



I found that most Catholics have some confusion as to the true meaning of Pentecost and what it means to Christians today. No homily could ever provide a detailed or concise understanding of elements of our faith. I found this article from [Why Do Catholics Do That? The Truth of the Catholic Church One Post at a Time](#). So we ask ourselves, what is the significance of Pentecost?

Pentecost is the 50th and final day of the Easter Season. 50 Days after Jesus' resurrection (and 10 days after Jesus' Ascension), the apostles were gathered together, waiting for the promised "Holy Spirit" to come upon them. Jesus had told his Apostles prior to ascending into heaven, "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witness in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria and the ends of the Earth." Acts 1:8. And as always, Jesus kept His promise. Pentecost celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the beginning of the Church. As stated in Acts 2:1-4, "When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim."

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 which had come 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 on 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 that came down on the Apostles on 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 Pentecost Sunday and always allow the Holy Spirit to enter your lives.

In Christ Jesus,
Rev. Gregory Heidenblut, OSA



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Gospel for The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 31st

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

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. The Augustinians will host a 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

**UPDATED:
FROM BISHOP BARBER**

End of Life Care...Death with Dignity... Physician-Assisted Suicide...the variety of labels reveals that this is not a simple topic with a simple resolution. Presently, a bill is working its way through the California legislative process in the form of SB128, which would permit physician-assisted suicide. Bishop Barber, as all California bishops, strongly opposes this legislation. Our bishop asks that pastors and parishioners become knowledgeable advocates for the teachings of our faith with respect to human dignity and human life: "I urge all Catholics to educate themselves on the issue using the resources available from parishes, the Catholic press, and the diocesan website. The sick, elderly and dying deserve our love and support until the moment God calls them to Himself." Read Bishop's full statement and access links to prayers, church teaching, frequently-asked questions, personal testimonies of patients and doctors, and much more at oakdiocese.org/SB128. For further information or assistance, please contact John Watkins in the Office of Life & Justice, jwatkins@oakdiocese.org, 510-267-8379.

UPDATE: The Catholic Voice will continue to provide news coverage as well as features and opinion pieces on this matter. The Oakland Diocese webpage www.oakdiocese.org has a Call to Action button on SB128 to register opposition with legislators. Bishop Barbers own recent public statements have been added to the website for your use as well.



MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, **May 25th** is a federal holiday. There will be one mass only at 8:30am in the Church. The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday and will re-open on Tuesday, **May 26th** at 9:00am. The entire parish staff wishes all a safe and relaxing holiday. There is a book placed at the front of the church for you to remember all those members of your family who have served our country in any manner.



Men of Faith
OLG MEN'S MINISTRY
Our Lady of Grace Church

Men of Faith invite OLG men to "MOF First Monday of the Month" Mass, Meal and Meeting on **June 1st**: Mass 6:30 pm, Meal & Meeting 7:00 pm and return home by 8:00 pm at Casa Villanova Chapel in the Rectory at 19950 Anita Avenue, Castro Valley (next to OLG School). The meal is hosted by MOF. Please RSVP jab@bhp-law.com or 510 816-9110.

Subject: **The Best Part of "Proving My Love to My Wife"** - With Love, your wife will appreciate and support you in all that you do. Come and learn what You can do to show your love. You will not want to miss this special event with Fr. Gregory and your OLG brothers.



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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE EAST BAY ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who donated generously to the Catholic Charities of the East Bay Annual Appeal. You enable the Church to be the Hands of Hope. Envelopes are still in the pews for your use. For more information contact Steve Mullin, Parish Outreach Manager at 510-768-3165 or smullin@acceb.org.

FROM SOUTH HAYWARD PARISH

Thank you OLG parishioners who recently donated a sizeable quantity of much needed tube socks to the homeless through the South Hayward Parish. The South Hayward Parish is a faith-based organization that provides shelter to the homeless, operates a food pantry, and many other services to those in need in the greater Hayward area. SHP is very thankful for the generosity of our OLG community.

