


 The time has arrived for me to write my last pastor's notes at Our Lady of Grace. We are in a time of Christianity where young men fail to respond to God's calling to serve their sisters and brothers as one who shares the priesthood of Jesus Christ the eternal high priest.

From the Pastor

I would like to dedicate this last article in a spirit of thanksgiving. Below, I've provided a short list of areas where I'm truly thankful during my time at OLG. This list is not intended to be complete but a sampling of gratitude. Please be assured that I'm thankful to all at our Lady of Grace and will continue praying for the good of each and our faith community.

- ◆ First of all, I would like to thank our loving God, Father, Son and Spirit for calling me "out of darkness and into their wonderful light." I thank God for call his unworthy servant to a life in Christ by virtue of religious profession and priesthood.
- ◆ I thank God for the many parishioners who answered the call to serve God's people at OLG. I'm thankful for the staff and the many ministries of service.
- ◆ I thank God for those who are faithful to the gospel of Jesus Christ and have proven to be countercultural at the cost of ridicule and condemnation.
- ◆ Agradezco a Dios por poner en mi corazón un profundo amor y respeto por nuestras hermanas y hermanos hispanos. A pesar de que me vaya OLG una parte de mi corazón se queda con ellos. [English translation] - I thank God for placing into my heart a deep love and respect for our Hispanic sisters and brothers. Even though I leave OLG a part of my heart remains with them.
- ◆ I thank God for our school and the many that have unselfishly seen the blessings afforded by a Catholic education.
- ◆ I thank God for our children and their ministry which continually reminded me that we must become like little children if we wish to enter the kingdom.
- ◆ I thank our Franciscan brothers who answered God's call to serve the faithful of OLG. May God continue to bless them in their ministry and add to their numbers.

Even though we Augustinians are removed from your physical presence after 35 years, you remain in our hearts, masses and prayers.

May our beloved Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, continue to bless you abundantly and I pray that we all may meet in his kingdom of light, happiness and peace.

In Christ Jesus and St. Augustine,
Fr. Greg

GOSPEL FOR THE 14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, July 5th

MARK 6:1-6

Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples. When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

As Bishop of Oakland, I welcome Pope Francis' highly anticipated Encyclical Letter, *Laudato Si*. In it the Holy Father is speaking as a pastor offering moral guidance rooted in central Catholic teachings about care for others and care for God's creation. The poor suffer most when we don't responsibly care for God's creation. It's up to us to help them. The Pope is giving us the opportunity to reflect about a crucial question: "What kind of world do we want to leave to our kids and grandkids?" God gave us this world, and He asks us to take care of it. It is a gift. I would like to encourage the faithful of the Diocese of Oakland to take time to read, consider and discuss the content of the Holy Father's letter at home and in your parish groups. This is a teaching document, not a set of policy proposals. Together, let's prayerfully respond to Pope Francis' call for a change of hearts. Let's try our best to live rightly within the world we've been given, and with each other.

Two of the most powerful quotes I've found in the Letter are:

"We are not God. The earth was here before us and it has been given to us." – (§67)

"A spirituality which forgets God as all - powerful and Creator is not acceptable. That is how we end up worshipping earthly powers, or ourselves usurping the place of God, even to the point of claiming an unlimited right to trample his creation underfoot. The best way to restore men and women to their rightful place, putting an end to their claim to absolute dominion over the earth, is to speak once more of the figure of a Father who creates and who alone owns the world. Otherwise, human beings will always try to impose their own laws and interests on reality. – (§75)

I believe this Encyclical will make as profound impact on the world as Pope John XXIII's Letter on Peace *Pacem in Terris*, did in 1963. I pray the world will listen, beginning with our own Church and country.

The Encyclical letter is already available online. Please visit http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html to find the English Version and http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/es/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html if you want to read it in Spanish.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Michael C. Barber, S.J.
Bishop of Oakland
June 18, 2015



INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Parish Offices will be closed on Friday, **July 3rd** in honor of the federal holiday. The Parish Offices will re-open on Monday, **July 6th** at 9:00am. Saturday's Mass will be in the **Church at 8:30am**. The entire Parish staff wishes all a safe and relaxing holiday.

VBS 2015

Join us for a week of life-changing adventure as we *Blast to the past and discover God's everlasting love!*

DATE: July 27-31, 2015

TIME: 9:00 - 12 noon OR 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Download registration forms and get more information at www.vacationbibleschool.com/olgffc

MOVIE NIGHT AT OLG

Is the California drought here to stay, and is it a sign of things to come? What is the effect of the privatization of water on the lives of people around the world? How should we respond as Christians to the world water crisis?

If you are interested in learning more about this timely issue, join us in viewing the thought-provoking 90-minute documentary film, "BLUE GOLD" and discussing its significance.

