

LETTER FROM BISHOP BARBER

August 16, 2018

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

The news we have been receiving about the horrible actions of priests, bishops and cardinals has stunned and disgusts me. Those who have harmed children and vulnerable adults must be held accountable. The bishops who refused to stop this immoral and criminal behavior must also be held accountable. I am shamed by the actions of these men and have vowed to work with all people of good will to make our Diocese a safe place for all.

To that end, we have policies and procedures in place mandating that every person who serves in our Diocese, whether clergy, religious, staff or lay volunteer, receives training in how to identify and stop predatory behavior. The Diocese of Oakland has a zero tolerance policy to the sexual abuse of minors on the part of anyone who serves the church. We also have staff which respond to each allegation of abuse, and have a loving and responsive team to assist survivors of clerical sexual abuse. We have an independent Diocesan Review Board composed of lay experts in psychology, police investigators, retired judges and abuse survivors, which examines complaints of misbehavior. I follow their recommendations.

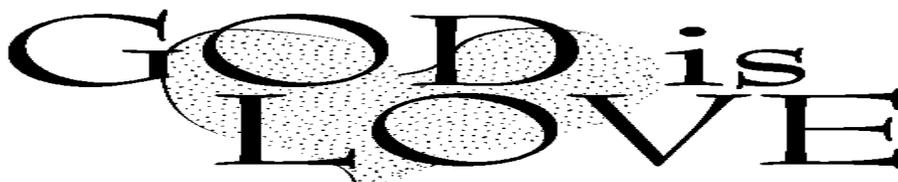
I welcome the initiative of Cardinal DiNardo, President of the US Bishops Conference, whose August 16 statement is attached, to establish an investigation into questions surrounding bishops' accountability, an opening of new and confidential reporting channels for complaints, proper independence and lay, not clerical, leadership of the process.

The love of Christ compels us to be better models of Jesus' love, mercy, and healing. We must never violate the trust placed in us. As Bishop of Oakland, I promise there will be consequences for those who do.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

The Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, SJ
Bishop of Oakland.

*Cardinal DiNardo's Statement may be viewed at:
<http://www.usccb.org/news/2018/18-139.cfm>



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The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 2nd)**Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands. —For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders. And on coming from the marketplace they do not eat without purifying themselves. And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed, the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds. So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: *This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts.* You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile. "From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile."



**OLG FESTIVAL 2018
SEPTEMBER 29th-30th
#BeAHero**

**“There’s a Hero Inside You,
Waiting to be Discovered”**

Make plans to join us for our annual Parish Festival, **September 29th-30th.**

Family fun for all!
Free Admission, Live Entertainment, Carnival Games, Prizes, Gourmet Food, Beer, Wine & Margaritas, Chili Cook-Off & Sunday Morning Pancake Breakfast

Consider being a **Festival Sponsor**--many generous individuals and businesses have sponsored the Festival in the past. Your Sponsorship will be acknowledged with a sign at the Festival as well as in our social media. Call the Parish Office for details.

Raffle Tickets: Tickets have been mailed! You could be the lucky winner but you have to return your tickets to the Parish Office to claim your prize.

Festival Donations are needed: It’s that time again to clean out your closets! New this year is the **Heroes Flea Market!** We are looking for gently used & clean kids’ clothing, costumes, stuffed animals, small toys, CD’s, books, home decorating treasures, frames & knick knacks. Donations may be brought to the Parish Office.



**CYO FALL SPORTS
REGISTRATION
NOW ONLINE**



Registration is now available online for **CYO Boys Basketball** at www.olgcv.org, follow the link for CYO. **CYO Girls Volleyball registration will be available after August 15th.** All players will need to create an account if you had not done so last year prior to completing their first registration within the system. Boys Basketball is open for grades 2-8 and Girls Volleyball for grades 4-8.

Fees for CYO league 2018-2019

- ***Boys Basketball:** \$155.00 + \$55.00 uniform purchase fee. There will be a late fee of \$25.00 for registration **after September 7th.**
- ***Girls Volleyball:** Early registration fee is \$175 (August 16th - August 24th). \$190 through September 15th. \$190 + late fee of \$25.00 for registration **on or after September 16th.**



**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION
2018-2019**

It’s time to register for Whole Family Catechesis (K-5), 1st Holy Communion, Middle School Catechesis & Confirmation. Information flyers are available at the Church entrances. Registration Packets are available in the Parish Office. You may also register online at from our website, www.olgcv.org click on Registration for Faith Formation and click the link to register on line at the bottom of the page. For Spanish, select from the pull-down on the right-hand corner of the homepage. Or come & register in person on **August 26th** after the 9:30 Mass in Stack Center. Bilingual services in Spanish will be available.

