


Divine Mercy Sunday:

St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed, for example:

From the Pastor

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me. ... It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary, no. 699)

On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

Join us for the Divine Mercy Holy Hour at 3pm today, Sunday April 23rd.

We are in a period of conflict in our country and in our world. We do not know how to speak to each other and remember our common humanity. May we focus on God's Divine Mercy to save us, heal us, and refocus us on what is of value in life. We will gather before our Lord in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We will pray for Mercy in our times and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Confession will be available.

Mercy is the central nucleus of the Gospel message; it is the very name of God, the Face with which he revealed himself in the Old Covenant and fully in Jesus Christ, the incarnation of creative and redemptive Love. May this merciful love also shine on the face of the Church and show itself through the sacraments, in particular that of Reconciliation, and in works of charity, both communitarian and individual. May all that the Church says and does manifest the mercy God feels for man.

~Pope Benedict XVI, Regina Caeli address, March 30, 2008

Divine Mercy Movie today, Sunday April 23rd at 4pm in Stack Center

"The Original Image of Divine Mercy: the Untold Story of an Unknown Masterpiece," features some pretty big names: comedian Jim Gaffigan, actor and musician Harry Connick, Jr., George Weigel, Bishop Robert Barron, and others.

Come join us to hear the story of the only image of the Divine Mercy commissioned and seen by St. Faustina.

Parish Survey Coming Soon

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**FATIMA & LOURDES PILGRIMAGE
CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE APPARITIONS AT FATIMA!!**

Information and brochures for Fr. Tom's pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes are available in the parish office. The eleven day trip begins **October 3rd, 2017** and is only \$3,499 per person. The trip includes roundtrip air from San Francisco, first class/select hotels, most meals and services of a professional tour director. Space is limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Join us **Today** for an hour of Adoration, praying the Divine Mercy and confession at 3:00pm. After our prayer we will have a video presentation in Stack Center on the Divine Mercy Image given to Saint Faustina.

FIRST EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION

Please pray for our 70 Sacrament students as they prepare to receive First Eucharist during masses on **April 30th, May 6th & May 7th**.

We will also celebrate the Rite of Confirmation at our 5:00pm mass, Saturday **April 29th**, Bishop Barber will preside.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF FATIMA AND THE MISSION OF THE IMMACULATA

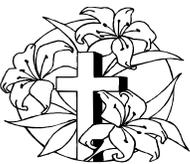
Our Lady of Grace Church honors Mary in May with two presentations.

On **May 13th** we will celebrate the Message and Meaning of Fatima on the 100th Anniversary of the first apparition.

On **May 20th** we will consider the Immaculate Conception as the golden thread in Franciscan Marian Devotion culminating in the establishment of the evangelization outreach of the Mission of the Immaculata established by St. Maximilian Kolbe 100 years ago. Information on a October Fatima and Lourdes Pilgrimage will be available.

Join us from 6:30PM until 9:00PM in Stack Center on Saturday, **May 13th and 20th**.

RSVP for the Potluck and Presentation to Jay at 510-537-0806 or jay@olgcv.org



EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

All those remembered by friends and family through the Easter Flower Offering envelopes are listed in the Easter Flower Memorial leaflet at the entrances of the church. Please remember them in thought and prayer and join us in celebrating the lives of these Saints of God. It is through a gift of love in their memory that we have so many beautiful flowers decorating our worship space. The beautiful plants, and cut flowers that will decorate the church all throughout Easter season are memorial gifts honoring our living and deceased loved ones.



Our Lady of Grace Spring Tea Saturday, April 29, 2017

Join us as we celebrate spring with a traditional English High Tea. We know you won't be able to resist tiny sandwiches and tasty scones. Sample sweet and savory delights while sipping your choice of teas. Decorate it with your own linens, china, silverware and teapot. The Faith Formation Center will provide the tea and delicious treats!

Reservations required – choice of two seatings available, 10:30am Children's Tea Service, Adults \$20, children \$10; or 2:00pm seating (Adults Only) \$20. There will also be raffles for exciting prizes! Call or email for reservations and information.

510-582-9266, ffc@olgcv.org



"UNITY SHINES BRIGHT" DINNER AUCTION Saturday, May 6, 2017

Join us for an amazing night!

