



*From the Pastor*

### Thank you for partaking in our Parish Survey!

I was happy to see so many people participate in our Parish survey this last weekend. I want to thank the Parish Pastoral Council for helping me develop the survey execute the survey this last weekend. It has been over 20 years since the last survey was taken at the parish. The information you provided will help the Franciscans and staff better serve you. We are at a critical time for our community as we have seen our congregation get older as our youth and young families decline. Many of our founding members are dying who have given their lives to build and maintain this church community. It was their generosity, commitment, and vision that has blessed us with a loving faith community and facilities to live, educate, and express our faith. We have a choice to make whether we want to be a community that is maintaining and protecting what we have received or a community that is building a future with a vision and mission we are committed to give our lives to, for the transformation of ourselves and our world. Your participation will help your Pastoral leaders and staff know how we are doing and where we need improvement. The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) and the Franciscans will use the results of our survey to revise our Mission Statement so we all have a clear vision on where we are headed as a community. Finally the survey results will help us prioritize where to invest our resources as we create a plan for our future. The results of the survey will be presented by the end of June.

If you were out of town and would like to participate in the Survey. Please stop by the office by May 31 to complete the survey. Our extended comment forms must be turned into the Office by **May 31**.

### Responding to Terror

We have been saddened by the news of another terror attack in Manchester England. Young people enjoying a concert were met with barbaric hostility killing innocent children and young adults. How do we respond to such evil? ISIS is committed to their vision for the transformation our world. We must be just as committed to the vision of the kingdom presented to us by Jesus. A kingdom of Love, Truth, and Mercy for the redemption of humanity. Jesus let us know that we will be hated by the world because we are not of the world but born from above. Jesus gives us a mission to go and make disciples. Jesus sent us the Holy Spirit to help us complete the mission to go and transform our world with love.

The children of Fatima taught us to focus on heaven and the promise that the Immaculate Heart of Mary would triumph over the death and destruction of war and ideologies. We face the evil and destruction by committing ourselves to the Mission of transforming hearts through prayer and self sacrifice for the conversion of souls. Our Lady of Fatima gave us a plan filled with hope and purpose: we can change the destiny of humanity and bring peace to our world. St. Maximilian Kolbe was also inspired 100 years ago to begin a movement to fight the evil that seeks to destroy human life through Consecration to the Mission of the Immaculate (Mary) to offer redemption for humanity by bringing Christ to the World.

Join us for the Rosary 30 minutes before Mass to pray the Rosary. Our Mother Mary requested us to pray the Rosary as a means to change our world plagued with sin and the consequence of sin, war. Mary always directs us to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. His love saves us and brings us to the Kingdom. The Rosary helps us enter into the life, mission, death, and triumph of the Resurrection of Jesus through meditating on the mysteries of His life with Mary.

May the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus fill us with hope!

Peace and Good,

Fr. Tom

### Men of Faith

The Franciscans invite you to dinner on **Wednesday May 31** beginning at 5:30pm with Prayer followed by Dinner at 6pm. Please RSVP to the Parish office by **Monday May 29**.

### Gospel for Pentecost Sunday (June 4th)

**John 20:19-23**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

## MEMORIAL DAY

The Parish Office will be closed **Monday, May 29th** for the Memorial Day holiday. The Office will reopen on **Tuesday, May 30th at 9:00am**. We wish you a safe and relaxing holiday.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE EAST BAY ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who donated generously to the Catholic Charities of the East Bay Annual Appeal. You enable the Church to be the Hands of Hope.

As you may be aware it was through Catholic Charities' Welcome a Stranger Program, that we have helped our refugee family begin a new life in the United States. Esperance and her four children will be forever grateful to you.

After two years of hard work, Catholic Charities will open Clare's House in early 2018. It will be the first house in the United States to address the needs of girls taken out of sex trafficking. This is groundbreaking work made possible by the financial support given to Catholic Charities.

