



Share The Beauty Of Our Belief In The Eucharist

How do we share the beauty of what we believe about the Eucharist? Since most Catholics, according to the PEW study, do not believe in the Real Presence then where do we start? I want to start a discussion with all at Our Lady of Grace about what a gift it is to worship God and enter into the Sacrifice of Jesus at Calvary. One of the things that broke my heart when I came to Our Lady of Grace was to see so many entering and exiting the Church without showing recognition to the presence of God in the Tabernacle. The placement of the Tabernacle near the main entrance for most of our parishioners made it too easy to just walk by. I did it myself and would stop myself when I remembered and show an act of reverence to God. When I heard that any renovation of a church in the diocese needed to place the Tabernacle in the center of the church sanctuary then I thought everything is already in place at Our Lady of Grace. So on Easter in 2018 the Tabernacle was returned to its central place.

I encourage you to watch the film **Hostia** on Formed. This is an excellent presentation on the holy sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and the belief in the Real Presence in Eucharist of saints throughout the ages that have been martyred for this belief. Join me after Mass next weekend in the OLG room or at Coffee and Donuts, where I will lead a 15 minute discussion on the Eucharist.

Our Lady of Grace Festival

For over 30 years our festival has become a cherished tradition where Castro Valley gathers for food, fun, and entertainment. This festival is only possible with your support. We need your help to promote and run our festival. If you have organization, marketing, bookkeeping, or entertainment skills, let us know and we will find a position for you. If you can volunteer some hours in a booth, you can sign up online. If you can help with donations of toys or supplies, please watch the bulletin for how to donate. Please buy your T-Shirt and sell your Raffle tickets and most importantly please mark your calendar for **September 28th and 29th** to attend and invite a neighbor and friend to join you.

Pilgrimage To Poland And To The Passion Play In Oberammergau

Time is running short to sign up for the Pilgrimage to Poland and Oberammergau. One of the Highlights will be visiting Niepokalanów Poland to visit the city built for Our Lady which in just 12 years became the largest single monastery that ever existed in the world. You will get an exclusive presentation from my Conventual Franciscan brothers in Poland. I will get a relic of St. Maximilian Kolbe for our Parish when we visit. We will also get to pray in the bunker where he was martyred on August 14, 1941. St. Maximilian is the patron of families and of those addicted to injected drugs. The world renown Passion Play at Oberammergau happens once a decade and is not to be missed.

The Pilgrimage for the Passion Play sponsored by the Voice next August has sold out. Don't wait too long to sign up for our pilgrimage at Our Lady of Grace and miss your opportunity. Contact Heidi Denzler-Halsey for more information at 510-881-7850 or email at heidimdh106@gmail.com

First Friday - September 6th

8:15am: Mass followed by the Litany to the Sacred Heart

7:00pm: Traditional Latin Mass for the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the CASA chapel

First Saturday - September 7th

8:15am: Join us for Mass followed by Adoration with the Rosary.

10:00am: *The Bible and the Virgin Mary* study on FORMED by Dr. Scott Hahn in the OLG room.

11:00am: The Mission Immaculata Village meeting immediately following

Peace,
Fr. Tom

Gospel for the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 8th)

Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."



**OLG FESTIVAL 2019
"GOES TO HOLLYWOOD"**
Make plans to join us for our
annual Parish Festival,
September 28th-29th

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.

Raffle Tickets: Tickets have been mailed! You could be the lucky winner but you have to return your tickets to the Parish Office in order to be in the running for the Grand Raffle drawing at the Festival.

Hollywood Bazaar (Flea Market): It's that time again to clean out your closets! We will be holding a Hollywood Bazaar this year--we are looking for gently used glassware, picture frames, kitchenware, household gadgets, books, CD's, uniforms, gently used childrens' clothing. Please **NO** furniture, electronics & household appliances (toasters, blenders, etc.)

Kid Zone: Gently used stuffed animals, Happy Meal toys, small puzzles, small Lego sets & other little items that your child no longer plays with.

Jewelry Booth: Once again we will have our very popular Jewelry Booth--your donations of jewelry and purses will help us get started.

Festival T-shirts: We have the annual Festival T-shirt with this years theme available for sale in the Parish Office and after Masses for \$12.00 or 2 for \$20.00 --get yours now to add to your collection of OLG Festival T's!

Your time is also needed to donate! We have sign up sheets in the Parish office and will soon be available after Masses as well--consider giving a couple hours volunteering in your favorite booth. Donations may be brought to the Parish Office, Monday-Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm. Thank you!

