

On Friday, June 27th we celebrated the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus goes back at least to the 11th century, but through the 16th century, it remained a private devotion, often tied to devotion to the Five Wounds of Christ. *From the Pastor* The first feast of the Sacred Heart was celebrated on August 31, 1670, in Rennes, France, through the efforts of Fr. Jean Eudes (1602-1680). From Rennes, the devotion spread, but it took the visions of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690) for the devotion to become universal.

The tradition in the Church has considered three aspects of devotion and understanding of the Sacred Heart of Jesus: the historical, the theological, and the scientific (see New Advent).

Historical foundations

In approving the devotion to the Sacred Heart, the Church did not trust to the visions of St. Margaret Mary; she made abstraction of these and examined the worship in itself. Margaret Mary's visions could be false, but the devotion would not, on that account, be any less worthy or solid. However, the fact is that the devotion was propagated chiefly under the influence of the movement started at Paray-le-Monial; and prior to her beatification, Margaret Mary's visions were most critically examined by the Church, whose judgment in such cases does not involve her infallibility but implies only a human certainty sufficient to warrant consequent speech and action.

Theological foundations

The Heart of Jesus, like all else that belongs to His Person, is worthy of adoration, but this would not be so if It were considered as isolated from this Person and as having no connection with It. But it is not thus that the Heart is considered, and, in his Bull "Auctorem fidei", 1794, Pius VI authoritatively vindicated the devotion in this respect against the calumnies of the Jansenists. The worship, although paid to the Heart of Jesus, extends further than the Heart of flesh, being directed to the love of which this Heart is the living and expressive symbol. On this point the devotion requires no justification, as it is to the Person of Jesus that it is directed; but to the Person as inseparable from His Divinity. Jesus, the living apparition of the goodness of God and of His paternal love, Jesus infinitely loving and amiable, studied in the principal manifestations of His love, is the object of the devotion to the Sacred Heart, as indeed He is the object of the Christian religion. The difficulty lies in the union of the heart and love, in the relation which the devotion supposes between the one and the other. Is not this an error long since discarded? If so, it remains to examine whether the devotion, considered in this respect, is well founded.

Philosophical and scientific foundations

In this respect there has been some uncertainty amongst theologians, not as regards the basis of things, but in the matter of explanations. Sometimes they have spoken as if the heart were the organ of love, but this point has no bearing on the devotion, for which it suffices that the heart be the symbol of love, and that, for the basis of the symbolism, a real connection exist between the heart and the emotions. Now, the symbolism of the heart is a fact and every one feels that in the heart there is a sort of an echo of our sentiments. The physiological study of this resonance may be very interesting, but it is in no wise necessary to the devotion, as its foundation is a fact attested by daily experience, a fact which physiological study confirms and of which it determines the conditions, but which neither supposes this study nor any special acquaintance with its subject.

In Christ Jesus and St. Augustine,
Fr. Gregory Heidenblut, O.S.A.



Men of Faith

OLG MEN'S MINISTRY
Our Lady of Grace Church

MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, JULY 12th
 7:30am--9:00am

*OLG Men of Faith Invite You to a
 Hearty Breakfast and Fellowship*

Who: All men 12 and older

Where: Stack Center

Cost: Free Will Offering

Please **RSVP** today

(so we know how much food to cook)!

www.olgcv.org/men-of-faith

Or call 510-816-9110

FESTIVAL 2014 SEPTEMBER 27th--28th WILD WILD WEST

Mark your calendars now and plan to enjoy another great OLG Festival. This long standing tradition continues with the Grand Raffle, Pancake Breakfast, great game and food booths, enjoyable local entertainment as well as some new twists and surprised this year that you won't want to miss!!

Watch this space for information on donations to Book Nook, Jewelry Booth, and Kidz Zone.

ICF DINNER MEETING JULY 10TH

Come join the ICF as we have a belated 4th of July celebration complete with hot dogs, potato salad and beans on **July 10th**. Doors open at 5:30pm, dinner is at 6:30pm, and the cost is \$7:00 for everyone. Meeting and raffle to follow. Please call Stella Taddei at 510-581-5863 or Juanita Madrid at 510-582-7242 for reservations, deadline is Monday **July 7th**. Buon Appetito!