Whole Family Catechesis (K-5th grade)
1st day of class & Orientation: **September 16th**
10:50am - 12:30pm

Middle School Catechesis (6th-8th grade)
Orientation w/ Parents: **September 16th**
10:50am - 12:30pm

First Holy Communion
Orientation w/ Parents: **August 26th**
10:50am - 12:30pm

Confirmation
Orientation w/ Parents: **October 7th**
6:00pm-8:00pm

**Cost is \$100 for the 1st child
\$45 for each additional child**

All children are welcome!



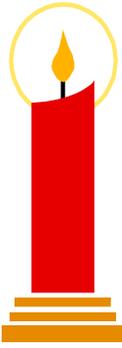
**1ST FRIDAY &
1ST SATURDAY DEVOTION**



Come join us **1st Friday, September 7th**, for Mass at 8:15am with the recitation of the Litany of the Sacred Heart. Join us on **1st Saturday, August 31st**, for Mass, Adoration, Rosary & Benediction at 8:15am.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

We extend a warm welcome to new parishioners & guests. Please stop by Stack Center **August 26th**, after the 9:30am Mass to register or update your information. A Hospitality volunteer will greet you at the New Parishioner Registration table. We are grateful to our volunteers for providing this ministry on our behalf.



ALTAR CANDLE MEMORIALS

We are looking to have 6 monthly sponsors for our Altar Candles. We ask for a donation of 20 dollars to cover the cost of the candles for the month. Our donors for the month will be recognized in the first bulletin of the month and there will be a monthly Mass offered for the intention of our Candle Memorial. For more information call the Parish Office.

SUCCESSFUL FESCO BACKPACK DRIVE!

Thanks to your generous response, our annual FESCO backpack drive was a huge success! Along with donations from other FESCO member churches and Life Chiropractic College, we were able to provide backpacks for 131 students served by FESCO. Because of the backpack drive, these students are starting the school year with supplies they need to help them to succeed in their studies.

**MISSION CO-OP ANNUAL APPEAL
SEPTEMBER 1ST & 2ND**

September 1st & 2nd is Mission Co-op weekend. Please join us in welcoming Fr. Alex J. Pacheco, a priest from the Diocese of Stockton, who will be preaching in our Parish on behalf of Ishaprema Niketan-House of God's Love. He was born in Goa-India, which was a Portuguese colony for nearly 500 years until 1961. He was ordained Priest on April 28, 1968 & 3 years later, he went to Kenya-Africa until 1989 to work as a missionary priest among the poor & very primitive people in the Dioceses of Ngong & Nakuru, Kenya-Africa. Fr. Alex joined the Diocese of Stockton in 1990 & can speak English, Spanish & Portuguese, besides his Kenyan dialect. We would like to welcome Fr. Alex Pacheco in our Parish to share with us his missionary zeal & experience, on behalf of Ishaprema Niketan in Pune, Goa-India.

Please be sure to give your attention to this annual Missionary Cooperative Appeal and be as generous as your circumstances allow. Envelopes will be available for your use. Fr. Alex J. Pacheco and all Missionary groups who benefit from this appeal are deeply grateful for your generosity.



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.

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 August 19th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 7,072.00
Last Year this week	\$ 8,312.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$ 288,285.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$ 288,907.00

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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| Cindy Abraham | Maxine Kruzel |
| Glen Alcorn | Laura Martell |
| Kathleen Andrews | Alice McLaughlin |
| Melissa & David Chavez & Family | Rose Montalban |
| Antonio O. Chocha | Florence Sharp |
| Claudia Dobbs | Rosemary Slater |
| Lynn Franks | Howard Songey |
| Anna Friedeberg | Lurdes Sousa |
| Byron Griffith | Mercedes Tellez |
| Don Jordan | Baby Jackson Tyler |
| | Bishop |

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

VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE



**PRE-BAPTISM CLASS
FOR PARENTS & 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. Call Jay at 510-537-0806 for more information. The next Pre-Baptism Class will be held on **September 5th** at 7:00pm in the OLG Room in Stack Center.



