

**Ash Wednesday**

Lent begins on Wednesday, **February 26th**, which will be a day of Fasting & Abstinence. Additional Regulations for Lent is on page 4.

Join us for Mass with Ash Distribution at the following times:

7:00am at the Holy Family Friary Chapel on Redwood Road

8:15am with the School, **12 Noon**, and **6:00pm** in the Church

Following the 6:00pm Mass, stop by Stack Center and enjoy our Soup & Bread Meal, organized by our Evangelization Staff, Parents & Students. Monetary donations will be gladly accepted for CRS Ricebowl.

40 Days For LifePrayer & Fasting

We will participate in the following ways: A Mass for Life every Wednesday at 6:00pm and Friday all-night Adoration and Prayer Vigils in the Church from 8:00pm to 8:00am on March 13th, 20th, 27th. We encourage the Monastic Fasting tradition of Wednesday's and Friday's of Lent beginning Ash Wednesday, February 26th. Knowing that "with God, all things are possible," people of faith and conscience unite in 40 days of prayer and fasting. Christ told us some demons can only be driven out by prayer and fasting. The two go hand in hand. Prayer keeps us rooted in the fact that it is our desire to carry out God's will. Fasting is a sacrifice that helps us reach beyond our own limitations with God's help.

Constant Vigil

We will keep vigil at the "A" Street Planned Parenthood Clinic daily from 9:00am to 9:00pm. Please sign up for an hour each week during Lent. Beginning this weekend, sign-ups will be available. You may also call the Parish Office to reserve your timeslot. The visible, public centerpiece of 40 Days for Life is a focused, 40-day, 12 hour prayer vigil outside a single Planned Parenthood center or other abortion facility in our community. It is a peaceful and educational presence. Those who are called to stand witness during this 12 hours-a-day presence send a powerful message to the community about the tragic reality of abortion.

Community Outreach

We will seek to educate through our Masses, at our School, and through our Evangelization programs. During 40 Days for Life, the message is taken proactively to every corner of our community. Media outreach is conducted through carefully targeted news stories, talk shows, and editorials. Church involvement begins by meeting with local pastors, other church leaders, and members of different congregations. A door-to-door petition and education drive reaches out to every household in your town or city.

Lenten Conference with Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv.

Please join the Friars on Wednesday, **March 4th** at 7:00pm in Stack Center, in welcoming our Franciscan brother, Bishop John Stowe of the Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky. Bishop John Stowe oversees for the USCCB, Pax Christi in the United States. The Conference will be on the encyclical *Ladato Si* and is titled, *We Are All In This Together*. As we seek to be ecologically responsible by installing solar panels this Spring, may we reflect on the spiritual and moral implications of caring for God's Creation.

Peace,
Fr. Tom

Gospel for The First Sunday of Lent (March 1st)**Matthew 4:1-11**

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, "It is written: *One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.* Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: *He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.*" Jesus answered him, "Again it is written, *You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.*" Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written: *The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.*" Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.



THE 2020 BISHOP'S APPEAL

The 2020 Bishop's Appeal is under way! There are 5 specific areas that receive funds from the Appeal:

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

Be assured that none of the funds are ever redirected to any other causes.

We ask you to pray for the Bishop's Appeal and join us in *Rebuilding Christ's Church* in the Diocese of Oakland.

Our goal this year is to gain 100% participation from ALL members of Our Lady of Grace Parish!

The Bishop's Appeal is necessary to meet the needs of the Diocese and Chancery. *This appeal helps cover costs of ministries and services.* There are many exciting and positive things happening around the diocese and the services it provides. There are active ministries and programs that serve all the faithful within all parishes in one way or another.



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**OLG SPRING AUCTION
SAVE THE DATE
MAY 16TH!**

Our Lady of Grace's Spring Auction is scheduled for **Saturday, May 16th**. This year's theme is *Moonlit Masquerade*. We look forward to seeing you there!

**OLG TRACK & FIELD
REGISTRATION**



Registration for Track & Field is now open. The 2020 program is open to K thru 8th grade students. Fees will be \$90 and includes uniform, practice & meet fees. For a sign-up packet, contact Shane Rogge at shanerogge@comcast.net (510-325-4205) or John Embody at jembod@hotmai.com (510-300-5024). For more information, login to www.olgcyo.siplay.com to view eligibility requirements. Go Lions!



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**ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 26TH**

The schedule for Ash Wednesday is as follows: 7:00am at the Friary on Redwood Road, 8:15am All School Mass with Ashes, 12:00 Noon Mass with Ashes, 6:00pm Mass with Ashes followed by a Soup Meal in Stack Center.

ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP MEAL



After the 6:00pm Mass, join us for a simple meal of soup and bread on Wednesday, **February 26th** in Stack Center. It will be a time for fellowship and families coming together. Thank you to our Evangelization Program for sponsoring the Soup Meal on Ash Wednesday. Financial donations at the Soup Meal will be accepted for CRS Rice Bowl.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
English & Spanish**

Beginning **February 28th**, Stations of the Cross in English, led by our school students will be offered at Our Lady of Grace on Fridays at 2:30pm during Lent in the Church. Stations of the Cross in English will also be offered at 6:00pm and in Spanish at 7:00pm in the Church.

DO NOT BE AFRAID OF CONFESSION

During the Lenten season, Confession will be available every Thursday at 7:00pm during Adoration and on Saturdays at 8:45am & 3:30pm. In addition, Confessions will also be heard on **March 18th** at 7:00pm and **April 7th & 8th** at 7:30am. Our Communal Penance service is scheduled for Wednesday, **April 1st** at 7:00pm



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



Come join us **1st Friday, March 6th**, for Mass at 8:15am with the recitation of the Litany of the Sacred Heart. On **1st Saturday, March 7th**, join us for Mass, Adoration, Rosary & Benediction at 8:15am, followed by our Advent Series "Mary, Full of Grace" at 10:00am in Stack Center, OLG Room.

1ST FRIDAY-TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

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



ALTAR CANDLE MEMORIALS

We are looking to have 6 monthly sponsors for our Altar Candles and ask for a donation of \$20 to cover the cost of the candles for the month. Our donors will be recognized in the 1st bulletin of the month and there will be a monthly Mass offered for the intention of our Candle Memorial. Many blessed thanks for those who have donated. For more information, please call the Parish Office.

**ST. MAXMILLIAN KOLBE FRIARY
Militia Immaculata Purgatory Society**

- Aurora David
- Victor Pasquini
- Maria & Rita Venturini
- Kaitlin Mullins
- Bibiana T. Formosa

BISHOP STOWE COMES TO OLG

All are invited to meet Bishop John Stowe, O.F.M. Conv. of Kentucky on Wednesday, **March 4th** from 7:00–8:30pm in Stack Center and hear his stimulating presentation on the fraternal interconnectedness in all creation. He will describe St. Francis’ and Pope Francis’ view of creation and its relationship to peace and justice in our world today. This event is sponsored by our Pax Christi/Social Justice group. For more information, pick up a flyer at one of the entrances to the church, or call the church office at 510-537-0806.



**ST. VINCENT de PAUL NEWS
Who Are We Helping?**

We met up with April in the Trader Joe’s parking lot. She is homeless and we have been helping her for the past year. Her daughter has been staying with other family members. She has been working, but not making enough to afford housing. Recently she was able to find a mobile home in Castro Valley and will be moving in shortly. We gave her 2 Shari’s cards for Christmas along with a Walmart card so she could buy something for her daughter. She is grateful for all the help we have given her this past year.

We appreciate your support of St. Vincent de Paul as we help those in our community. Please keep us and those we serve in your prayers. If you would like to get involved in this ministry or just have some questions, please call Heidi at 510-881-7850 or email svdp@olgcv.org

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 February 16th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 8,489.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,501.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [12.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 2,008.00

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:

- Cindy Abraham
- Glen Alcorn
- Maureen Boeh
- Peggy Burton
- Heidi Carne
- Theresa Ferrari
- Linda Guzman
- Wally Lim
- Laura Martell
- Sheila McAlinden
- Rose Montalban
- Leticia Nelson
- Diana Riley
- Florence Sharp
- Howard Songey
- Lurdes Sousa
- Julius Spekner
- Mary Lou Vincent
- Arthur Williams
- Peggy Winkenbach

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

HEALTH PRECAUTIONS

During this cold/flu/virus season, we will discontinue offering the Precious Blood during Holy Communion. In lieu of offering our hands to others at the Sign of Peace, we will acknowledge each other with a slight head bow. Likewise, during the Our Father, we will refrain from holding hands. We thank you for your understanding.

All of us must be aware of such sensitive matters in the intimate life of the Christian community & we should be aware that by refraining from the Sign of Peace and the communal chalice is out of care for our well-being and not out of unkindness or lack of piety.

REGULATIONS FOR LENT

Abstinence and Fasting:

Abstinence from eating meat is to be observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays during Lent. This applies to all persons 14 and older. The law of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday applies to all persons 18 or older and younger than 59.