CYO NEWS AND GRATITUDE



As June comes to a close we also saw a completion of the seasons CYO sports activities for our parish community. We are once again greatly impressed by the good work of our CYO Board and volunteers during the past year. In particular we take this long overdue opportunity to acknowledge the long and tireless effort given by Mike Martinez to CYO. We are most grateful for Mike's dedicated and committed leadership to CYO since 2009. Although Mike had been volunteering with CYO for sometime it was in 2009 that he stepped up to lead CYO as Athletic Director for both the Girls and Boys programs. In fact it is largely due to Mike's efforts that we have been able to continue with Boy's Basketball and Girls Volleyball and Basketball since 2009. We have a very small but, dedicated crew that has served as Uniform Coordinator, Registrar and Treasurer along with Mike for quite a few years now. Mike has singlehandedly recruited coaches, assistant coaches, players, scorekeepers, and parent volunteers to keep the programs afloat for the past five years. The years since Mike stepped forward have presented many challenges and without the efforts of Mike, his coaches, and his crew of volunteers the CYO program would have disappeared. The outcome of that most directly would have affected the 200 plus players in CYO each year. In the midst of all this hard work, our CYO boys and girls programs have achieved great results in the volleyball and basketball leagues. This is a large undertaking and Mike succeeded in providing coordinated and efficient work. There are many others who are not named here who added greatly to the efforts and we thank all those who have given of their time and talent to CYO.

This is also a good opportunity to remind those in the community sitting on the sidelines of the need for new leadership in all facets of the CYO program. Although Mike has recruited both a Boy's and Girl's Athletic Director we are still in need of filling a number of Board positions. Please contact Colleen Lindberg in the Parish Office if you are interested in learning more about the opportunities to serve with OLG CYO sports program.



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.

EVENING BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN

Patricia Hierro continues a Bible Study on the 1st Letter of Paul to the Corinthians meeting every other Monday, at 7:00pm in the Parish Office. The next meeting date is Monday, **July 14th**. It is not too late to join this group you can join at anytime. All women of the Parish are invited to attend.



SUMMER VBS FUN !!

DATE: July 28th to August 1, 2014

TIME: 9:00 am to Noon OR Family VBS - 6:30 to 8:30 pm

LOCATION: Our Lady of Grace- Stack Center and classrooms

AGES: entering Kindergarten thru entering 5th grade; 6th grade and up- consider becoming a volunteer counselor or CIT "counselor in training"

COST: \$40/per student; (Scholarships available). Family VBS 5 and under FREE. Children participate with their parents/guardian. Kids Kindergarten to 5th \$40/student. \$100.00 maximum per family. Teen Volunteers- **no cost**.

The incredibly popular **Hero Head Quarters VBS** is **BACK AGAIN** with dynamic Bible lessons, characters, games, crafts and more! At Hero Head Quarters, kids will meet Bible heroes and ordinary everyday heroes who are often overlooked. They will discover that if they're willing to be used by God in any situation, no matter how big or small, they can be heroes' right where they are! With God's power at work, we can be the best we can be in any situation.

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 June 29th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 7,343.00
Last Year this week	\$ 6,772.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,519.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$201,945.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$208,980.00
June Budgeted Expenses	\$ 56,000.00

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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| Frances Arzino | Vernon Rodrigues |
| Connie Deitrick | Joan Scarlett |
| Kathleen Denning | Florence Sharp |
| Hilda Engel | Pat Silva |
| Estela Enriquez | Carolynne Steen |
| Mary Franks | Nancy Swinyer |
| Raymond Lowe | James Van Wert |
| Guy Marchetti | |

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.

JANET SMITH

**Gospel for The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 13th Matthew 13:1-9**

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

Outside Parish Ministries

**FESCO
BECAUSE WE CARE MINISTRY
A NEW OPPORTUNITY**

FESCO — the Family Emergency Shelter Coalition — is a nonprofit organization comprised of over 30 churches and community members in the Hayward, Castro Valley, San Lorenzo and San Leandro, and Union City area. FESCO serves homeless families with food, shelter, counseling and links to community resources.

