

Jesus calls the Disciples to help children to have faith and not to sin
 “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.”

I have been scandalized by the Priests, Religious, and Bishops who have abused or ignored abuse of children and destroyed the faith of children. Jesus gives the harshest rebuke for them and that they are heading to hell. Sin destroys and kills. I realize that if I am not striving to be a saint and to live a sinless life then I could be compromised and adopt sinful attitudes and compromise others. The message of Our Lady of Fatima is clear, people are falling into hell, error is filtering into our society and confusing people, evil is seeking to destroy humanity and the Church. There is also hope. Our prayer, our sacrifice, our penances and our faithfulness to Jesus and his Mother can change the world and bring peace. Pray the Rosary, Receive the Eucharist, offer Penance for poor souls, speak truth to power no matter what the cost, and finally believe in the promises of Christ and His Mother because her Immaculate Heart will triumph and lead us to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Pope Francis said: When a Church, a community, behaves in such a way that young people think: “They won’t say anything to me that will help me in my life.” Love is lived in actions. I believe because I have been loved and nurtured by people of faith. I know I am called to forgive because Jesus gave us the Our Father Prayer and offered forgiveness on the Cross. My grandmother witnessed this to me when she forgave and prayed for the man who killed her son, my uncle on the day of his funeral. It was living the Our Father prayer and seeking to love Jesus with all her heart that allowed my grandmother to say before she died that she loved everyone. I witnessed her faith lived. I believe in mercy and forgiveness because I have seen it and experienced it. I pray that those who have been abused and ignored will be heard, apologized to as the sin against them is acknowledged and a Penance Imposed to facilitate healing. This is only possible if people choose Divine love.

Peace,
 Fr. Tom

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

We have registered the Parish with FORMED. Our site is www.olgcv.formed.org. Following are the instructions for you to register with our site and get started. 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. Set up a username- whatever username you’ll remember - and a password and you are all set to explore all FORMED has to offer. To get the Formed app for your phone or tablet, visit app.formed.org

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 7th)

Mark 10:2-16

The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" They were testing him. He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, *God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.* So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." In the house the disciples again questioned Jesus about this. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." And people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.



OLG FESTIVAL 2018
SEPTEMBER 29th-30th
#BeAHero
“There’s a Hero Inside You, Waiting to be Discovered”
Family fun for all!

Cakes & Desserts are needed for the **Cake Booth!** Your delicious goodies may be brought directly to the booth.

Join us Sunday, September 30th for 9:00am Mass at the Stage.

LET US ENTERTAIN YOU!
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th

11:45am	Dance, Live, Dream Center
12:00pm	Chili Cook Off
1:00pm	Castro Valley Performing Arts
2:15pm	Ms. Wei Asian Performing Arts
3:00pm	Fusion Dance Project
4:30pm	Rust
6:45pm	Father Tom’s Close out - Raffle Drawing & Chili Cook Off---Winners Announced!



PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SEPTEMBER 30th, 8:30am-11:00am

Join us Sunday morning for a delicious Pancake Breakfast in Stack Center, organized by OLG’s chapter of the Knights of Columbus. Tickets are \$8 for ages 11 & up, \$6 for ages 10 & under.

FALL FESTIVAL PASTA DINNER
SEPTEMBER 30th, 5:00pm

Join us for a delicious Pasta Dinner on Sunday, **September 30th** at 5:00pm. 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 ANNUAL GREAT BALLS OF FIRE CHILI COOK-OFF
SEPTEMBER 30th, Noon-4:00pm

Time to cook up your best batch of Chili and enter the *Annual Chili Cook-Off!* Top voted chili gets a prize and bragging rights! Please bring your chili in a one-gallon crock pot and an extension cord. Judging will be from Noon to 4:00 pm on Sunday, **September 30th.**



ALTAR CANDLE MEMORIALS

We are looking to have 6 monthly sponsors for our Altar Candles. We ask for a donation of \$ 20 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, please call the Parish Office.

