



Attention all High School Students and those who love them!

Alpha Orientation for students and parents is Tonight, Sunday September 11 at 6pm.

From the Pastor Our high school students are the first generation that has only known terrorism and war for their whole life. They are the most connected due to technology and yet they are the least likely of any age group to remain in the church. This year we are going back to the beginning, the basics of faith in Jesus. **I invite our youth to a conversation about the deeper questions of life.** This conversation is called Alpha. Fr. Paul, Deacon Nels, and myself will take a primary role interacting in discussion with our youth. Robyn will be assisting us and will be continuing with those preparing for Confirmation.

Fully 36% of the youngest members of the Millennial generation – those between the ages of 18 and 24 when the Pew survey was conducted in 2014 – reject an affiliation with organized religion. This is nearly a 10% increase from 2007. Jesus is Risen and Alive and can help us find meaning and our destiny in our world. I invite our youth to encounter Him in a new way.

The Alpha youth series in an exciting way to gather and talk about what is life about. All youth are welcome and are invited to a conversation no matter what their faith or belief. So may we all **Pray** for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to guide us and prepare us. Join us on Thursdays for adoration to pray. May we **Invite** all the high school students we know. May we all **participate** through prayer and volunteering. Contact Fr. Paul, Deacon Nels, or myself on how you can help. In Advent, I invite all of us to renew ourselves by coming to Alpha for Adults.

100th Anniversary of Fatima Pilgrimage

Fr. Tom will be offering a pilgrimage to Fatima, Compostela de Santiago, and Lourdes in October 2017. This 11 day pilgrimage will be offered in Honor of Our Lady in thanksgiving for the 100 Anniversary of the Founding of the Mission Immaculata by St. Maximilian Kolbe. We leave on **October 3rd, 2017** and the cost will be \$3499. Watch the Bulletin for more information in the coming weeks.

Peace,
Fr. Tom

REFUGEE ADOPTION PROGRAM UPDATE

It was truly a village that has come together to prepare in welcoming our newly arrived refugee family. A group of volunteers gather on Labor Day and labored at collecting furniture and supplies from various volunteers and setting up the apartment for the family. This has been a huge undertaking but one taken with great enthusiasm, dedication and hard work. We are grateful to all those who donated financially as well as supplies and furniture.

We do not know much about Esperance and her 4 children, ages 6, 4, 2, and 1 but it appears she is from the Hutu tribe from the Democratic Republic of Congo and had to flee with her family when she was 10 years old. She have been living in a refugee camp in Uganda for the past 20 years! Her parents and siblings are expected to be able to leave the camp and come to the Bay Area in the next few months.

Thank you again to all those who have participated in this effort and please continue to keep this family in prayers as they begin their new life.

GOSPEL FOR 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (SEPTEMBER 18TH)

LUKE 16:10-13

Jesus said to his disciples: “The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours? No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon.”

**FALL FESTIVAL 2016
OLG SHAKES, RATTLES, & ROLLS
BACK TO THE 50'S
SEPTEMBER 24th-25th**

Dust off your leather jacket and poodle skirt and make plans to enjoy a weekend traveling back to the 50's with all the sights and sounds at our Annual Fall Festival !! Details coming soon!

Raffle Tickets: Tickets have been mailed you could be the lucky winner but, you have to return your tickets to the parish office.

Help us to continue our theme of **Unity in the Community** by volunteering to work in one of the Festival booths!! **Booth Sign Up Sheets** are in Stack Center.

**FESTIVAL DONATIONS NEEDED
TIME TO CLEAN YOUR CLOSETS**

It's that time again !! We are preparing for Festival 2016 and you get to clean out your closets of the items listed below !

FESTIVAL JEWELRY BOOTH

Volunteers are ready and waiting for your gently used jewelry, purses and wallets. These donations will be cleaned, shined and available for purchase at the Festival 2016 Jewelry Booth.

Donations may be dropped off in the parish office—please clearly mark them for the Festival 2016 Jewelry Booth. Thank you!

USED BOOK DONATIONS

Your gently used, books, CD's and DVD's are needed for the Book Nook! Please help us stock this great booth by donating now! Please no magazines, or other periodicals. Donated materials can be dropped off at the parish office.

