

Thank you for participating in our Festival



From the Pastor I want to thank all who helped to make the Our Lady of Grace Festival happen this year. I want to give thanks to Elena for chairing the festival this year and working so hard to make a wonderful event. Thank you for all who chaired booths. Thanks to all our staff and volunteers who have given hours to make our Festival day special. Thanks to all our families who have brought children to create memories of a special community day at Our Lady of Grace.

Catholics Respond to Hurricane Relief

I would like to thank all who gave a connection for hurricane relief. You, who are the Catholic Church, have been one of the largest responses to those affected by Hurricane Harvey. It is up to you to spread the good news of how Catholics respond to everyone who is in need through our charity. Do not depend on the media to get the word out.

Pilgrimage Petitions Wanted

The message of Fatima lets us know that we are to pray for specific situations to change in our World. Praying for the end of war, praying for an end of erroneous ideologies, prayer for poor souls in torment will effect change in our world and in the destiny of souls.

The promise of Fatima is that peace will come through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I will bring your prayer requests to the Basilicas where We offer Mass and leave the requests at the shrines. Please put your request in an envelope marked Pilgrimage petition and drop it by the office or put it in the Collection. If you would like to add a donation, please make a check out to Our Lady of Grace and put Hurricane Relief in the memo.

Fr. Tom

Hurricane Irma Relief Response

"So great is the love in the Heart of Christ living in his disciples, we cannot just stand by and watch while people suffer."

—*Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ in the September 4, 2018 edition of The Catholic Voice*

The Catholic bishops of the USA are organizing a special collection in all the churches to be taken up for relief for Hurricane Irma. We will have a second collection the weekend of **October 1st**. The funds collected will be distributed through Catholic Charities USA to help those in affected areas.

You may also send directly to the Chancery.

Make checks payable to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland, and in the memo field, write "for Hurricane Irma relief." If sending directly to the diocese, mail to:

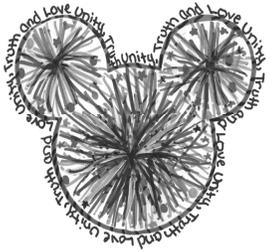
Diocese of Oakland Accounting Department
2121 Harrison St.,
Oakland CA 94612

Gospel for the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 1st)

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

Our Lady of Grace Festival 2017
SEPTEMBER 23RD & 24TH



Once Upon A Time....

**OLG FESTIVAL 2017
SEPTEMBER 23rd & 24th
ONCE UPON A TIME.....**

Make plans to join us for our annual Parish Festival **September 23rd-24th**. It will be a time for making magical memories!

**LET US ENTERTAIN YOU!
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH**

- 11:45am Dance, Live Dream Center
- 12:30pm Break
- 1:00pm Castro Valley Performing Arts
- 2:00pm Break
- 2:15pm Ms. Wei Asian Performing Arts
- 3:15pm Break
- 3:30pm Sons of Nimitz
- 5:00pm Mike Castleton's Karaoke
- 6:45pm Closing Announcements
Chili Cook-Off & Raffle
Winners Announced!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

Join us for a delicious Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, **September 24th**, 8:30am - 11:00am in Stack Center, hosted by The Knights of Columbus, OLG. Tickets prices are: Kids 10 years and under - \$6.00, 11 years old and older - \$8.00

FALL FESTIVAL PASTA DINNER!

Join us for a delicious Pasta Dinner on Sunday, **September 24th** at 5:00 pm. The menu includes penne pasta with meat or vegetarian sauce, garlic bread, salad & biscotti for dessert. Tickets are \$9 per person & \$16 for 2 people.

**FALL FESTIVAL
2ND ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF
SEPTEMBER 24th**

Time to cook up your best batch of Chili and enter the **2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off!**

Judging will be from Noon to 4:00 pm on Sunday, **September 24th**.

FESTIVAL ALPHA & RCIA MEET & GREET

Alpha for Adults & RCIA will be at the Evangelization Booth at the Fall Festival to answer questions & share information on exploring membership into the Catholic Church and deepening one's faith. Come visit us!

**REGISTRATION FOR
WHOLE FAMILY FAITH & YOUTH MINISTRY
(FORMERLY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION)
IS NOW OPEN ONLINE**

It's time to register for Whole Family Faith (formally religious education) and Youth Ministry. We are very excited to be using a new online registration process, powered by ActiveNetwork.

