

Remembering our deceased friends and relatives during November

From the Pastor

During the Month of November we remember our friends and family who have died. We begin the month with All Saints who are examples and partners in prayer as we seek to live our faith. Their heroic lives inspire us to change the world through prayer, faith, and action. They are powerful friends to assist us through intercession to God. They help us navigate this world in faith. On All Souls Day we put our faith to work through spiritual works of mercy and pray for the dead. It is out of love that we pray for the deceased who can no longer pray for themselves. We pray that they may be purified so they may join the saints in heaven. One of the greatest acts of charity is to pray for a poor soul in purgatory who has no loved ones to pray for them. ***“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon them. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.”*** Come pray for the souls of your loved ones on **All Souls Day** on Monday **November 2** at 8:30 AM or 7PM! On **November 18** at 7PM we will also have a Mass of Remembrance for those we have died this last year and had a funeral at Our Lady of Grace.

The Prayer of St. Gertrude, below, is one of the most famous of the prayers for souls in purgatory. St. Gertrude the Great was a Benedictine nun and mystic who lived in the 13th century. According to tradition, our Lord promised her that 1000 souls would be released from purgatory each time this prayer is said devoutly. This would be a wonderful personal prayer before Mass. Prayer is powerful! Let's change the world through Works of Mercy. ***Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.***

Rosary at Our Lady of Grace

Many thanks to Men of faith who led the Rosary before Sunday Masses during the month of October. I ask that we continue to offer the Rosary before Mass in the month of November as we pray for the souls of our deceased family and friends. Other Groups in the parish have been asked to help lead the Rosary during this month. Our Lady of Grace, Pray for us!

Help spread the Good News at Our Lady of Grace

Would you like to be involved in the new St. Maximilian Kolbe Communication Committee? The mission of the St. Maximilian Kolbe Communications Committee is to foster communications within and outside of Our Lady of Grace Church to promote community, ideas and activities, in helping people to know what Our Lady of Grace Church stands for and who we are. The Committee addresses the strategic as well as the tactical needs of the congregation members and other Our Lady of Grace church committees in meeting their communication needs through various communication vehicles.

The St. Maximilian Kolbe Communications Committee is responsible for maintaining and supporting the Our Lady of Grace Church Website with its various pages, i.e., Facebook/calendar while the content is provided by Congregation and Our Lady of Grace Church Committees. Please join us on November 17 at 7PM in the stack center as we plan the communication plan for the Year of Mercy.

Call (510) 537-0806 for more information and to leave your contact information for Friar Tom.

GOSPEL FOR THE 32nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (November 8th)

Mark 12:38-44

In the course of his teaching Jesus said to the crowds, "Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets. They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a very severe condemnation. "He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

**ALL SOULS DAY
THE COMMEMORATION OF
ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
NOVEMBER 2nd**

All Souls Day will be celebrated with two masses on Monday, **November 2nd** at 8:30am and 7:00pm.

The envelopes for All Saints and All Souls will be placed on the altar for the month of November for those wishing to remember their loved ones.

You may bring a picture of your loved one to be placed on a table before the Blessed Virgin Mary in Church that will remain there through the month of November. Please put your name and contact on the back of the photo.

Our *Book of Remembrance* also provides an opportunity to record the names of deceased loved ones to be lifted up in prayer during the month of November.

**ALL SOULS MASS AT
THE CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE LIGHT**

On Sunday, **November 1st** Bishop Barber will celebrate a Solemn Mass at 5:30 p.m., in anticipation to All Souls Day. The Cathedral Choir will sing Faure's Requiem. The Mass will be in Latin, with the Liturgy of the Word texts in English.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Our Parish will celebrate our annual Mass of Remembrance on Wednesday, **November 18th** at 7:00pm in the Church. This mass has proven to be a very memorable liturgy for us who recall, in a particular way, those who have died in the past twelve months--as well as those who have gone before us in faith and in death.



