tuesday: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30
- Thursday: Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47
- Friday: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday: Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53
- Sunday: Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11



**THIS WEEK--Continued**

**Sunday, April 3rd:**

**Fifth 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 Retreat

10:00am—Stack Center

Confirmation Class

12:15pm—Stack Center

Spanish Mass

1:00pm--Church

**PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*“True peace is not merely the absence of tension: it is the presence of justice”*

—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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