

■■■■■■■■ Prayers for the Youth Holy Spirit Retreat next Weekend, February 2&3



From the Pastor

We will be having our first youth retreat at Our Lady of Grace next weekend on **February 2 and 3**. Please keep our youth in Prayer. Join us on Friday, **February 2** at 7PM in the Church with the Youth for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament along with praise. Let us as a community live our faith and support our young people in the Faith. The youth retreat will join us at the Saturday at 5PM for Mass and participate in liturgical ministries. May we as a community lift up our Youth in Prayer this week that they may be touched by the Holy Spirit on the retreat.

Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14

What does it mean to be a Disciple is our theme this year. Fr. Francisco Nahoe will be teaching on Discipleship after Our Lenten soup meals on Wednesdays. We will be forming faith sharing Groups focusing on the Sunday Scriptures with materials from **Disciples on the Journey** website at www.disciplesonthejourney.org where there will be more information about the program. We will be giving more information about groups next week.

Bishops Appeal 2018

What is the Bishop's Appeal?

The Bishop's Appeal is an organized effort to give every Catholic family in the Diocese of Oakland the opportunity to make a gift to the best of their financial ability to support the ministries and services provided by the Diocese. It gives each household a chance to help further the mission of the Diocesan Church. This year the goal of the Appeal has been raised to \$3.0 million dollars, so we hope everyone responds to the best of their ability!

What does the Bishop's Appeal Fund?

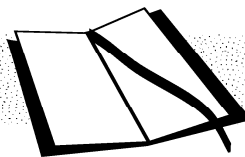
- Pastoral Ministries & Services
- Religious Education & Faith Formation
- Clergy Formation & Support
- Priest Retirement Care
- Support for Catholic Schools & Parishes in Need

More information can be found in the Bishop's Appeal brochure found in church, or by going to www.oakdiocese.org/giving.

Help for All Parishes:

100% of all funds collected over an individual parish's goal are returned directly to the parish. In 2017, 47 parishes exceeded their Appeal goal! ***We will have our pledge weekend on February 10 & 11.***

Hear the Word



of the LORD

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Gospel for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (February 4th)

Mark 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them. When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.



**OUR LADY OF GRACE SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE - TODAY!**

Our Lady of Grace School will host its annual Open House for grades TK-8 following the 9:30am Mass today, Sunday, **January 28th**. Visitors are invited to join us for coffee and donuts in Stack Center, tour the school, meet teachers, the principal and other parents. There will be a Kindergarten presentation in the Kindergarten classroom.

Applications for grades TK-8 will be available for the 2018-2019 school year. Come and meet the principal, Mrs. Anderson, and our faculty. Also, view the various displays in the school classrooms, science lab, technology lab and more. For further information, please call Our Lady of Grace School office @ 581-3155 between the hours of 8:30am--3:00pm.

Please note Our Lady of Grace School offers Transitional Kindergarten for children who do not meet the age requirement of being 5 years old by September 1st to enter Kindergarten. Our Transitional Kindergarten includes rigorous academics and age-appropriate play in a Catholic environment to prepare for Kindergarten.

EVANGELIZATION CORNER

Youth Ministry

Alpha Retreat: February 2-3, at OLG
Next Meetings: January 28th & February 11th



1st Holy Communion

Next Meetings: January 28th *9:30am Teaching Mass*
Lesson to follow in Church til 11:15am
February 4th *We Offer Bread*

Whole Family Catechesis

Next Meetings: February 11th *Lenten Family Day*
March 11th *Keeping the Commandments*

For more information, contact the Evangelization Office at 510-582-9266.

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

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 Stack Center-Room 7. 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). Next meeting is **January 30th**.



**YEARLY CONTRIBUTION
STATEMENTS**

For your convenience in preparing your tax return, a contribution statement for 2017 will be prepared at your request. Please phone the Parish Office at 537-0806, with your name and envelope number. Your statement will be available for you to pick up once it has been signed.

**CALLING ALL FORMER
ST. ALPHONSUS PARISHIONERS**

We are hoping to identify all former St. Alphonsus parishioners who are now members of Our Lady of Grace. Please call the parish office at 537-0806. We want to hear from you, thank you!

LENTEN LECTURE SERIES

Biblical Reflections on Christian Discipleship
Presented by Fr. Francisco Nahoe

This series, offered by Fr. Francisco Nahoe OFM Conv., examines Christian Discipleship in light of Biblical narratives from the Book of Genesis, the Psalms, the Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, the Pauline letters & the letters of John. Following a method laid out by Pope Saint John Paul II, we will address human, spiritual, intellectual & social dimensions of Christian Discipleship in order to foster our own ongoing growth as ever more authentic disciples of the Lord Jesus. Bring your Bible & an open heart & ask the Spirit of God to move within you. Join us for Mass in the Church at 6:00pm, followed by a **Soup & Bread Lenten Meal** at 6:30pm. Lectures will run from 7:00-8:00pm.