SCOUTS WREATH SALES

Boy Scout Troop 876 will be taking orders for Christmas wreaths today, **November 1st**. Place your order for delivery the first week in December. Enjoy the smell of fresh greenery this holiday season while helping the scouts earn money to support their troop in their **only** fundraiser of the year.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

The Faith Formation Center is hosting a Holiday Boutique on Sunday, **November 8th** from 12:30 - 4:00pm in the Stack Center. Beat the Black Friday lines and enjoy a leisurely afternoon while getting a head start on your holiday preparations. Kitchen items, Beauty products, Hand-crafted items, Live demonstrations and more will fill the day. Free childcare and gift-wrapping! *Admission is free! Refreshments available for purchase.*



**OUR LADY OF GRACE CRAB FEED
SAVE THE DATE**

Saturday, January 30th, 2016

We're bringing back the Crab Feed! Our Crab Feed this year is on **Saturday, January 30, 2016**, but in order to make this event a success, we need your help.

We are currently looking for volunteers in the areas of Set Up/Decorating, Food Preparation, Food Pick Up, Cooking, and Clean Up. *Have a knack for cooking and/or managing kitchen volunteers in dinner preparation? We need you!!*

Set up and food prep will begin in the late morning/early afternoon of the event. The event is from 6- 11pm, clean up immediately following.

If you can help, please email, text or call

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CATHOLIC VOICE ANNUAL APPEAL

If you have not yet made your Catholic Voice donation there is still time.. Your donation helps our Parish offset its payment for this important communication ministry. The Voice is the only regular source of Catholic news and information delivered to all parishioners in the Diocese. ***Please be generous in your support our Parish pays \$683.00 a month for this subscription. Checks should be made payable to Our Lady of Grace. Envelopes are in the pews.***

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm in the Parish Office. The Society will be gathering next on **November 4th** and invite all those interested in joining the effort to help the poor and homeless in our community to join them.



**ONE WARM COAT
ST. VINCENT de PAUL**

Please consider making a donation of a new or gently used clean, useable coat to the St. Vincent de Paul One Warm Coat Drive. The coats collected go directly to at-risk men, women and children who wouldn't have otherwise been able to buy a coat to stay warm this winter. There are bins at the entrances of the church for your donation.

HOLIDAY FOOD BOXES

As in the past, the St. Vincent de Paul Conference at Our Lady of Grace will be preparing holiday food boxes for those in need. If you know of someone who could use a Thanksgiving box, please call our help line and leave a message. In the name of those we serve, thank you. Our Help line is 510-581-2164.

**COME AND SEE
CONVENTUAL FRANCISCANS OF CA
RETREAT: NOVEMBER 27-29, 2015**

Come and see the Franciscan life. Learn more about Franciscan Spirituality, meet Friars and hear their vocation story. Learn prayer and discernment tools, stay at one of our Friaries, visit one of our ministries, ask questions and more!

Where: Holy Family Friary, Castro Valley
When: Arrive between Noon --4:00pm, Friday,
November 27th. We will finish after 11:00am

Mass on Sunday, **November 29th**

Cost: You come, we'll cover room and food
Contact Fr. Paul Gawlowski OFM Conv., to register 510-671-0537; CaliforniaVocation@gmail.com
Flyers are at the entrances of the church.

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 October 25th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 7,695.00
Last Year this week	\$ 8,169.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,815.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$346,738.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$337,566.00

October Budgeted Expenses \$66,034.00

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 | Emy & Rico Maquiling |
| Kathleen Denning | Richard Martin |
| Julie Dillon | Doree Rivera |
| Estela Enriquez | Florence Sharp |
| Juanita Estrellas | Dianne 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

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

Calling all sweet lovers, the ICF Bake Sale will be held after all the Sunday Masses on **November 8th**, in Stack Center. Get ready to enjoy some Italian cookies, favorite cakes and breads, and maybe even some candy.

The next ICF dinner will be our Marvelous Minestrone Soup meal prepared by Lisa and crew, on **November 12th**. Doors open at 6:00pm and the cost is \$8.00. With the money saved on dinner we are asking for nonperishable food items to be donated as part of our gift to St. Vincent de Paul here at OLG. Let's help others to have a nice Thanksgiving.