ALTAR CANDLE MEMORIAL DONORS

We deeply thank the following 8 donors who have given generously towards sponsoring our Altar Candle Memorial:

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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.*

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

The Friars invite you to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis. St. Maximilian Kolbe Friary (Casa Kolbe) will have an open house on Wednesday, **October 3rd** at 5:00-7:00pm, followed by the Transitus of St. Francis from life through death to eternal life. This is a very ancient prayer of the Friars and not to be missed. On Thursday, **October 4th**, we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Francis with the School at 8:15am in the Church. Please join us!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

There will be a Blessing of the Animals in honor of the Feast of St. Francis on Sunday, **October 7th** in the gathering area at 1:00pm. Please make sure your pet is restrained so we may have a peaceful blessing.



**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION
2018-2019**

There is still time to register for Confirmation. Registration Packets are available in the Parish Office. You may also register online at our website, www.olgcv.org. Click on Registration for Faith Formation and click the link to register online at the bottom of the page. For Spanish, select from the pull-down on the right-hand corner of the homepage.

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, October 5th**, for Mass at 8:15am with the recitation of the Litany of the Sacred Heart. Also, join us for 7:00pm for Adoration. On **1st Saturday, October 6th**, join us for Mass, Adoration, Rosary & Benediction at 8:15am.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
WHOLE FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY**

We are looking for adult volunteers to assist with our Whole Family Evangelization program one to two Sundays a month from 10:50am-12:30pm in Stack Center. We are also in need of volunteers to assist with our Youth Ministry program on Sunday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm. If you are interested, please call the Whole Evangelization office at 510-582-9266. Your help would be greatly appreciated!



**ICHTHUS - YOUNG ADULT
GROUP**

Join us Wednesday, **October 3rd** for the kick-off of Our Lady of Grace's young adult group. Open to all young adults, ages 21-35. If this is you or someone you know, please invite them to join us! We will meet at 7:00pm and start our bible study at 7:30pm, wrapping up around 9:00pm. We are dedicated to helping build good solid friendships, to deepening our understanding of the faith, and to grow closer to Christ.

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 23rd:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 7,762.00
Last Year this week	\$ 8,850.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$ 329,398.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$ 330,981.00

May God bless your continuing generosity.



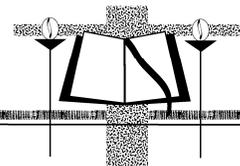
Your Prayers Are Requested

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 | 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.

PAT WHELAN



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**INVITATION TO STUDENTS & PARENTS
INTERESTED IN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS**

On Tuesday, **October 9th** at 7:00pm in Stack Center, representatives from Bishop O'Dowd, Holy Names, Moreau Catholic, and St. Joseph Notre Dame High Schools are coming to share what their programs offer. This is open to all students and parents from grades 5th-8th. Come learn how a Catholic high school edu-

ATTENTION OLG VOLUNTEERS

All those who VOLUNTEER in the Diocese of Oakland (Our Lady of Grace) are to be educated about the nature of child sexual abuse, how it is perpetrated, how to report it & strategies for prevention. Training is **MANDATORY** & must be done before starting volunteering. Every volunteer who participates in ANY ministry here at OLG, must complete the VIRTUS Safe Environment Training & renew every 3 years. If you have NOT registered for the online training, you must do so **before November 1st**. Visit: <https://www.oakdiocese.org/offices/safe-environment> & register online, then email your certificate of completion to jcruz@olgcv.org. Please include your name & the name of the ministry you volunteer with. Thank you!



CATHOLIC TEACHING ON THE EUCHARIST
Stack Center — October Mondays
7:00 PM to 8:15 PM

- OCT 1** The Eucharist: Sacrifice and Sacred Banquet
OCT 8 What Do We Mean by Transubstantiation?
OCT 15 The Eucharistic Prayer of the Mass
OCT 22 Eucharist and Communion
OCT 29 The Eucharistic Piety of the Church

Christ our Lord declares Himself to be the Bread come down from heaven. “Unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink of His Blood,” He tells His disciples, “you shall not have life within you” (John 6:53). Catholic teaching on the Eucharist, therefore, is a matter of central concern for all those who long to be made holy by God’s grace poured out upon the faithful in the sacraments of the Church.