- February 14th** *Sin, Grace & Discipleship*
- February 21st** *The Gospel of Failed Discipleship*
- February 28th** *The Role of the Eucharist in Recovering Authentic Discipleship*
- March 7th** *The Journey of Discipleship in the Gospel of Luke and Acts*
- March 14th** *Portraits of Beloved Discipleship in the Gospel of John*
- March 21st** *Pauline Paths of Christian Discipleship*

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE

The OLG 2nd grade Girl Scout Troop #30501 will be selling Girl Scout Cookies after the 9:30am Mass on **February 4th & 11th**. You will be helping support the troop & their community outreach efforts.

WINTER COLD & FLU SEASON

As always, you are reminded to use common good sense in the reception of Holy Communion during the annual cold & flu season. If you are feeling ill or think you may have been exposed to a virus, you should refrain from partaking of the Blood of Christ from the communal chalice. In the same way, you should refrain from offering you hand to others at the sign of peace. Likewise, if you are not comfortable sharing the sign of peace or receiving Holy Communion from the communal chalice for fear of infection, you should feel no pressure to do so. All of us must be aware of such sensitive matters in the intimate life of the Christian community & we should expect that some will refrain from the sign of peace and the communal chalice out of care for our well-being and not out of unkindness or lack of piety.

**COME & SEE
The Life & Ministry of the Friars**

We invite unmarried men, ages 18-50 to meet the Friars, pray with us, learn our Spirituality and learn more about our life! **February 16th-18th**, beginning on **February 16th, Friday** at 4:00pm in Arroyo Grande. Concludes at 1:00pm, Sunday. For more information, call Fr. Paul at 510-671-0537.



**CYO GIRLS BASKETBALL
REGISTRATION**

Registration is available online for **CYO Girls Basketball** at www.olgcvcyo.siplay.com & click "Login". All players who did not play in our fall program will need to create a new account prior to completing their first registration within the system. Girl's Basketball is open for grades 2nd-8th. Fees for the 2018 year will be \$190.00 with a \$50.00 uniform fee. For more info, email olgcycv@gmail.com



**OLG SPRING AUCTION
SAVE THE DATE--MAY 5TH!**

Our Lady of Grace's Spring Auction is scheduled for **Saturday, May 5th**. This year's theme is **Fiesta Forever**. We look forward to seeing you there!



COME JOIN US

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

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 January 21st:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 7,883.00
Last Year this week	\$ 8,177.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$ 26,190.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$ 24,717.00

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 | Dieter Hahn |
| Kathleen Andrews | Don Jordan |
| Susanna Ax | Elaine Jordan |
| James Barthman | Laura Martell |
| Jackson Tyler Bishop | Alice McLaughlin |
| Leonardo Cabardo | Rosy Pereira |
| Antonio O. Chocha | Stephanie Rosevear |
| Jose Cisneros | David Rountree |
| Claudia Dobbs | Florence Sharp |
| Lynn Franks | Mercedes Tellez |
| Bill Fuller | Iwan Tunggal |
| Byron Griffith | |

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

**IRMA HASTON
SUZANNE MOSCHETTI**

**HIGH SCHOOL TEENS: GOT QUESTIONS?
ALPHA - JANUARY 28th**

Join us **tonight** from 6-8pm in Stack Center to share a **Meal**, watch an exciting **Video** & discuss in small groups the video and **our Faith in God** as we have **Fun** & make new **Friends!** Our hope for those teens who attend ALPHA is to have a deep experience with God as we explore our faith and answer questions in a comfortable setting. All are welcome!



ICF DISTRICT CRAB FEED!

Come join us for our annual Crab Feed on **Saturday February 17th at 6pm** at St. Philip Neri/O'Brien Hall, 3101 Van Buren St., Alameda. We will begin with hors d'oeuvres, followed by dinner with salad, pasta con pesto, cracked crab or 1/2 chicken and dessert. The price is \$50.00. There will also be raffle baskets to bid on and a card raffle. For reservations, contact Fran LaTorre @ 510-887-1509 no later than Feb. 10th as space is limited. No tickets sold at the door. Buon Appetito!

ICF BAKE SALE & POLENTA DINNER

The ICF Super Bowl Bake Sale will be on Sunday, **February 4th** after all the morning Masses & maybe before the afternoon Mass if we still have goodies. Treat yourself to an afternoon of fun & leave the baking to us! We will be taking Biscotti orders during the sale & also after the Masses on **February 10th & 11th**. Biscotti will be \$6/dozen & can be picked up on Palm Sunday, March 25th after Mass.