**HOW TO CONNECT TO FORMED
A CATHOLIC STREAMING SERVICE**

We have registered the Parish with FORMED. Our site is www.olgcv.formed.org

Following is the instruction for you to register with our site and get started. You can also download the app from the app store for your phone or tablet.

Here's how easy it is to get FORMED: Either on your computer, tablet or Smartphone go to our site www.olgcv.formed.org You should see the register now box. Now type in the parish code M2RBF. Set up a username- whatever username you'll remember - and a password and you are all set to explore all FORMED has to offer.

500th YEAR OF PHILIPPINE EVANGELATION

All are invited to the Filipino Clergy of the Diocese's celebration of the 500th anniversary of Christian Evangelization in the Philippines. A special symposium will be held on **September 29th, Saturday** at the Monsignor Cardelli Activity Center, St. Isidore Church in Danville from 9:00am-3:00pm. This is a free event & lunch will be served. You may pre-register online at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/celebrating-our-faith-from-the-islands-to-the-mainland-registration-47904037265>



TRANSFORMING LIVES TOUR

Catholic Charities of the East Bay is the social services arm for the Diocese of Oakland and one of the largest provider of social services throughout Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. We help families in need rise above poverty and live self-sufficient lives. Learn about the programs of Catholic Charities at an upcoming **Transforming Lives Tour**. You will learn about:

- * Legal immigration and refugee resettlement services
- * Homelessness prevention through housing
- * An update on "Claire's House", home for trafficked minors
- * School-based behavioral health services programs for youth
- * Grief counseling and family support for victims of crime

Learn how Catholic Charities moves youth and families from crisis to stability to prosperity. Register at www.cceb.org/get-involved/transforming-lives-tour. For more information, contact Sween Gardner at sgardner@cceb.org or (510)768-3161.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 26th:

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgy of the Word

9:30am--Augustine Center

Coffee & Donuts

After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center

New Parishioner Registration

10:00am--Stack Center

1st Holy Communion Class

10:50am--Stack Center

Tuesday, August 28th:

Men's Faith Share

7:00pm--Stack Center, Room 7

Wednesday, August 29th:

SVdP Soup & Sandwich Meal

3:30-4:30pm--Outside Parish Office

Thursday, August 30th:

Adoration

7:00pm--Church

AA Serenity Group

7:30pm--Augustine Center, Room A2

Saturday, September 1st:

First Saturday Mass & Adoration

8:15am--Church

Sunday, September 2nd:

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgy of the Word

9:30am--Augustine Center

Coffee & Donuts

After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S
SOUP & SANDWICH MEALS**

If you or someone you know could benefit from a free meal, come by every

Wednesday from 3:30-4:30pm located outside the Parish Office.

Mass for the Intentions Week

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

SUNDAY, August 26th

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:30am Tylor Bonora--D
 11:30am John Nichandros--D
 1:30pm Al & Carolina de la Torre--L

MONDAY, August 27th

St. Monica

8:15am George Low Jr.--D

TUESDAY, August 28th

St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

8:15am Kay Memmer--D

WEDNESDAY, August 29th

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:15am Martina Tina--D

THURSDAY, August 30th

8:15am Julie Villarreal--D

FRIDAY, August 31st

8:15am Marvin Picha--D

SATURDAY, September 1st

8:15am Debi Telles--D
 5:00pm Jim Ferenze, Jr.--D

SUNDAY, September 2nd

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:30am Mark Slater--D
 11:30am Paul & Gretchen Reetz & Family--L



ROSARY BEFORE MASS

Come join in prayer of the Rosary 30 minutes before each of the weekend liturgies. Pray for our Parish. All are welcome!



DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

August 27th through September 2nd

Monday: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12; Matthew 23:13-22
 Tuesday: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3, 14-17; Matthew 23:23-26
 Wednesday: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18; Mark 6:17-29
 Thursday: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 24:42-51
 Friday: 1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Matthew 25:1-13
 Saturday: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 25:14-30
 Sunday: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



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.

RELEVANT HEART RADIO

Relevant Heart Radio brings you the best in Catholic Radio 24/7! Playing on 1260AM and dedicated to sharing the heart of the Catholic Faith and changing lives.



FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

We are grateful to Joseph Babel for his generous donation in honor of Donna Babel.

Flower donation envelopes can be found at the entrances of the church to make a donation in memory of or honor of a loved one or other occasion. 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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