<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/OurLadyofGraceChurchFaithFormationCenter>

Registration Fee is \$100 per child with a \$45 discount for each sibling. Last day to register is **September 24th**.

Whole Family Catechesis (K-8 not in First Communion) begins **October 15th**.

Youth Group and Confirmation begins **October 1st**. **Remember, all children are welcome!**



**CATHOLIC VOICE
ANNUAL APPEAL**

This month is our annual appeal for The Catholic Voice. 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 of our Parish! Checks should be made payable to Our Lady of Grace. Envelopes are in the pews.*



**CYO FALL SPORTS
REGISTRATION**



Registration is available on line for **CYO Boys Basketball and Girls Volleyball** at www.olgcv.org follow the link for CYO. All players will need to create a new 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 2017-2018 program year will be \$190.00 with a \$50.00 uniform fee. For more information email olgcyoregistrar@gmail.com



Create for me
a clean heart,
O God

**FORMING DISCIPLES
PRESENTED BY FR. FRANCISCO NAHOE**

Fr. Francisco Nahoe will continue his presentations on *Christian Discipleship in Religious Education and Evangelization* in September. The last presentation will be Tuesday, **September 26th** in Stack Center at 7:00pm. All are welcome.

ALPHA MEETING & RCIA INQUIRY

We welcome you to attend our 1st kick-off meeting on **September 26th** at 6:00pm in Stack Center. We offer a warm, accepting setting in small group discussions to find ways to deepen our faith and to share the possibilities with those seeking membership into the Catholic Church. For more information, please contact Marie at comeandseealpha@gmail.com.

CASTRO VALLEY HOMELESS OUTREACH

God has given OLG a special opportunity! For the last several months we have provided food and supplies to the homeless in Castro Valley. We would like to expand this ministry, but we need your help. Their needs are simple - food, canned or prepared - pretty much anything that is cooked that can be heated on a camp stove. Do not worry about the quantity as the food is shared. Additional items include propane for camp stoves, AAA batteries, black garbage bags (30 gallon), plastic flatware, tarps, and camping equipment of all kinds, especially with cold weather on the way. We will arrange to pick-up your donation and deliver it to those in need. If you want to help, please e-mail Ken White at k2rm@comcast.net or Sean Nalty at sean.nalty@ogletree.com or call Sean at (415) 369-3552.

OLG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us for Men's Bible Study facilitated by Fr. Paul. We meet in Room 7 in Stack Center. The Study takes place every Tuesday at 7:00pm for an hour each session and is open to all men of the parish 18 years and older. You may join in the study at anytime.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

This year's Blessing of the Animals will take place **October 1st**. Mark your calendars now and plan on joining us.



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 17th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 7,816.00
Last Year this week	\$ 7,240.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$314,904.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$309,152.00

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 | Don Jordan |
| Kathleen Andrews | Elaine Jordan |
| Susanna Ax | Alice McLaughlin |
| James Barthman | Rosy Pereira |
| Leonardo Cabardo | Stephanie Rosevear |
| Claudia Dobbs | David Rountree |
| Lynn Franks | Florence Sharp |
| Byron Griffith | Mercedes Tellez |
| Dieter Hahn | Iwan Tungal |

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

**VICTIMS OF HURRICANE HARVEY & IRMA
EARTHQUAKE IN MEXICO
& FIRES IN CALIFORNIA**

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.



**ROSARY MEDITATIONS
FROM ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE**

Militia Immaculata Celebrating 100 years!

100 years ago St. Maximilian Kolbe along with 6 other Franciscans began a prayer movement of Consecration to the Blessed Mother to evangelize the world and lead people through Mary and her mission of bearing Christ to the world to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In honor of this anniversary and the witness of the life and heroic death of St. Maximilian Kolbe we will use his reflections to help us enter into the mysteries of the Rosary. Our Reflection this week is the Luminous Mystery of The Proclamation of the Kingdom:

“The Luminous Mysteries

The Proclamation of the Kingdom -- Mark 1:14-15

The conversation and the sanctification of the soul has been, is, and always will be the work of the divine grace. Without the grace of God, nothing may be achieved in this field, neither through the living word, nor through the press, nor by any other outer means. Grace for ourselves and for others, instead, is obtained through humble prayer, mortification, and loyalty in the fulfillment of one’s ordinary duties, including the most simple. The closer the soul itself is to God, the more pleasing it is to God. (KW925)”

LITURGY OF THE WORD VOLUNTEERS

The Evangelization Office is seeking volunteers to assist in teaching the Liturgy of the Word for children 3-11 years old on Sundays during the 9:30 a.m. Masses. Please contact the Evangelization Office at 510-582-9266. Your help is deeply appreciated!