**CYO FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN!**

Registration is now available online for **CYO Boys Basketball & Girls Volleyball**. Boys Basketball is open for grades 2nd-8th and Girls Volleyball is open for grades 4th-8th. **Visit www.olgevcyo.siplay.com to register.** Any questions? Please email olgyocv@gmail.com.

CYO Boys & Girls Cross Country is open for grades K-8th. To register, email ExtonMike@gmail.com

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Happy Labor Day Weekend! The Parish Office will be **closed on Labor Day, September 2nd**, and will re-open at 8:30am on Tuesday, **September 3rd**. There will only be one Mass at 8:15am in the Church. Have a safe Labor Day weekend.

**DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT
BENEFIT TRUST - SEPTEMBER 7th & 8th**

The special collection for the Diocesan Priest Retirement Benefit Trust is next weekend of **September 7th & 8th**. This collection allows us to express gratitude and support for our retired and soon-to-be retired priests, many of whom are still "laboring in the vineyard" in service to the faithful. They now face retirement with minimal government assistance. Please prayerfully consider how you can match their generosity to the Church by contributing to the Retirement Fund.



**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION
2019-2020**

Registration for Sacrament Preparation & Whole Family Catechesis is available now and classes will begin next week. The registration form is available in the Parish Office and on our website: <http://www.olgcv.org>. Online registration is also available by going to our website and clicking on the Faith Formation box. Cost is \$100 for the 1st child & \$50 for each additional child.

All children are welcome!

Whole Family Catechesis (K-5th grade)

1st day of class: September 8th
10:50am - 12:30pm

Middle School Catechesis (6th-8th grade)

1st day of class: September 8th
10:50am - 12:30pm

First Holy Communion

1st day of class: September 15th
10:50am - 12:30pm

Youth Ministry & Confirmation

1st day of class: September 8th
6:00pm-7:30pm

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD &
ICHTHUS**

Children's Liturgy & Ichthus and will resume in September, after Labor Day. More details to come.



ALTAR CANDLE MEMORIAL DONORS

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

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners, after a fantastic Welcome Event on August 10th for families new to our school, our school is officially open on Monday, August 19th. Many wonderful improvements have been made to the physical plant during the summer, the most visible being our new play structure for little children. All are welcome to use it so please let your children enjoy it on Sundays after Masses. Along with the improvements to the school buildings, the latest quality educational materials have been purchased for our 217 students thanks to the generosity of our parents. You are always welcome to stop by our school office and have one of us give you a tour or chat with you about the outstanding work our teachers do for our Catholic school children. I am blessed to have 30 dedicated staff members who epitomize our core values of Unity, Truth, and Love. This is our parish school, please visit us. **Calling All Alumni:** On Saturday, **September 28th** from 1:00 - 3:00pm, we are inviting you to come visit the school you once attended. Walk the hallway photo gallery and find yourself as you were in 8th grade the year you graduated from OLG. Enjoy visiting with school chums, meet the principal and some of the teaching staff you once had when a student here. We are excited to show off all the improvements that have been made since you were a student at the school.

-Susan Anderson

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Stewardship of treasure involves trust in God. You have to really believe in God's Providence and trust that if you give 10% of your income to the Church and charity, for example, God will help you live on the rest.

Offerings of August 25th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 7,567.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 9,038.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [1,471.00]
Year-to-date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [19,025.00]

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 | Rose Montalban |
| Maria Bettencourt | Mona Mulvaney |
| Maureen Boeh | Angela Schaaphok |
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| Sheila McAlinden | |

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

**CINDY KATHAIN
EARL FERERIA**

SCRIP ORDER FORMS ARE HERE!

You can purchase SCRIP gift cards and spend it at local stores where you already shop. SCRIP cards (at face value) help Our Lady of Grace's Evangelization Program earn 2%-17% per certificate. Stop by the Parish office and look over the list. This is a great fundraiser for the church. Orders placed on the 1st & 3rd week of the month will be ready for pick-up on the 2nd & 4th week of the month. Payment is due at the time of your order. Forms are available at the back of the church or in the Parish Office. Questions? Please contact the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.



1ST FRIDAY & 1ST SATURDAY DEVOTION



Come join us **1st Friday, September 6th**, for Mass at 8:15am with the recitation of the Litany of the Sacred Heart. On **1st Saturday, September 7th**, join us for Mass, Adoration, Rosary & Benediction at 8:15am.