Silent & Live Auctions, Dinner by Miraglia Dessert Dash, Dancing, No-Host Bar & much more!

Sponsor a 10-person table \$250 or \$30 per person open seating (Adults only)

Purchase tickets online at www.olgcv.org/auction or tickets can be purchased in the school or parish offices

Limited tickets available until Tuesday, **May 2nd**.

Tickets will Not be sold at the event.

Proceeds benefit OLG Parish and School & selected charities.

Don't miss out on this fun annual event!!

GOT AN AUCTION ITEM?

100% of our auction items are donated. Do you have a vacation cabin? Connections with a local sports team? Frequent Flyer miles? In the past we have received donations for vacation rentals, automobiles, hosted dinner, fine wines, and spirits, spa days and sports and concert tickets. Please be creative and consider what you can donate. Please contact Colleen Lindberg in the parish office with your donation items.

ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE

The rosary will be recited for World Peace after the 8:15 am Mass each Wednesday in the Church. Please join us.

EASTER OFFERING

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Easter Offering. \$18,549 has been collected in Easter envelopes as well as cash and checks made in the offering on Easter Sunday.

The Good Friday collection for the Holy Land totaled \$2010.

**ALL GOD’S PEOPLE
UNITED IN FAITH
The Bishop’s Annual Appeal**

Following is the status of our Annual Bishops

Our Goal for 2017: \$25,139.54
 # of Registered Families 980
 # of Acknowledged Donors to date: 114
 Funds Raised (includes pledges) \$18,854.00

We are currently at 75% of our goal for this years Bishop’s Appeal. We are most grateful to all those who have contributed and look forward to completing this appeal. Imagine where we would be if all families participated. If you have not yet made your contribution consider doing so today.

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BAPTISM AT OUR LADY OF GRACE

Our Lady of Grace celebrates the sacrament of baptism for children on the second Sunday of the month.

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 **May 2nd** at 7:00pm in the Parish Office.

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 April 16th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 3,423.00
Last Year this week	\$ 8,814.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$130,763.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$133,535.00

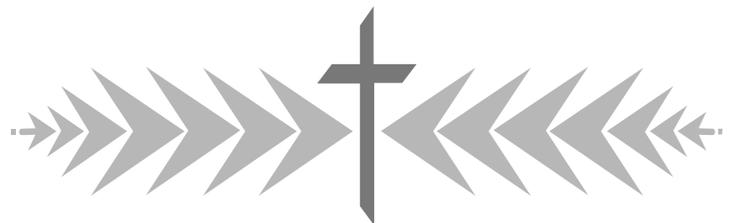
May God bless your continuing generosity.



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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| Glen Alcorn | Elaine Jordan |
| Kathleen Andrews | Alice McLaughlin |
| Susanna Axe | Rosy Pereira |
| James Barthman | Arthur Richardson |
| Peggy Burton | Adorec Rivera |
| Leonardo Cabardo | Stephanie Rosevear |
| Julie Dillon | Florence Sharp |
| Claudia Dobbs | Susan Star |
| Bridgett Foscalina | Mercedes Tellez |
| Mary Franks | Iwan Tunggal |



Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of a loved one.

SUPPORT TEAM OLG 20th ANNUAL SHUFFLE WALKATHON

Support FESCO (Family Emergency Shelter Coalition) in its efforts to end family homelessness in Alameda County by joining us at our **20th Annual FESCO Shuffle Walkathon** on **Saturday, May 6th**. You can walk as a team or as an individual in this family-friendly, dog-friendly event along the beautiful path at the San Leandro Marina. Check-in starts at 8:30 am at the Seagull Picnic Site and the walk begins at 10:00. You can walk from one to three miles, or even be a benchwarmer! If you are attending, you can sponsor yourself or get your friends and families to sponsor you. If you are unable to attend, please consider sponsoring a walker or making a direct financial contribution to FESCO. Your donations make it possible for FESCO to help homeless families gain stability and find permanent housing!

Chris Ippolito and Colleen Lindberg will be outside mass on Sunday, **April 23rd** if you would like to stop by and offer your support for team OLG for this years FESCO Shuffle!

REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE

Life is getting better for our refugee family, Esperance, and her four children. A month ago, Esperance started taking ESL classes 4 days a week at Allendale School, the school her 2 older children attend in Oakland. We have a wonderful group of volunteers who take turns attending the ESL class with Esperance, giving her personal assistance in English acquisition as well as helping to take care of the 2 younger children during the classes.

