

40 Days for Life

The mission of 40 Days for Life is to bring together the body of the Christian spirit of unity, during a focused 40-day campaign of prayer, fasting, and peaceful activism. With the purpose of repentance, the mission is also to seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion.

Was Jesus an unplanned pregnancy? Mary or any human being had no concept of this possibility. May we give thanks that Mary said **yes** to the Angel Gabriel, to the message of God, to life! This is the **yes** to life that brought us our Savior. Mary had to face many challenges: she had to face her parents, Ann and Joachim. Mary had to leave town and visit her cousin Elizabeth who welcomed and believed rather than condemn. She had to face Joseph who wanted to break the engagement and leave her. She had to leave town to give birth to Jesus. She had to face a hostile government that sought to kill Jesus when he was born. She had become a political refugee to save the life of Jesus.

May we have compassion for the young women who have an unplanned pregnancy. May we ask the intercession on the Holy Family for the strength to always choose and support life! The culture of death seeks to promote and encourage abortion, sterilization and assisted suicide as an answer. If there is life, it is because it is the gift from the God of life. Choose life and not death! Jesus have mercy on us! Join us for a Vigil of prayer for an hour in our Church this Friday, **March 20th** from 8:00pm to 8:00am or come and pray at Planned Parenthood everyday from 9:00am to 9:00pm.

Movie Night This Wednesday On March 18th

We will be showing the movie "Unplanned" at 7:00pm at Stack Center. Join us for a Mass for Life at 6:00pm and come to the movie. Snacks will be available. This film is not for young children due to the topic of abortion. If children are in middle school or older, I think it may be appropriate since they are indoctrinated to see abortion as a good thing, especially in public schools and online. Young girls can be encouraged to have abortions without parents being informed.

Healing Mass On March 25th at 6:00pm

There will be a Mass with anointing on the Feast of the Annunciation, **March 25th** at 6:00pm. If you are elderly, have a medical condition, or need emotional healing and would like to be anointed, please contact the Parish Office and give your name and the reason for anointing, medical or emotional.

Rebuild My Church

I ask that each family give at least 30 dollars to the Bishop's Appeal this year. That is about 50 cents a week and we can meet our goal. Please fill out a pledge envelope (in the pews) and mail it to the Diocese or place it in the collection. Thank you for your generosity.

Health Precautions

We ask that you follow the precautions that we have put in place as we respond to the virus concerns. **If you feel ill, please stay home.**

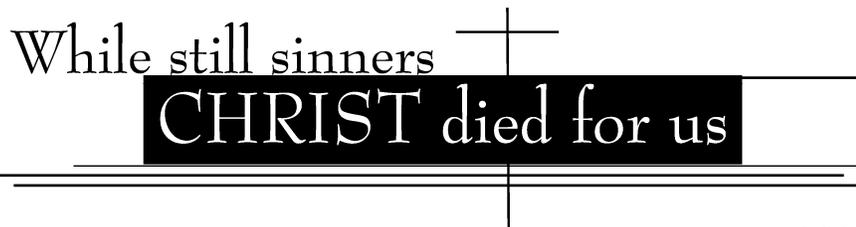
- 1) No holding hands
- 2) A bow at the sign of peace
- 3) No cup of Precious Blood
- 4) Preferred reception of the host is in the hand. If you would like to receive on the tongue, please go to the kneeler where it will be distributed last.
- 5) If you have a cough, please go to the rear of the church and go outside until it is under control.

For the elderly and those with chronic medical conditions, there are sanitizing wipes at the front by the oils and in the back table by Our Lady of Guadalupe to wipe surfaces where you sit. There will also be a hand sanitizer on the back table or in the side entrance near the outside gathering space. We are doing our best to replenish as needed. We will gladly accept any donations.

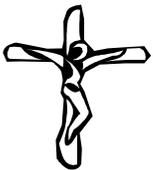
St. Mariana Cope pray for us!