Each Monday of October, Fr. Francisco Nahoe OFMConv will offer scriptural and theological reflections on the Eucharistic faith and spirituality of the Church. Each session presents and explains the traditional Catholic doctrine and assesses the challenges presented by contemporary attitudes and practices in liturgy, faith formation, evangelization and preaching.

ICF NEWS

Hear ye! Hear ye! The ICF Polenta dinner, including, sausage, chicken and salad, will held on Thursday, **October 11th**, doors open at 6:00pm, dinner will be served at 6:30pm. Reservations are a must and the deadline is Sunday, **October 7th**. For reservations, please call Juanita @ 510-582-7242. Buon Appetito!

THIS WEEK**Sunday, September 30th:***Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time***OLG #BeAHero Festival****10:30am-7:00pm****Monday, October 1st:**

Catholic Teaching-Fr. Francisco

7:00pm--Stack Center

Tuesday, October 2nd:

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

9:30am--Parish Office, McGarvey Room

Men’s Faith Share

7:00pm--Stack Center, Room 7

Wednesday, October 3rd:

SVdP Soup & Sandwich Meal

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

Baptismal Class

7:00pm--Stack Center, OLG Room

Thursday, October 4th:

Adoration

7:00pm--Church

AA Serenity Group

7:30pm--Augustine Center, Room A2

Friday, October 5th:

First Friday Devotion

8:15am--Church

First Friday Adoration

7:00pm--Church

Saturday, October 6th:

First Saturday Mass & Adoration

8:15am--Church

Sunday, October 7th:*Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Coffee & Donuts

After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center

Liturgy of the Word

9:30am--Augustine Center

First Communion Class

10:50am--Stack Center

Youth Ministry

6:00pm--Stack Center

Mass Intentions for the Week

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

SUNDAY, September 30th

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 9:30am Maria Godinez--D
- 11:30am Lisa & Bob Rosenbusch & Family--L
- 1:30pm Jose Martinez--D

MONDAY, October 1st

St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church

- 8:15am Rudy & Augie Enriquez--D

TUESDAY, October 2nd

The Holy Guardian Angels

- 8:15am Richard Benson--D

WEDNESDAY, October 3rd

- 8:15am Carlo Barroso--L

THURSDAY, October 4th

Our Holy Father Francis of Assisi, Founder of the Three Orders

- 8:15am Maria C. Escobar--D

FRIDAY, October 5th

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

- 8:15am Elisa Gonsalves--D

SATURDAY, October 6th

St. Bruno, Priest

Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

- 8:15am Bob Gann--D
- 5:00pm Alice McLaughlin--D

SUNDAY, October 7th

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:30am Helen Maes--D
- 11:30am Jim & Kristi Reetz & Family--L
- 1:30pm Jose Martinez--D



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

October 1st through October 7th

- Monday: Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50
- Tuesday: Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Matthew 18:1-5, 10
- Wednesday: Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Luke 9:57-62
- Thursday: Job 19:21-27; Luke 10:1-12
- Friday: Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Luke 10:13-16
- Saturday: Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10:17-24
- Sunday: Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16



Be doers of the Word and not hearers only

WINGS (WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT)

We invite all women to join us for WINGS. WINGS is a faith enhancement group that encourages spiritual growth through prayer, scripture study, Catechesis, life sharing and community.

Transfiguration Church

Next Meeting: **October 4, 2018**

9:15am to 11:15am

Speaker: Sr. Joann Heinritz, CSJ

Topic: Unleashing the Spirit's Wisdom



2018 CATHOLIC MOMS CONFERENCE

PASS IT ON: This free, online Catholic Conference 4 Moms will be held on **October 10th-15th**. It will include popular speakers, authors, bloggers, radio/TV hosts & other experts who will give us advice about how we can "pass" on the Faith to our children. You will not want to miss this! Register today at <https://www.catholicmosaic.com>. Tell your friends!



OAKLAND DIOCESE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Join Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ & other anniversary celebrants, families & friends on Sunday, **October 21st** at The Cathedral of Christ the Light. Mass will be celebrated at 10:00am, followed by a reception in the Event Center for registered guests. Register now for \$25 per anniversary couple & \$10 for each guest. Visit www.oakdiocese.org/anniversary to register or call Laura at 510-267-8395.