For reservations please call either Stella Taddei at 510-581-5863 or Juanita Madrid at 510-582-7242 by Monday **November 9th**. Thanks for your support.

**WINGS
(Women in God's Spirit)**

We invite all women to join us for --
WINGS (Women in God's Spirit)
WINGS is a faith enhancement group that encourages Spiritual growth through prayer, scripture study, catechesis, life sharing and community.

We meet at Transfiguration Church
 Marion Room

Next Meeting: **November 5, 2015**
 9:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Speaker: Deacon Lance Vive
 Topic: Jubilee Year:

What it means at a church and for you

**PRE-BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS
AND 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. Email Jay or call her 537-0806 for information. The next Pre-Baptism Class will be held **November 3rd** at 7:00pm in the Parish Office.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 1st:

Coffee & Donuts After All Masses

Boy Scout Wreath Sale

After Masses

Children's Liturgy of the Word

9:00am--Mass

Religious Education Classes

10:30am--Stack Center

Youth Ministry

After 9:00am Mass--Gym

Spanish Mass

2:00pm--Church

Monday, November 2nd:

ALL SOULS DAY

Tuesday, November 3rd:

Morning Bible Study

9:30am--Parish Office

Religious Education Classes

3:45pm--Stack Center

Wednesday, November 4th:

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

7:00pm - Parish Office

Thursday, November 5th:

Serenity Group

8:15pm— Stack Center

Saturday, November 7th:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

3:30pm - Church

Sunday, November 8th

Coffee & Donuts After All Masses

Children's Liturgy of the Word

9:00am--Mass

Religious Education Classes

10:30am--Stack Center

Youth Ministry

After 9:00am Mass--Gym

Holiday Boutique

12:30 - Stack Center

Spanish Mass

2:00pm--Church

Mass Intentions for the Week

Please note: All weekday masses will be celebrated in the Church until further notice.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1st (CHURCH)

ALL SAINTS DAY

9:00am Julsandra Calalo (D)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd (CHURCH)

ALL SOULS DAY

8:30am Louis Rodriguez (D)

7:00pm *ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd (CHURCH)

St. Martin de Porres, Religious

7:00am Joni & Kathleen Linney (D)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4th (CHURCH)

St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

7:00am Burt Richards (D)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5th (CHURCH)

7:00am Helen Maes (D)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6th (CHURCH)

7:00am Joe & Marie Silveria (D)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7th (CHURCH)

8:30am Velasquez Family (L)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8th (CHURCH)

11:00am Luis Martinez (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

November 2nd through November 8th

Monday: Wisdom 3:1-9; John 6:37-40
 Tuesday: Romans 12:5-16; Luke 14:15-24
 Wednesday: Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33
 Thursday: Romans 14:7-12; Luke 15:1-10
 Friday: Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8
 Saturday: Romans 16:3-9,16,22-27;
 Luke 16:9-15
 Sunday: 1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrew 9:24-28;
 Mark 12:38-44

BREAD FOR THE WORLD THANK YOU

We appreciate all of you who took a few minutes of your time after Mass last weekend to join with the Bread for the World campaign to sign postcards that support the "Food for Peace Reform Act of 2015." Almost 200 postcards were signed here at OLG. If this bill passes, it will get food to hungry people up to 14 weeks faster and will strengthen long-term food security by helping local farmers in the developing world.

MOVIE NIGHT AT OLG

Pax Christi/Social Justice Group

Are you concerned about fracking? Would you like to understand more about the procedure and its ramifications? How should we respond as Christians to this issue? If you are interested in learning more about this moral problem that affects our health, join us in viewing and discussing the stimulating 80-minute documentary film, "GROUNDSWELL RISING." This movie documents the opposition from both sides of the political spectrum to the practice of fracking for natural gas, and the health and environmental consequences of this practice. Friday, November 20th, at 7:00pm in Stack Center. Admission is free we invite you to bring a favorite snack to share (optional). Beverages will be provided. For more information, call Dennise at (510) 538-6071.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7th



Our next Holy Hour with the Blessed Sacrament:
 Saturday, November 7th
 3:30pm--4:30pm
 Followed by Benediction
 In the Church

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.

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