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EDEN AREA INTERFAITH COUNCIL

Dear Parish Community:

The Eden Area Interfaith Council (EAIC), of which Our Lady of Grace is a member, is dedicated to furthering education, dialogue, and advocacy to achieve mutual respect and understanding between all religious faiths. As part of this mission, the group is inviting participating congregations to attend each other’s worship services. OLG will host such an interfaith worship visit at our Fall Festival Outdoor Mass at 9:00am, Sunday, **September 24**. This will not be an interfaith service, but others of different faiths will be with us in spiritual communion. Please make our brothers and sisters in faith welcome.

-Mark Cotta Vaz, OLG representative

THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 24th:

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

OLG Once Upon a Time Festival

10:00am-7:00pm

Pancake Breakfast

8:30am--Stack Center

Mass

9:00am--Festival Stage

(regular Mass schedule in the Church)

Chili-Cook-Off

Noon--In front of Stack Center

Pasta Dinner

5:00pm--Stack Center

Monday, September 25th:

Women’s Evening Bible Study

7:00pm--Stack Center, Room 7

Tuesday, September 26th:

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

9:30am--Stack Center, Room 7

Alpha/RCIA

7:00pm--Stack Center, Rooms 8 & 9

Men’s Bible Study

7:00pm--Stack Center, Room 7

Evangelization Presentation

7:00pm--Stack Center

Thursday, September 28th:

Adoration

7:00pm--Church

Knights of Columbus

7:00pm--Stack Center, OLG Room

AA Serenity Group

7:30pm--Augustine Center, Room A2

Saturday, September 30th:

Adoration

8:45am--Church

Sunday, October 1st:

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee & Donuts

9:00am-11am--Stack Center

Liturgy of the Word

9:30am--Augustine Center

1st Communion Class

10:50am--Stack Center

Youth Ministry

6:00pm--Stack Center

Mass Intentions for the Week

All Masses are celebrated in the Church.

MONDAY, September 25th

8:15am Socorro Castillo (L)

TUESDAY, September 26th

Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

8:15am Christian Calingo (D)

WEDNESDAY, September 27th

St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:15am Mark Slater (D)

THURSDAY, September 28th

St. Wenceslaus, Martyr

St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs

8:15am John Madden (L)

FRIDAY, September 29th

STS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

8:15am Betty Ann Lambert (L)

SATURDAY, September 30th

St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church

8:15am Jerome Gann (D)

SUNDAY, October 1st

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

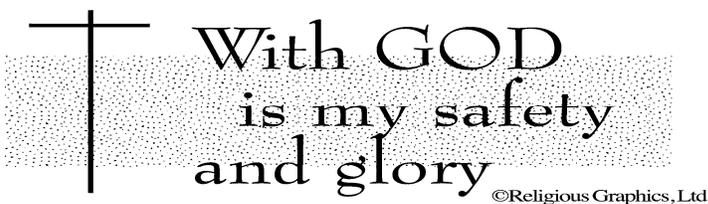
11:30am Julie & Steven Montoya & Family

1:30pm Guadalupe Beruben (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

September 25th through October 1st

- Monday: Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18
- Tuesday: Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21
- Wednesday: Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6
- Thursday: Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9
- Friday: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelations 12:7-12a; John 1:47-51
- Saturday: Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45
- Sunday: Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; Matthew 21:28-32



**DIOCESE OF OAKLAND
THANKSGIVING MASS FOR
HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS**

Thank and honor those in physical, mental, and spiritual healthcare professions. Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ will be celebrating Mass on Saturday, **September 30th** at 10:00am at the Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison Street. Oakland, CA 94612. We encourage all who provide healthcare services, direct and administrative, to attend this multicultural Mass, as we celebrate your energy, dedication, and generosity. Details, updates, and invitations at oakdiocese.org/BlessingHealers

EXECUTION ALERTS

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

- September 7th Juan Castillo TX
- September 13th Gary Otte OH

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

COME JOIN US

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



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