WHEN: Friday, JULY 17th at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Stack Center at OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH, Free Admission! We invite you to bring a favorite snack to share (optional) Beverages will be provided. Sponsored by the Pax Christi/Social Justice Group at Our Lady of Grace Church. For more information, call Sandra at (510) 889-8132.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Thank you for your continuing support of Our Lady of Grace Parish. For the month of May 2015 our Plate Offering was \$29,603. We had a shortfall of \$3,213. against the budget. The June Plate Budget is \$43,286. The collection is not only used for operating expenses each week, but also for any ongoing repair work, upgrades, etc. to our Parish facility. There are many ways to contribute; Online Bill Pay

Please consider making your regular contribution using your bank's online bill payment system. This is one of the simplest ways to make your contribution, removing the need for writing checks or dealing with envelopes.

Bill Pay Information: Payee Full Name: Our Lady of Grace Church Address: 3433 Somerset Ave City: Castro Valley, CA 94546 Phone Number: (510) 537-0806

Account Number: (you may use your envelope number here, or 9999)

If you would like your envelope number, or if you need any other information in order to set up your online bill pay, please contact the parish office.

Envelope Service

If you would like to receive envelopes for the weekly plate collection, you can contact the parish office at (510) 537-0806, or send an e-mail parish@olgev.org. If you have not yet registered with the parish, you can do so by meeting with one of our New Parishioner Volunteers in Stack Center the second or fourth Sunday of the month following the 9:00mass.

Charitable Donation Matching Programs

Did you know that many employers offer programs that match your charitable donations? Please consider asking your employer about their charitable donation matching program, and if your donations to Our Lady of Grace Church qualify for matching contributions from your employer. We are a registered 501(c)(3) organization. If your employer requires any additional information, please contact the parish office. Participating in your employer's matching program is a simple way to make your contributions have an even greater impact for our parish. Your generous support is greatly appreciated!



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 21st:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 6,688.00
Last Year this week	\$ 6,930.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,815.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$189,361.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$176,897.00

June Budgeted Expenses \$59,800.00

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 | Diana Staszko |
| Mary Franks | Iwan Tunggal |
| Byron Griffith | James Van Wert |
| Liz 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

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THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 28th:

Coffee & Donuts

After all Masses

Children's Liturgy of the Word

9:00am Mass

Augustinian Farewell Celebration

11:00--Mass, Reception following

Thursday, July 2nd:

Serenity Group

8:15pm— Stack Center

Friday, July 3rd:

PARISHES OFFICES CLOSED

Saturday, July 4th:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

3:30pm--Church

Sunday, July 5th:

Coffee & Donuts

After all Masses

Children's Liturgy of the Word

9:00am Mass

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!

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**ADORATION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT
SATURDAY, JULY 4th**

Our next Holy Hour with the
Blessed Sacrament:

Saturday, **July 4th**

From 3:30pm--4:30pm

Followed by Benediction,

Closing at 4:45pm

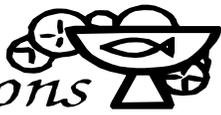
In the Church



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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, JUNE 29th (CHAPEL)
SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES
 8:30am Martha Castillo (L)

TUESDAY, JUNE 30th
The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
 7:00am Genevieve Doolittle (D)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1st
Blessed Junipero Serra, Priest
 7:00am Helen Maes (D)

THURSDAY, JULY 2nd
 7:00am Dorothy & Manuel Callier (D)

FRIDAY, JULY 3rd
SAINT THOMAS, APOSTLE
 7:00am Joni & Kathleen Linney (D)

SATURDAY, JULY 4th (CHURCH)
 8:30am Louis Rodrigues (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

June 29th through July 5th

- Sunday: Wisdom 1 :13-15; 2:23-24;
Mark 5:21-43
- Monday: Acts 12:1-11; Matthew 16:13-19
- Tuesday: Genesis 19:15-29; Matthew 8:23-27
- Wednesday: Genesis 21:5,8-20; Matthew 8:28-34
- Thursday: Genesis 22:1-1; Matthew 9:1-8
- Friday: Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29
- Saturday: Genesis 27:1-5,15-29;
Matthew 9:14-17
- Sunday: Ezekiel 2:2-5; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10;
Mark 6:1-6



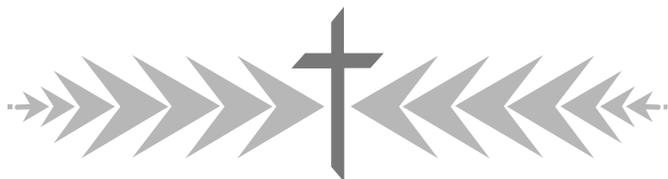
PARISH DIRECTORY HAS ARRIVED

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 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*.



ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE

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



EXECUTION ALERTS

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

- July 14th David Zink MO
- July 16th Clifton Williams TX

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



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.

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