Other good news is that Esperance's brother, Gideon, is now back living with Esperance along with his new wife. They are able to help Esperance with household chores and childcare, and after only being here 2 weeks, Gideon already found a job, so should be able to help out the family financially. Esperance is very happy to have them here, and it has lifted her spirits and given her more hope in the future.

The family is very grateful for all the help and support from by Our Lady of Grace - for the volunteers who help them in so many ways as well as for those of you who have given financial support. Thanks, also, to all of you who responded to our recent request for household supplies by taking a "flower" from our Easter vase and bringing back the item written on it. We are gradually helping Esperance to become more independent, but it will not happen overnight. If you are interested in volunteering, especially during the summer months, please contact Dennise at dcburgess1@juno.com or Chris at christineippolito@comcast.net.

THIS WEEK

Monday, April 24th:

Women's Evening Bible Study:
7:00pm--Stack Center

Tuesday, April 25th:

Bible Study:
9:30am--Parish Office
Religious Education Classes:
3:45pm--Stack Center
Men's Bible Study
7:00pm--Parish Office
RCIA
7:00pm--Stack Center

Thursday, April 27th:

Adoration
7:00pm--Church
Serenity Group
8:00pm--Stack Center

Friday, April 28th:

Hispanic Bible Study
6:00pm--Stack Center - OLG Room

Saturday, April 29th:

Adoration
9:00am--Church
Spring Tea
10:30am--Stack Center
2:00pm--Stack Center

Sunday, April 30th:

Coffee & Donuts After 9:30am Mass

Children's Liturgy
9:30am--Mass
Religious Education
11:00am--Stack Center - English
11:30am--Stack Center - Bilingual
Youth Ministry
6:00pm--Stack Center



COME JOIN US

All are invited after the **9:30am** Sunday Mass to Gather in Stack Center For coffee and donuts.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Please note:

All masses will be celebrated in the Church.

MONDAY, April 24th

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

7:00am Gloria Maravella (D)

TUESDAY, April 25th

SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST

7:00am Henry Maravella (D)

WEDNESDAY, April 26th

8:15am Marvin Picha (D)

THURSDAY, April 27th

7:30am Maria Pangelinan (D)

FRIDAY, April 28th

St. Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr;

St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

7:00am Rose Nicasio (D)

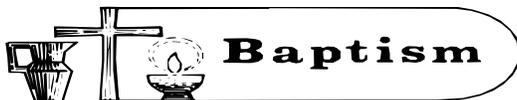
SATURDAY, April 29th

8:00pm Anty Zaldivar (D)

SUNDAY, April 30th

11:30am George Low, Jr. (D)

1:30pm Alfonso Barrera (D)



Baptism

Celebrating the resurrection we welcome into the faith the following children through Baptism:

April 23rd at 9:30am, Laila Middaugh and 1:30pm, Laila Mendoza and Gabriel Villaverde

EXECUTION ALERTS

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

April 24th	Jack Jones, Jr.	AR
April 24th	Marcel Williams	AR
April 25th	Ivan Teleguz	VA
April 27th	Jason McGehee	AR
April 27th	Kenneth Williams	AR

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

April 24th through April 30th

- Monday: Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8
- Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5-14; Mark 16:15-20
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21
- Sunday: Acts 2:14,22-33; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35



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FLOWERS IN HONOR OF...

Barbara Lang donated this weekend's flowers, placed in front of Mary, Our Lady of Grace, in honor of her granddaughter Laila Middaugh for her baptism this weekend at the 9:30 Mass. We welcome Laila and all the children baptized this weekend into our Parish community.

A NOTE FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Thanks to the efforts of Father Michael J. McGivney, the Knights of Columbus was chartered on March 29, 1882, as a fraternal benefit society. The Order is still true to its founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity and patriotism.

The history of the Order shows how the foresight of Father Michael J. McGivney, whose cause for sainthood is being investigated by the Vatican, brought about what has become the world's foremost Catholic fraternal benefit society

The Knights of Columbus has grown from several members in one council to 15,342 councils and close to 2 million members around the world. In the Oakland Diocese Chapter there are 13 districts and 53 councils based in parishes of the Diocese.

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