1ST FRIDAY-TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

There will be a Traditional Latin Mass on **September 6th** at 7:00pm, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in the Friary Chapel in the CASA at 19950 Anita Ave.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY RESUMES ON SEPTEMBER 4th

Our Tuesday Morning Bible Study will resume on **September 4th** from 9:30-10:30am. We will meet weekly in the McGarvey Room in the Parish Office. Reading the Bible is an important part of our faith and it is easy to get started. Join the group! You just need to bring a Bible to read. We will have thoughtful discussions. Ages 18 years and older please.



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 4th** at 7:00pm in the OLG Room in Stack Center.

2020 PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND, CZECH REPUBLIC & GERMANY August 11th - 21st, 2020

The Passion Play of Oberammergau

The Passion Play takes place only once every 10 years. The summer of 2020 will be the last opportunity to see this world-famous play until the year 2030. **Don't miss this chance to experience the Passion Play of Oberammergau.** The price for this 11-day pilgrimage is \$4649 per person and includes RT air from SF, 1st class/select hotels, 1st class admission tickets for the Oberammergau Passion Play, most meals, sightseeing & more. Tickets are selling out! Please contact Heidi Denzler-Halsey at 510-881-7850 or heidimdh106@gmail.com for more details.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 1st:

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, September 2nd:

LABOR DAY - Parish Office is Closed Today
Enjoy the Holiday!

Tuesday, September 3rd:

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

Wednesday, September 4th:

Pre-Baptism Class
7:00pm--Stack Center, OLG Room

Thursday, September 5th:

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
7:00pm--Parish Office, Upper Room
Adoration
7:00pm--Church
AA Serenity Group
7:30pm--Augustine Center, Room A2

Friday, September 6th:

First Friday Devotion
8:15am--Church
First Friday Traditional Latin Mass
7:00pm--CASA, Friary Chapel

Saturday, September 7th:

First Saturday Mass & Adoration
8:15am--Church
The Bible & the Virgin Mary Study
10:00am--Stack Center, OLG Room
The Mission Immaculata Village Meeting
11:00am--Stack Center, OLG Room

Sunday, September 8th:

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee & Donuts
After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center

New Parishioner Registration
10:30am--Stack Center

Whole Family & Middle School Catechesis
10:50am--Stack Center

Confirmation/Youth Ministry
6:00pm--Stack Center

Mass Intentions for the Week

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

SUNDAY, September 1st

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Rudy & Augie Enriquez--D

9:30am Helen Maes--D

MONDAY, September 2nd

8:15am Frank Groves--D

TUESDAY, September 3rd

St. Gregory the Great Pope & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Barbara Hemenez--L

WEDNESDAY, September 4th

8:15am Dorothy & Manuel Callier--D

THURSDAY, September 5th

8:15am Debi Telles--D

FRIDAY, September 6th

8:15am Burt Richard--D

SATURDAY, September 7th

8:15am Richard Benson--D

5:00pm Aaron Alcorn--D

SUNDAY, September 8th

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Ted, Joni & Kathleen Linney--D

9:30am Lou Maravella--D



REBUILD MY CHURCH BISHOP'S APPEAL 2019

Many thanks to those parishioners who have already generously contributed towards our Annual Bishop's Appeal. We are off to a great start but have a ways to go! Following is the status of our Annual Bishop's Appeal through **July 15th**:

\$ 22,639.00—Actual Donations Received

Our Goal for 2019: \$29,000.00

of Acknowledged Donors to date: 132

Funds Raised (includes pledges) \$27,738.00

We are currently at **97%** of our goal for this year's Bishop's Appeal!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

September 2nd through September 8th

Monday: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11; Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday: Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44

Thursday: Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11

Friday: Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 5:33-39

Saturday: Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5

Sunday: Wisdom 9:13-18; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33



ST. VINCENT de PAUL NEWS Who Are We Helping?

The stories behind the people we help are as varied as the individuals themselves. Some come to us for one time help during an emergency, others might need a variety of different services during a short period of time and still others require us to walk their path with them over many years. Here are a couple of their stories:

Ann lives with her daughter and granddaughter. Both suffer from various health problems & were made worse by living in an apartment with severe mold that the landlord refused to fix. For 4 years we helped them with food, and occasionally with a portion of their rent. A few months ago, a Section 8 apartment became available in Antioch. We were able to help them with a portion of their deposit. They have moved and are excited to be living in a clean environment. They greatly appreciate the help that our community has extended to them.

Carina had just separated from her husband when she lost her job. She will start receiving unemployment and child support in the next 2 weeks. However, her utilities are due now. Since she is actively looking for a job and getting a roommate in the next few weeks, we helped her with her PG&E bill.

If God is calling you to this ministry, please leave a message at 510-581-2164 or email us at svdp@olgcv.org

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