

We would like to share our appreciation to Bishop Barber for administering the Sacrament of Confirmation on our students at Our Lady of Grace Parish. The Church just celebrated the historical event of Pentecost two weeks ago. It's appropriate that we now join our teens in celebrating the conferral of the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit. With the Sacrament of Confirmation, they have been fully initiated into the Royal Priesthood of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Please join me in congratulating the following students who were Confirmed:

Julian Schultheis, Maia Samboy, Jackson Posadas, Nicole Nazareth, Isabelle Maxwell, Aaron Gonzalez, Jerrick Gica, Maria Garcia, Abraham Fernandez, Lianne Dooley, Isaac Atwater, Sabrina Bristol, Roberto Castillo, Jason Cerin, Daniel Cervantez, Pia Cisneros, Dawson Dillon, Ryan Warren, Michael Vergara, Christian Jesse Sotelo and Ericson Vega.

May they always live in the life of the Spirit and share the great gifts they have received with their sisters and brothers.

A few weeks ago I shared a few comments on the history and importance of this great sacrament. One of the areas I highlighted was that the Holy Spirit empowered the Apostles. They went out into the streets of Jerusalem and began preaching to the crowds gathered for the festival. Not only did the disciples preach, but by a miracle of the Holy Spirit they spoke in the native languages (tongues) of the people present, many of whom came from all corners of the Roman Empire. The apostle and first Pope of the Church, Peter addressed the crowd, preaching to them about Jesus' death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins. The result was the first three thousand converts to the Catholic Church. The new converts were all baptized that day in the Holy Spirit.

This is the same Spirit that separated the earth from sky and the sea; the same breath that breathed into Adam now comes to rest upon a group of frightened people to establish the church. The Church is now left in the hands of common men. But these men are moved by the Spirit. And the word of God cannot be contained.

The power of the Holy Spirit is the life of all Christians; as a Church, we are called to reach beyond our own borders, our own comfort and find our place within the entire body of believers. We as Baptized Christians, filled with the same Holy Spirit who came down on the Apostles at Pentecost, are to offer the witness of the kingdom of God to our family, our society and the global community.

May you and your loved ones have a blessed week as we celebrate Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of our beloved Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

In Christ Jesus,
Rev. Gregory Heidenblut, OSA

Gospel for 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time, June 14th

Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds: "This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come." He said, "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.

A TIME TO SAY "GOODBYE"



There will be a grand gala after the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, **June 28th** to say good bye to the Augustinians and to welcome our new pastor, Fr. Tom Czeck, OFM Conv. All members of our Parish community are invited to the buffet provided by Miraglia Catering. Provincial, Very Rev. Kevin Mullins, O.S.A., will celebrant at the 11:00 am Mass joined by the Augustinians who served Our Lady of Grace over the last 35 years, including Frs. Jim Clifford, Bob Gavotto and Tom Behan, Paul Quante and Greg Heidenblut. Additional information will be provided in the very near future. Please join with us following the mass to share time together and offer your memories and farewell wishes to the Augustinian Community who has served the Parish so well these past 35 years. In order to help with the planning please call the Parish Office to RSVP for this event

FATHERS' DAY



As a means of honoring our fathers, living and deceased, a Triduum of Masses will be celebrated on **June 22nd, 23rd and 24th**. Cards are available in the Parish Office for those wishing to give or send a remembrance card. The names of those to be remembered will be placed at the altar for the three days of remembrance. Please complete the requested information on the half-sheet of paper and return to the parish office.

PARISH DIRECTORY HAS ARRIVED



Our photo directories have arrived and we hope that you are enjoying going through them and matching names with familiar faces. Each family that had their photo included in the directory will receive **ONE FREE** copy. Please stop in the Parish office to pick up your directory. If you are unable to come to the Parish Office they will be available for pick up after the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, **June 7th**. If you didn't have your picture taken, you may purchase one directory for \$7.00. Because of the limited number of directories, please only *one per family*.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OLG CLASS OF 2015

Last week our 8th grade students celebrated their final events leading to graduation. We congratulate them and their families as they complete their educational pursuits at OLG and now prepare to move on to their various new High Schools. We can be rightly proud of the many accomplishments of this year's graduation class – it is a clear indication of the talents of our students, and of the commitment and support they received from family and teachers along the way. We wish them well, and we offer profound thanks to our school's wonderful principal, faculty and staff who have done so much to prepare them for this new adventure !

ANNUAL APPEAL CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS

The annual Special Collection for Communications will be held on the weekend of **June 6th-7th** in our diocese.

The proceeds of this collection are divided evenly between the communications office of the US Catholic Bishops Conference and our diocese. Here in Oakland, these funds support websites and social media for the cathedral and the diocese, as well as The Catholic Voice newspaper and website. Envelopes are in the pews.





RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Did you miss your opportunity with last year's RCIA group? Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Now is the time to think about becoming Catholic.

The RCIA process is open to adults who are not baptized, Christians validly baptized in another Christian denomination, baptized Catholics who have not received the sacraments of Eucharist, and Confirmation and have had little or no faith formation. Through the RCIA Inquiry process you will discover the truth, beauty, and goodness awaiting you in the Catholic Church. Call the parish office for additional information.

NEWS FROM ICF

Come join the ICF for their popular Ravioli dinner on Thursday, **June 11th**, at 6:30pm in Stack center.

This will also be a chance to meet the winner of our first year college scholarship. Hint, she is related to someone from the parish school. We are able to offer scholarships because of support from all of you. For reservations please call either Stella Taddei at 510-581-5863 or Juanita Madrid at 510-582-7242. Deadline is Monday, **June 8th**. Grazie!