There are other remarkable programs. Catholic Charities is one of the first on the scene of murders in Oakland to provide support for the victim's family and friends. Catholic Charities helps the underserved become self-sufficient through housing support. Envelopes are still in the pews for your use. For more information contact Steve Mullin, Parish Outreach Manager at 510-768-3165 or [smullin@acceb.org](mailto:smullin@acceb.org).

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WHY YOU SHOULD BECOME A KNIGHT

If you are interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith or having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS is the organization for you. Representatives from the Knights of Columbus will be here at OLG the weekend of **June 3rd-4th** following all masses to meet anyone interested in knowing more about their organization. The Knights will be hosting Coffee and Donuts in Stack Center after all Sunday Masses. Visit [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) or call the parish office for more information.



**Men of Faith**  
OLG MEN'S MINISTRY  
*Our Lady of Grace Church*

All Men of Faith are invited to have dinner with the Conventual Franciscan Community at our friary on Redwood Road on Wednesday, **May 31** for prayer at 5:30pm and Dinner at 6pm. Please Call the office to RSVP.

## A NOTE FROM DEACON NELS

With mixed emotions, a full heart and a time to face reality, I am saying good-bye, in the role of deacon, at Our Lady of Grace. On June 1st of this year I will retire from active ministry. The 40 years of serving as deacon in the Diocese of Oakland and the previous 10 as youth minister has energized, formed and blessed me beyond measure. Here at OLG, I thank all of you for your patience, assistance and friendship in the last 6 years of serving this faith filled community. I especially thank the Vincentians and the Youth and their leaders for the privilege of working side by side with them. I will miss them terribly as well as the Franciscan priests who have shown me the way to a deeper relationship with Christ.

I look forward to trying to respond to God's call at this time in my life which includes spending more time with my family.

Remember, 'Keep the peace, but Give it Away.'

*Deacon Nels*



**SAVE THE DATE  
PARISH PICNIC  
AUGUST 20TH  
LAKE CHABOT PARK**

Mark your summer calendar now for our Parish Picnic! It will be a time for our Parish family to come together for Prayer, Fun, and Food. More details to come.

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

**ALL GOD'S PEOPLE  
UNITED IN FAITH  
UPDATE: MAY 28th  
The Bishop's Annual Appeal  
CONGRATULATIONS**

Our Goal for 2017: \$25,139.54  
 # of Registered Families 980  
 # of Acknowledged Donors to date: 144  
 Funds Raised (includes pledges) \$27,824.00

We are currently at 111% of our goal for this years Bishop's Appeal. We are most grateful to all those who have contributed! From this point forward, our parish will receive 100% of all funds raised above goal back to address some of our own parish needs.

**GRAPHIC ARTIST NEEDED**

Are you a professional graphic artist or a creative amateur with desktop publishing software who is looking to use your gifts for the glory of God? The Maximillian Kolbe Communications Committee has just the place for you! On occasion, we will need help with flyers and outreach materials. If you can give a little of your time and talent to the parish, please contact Colleen Lindberg at the parish office 537-0806.

**WELCOME !**

If you are visiting or are joining us for the first time, we are glad you came! All are welcome at OLG and received with love. If you are ready to join our parish, we encourage to meet with one of our New Parishioner Volunteers in Stack Center after the 9:30am Mass **Today, May 28th** during Coffee and Donuts. If you have any questions please call the Parish Office at 537-0806.