Come join the ICF for our sell-out Polenta dinner on **Thursday, February 8th**. Doors open at 6pm & dinner is at 6:30pm. Reservations are a must! Make it an early Valentine's Day dinner!. Please call Stella Taddei @ 510-581-5863 or Juanita Madrid @ 510-582-7242 for reservations. **Deadline is February 4th**. Buon Appetito!



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - Thank You!

On behalf of St. Vincent de Paul, I would like to thank the many people in our parish that have supported us this past year. We have received cash, gift cards, food and approximately 200 coats in our recent One Warm Coast Drive. Over my years as president, I have watched the needs in our community increase. In 2017 you helped us assist 39 people with rent, 42 with utilities, 596 with food and 8 with vehicle related expenses. This amounts to \$34,900 worth of help that we have given to those in this community. Last year the Our Lady of Grace Conference made 111 home visits and 155 other in-person visits. Again, thank you for your generosity. If you would like more information on what we do or are interested in being a part of this ministry, please give me a call at 510-881-7850. -Heidi Denzler-Halsey, President

THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 28th:

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Liturgy of the Word
9:30am--Augustine Center
- Coffee & Donuts
After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center
- Our Lady of Grace School Open House
After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center
- New Parishioner Registration
10:00am--Stack Center
- 1st Holy Communion Class
10:50am--Stack Center
- ALPHA/Youth Ministry
6:00pm--Stack Center

Tuesday, January 30th:

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study
9:30am--Parish Office
- Men's Faith Share
7:00pm--Stack Center, Room 7

Thursday, February 1st:

- Adoration
7:00pm--Church
- AA Serenity Group
7:30pm--Augustine Center, Room A2

Friday, February 2nd:

- First Friday Breakfast & Presentation
9:00am--Parish Office
- Alpha/Youth Ministry Retreat
4:00pm--Stack Center
- First Friday Adoration
7:00pm--Church

Saturday, February 3rd:

- First Saturday Mass & Adoration
8:15am--Church

Sunday, February 4th:

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ICF Super Bowl Bake Sale
After all morning Masses--Stack Center
- Liturgy of the Word
9:30am--Augustine Center
- Coffee & Donuts
After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center
- 1st Holy Communion Class
10:50am--Stack Center

Mass Intentions for the Week

All Masses are celebrated in the Church.

MONDAY, January 29th

8:15am Fr. Anthony Herrera (D)

TUESDAY, January 30th

St. Hyacinth of Mariscotti, virgin, OFM

8:15am Martina Tina (D)

WEDNESDAY, January 31st

St. John Bosco, Priest

8:15am Hans Friedeberg (D)

THURSDAY, February 1st

8:15am Jose Duarte (D)

FRIDAY, February 2nd

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

8:15am Carl Esposito (D)

SATURDAY, February 3rd

St. Blaise, Bishop, Martyr & St. Ansgar, Bishop

8:15am Charles & Zennie Bohn & Family (L)

SUNDAY, February 4th

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Adelaide Martin (D)

1:30pm Christina Maria Nunes (L)

CASTRO VALLEY HOMELESS OUTREACH

A very special thank you to all who supported Homeless Outreach over the last year. Your kindness and generosity were truly a blessing and was greatly appreciated by those who received your help. As we go into the new year, we will be redoubling our efforts to reach out to those in need. Our next drop off dates are **February 3rd & 17th**. We will gladly pick up your donation or you may drop your donation at the Parish Office. Your help is truly a blessing. For a list of needed items, please contact Ken White at k2rm@comcast.net or 510-909-5774 or Sean Nalty at sean.nalty@ogletree.com or 415-369-3552.

EXECUTION ALERTS

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

January 30th William Rayford TX

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

January 29th through February 4th

- Monday: 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mark 5:1-20
- Tuesday: 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mark 5:21-43
- Wednesday: 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Mark 6:1-6
- Thursday: 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Mark 6:7-13
- Friday: Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40
- Saturday: 1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34
- Sunday: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19; 22-23; Mark 1:29-39



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WINGS

WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT

We invite all women to join us for 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 will meet at Transfiguration Church Marian Room (Hall)

Next Meeting: **February 1st, 2018**

9:00am to 11:15am

Speaker: Fr. Francisco Nahoe

Topic: Spirituality through Bible Stories



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Join us every Saturday for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8:15am Mass, and every Thursday at 7:00pm in the Church. Also, there will be Adoration every 1st Friday of the month at 7:00pm.

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