BUNDLE SUNDAY

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will have members and a large trailer in the church parking lot on Saturday & Sunday, **June 6th - 7th** after all the masses to accept your donations. Please help us to help families in need by bringing your gently used household goods, clothing or eWaste on that weekend. We will take furniture, blankets, clothing, lamps, cookware, home decorating items, sleeping bags, sporting goods, toys and other usable goods.

Please note: Mattresses, appliances and other bulky items cannot be accepted. Please do not drop off prior to June 6th or after 12:00pm on June 7th.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Stewardship of treasure involves trust in God. You have to really believe in God's Providence and trust that if you give ten percent of your income to the Church and charity for example, God will help you live on the rest.

Offerings of May 31st:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 6,557.00
Last Year this week	\$ 9,144.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,815.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$165,200.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$151,697.00

May Budgeted Expenses \$50,800.00

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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| Dennis Cande | Nicholas Guinea |
| Jose Cisneros | Richard Martin |
| Kathleen Denning | Doree Rivera |
| Estela Enriquez | Florence Sharp |
| Juanita Estrella | Iwan Tunggal |
| Mary Franks | James Van Wert |
| Byron Griffith | Yvonne Wheeler |
| Liz Griffith | |

As we pray for an end to war and violence in our world, let us remember in prayer those family members of our parish community serving on active duty, including:

DAVID SANCHEZ MICHAEL SANCHEZ

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

ALL VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN OUR WORLD

CRS RESPONSE TO NEPAL EARTHQUAKE

Catholic Relief Services is extremely grateful for the generous outpouring of financial support it has received already from Catholics in our diocese and around the country. Special collections by parishes and individual donations continue to be welcomed by the agency because the need is so great and the work of rebuilding is expected to take years. For information on how to make a donation, please go to the CRS website www.crs.org. For questions or further information, please contact Marc McKimmey, CRS Diocesan Coordinator, 510-768-3176..

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ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE

The rosary will be recited for World Peace after the 8:30 am Mass each Monday in the Church. Please join us.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 7th:

Coffee & Donuts

After all Masses

Children's Liturgy of the Word

9:00am Mass

Confirmation Mass

11:00am Mass

Thursday, June 11th:

Last Day of School at OLG

Serenity Group

8:15pm— Stack Center

Sunday, June 14th:

Coffee & Donuts

After all Masses

Children's Liturgy of the Word

9:00am Mass

FESCO SHUFFLE THANK YOU

Another FESCO Shuffle is behind us and all those who participated had a wonderful time walking around the marina in San Leandro.

Team captains for Our Lady of Grace are most grateful for the financial support from our parishioners to our fundraising effort on behalf of the Shuffle. To date Our Lady of Grace has raised over \$4,100.00 for FESCO!! Thank you for your generosity.

LUCKY AND FOOD MAXX SHARE PROGRAM

If you shop at Lucky or Food Maxx, please be sure to pick up a SHARES card from the Parish office, and swipe the card at check-out each time you shop. When you use your SHARES card, Lucky will donate 3% of qualifying purchases to Our Lady of Grace Church youth programs! There is no need to sign up or provide any information; simply swipe your SHARES card, and Our Lady of Grace will receive a donation from Lucky!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Please note: During the school year, our 8:30am Monday Mass will be celebrated in the Church. Unless otherwise noted all other weekday masses will be held in the Chapel.

MONDAY, JUNE 8th (CHURCH)

8:30am Louis Rodrigues (D)

TUESDAY, JUNE 9th

St. Ephrem, Deacon, Doctor of the Church

7:00am Joe & Marie Silveria (D)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10th

7:00am Helen Maes (D)

THURSDAY, JUNE 11th

St. Barnabas, Apostle

7:00am Lilia Sousa (D)

FRIDAY, JUNE 12th

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

7:00am Velasquez Family (D)

SATURDAY, JUNE 13th

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary;

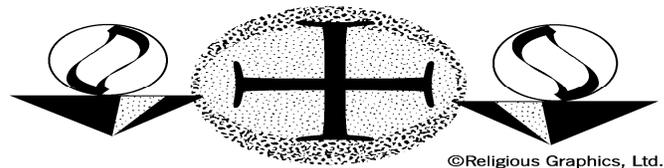
St. Anthony of Padua, Priest, Doctor of the Church

8:30am Lilia Sousa (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

June 8th through June 13th

- Monday: 2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Matthew 5:1-12
- Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Matthew 5:13-16
- Wednesday: 2 Corinthians 3:4-11; Matthew 5:17-19
- Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26; 12:1-3; Matthew 5:20-26
- Friday: Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; John 19:31-37
- Saturday: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Matthew 5:33-37
- Sunday: Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34



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Parish Council

A NOTE FROM OLG PASTORAL PLANNING COUNCIL

We would like to hear your comments, suggestions and questions. The OLG PPC will host a table in Stack Center following the 9:00am Mass the first Sunday of each month (**June 7th**) Please come visit with us with questions, concerns or any observations that you might have. We look forward to hearing from you on **June 7th**.

EXECUTION ALERTS

The following executions are scheduled to take place in **June**:

June 3rd	Les Bower	TX
June 9th	Richard Strong	MO
June 18th	Gregory Rousseau	TX

We ask your prayers for these persons, for the victims of their crimes, and for their families.

**Misa en Español
A las 2:00pm
SPANISH MASS**

Fr. Greg will be offering a mass in Spanish one Sunday of every month at 2:00pm in the Church. The next Spanish Mass will be Sunday, **June 21st** at 2:00pm.

**MATT MAHER SAINTS & SINNERS TOUR
GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH**

JUNE 17th at 7:00pm
Creative Arts Building in Pittsburg
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