Peace,

Fr. Tom



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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
English & Spanish**

Join us on Lenten Fridays for Stations of the Cross which is offered at Our Lady of Grace at 2:30pm with the School, 6:00pm in English & 7:00pm in Spanish, 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 on **April 7th & 8th** at 7:30am. Our Communal Penance service is scheduled for Tuesday, **March 31st** at 7:00pm.

FRIDAY FISH FRY'S

Join us each Lenten Friday from 5:00-8:00pm in Stack Center for a delicious fish dinner, prepared by the Knights of Columbus. Curbside pick-up, Take-out or Dine-in options are available. Cost is \$10 for adults & \$5 for children. Dinner includes fried fish, salad & fries. Please pre-pay in the Parish Office or reserve your dinner at Pay-At-The-Door. Checks may be made payable to St. Maximillian Kolbe Council 16770. You may pay online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/friday-fish-frys-during-lenten-tickets-94873548337> for a small fee.



JOURNEY THROUGH LENT WITH FORMED.ORG

Lent has begun! Exploring what FORMED has to offer is a wonderful way to help us prepare our hearts and minds for the Easter season. Take advantage of the many free movies and ebooks at your disposal which can be shared and discussed with family and friends. You will also find many choices which are educational and entertaining for the youngest members of your family. **If you don't have an account yet, just follow the instructions below for free access to FORMED.**

To register for free, visit: www.olgcv.formed.org Type in "Our Lady of Grace, Castro Valley CA" to become a member.

FESCO SHUFFLE - SAVE THE DATE!

The FESCO Shuffle is scheduled for Saturday, **May 2nd** (9:00am-12 Noon) at the San Leandro Marina Park - Seagull Picnic Area. More details to come.



THE 2020 BISHOP'S APPEAL

The 2020 Bishop's Appeal is under way! Here are some ways your gifts helped to *Rebuild the Church* in 2019:

- 700 young people celebrated & grew in their faith at the Youth Conference. 98 of those men & women came forward to declare they were open to a religious vocation.
- The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal opened a convent in Oakland to minister to the destitute & homeless.

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

Envelopes are in the pews for your use. Please be sure to write "Our Lady of Grace" in the envelope.

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

For more information on the Appeal, visit: www.oakdiocese.org/bishops-appeal



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

Our Lady of Grace's Spring Auction is scheduled for **Saturday, May 16th, 5:30-10:00pm**. This year's theme is *Moonlit Masquerade*. We look forward to seeing you there!

Donations: We need donations. Do you have a nice bottle of wine? Extra tickets to a Sporting Event? Play? Musical? Symphony? Is there a favorite kids' class/camp, fitness club/class, restaurant, spa, hair salon that you might solicit a gift certificate or gift basket from? Do you have a cabin or vacation home?

Make Something: Do you like to bake or cook? Offer to make dinners, jams, desserts or soups. Are you crafty? Create jewelry, knitwear, blankets or quilts. *Homemade is priceless!*

Desserts: If you like to bake, we'd love a donation of cake, cupcakes, etc. for the Dessert Dash!

Advertise: If you own a business or provide a service, place an ad in our program.

Donations accepted through April 15th.

Have questions? Feel free to ask! Please send questions to: our.lady.of.grace.auction@gmail.com.

Stay tuned for ticket & website information!

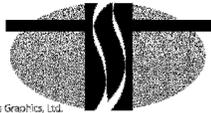


ALTAR CANDLE MEMORIALS

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.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES
BISHOP'S OVERSEAS APPEAL**

Next weekend is the Bishop's Overseas Appeal. There will be envelopes in the pews for your use. This appeal supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and advocacy on behalf of the powerless. Thank you for your generosity.



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

We have been helping Donna since 2014. She lives in Section 8 Housing. Her kidneys are failing and she has many health issues related to poor circulation. She also has difficulty understanding and managing her finances. We met with her landlord & straightened out what was owed in rent. Her main source of income is as a IHSS caregiver for her developmentally disabled adult son. We have helped the 2 of them with food and occasionally with utilities over the years. Last month her check for her IHSS work was lost in the mail. This caused quite a hardship for them. In the next month or so we will be helping her to open up a bank account so that her checks can be automatically deposited.