As Coalition members there are many ways to further assist FESCO as a volunteer. Currently Banyan House is looking for help with Meal Service. Do you have a group of friends, family members, co-workers, service club or a group from church that would be interested in preparing and serving a meal once a month at Banyan House (their transitional housing site)? This is a great opportunity to get together with some friends and make a difference in the lives of homeless families. Feel free to come up with a group name to make it even more fun. : "Monday's Meatloafers" " Team Taco Tuesday" are a just a few ideas. *Please contact Colleen Lindberg at the Parish Office, 537-0806 to become involved in this new outreach to those in need in our local community.*

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 6th:

*Coffee and Donuts
After all Masses*

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

Thursday, July 10th:

ICF Dinner Meeting:
6:30pm--Stack Center

Serenity Group
8:15pm— Stack Center

Saturday, July 13th:

Men of Faith Breakfast
7:30am--Stack Center

Sunday, July 13th:

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After all Masses*

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Vacation Bible School

July 28th--August 1st

**"LETS DO LUNCH"
CASTRO VALLEY SCHOOLS
FREE SUMMER MEALS**

Free breakfasts and lunches will be made available *at no charge to all children in the community who are 18 years of age and under. There are no eligibility requirements to meet or forms to fill out, and no fees to pay.*

Free meals will be available at the following location on the dates **June 16th thru August 1st.**

Strobridge Elementary: Breakfast from 8:00 to 8:30am and lunch from 12:30pm – 1:00pm, Monday through Friday, until **August 1st.**

This program is sponsored by the USDA and the California Department of Education, the program provides nutritious meals to children who do not have access to USDA National School Lunch program during the summer recess.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Please note: During the summer, our 8:30am Monday Mass will be celebrated with the other weekday masses in the Chapel.

MONDAY, JULY 7th (CHAPEL)

8:30am Luis Martinez (D)

TUESDAY, JULY 8th

7:00am Joe & Marie Silveria (D)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9th

*St. Augustine Zhao Rong, priest,
And companions, martyrs*

7:00am Elva M. Gabriel (D)

THURSDAY, JULY 10th

7:00am Joe & Isabel Furtado (D)

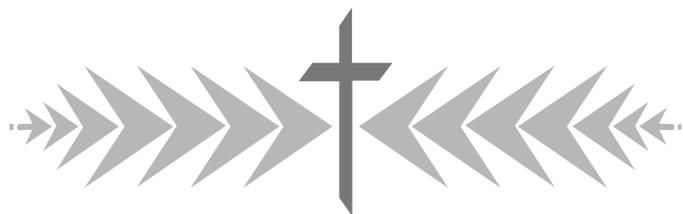
FRIDAY, JULY 11th

St. Benedict, abbot

9:00am Lilia Sousa (D)

SATURDAY, JULY 12th

8:30am Augusto Lopez (D)



EXECUTION ALERTS

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

July 6th Manuel Vasquez TX

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



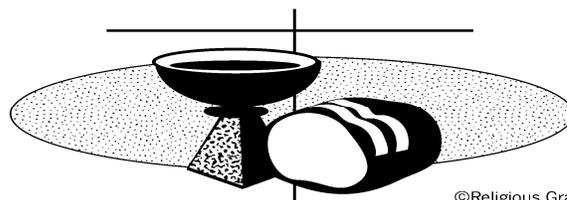
ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

July 7th through July 13th

- Monday: Hosea 2:16-18,21-22; Matthew 9:18-26
- Tuesday: Hosea 8:4-7,11-13; Matthew 9:32-38
- Wednesday: Hosea 10:1-3,7-8,12; Matthew 10:1-7
- Thursday: Hosea 11:1-4,8-9; Matthew 10:7-15
- Friday: Hosea 14:2-10; Matthew 10:16-23
- Saturday: Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 10:24-33
- Sunday: Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23



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NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

We extend a warm welcome to new parishioners and guests. If you would like to register or update information, please stop by Stack Center on either the 2nd or 4th Sunday of the month immediately following the 9:00am Mass. There will be a hospitality volunteer there to greet you at the New Parishioner Registration Table. We are grateful to our volunteers for providing this ministry on our behalf.

Next registration date: July 13th.

REMEMBER OUR LADY OF GRACE

Please consider remembering Our Lady of Grace in your Will or Trust.

Should you have any questions, call Fr. Greg at the Parish Office, 537-0806.

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