Rochelle Elias Sean Nalty
 OLG representatives for South Hayward Parish



PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

Our photo directories are expected to ship from the publisher May 28th. We will let you know as soon as they arrive and when they can be picked up in the Parish office.

Each family that had their photo included in the directory will receive **ONE FREE** copy. 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*.

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.

Bags will be at the exits of the church the previous weekend.

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 17th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 6,949.00
Last Year this week	\$ 7,907.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,815.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$152,188.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$135,190.00

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 |

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

PLEASE REGISTER....

Why is it important that we register at Our Lady of Grace? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass? Why should we bother to use the envelope system?

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend Our Lady of Grace they automatically belong. At times young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parent's registration. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself with Our Lady of Grace. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of Our Lady of Grace. Your registration affects Our Lady of Grace in many ways. Census numbers can determine what obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, confession, and devotions are planned and scheduled.

Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Registering at Our Lady of Grace is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of our parish.

The expense of the envelope system is cost effective. Using the envelope system is a way that our parish can verify your participation in weekly Mass. If you are receiving envelopes but not using them, please consider using them now.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 24th

*Coffee & Donuts
After all Masses*

Children's Liturgy of the Word
9:00am Mass

Monday, May 25th:

*Memorial Day
Parish Offices Closed*

Tuesday, May 26th:

Bible Study
9:30am--Parish Office

Thursday, May 28th:

Serenity Group
8:15pm— Stack Center

Sunday, May 31st:

*Coffee & Donuts
After all Masses*

Children's Liturgy of the Word
9:00am Mass

**AN INVITATION IN HONOR OF
DR. DARLENE FUTAGAKI**

In honor of Dr. Darlene Futagaki's many years of service to the children and families of Our Lady of Grace School you are cordially invited to attend a farewell reception in Stack Center on Wednesday, **June 3rd** from 2:00-4:00pm. All students and families are welcome to join this special celebration as we wish Dr. Futagaki all the best in her retirement.



**A NOTE FROM
OLG PASTORAL PLANNING
COUNCIL**

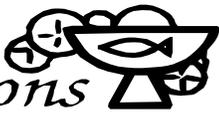
We would like to hear your comments, suggestions and questions. The OLG PPC will host a table in Stack Center following the 9:00am Mass the first Sunday of each month (**June 7th**) Please come visit with us with questions, concerns or any observations that you might have. We look forward to hearing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



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
COLLECTION**

The last Sunday of every month our St. Vincent de Paul Society members are outside to receive your financial donations. Your generosity enables this ministry to help the less fortunate in our parish community. With your support our community families will be more able to handle the economic challenges that are impacting their lives. Thank you for your past support and current generosity.

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, MAY 25th (CHURCH)

St. Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin
8:30am Louis Rodrigues (D)

TUESDAY, MAY 26th

St. Philip Neri, Priest
7:00am Debi Telles (D)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27th

St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
7:00am Mary Borges (D)

THURSDAY, MAY 28th

7:00am Mary Maravella-Herrera (D)

FRIDAY, MAY 29th

7:00am Joe Gardner (D)

SATURDAY, MAY 30th

8:30am Anna Ruof (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

May 25th through May 30th

- Monday: Sirach 17:20-24; Mark 10:17-21
- Tuesday: Sirach 35:1-12; Mark 10:28-31
- Wednesday: Sirach 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Mark 10:32-45
- Thursday: Sirach 42:15-25; Mark 10:46-52
- Friday: Sirach 44:1, 9-13; Mark 11:11-26
- Saturday: Sirach 51:12-20; Mark 11:27-33
- Sunday: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20



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.

SCRIP NEWS

Did you know scrip is available year round in the Parish Office? Buy gift cards (at face value) for various retailers through the Parish office, helping the school earn 2%-17% per certificate. Stop by the Parish office and look over the list. Thank you for your support!



DEVOTIONAL CANDLES OUR LADY OF GRACE

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 \$3.00. *The glass globes in the candle stand must be left in the church. Simply insert the plastic candle purchased from the Parish in to the globe in the candle stand.*

**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.

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