**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 **June 6th** 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 May 21st:**

Sunday Plate:	\$ 7,857.00
Last Year this week	\$ 8,912.00
<b>Weekly Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 8,920.00</b>
Year-to-date this year:	\$174,396.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$177,596.00

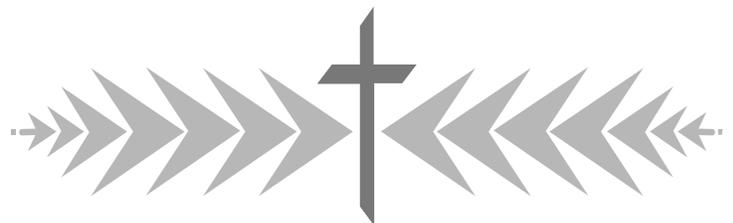
*May God bless your continuing generosity.*



**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 Ax         | Rosy Pereira       |
| James Barthman     | Adoree Rivera      |
| Peggy Burton       | Stephanie Rosevear |
| Leonardo Cabardo   | Florence Sharp     |
| Claudia Dobbs      | Susan Star         |
| Lynn Franks        | Mercedes Tellez    |
| Bridgett Foscalina | Iwan Tunggal       |
| Don Jordan         |                    |



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

**VICTIMS OF THE BOMBING  
IN MANCHESTER ENGLAND**

**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.

**OLG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

The Men's Bible Study facilitated by Fr. Paul continues, **May 30th** at 7:00pm now meeting in the Parish Office. The Study will continue every Tuesday for an hour at each session and is open to all men of the parish 18 years and older. You may join in the study at anytime.

**GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY**

The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Whether the death was sudden and tragic, or one with warning and preparation, the reality of death leaves most of us in a state of shock, confusion and sadness. Grieving people need time and space to honor their grief.

There is a support group meeting bi-monthly to accompany you on your healing journey at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton. The group meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings at 7:30pm. Upcoming dates are **June 8th and 22nd, July 13th and 27th, and August 10th and 24th**. No pre-registration is necessary. For more information call Eleanor at 925-846-8708.

**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.

**THIS WEEK**

*Sunday, May 28th:*

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

Children's Liturgy

9:30am--Mass

Parish Registration

10:00am--Stack Center

*Monday, May 29th:*

**Memorial Day**

***The Parish Office is Closed Today***

*Tuesday, May 30th:*

Men's Bible Study

7:00pm--Parish Office

RCIA Inquiry

7:00pm--Stack Center-OLG Room

*Thursday, June 1st:*

Adoration

7:00pm--Church

Serenity Group

8:00pm--Stack Center

*Saturday, June 3rd:*

Adoration

9:00am--Church

Confession

3:30pm--Church

*Sunday, June 4th:*

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

***Coffee & Donuts After***

***All Sunday Masses***

***Provided by the Knights of Columbus***

Children's Liturgy

9:30am--Mass



**DEVOTIONAL CANDLES  
PLEASE NOTE: NEW PRICE**

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 \$4.00. The glass globes in the candle stand must be left in the church.

# Mass for the Intentions *Week*

All masses are celebrated in the Church.

**MONDAY, May 29th**

8:30am Doug and Debbie Reetz & Family (L)

**TUESDAY, May 30th**

7:00am Reynaldo Mendoza (D)

**WEDNESDAY, May 31st**

**The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:15am Danae Zytrowskie (D)

**THURSDAY, June 1st**

*St. Justin, Martyr*

7:00am Chase Sigmon (L)

**FRIDAY, June 2nd**

*Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs*

7:00am David Ikegami (L)

11:00am Emil Kern Memorial Mass

**SATURDAY, June 3rd**

*St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs*

8:30am June Antonio (L)

5:00pm Emory Harangozo

**SUNDAY, June 4th**

**Pentecost Sunday**

9:30am Dennis Cande (D)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**May 29th through June 4th**

- Monday: Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33
- Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11
- Wednesday: Zeph. 3:14-28; Luke 1:39-56
- Thursday: Acts 22:30;23:6-11; John 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13-21; John 21:15-19
- Saturday: Acts 28:16-20,30-31; John 21:20-25
- Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor. 12:3-7,12-13; John 20:19-23

The SPIRIT  
of TRUTH  
is always with us



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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 donation envelopes can be found at the entrances of the church to make a donation in memory of honor 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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**ADORATION OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT**



Join us every Saturday for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8:30am Mass, and every Thursday at 7:00pm in the church.

**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.

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