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 March 8th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 7,950.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,399.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [449.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 3,130.00

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 | Sheila McAlinden |
| Glen Alcorn | Rose Montalban |
| Maureen Boeh | Diana Riley |
| Peggy Burton | Florence Sharp |
| Heidi Carne | Howard Songey |
| Natalina De Freitas | Lurdes Sousa |
| Theresa Ferrari | Julius Spekner |
| Linda Guzman | Mary Lou Vincent |
| Wally Lim | Arthur Williams |
| Laura Martell | 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.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“True peace is not merely the absence of tension: it is the presence of justice.” – Martin Luther King Jr.

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



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S BAG LUNCH PROGRAM

Each Thursday from 9:30-10:30am, members of Our Lady of Grace's Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be offering free bag lunches to those in need in front of First Presbyterian Church on Grove Way. The ABODE Services will also be there at the same time to offer free medical services. Please pass this info on to anyone you may know who may benefit from these services.

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.

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.



EXECUTION ALERTS

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

March 13th Jordan Clemons Philadelphia
 March 18th John Hummel Texas

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



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!

ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE

The Rosary will be recited for World Peace after the 8:15am Mass each Wednesday in the Church. Please join us.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 15th:

The Third 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

Tuesday, March 17th:

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, March 18th:

Strobridge Dinner
 5:30pm--Strobridge Apartments

Mass for Life
 6:00pm--Church

"Unplanned" Movie Presentation
 7:00pm--Stack Center

Confession
 7:00pm--Church

Thursday, March 19th:

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

Adoration
 7:00pm--Church

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

Friday, March 20th:

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

Friday Fish Fry's
 5:00pm--Stack Center

Confirmation Retreat
 7:00pm--Stack Center

Saturday, March 21st:

Confirmation Retreat
 All Day--Stack Center

Mass for the Intentions  *for the Week*

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

SUNDAY, March 15th

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30am Violet Cary--D

9:30am Franciscan Friars' Intentions

1:30pm Avelina Garcia--D

MONDAY, March 16th

8:15am Maria Linh Nguyen--L

TUESDAY, March 17th

St. Patrick, Bishop

8:15am Jose & Julia Sousa--D

WEDNESDAY, March 18th

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Mario Tejada--D

6:00pm Victor Pasquini--D

THURSDAY, March 19th

ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:15am Richard Benson--D

FRIDAY, March 20th

8:15am Louis Rodrigues--D

SATURDAY, March 21st

8:15am Franciscan Friars' Intentions

5:00pm Stephanie Rosevear--D

SUNDAY, March 22nd

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30am Franciscan Friars' Intentions

9:30am Antonio Chocha--D

1:30pm Jose Duarte--D



THIS WEEK--Continued

Sunday, March 22nd:

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

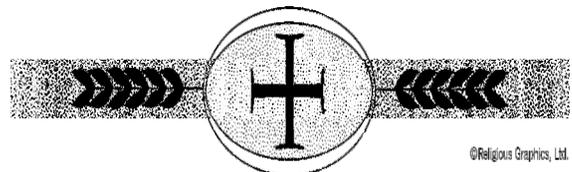
READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

March 16th through March 22nd

Monday: 2 Kings 5:1-15; Luke 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9; Matthew 5:17-19
 Thursday: 2 Samuel 7:4-5,12-14,16;
 Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22;
 Matthew 1:16, 18-21,24
 Friday: Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14
 Sunday: 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7, 10-13;
 Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

USE SCRIP WHILE YOU SHOP

Do you get coffee at Starbucks? Buy groceries at Safeway? Use SCRIP 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. 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? Contact the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.



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 meet at Transfiguration Church
Marian Room (Hall)

Next Meeting: **March 19th**

9:00am to 11:15am

Speaker: Sadie Hess

Topic: "Destiny Is Not A Destination:
My Walk To My Place In The World"

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