



## HIGH SCHOOL TEENS GOT QUESTIONS?

**Life:** Is This It?

**Jesus:** Who is Jesus?

**Cross:** Why Did Jesus Die?

**Evil:** How Can I Resist Evil?

**Faith:** How Can I Have Faith?

**Healing:** Does God Heal Today?

**Prayer:** Why and How Do I Pray?

**Bible:** Why and How Do I Read the Bible?

**Fill:** How Can I Be Filled With the Holy Spirit?

**Follow:** How Does God Guide Us Into Full Life?

**Church:** What About the Church and Telling Others?

**Spirit:** Who Is the Holy Spirit and What Does He Do?

*Explore these questions and more with you peers!!!!*

Come Sunday Evenings, share a **Meal**, watch an exciting **Video** exploring the above questions, join small groups to **discuss** the videos and faith in God, and have **fun** and meet new **Friends!!!**

Jesus says; "Whoever holds to my commandments and keeps them is the one who loves me; and whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and REVEAL MYSELF TO HIM" (Jn 14:21). As we learn our faith, we begin by learning the COMMANDMENTS, but too often we fail to learn that Faith in God is much more than following commandments and rules. Our religion is ideally A RESPONSE TO AN ENCOUNTER WITH GOD. This is the hope and prayer of our parish for all those who attend Alpha this year; to have an experience of God that helps us to follow God and practice our Faith, not out of duty, but because of LOVE and in JOY!

Join Fr. Tom, Fr. Paul, Robyn, Deacon Nels and others leading our Alpha program on Oct 2 (Our First Session), and then every Sunday Night beginning Oct 16, at 6-8PM in Stack Center. Invite your friends! All are welcome! (Note we skip Oct 9, because of the Youth Rally on Oct 8<sup>th</sup>.)

### GOSPEL FOR 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (OCTOBER 2ND)

**LUKE 17:5-10**

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here immediately and take your place at table'? Would he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You may eat and drink when I am finished'? Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded? So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'"



**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 !!

**LET US ENTERTAIN YOU !**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th**

8:30am	Pancake Breakfast
9:30am	Outdoor Mass
11:00am	Conservatory of Ballet
11:30am	Chili Cook-Off Voting Begins
12:00pm	Dance, Live, Dream Center
1:00pm	Ms. Wei Asian Perf. Arts
2:00pm	CV Performing Arts
3:00pm	Triple Play
4:00pm	Chili Cook Off Winner !
4:30pm	Chili Dinner in Stack Center
5:00pm	John Watson Jazz Trio
7:00pm	Grand Raffle Drawing

**GREAT BALLS OF FIRE CHILI COOK-OFF  
YOUR VOTE COUNTS !**

Be sure to stop by our *Great Balls of Fire Chili Cook-off* today --do some tasting and cast your vote for your favorite top three! Once voting is completed at 4:00pm the winners will be announced and a Chili Dinner with all the fixings will begin in Stack Center at 4:30!

**FIRST COMMUNION  
INFORMATION NIGHT**

There will be a First Communion information meeting on **September 28th** at 7:00 p.m. in Stack Center. This meeting will be about an hour and give parents whose children are to receive the sacrament in spring a chance to learn how the program will be conducted this year. First Communion dates will be announced at the **October 23rd** Sunday meeting parents will be able to choose the date for the reception of the sacrament from those offered. Psalm 68 says: "God in your goodness you have made a home for the poor."

**HELP NEEDED FOR OUR REFUGEE FAMILY**

Our refugee family, Esperance and her 4 children, are now in their new apartment on 35th Ave. in Oakland. It has been a bit of an adjustment for them coming into a totally new culture and not speaking English. The coordinators of the refugee project have spent many hours helping the family get settled and meeting their basic needs. The children are truly delightful and the 2 older ones are already learning some English.

We need more helpers and would like some parishioners who we could call on to visit the family either on an "on-call" basis or who would be willing to come every week or two. We don't know all the needs they might have in the weeks to come, but certainly shopping, laundry, transportation, babysitting, and helping the family with English would all be useful. Please contact Chris at [christineippolito@comcast.net](mailto:christineippolito@comcast.net) or Dennise at [dcburgess1@juno.com](mailto:dcburgess1@juno.com) if you can help. You could go for the first time with someone who has already met the family so you can be introduced to them. We are also continuing to collect money to help support the family for their first 3 - 6 months in this country.

**BUNDLE SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 1st & 2nd**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul trailer will be in the church parking lot on Saturday & Sunday, **October 1st & 2nd** 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. 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.

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY BEGINS**

Bible Study meets at the Parish Office every Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 10:30. 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. See you this Tuesday!