Fasting means that one full meatless meal per day may be eaten. Two other meatless meals may be taken sufficient to maintain strength, but together they should not equal a full meal. Liquids, including milk and fruit juice, may be taken between meals. If health or ability to work is affected, fasting does not oblige. Private, self-imposed observance of fasting on Lenten weekdays is strongly recommended. Parents should ensure that children who are not bound by the laws of fast and abstinence are taught an authentic sense of penance, conversion and reconciliation.

Lenten Observance:

Catholics are encouraged to participate in Holy Mass and in the Sacrament of Penance during Lent, and parishes are encouraged to provide regular and frequent opportunities for such participation. Likewise encouraged are devotions such as Stations of the Cross, vigils and prayer services (with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, if opportune). Traditional practices - including increased prayer, Scripture and spiritual reading, alms, personal self-denial in food and drink, increased care and service to the sick and needy - are also suggested.

Easter Duty:

All initiated Catholics are bound by the obligations of receiving Communion at least once a year and to confess sacramentally all serious sins not previously acknowledged in individual Confession. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter duty season, which is from the first Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“If we fall in love with creation deeper and deeper, we will respond to its endangerment with passion.”

– St. Hildegard of Bingen, *Scivias*, 1152

To join our work with Pax Christi, please contact the Parish Office at 510-537-0806

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.



THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 23rd:

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Children’s Liturgy of the Word
9:30am Mass--Augustine Center

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

New Parishioner Registration
10:30am--Stack Center

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

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

Tuesday, February 25th:

Tuesday Morning Bible Study
9:30am--Parish Office, McGarvey Room

Men’s Faith Share
7:00pm--Stack Center, Room 7

Women’s Evening Bible Study
7:00pm--Stack Center, OLG Room

Wednesday, February 26th:

Ash Wednesday Masses
7:00am--Friary Chapel, Redwood Rd.
8:15am, 12 Noon & 6:00pm--Church

Lenten Soup Meal
Following the 6:00pm Mass--Stack Center

Thursday, February 27th:

RCIA
7:00pm--Stack Center, OLG Room

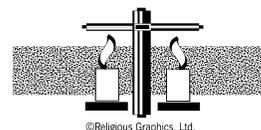
Adoration
7:00pm--Church

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

Friday, February 28th:

Stations of the Cross
2:30pm (w/ School), 6:00pm (English)
& 7:00pm (Spanish)--Church

Friday Fish Fry
5:00pm--Stack Center



Mass Intentions for the Week

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

SUNDAY, February 23rd
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Franciscan Friars' Intentions
9:30am Aaron Alcorn--D
11:30am Helen Maes--D

MONDAY, February 24th
8:15am Mariano Realina--D

TUESDAY, February 25th
8:15am Vincenzo & Giuseppa Latora--D

WEDNESDAY, February 26th
8:15am Mass with Ashes (School Liturgy)
Noon Mass with Ashes
6:00pm Mass with Ashes

THURSDAY, February 27th
8:15am Richard Benson--D

FRIDAY, February 28th
8:15am Rose Nicasio--D

SATURDAY, February 29th
8:15am Geraldo Ferro Fernandez--D
5:00pm Ted Linney--D

SUNDAY, March 1st
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
7:30am Franciscan Friars' Intentions
9:30am Kathleen Cande--L
11:30am Claudia Dobbs--L



THIS WEEK--Continued

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The First Sunday of Lent

Children's Liturgy of the Word
9:30am Mass--Augustine Center

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

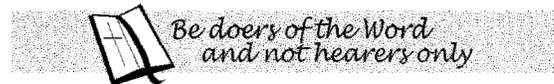
1st Communion Class
10:50am--Stack Center

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

February 24th through March 1st

Monday: James 3:13-18; Mark 9:14-29
Tuesday: James 4:1-10; Mark 9:30-37
Wednesday: Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25
Friday: Isaiah 58:1-9; Matthew 9:14-15
Saturday: Isaiah 58:9-14; Luke 5:27-32
Sunday: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11



NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

We extend a warm welcome to new parishioners & guests. Please stop by Stack Center today, **February 23rd**, 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.

MEN'S FAITH SHARE

The Men's Faith Share group meets on Tuesdays each week at 7:00pm in Stack Center, Room 7. The group reads and discusses the upcoming Sunday's readings for the Mass. If you are looking for a small group setting to pray and explore the Word each week, please join us on Tuesday evenings.



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

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