**....AND DON'T FORGET
THE KIDS CLOSETS, CLOTHES &
STUFFED ANIMALS NEEDED TOO !**

We need your gently used and loved stuffed animals and small toys for the Kid Zone prize booth! Once again we will be setting up a Kids Clothes Corner selling gently used children's clothing. So please drop off clean children's clothing to the parish office clearly marked for the Kids Clothes Corner.



BE A FESTIVAL SPONSOR

Many generous individuals and businesses have sponsored the Festival in the past. Your sponsorship will be acknowledged with a sign that recognizes your generosity and will be displayed during the Festival. Call the Parish Office for details.

**FALL FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS,
T-SHIRTS, & FOOD AND GAME TICKETS
PANCAKE BREAKFAST TICKETS
AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE**

Need additional Raffle tickets? How about a Festival T-shirt or some Food and Game tickets for the Festival? All are available in the Parish Office. Stop in and get ready for the Festival.

**FALL FESTIVAL
GREAT BALLS OF FIRE CHILI COOK-OFF
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th**

Time to cook up your best batch of Chili and enter the *Great Balls of Fire Chili Cook-off!*

Top voted chili gets a prize and bragging rights! To enter please send your contact info to olgchilicookoff@olgcv.org by Tuesday, **September 20th**. All entries please bring your chili in a one gallon crock pot and an extension cord. Judging will be from Noon to 4:00pm---Chili dinner to follow with all the fixings. \$8 for adults \$5 children 10 & under.



**CYO FALL SPORTS
REGISTRATION
NOW ON LINE**



Registration is now available on line for *CYO Boys Basketball and Girls Volleyball* at www.olgcv.org follow the link for CYO. Registration for Boys Basketball and for Girls Volleyball will end **September 16th**. All players will need to create an account prior to completing their first registration within the system. Boys Basketball is open for grades 2-8 and Girl's Volleyball for grades 4-8. Fees for the 2016-2017 program year will be \$175.00 with a \$50.00 uniform fee. For more information email Liz at olgyoregistrar@gmail.com



COME JOIN US

All are invited after the **9:30am** Sunday Mass to Gather in Stack Center For coffee and donuts. This is a great opportunity to visit and meet new friends.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY BEGINS

Bible Study meets at the Parish Office every Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 starting **September 13th**. This year we will be reading the Gospel of Mark. Reading the Bible is an important part of our faith and it is easy to get started. Join the group! You just need to bring a Bible to read. No testing and thoughtful discussions. You can't beat that for a more interesting Tuesday morning than you usually have.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT UPDATES

Additional Safe Environment classes offered for on-site training.

You are encouraged to do the training online, if possible (www.virtusonline.org/virtus). We will also hold a few on-site sessions beginning in July (see schedule below). Both the online and on-site trainings will bring everyone into compliance for the next 3 years.

All parishioners are encouraged to participate in these trainings. Anyone who volunteers anywhere with the parish **MUST** complete the training – even if you only volunteer once.

Training dates (register online for on-site training or call the Faith Formation Center to RSVP – 510-582-9266)

Sunday, September 11th: 11:00am (English) in Stack Center, Spanish in Augustine A2.

Wednesday, September 14th: 6:30pm (English and Spanish) in Stack Center

**“MEET ONE ANOTHER DOING GOOD”
Pope Francis**

There are Ministry booklets at the entrances of the church of the many opportunities and ways to share your gifts here at Our Lady of Grace. Pick up a booklet today and consider where you may express your talents for the good of the community and the mission of Christ in our world.

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 September 4th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 8,946.00
Last Year this week	\$ 8,575.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$299,395.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$291,840.00

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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| Kathleen Andrews | Pat Geiger |
| Rolando Barrios | Byron Griffith |
| James Barthman | Sheila Janes |
| Peggy Burton | Elaine Jordan |
| Leonardo Cabardo | Ziggy Krowicki |
| Paris Dahle | Gerard Lek |
| Kathleen Denning | Alice McLaughlin |
| Julie Dillon | Richard Martin |
| Estela Enriquez | Mike Roth |
| Mary Franks | Florence Sharp |
| Bridgett Foscalina | Iwan Tunggal |
| Leo Giacomini | James Van Wert |
| Nicholas Guinea | |

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.

VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE



RCIA INQUIRY

RCIA Inquiry Group meets **Tuesdays** at 7:00pm in Our Lady of Grace Room in Stack Center. You may join at anytime. This group is offered for those exploring membership in the Catholic Church. The next meeting will be **September 13th**.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Dr. Doreen Jones will be speaking on Teaching Faith at An Appropriate Age Level for parents of children in T-K --3rd Grade on Tuesday, September 13th at 6:30pm in Stack Center. All parents are welcome to attend this informative Parent Information Night.

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 9:30am 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: September 11th.*

WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Evening Bible Study will begin meeting on Monday October 10th at 7PM in the OLG room in Stack Center. We will be studying *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* which is part of the Great Adventure Bible Studies. This study will take us on a scriptural tour through the prayers, hymns, and rituals of the Liturgy. It moves from examining particular books and sections of the bible to studying the scriptural roots of the Liturgy. After providing a general overview of the Mass, this study devotes a session to each of the major sections of the Mass. This study is based on the 2011 revised translation of the Mass. Cost is \$22 for this 5 session study. Please contact Jay in the Parish office to sign-up and pay. Last day to register is **September 19th!**

THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 11th:

Coffee & Donuts After 9:30am Mass only

Children's Liturgy
9:30am--Mass

New Parishioner Registration
Following 9:30 Mass in Stack Center

Safe Environment Training
11:00am Stack Center

Alpha Youth Orientation Meal and Meeting
6:00pm--Stack Center

Tuesday, September 13th:

RCIA Inquiry:
7:00pm--Stack Center Conference Room

Thursday, September 15th:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm--Church

Serenity Group
8:00pm--Stack Center

Sunday, September 18th:

Coffee & Donuts After 9:30am Mass only

Children's Liturgy
9:30am--Mass



ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE

The rosary will be recited for World Peace after the 7:00 am Mass each Monday in the Church. Please join us.

MASS TIMES EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 4TH

MASSES:

Saturday: Vigil Mass 5:00pm

Sundays: 7:30; 9:30, 11:30 am
1:30pm Spanish Mass

Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,
Friday: 7:00am, Wednesday: 8:15am,
Saturday: 8:30am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

First Saturday: Following the 8:30am Mass
Every Thursday: 7:00pm

Mass Intentions for the Week

Please note:

All masses will be celebrated in the Church.

MONDAY, Sunday 12th

The Most Holy Name of Mary

7:00am Lila Sousa (D)

TUESDAY, September 13th

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop,

Doctor of the Church

7:00am Henry & Lou Marvella (D)

WEDNESDAY, September 14th

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

8:15am Joe & Marie Silveria (D)

THURSDAY, September 15th

Our Lady of Sorrow

7:00am Henry Maravella (D)

FRIDAY, September 16th

St.'s Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, martyrs

7:00am Joe & Isabel Furtado (D)

SATURDAY, September 17th

St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop,

Doctor of the Church

8:30am Thomas & Mary Hayes (D)

SUNDAY, September 18th

9:30am Maura Vanderpoorten (D)

1:30pm Luis Ponce

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
NEW SCHEDULE**



Beginning this month we will have more opportunities for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday at 7:00pm and the First Saturday of the month following the 8:30am Mass.

EXECUTION ALERTS

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

September 14th Robert Jennings TX

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

September 12th through September 18th

- Monday: 1 Corinthians 11:17-26,33;
Luke 7:1-10
- Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14,27-31;
Luke 7:11-17
- Wednesday: Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:13-17
- Thursday: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 2:33-35
- Friday: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 8:1-3
- Saturday: 1 Corinthians 15:35-37,42-49;
Luke 8:4-15
- Sunday: Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8;
Luke 16:1-13



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FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

In Memory of Do you have some spare blossoms that you can share? Our Environment Committee needs your help to decorate the altar area each week, either by bringing in flowers from your yard or through a monetary donation towards the purchase of flowers. Flower donations envelopes can be found at the entrances of the church to make a donation in memory of a loved one. If you have any questions feel free to contact Jay at 537-0806. Your donation in honor of your loved one will be mentioned in the bulletin.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration continues for the Religious Education program, grades K - 8. Classes begin **October 2nd**. Don't delay! Forms available in Stack Center, parish office and church entrances. Contact the Faith Formation Center for more information, 582-9266 or ffc@olgcv.org.

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