**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.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
HELP US HELP OTHERS**

Do you know of anyone within our parish boundaries that could use help? Many around us are on fixed incomes and find it difficult to make it through the end of the month. For a number of our clients, we bring them food 1/month to help supplement their food budget. At times when unexpected expenses have arisen (car, medical, etc.) we are also able to help with a portion of the rent or utilities. Names are always kept confidential. The St. Vincent de Paul message machine number is 510-581-2164 and messages are checked daily

**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@olgc.v.org.

**The Lord IS CALLING You!!??  
MEN'S FAITH SHARING**

All men of the parish are invited to join Our Men's Faith Share and Bible Study every **TUESDAY** evening from 7 – 8:15PM in the Parish office. Each week Fr. Paul leads a discussion on the meaning and application to our lives for the upcoming Sunday Mass readings. **COME & YOU WILL SEE!** (Jn 1:39).

**DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT APPEAL**

There are envelopes in the pews for the Diocesan Priests Retirement Benefits Trust. This is our way of giving back to those priests who enable us to live our Catholic faith by helping with their increasing retirement costs. Thank you for your generous response to this annual appeal.

**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 18th:**

Sunday Plate:	\$ 7,240.00
Last Year this week	\$ 6,749.00
<b>Weekly Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 8,920.00</b>
Year-to-date this year:	\$316,645.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$306,436.00

*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    |
| Paris Dahle        | Gerard Lek       |
| Kathleen Denning   | Alice McLaughlin |
| Julie Dillon       | Richard Martin   |
| Estela Enriquez    | Mike Roth        |
| Mary Franks        | Pat Silva        |
| Bridgett Foscalina | Florence Sharp   |
| Leo Giacomini      | Iwan Tunggal     |
| Nicholas Guinea    | James Van Wert   |

*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.*

**WILLIAM HUSSEY**

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Prayer shawls are universal and embracing, they comfort and enfold, wrap and warm, shelter and embrace. Those who knit or crochet or receive a shawl are blessed.

If you know of someone in need and would like to give them this gift of prayer, you are welcome to pick one up at the parish office or contact Ruth Picha at 510-538-9063.

**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: **October 6th,**  
9:15 to 11:15 am

Speaker: Sister Joann Heinritz  
Topic: Leading Ladies of the Scriptures  
Models for our spiritual growth  
We invite all women to join us!



**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 27th.**

**ADORATION OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1st**



Our next Saturday Holy Hour will be **Saturday, October 1st**  
Following the 8:30am Mass  
In the Church  
All are welcome.

We also now have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament very Thursday at 7:00pm.



**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, September 25th:**

**OLG Shakes, Rattles & Rolls Festival**  
10:00-7:00pm

**Pancake Breakfast**  
8:30am--Stack Center

**Great Balls of Fire Chili Cook-Off**  
11:00am--Festival in front of Stack Center

**Chili Dinner**  
4:30pm--Stack Center

**Tuesday, September 27th:**

Bible Study:  
9:30am--Parish Office

Men's Bible Study:  
7:00pm--Parish Office

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

**Wednesday, September 28th:**

First Communion Information Night  
6:30pm--Stack Center

**Thursday, September 29th:**

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

Serenity Group  
8:00pm--Stack Center

**Saturday, October 1st:**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Following the 8:30am Mass in the Church

**Sunday, October 2nd:**

**Coffee & Donuts After 9:30am Mass only**

Children's Liturgy  
9:30am--Mass

Religious Education Classes  
11:00am--Stack Center - English  
11:30am--Stack Center - Bilingual

Youth Alpha Meeting  
6:00pm--Stack Center

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Please note:**

All masses will be celebrated in the Church.

**MONDAY, September 26th**

*St. Cosmas & Damian, Martyr*

7:00am M. Figueroa (D)

**TUESDAY, September 27th**

*St. Vincent de Paul, Priest*

7:00am Mark Slater (D)

**WEDNESDAY, September 28th**

*St. Wenceslaus, Martyr*

*St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyr*

8:15am Vincent Perino (D)

**THURSDAY, September 29th**

*St. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Archangels*

7:00am Raymond & Evelyn Trezza (D)

**FRIDAY, September 30th**

*St. Jerome, Priest, Dr. of the Church*

7:00am Mabel Montoya (D)

**SATURDAY, October 1st**

*St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin,  
Dr. of the Church*

8:30am Emiliana Garcia (D)

**SUNDAY, October 2nd**

9:30am Marvin Picha (D)



**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.

**40 Days for Life**

Join in a peaceful, prayerful vigil during 40 days of life in Walnut Creek and in Hayward beginning **September 28th**. For further information please visit [40DaysforLife.com/walnut-creek](http://40DaysforLife.com/walnut-creek) or email [FriendsForLifeTriValley@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsForLifeTriValley@gmail.com). For registration information for the Hayward campaign go to [40DaysForLife.com/local-campaigns/Hayward](http://40DaysForLife.com/local-campaigns/Hayward).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**September 26th through October 2nd**

Monday: Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday: Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23;  
Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday: Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Luke 9:57-62

Thursday: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; John 1:47-51

Friday: Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5;  
Luke 10:13-16

Saturday: Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10:17-24

Sunday: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4;  
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14  
Luke 17:5-10



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**FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND**

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.

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