#### Prayer for Mother's

□□□□□□□ Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, pray for all mothers, so that they will be able to fulfill their From the Postor maternal responsibilities. Help them to be lovers and nurturers of all human life from the moment of conception until natural death, all the while being examples for their own children. Pray for their

children, so that they, too, will be faithful followers of Your Son. We offer these prayers in Jesus' name, in union with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen

#### St. Francis and Devotion to Our Lady

Francis in the prayers he composed developed with love and devotion a new understanding of Mary in relation to God and us. In his prayer "A Salutation of the Blessed Virgin Mary" he reveals Mary who is the Virgin made Church. In his antiphon for the Office to the Passion Francis he recognizes Mary's singular role as Spouse of the Holy Spirit. These titles reveal an understanding of the of Mary and her her relation to the Trinitarian God and Salvation.

St. Francis in his Salutation to the Blessed Virgin Mary reveals new profound insights into the unique and privileged position of the Blessed Virgin.

Hail Lady, Holy Queen, Mary holy Mother of God, who are the Virgin made church and the one chosen by the Most Holy Father of Heaven, whom He consecrated with His Most Holy Beloved Son and with the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete; in whom there was and is all fullness of grace and every good. · Hail His Palace; Hail His Tabernacle; Hail His Home. Hail His Vestment; Hail His Handmaid; Hail His Mother · and hail all you holy virtues, which through the grace and illumination of the Holy Spirit are infused into the hearts of the faithful, so that from those unfaithful you make them faithful to God.

Mary as the Virgin made Church was a unique title St. Francis used to understand Mary and her unique position. Mary is the Mother of God who was chosen by the Father and consecrated by the Son and the Holy Spirit. It was the incarnation which made her the dwelling place of God and the one who bears Christ to the world. Mary is the Virgin made church.

St. Francis in his Office of the Passion reveals the relationship of Mary to God as she is at the side of her Son. The antiphon for the Office of the Passion reveals Mary as daughter to God the Father, Mother of Jesus, and Spouse of the Holy Spirit.

Holy Virgin Mary, among the women born into the world, there is no one like you. Daughter and servant of the most high and supreme King and of the Father in heaven, Mother of our most holy Lord Jesus Christ, spouse of the Holy Spirit, pray for us with Saint Michael the Archangel, all the powers of heaven and all the saints, at the side of your most holy beloved Son, our Lord and Teacher. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

Through devotional love and prayer St. Francis comes to experience Jesus and Mary at the Cross and at the Manger. The connection to Divine love through the humanity of Jesus and Mary become are the themes to become central to the Franciscan Mariological School, emerge from this unlimited devotion to Mary as Mother of God: a sense of her unique mediation, first as an active co-cause of the Incarnation and then as spiritual Mother of the Church and its members; and then, as a consequence, a sense of her person as one capable of being the Mother of God and our Mother. For she is Spouse of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin made Church, who is able to bring into this world the Son of God and Savior by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and by the operation of the same Spirit make of the Church virginal Mother of Christ in the minds and hearts of the faithful.

#### Feast of Our Lady of Fatima on May 13

Just over 100 years ago Mary appeared to the children at Fatima with a message to help humanity find peace and salvation. We continue to suffer from the error coming from Russia which was a rejection of God in the ideology of Communism. Her message warned us that the path we were on was leading many hopeless and falling into hell. Mary gave the children a message that we could change the future of humanity through prayer, sacrifice for others, and entrustment or consecration to Mary's Immaculate Heart would bring peace.

Watch this Message of hope on **FORMED** in the movie *The 13th Day*.

# HAPPY Mother's DAY

## WHOLE FAMILY AND FIRST COMMUNION REGISTRATION OPEN ONLINE

Fr. Tom is encouraging all families with children in grades K-8 to register for the 2020-2021 classes starting in **September 2020** to register on line. You can register on line using the following link: https://campscuber.org.camps



#### LIVESTREAM MASS SCHEDULE

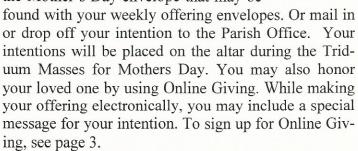
Our Livestream Mass Schedule is as follows:

Monday to Saturday at 8:15 AM Sunday at 9:00 AM

In the future, we may have a Spanish Mass scheduled. To join on Fr. Tom's Facebook page, visit our website at www.olgcv.org and click on "Livestream Mass" at the top of the homepage.

#### **MOTHER'S DAY**

As a means of honoring our mothers, living and deceased, a Triduum of Masses will be celebrated on May 11th, 12th, and 13th. If you would like to have your loved one remembered, please drop-off or mail your intention in the Mother's Day envelope that may be



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#### **CHURCH SCHEDULE**

In response to the Alameda County Health Department's legal order directing residents to shelter in place, Our Lady of Grace Office will be closed to the public until further notice.

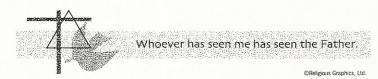
Our Lady of Grace Church will be open Monday to Saturday from 9:00 AM to Noon for private prayer. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed Thursdays from 5:00-7:00pm & Saturdays from 9:00-10:00am. Confessions will be heard during those times. On Sundays the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 10:00am-5:00pm with no Confession.

Eucharist will be offered on Sundays at the hours of 8AM, 11AM and 1PM in the Gathering Area. Please wear a mask and maintain social distancing at all times. Continue to check the website (www.olgcv.org) for the most current information.

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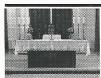
"The Search" is a powerful new Catholic evangelization experience hosted by Chris Stefanick and featuring scientists, astronauts, artists, and fellow searchers who uncover the answers to life's big questions on happiness, purpose, meaning, and faith. "The Search" video series has something for all of us, even those who are away from the Church but are still seeking, and those who have never considered faith before. Learn more at www.theSEARCHbegins.org.



#### **CHURCH SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

Face masks are required, along with social distancing of 6 feet between others, when visiting the church. Please adhere to no more than 10 people in the church at a time and be brief when in the church –no more than 20 minutes. Please wait your turn if the church is already occupied with 10 people. As always, please use the disinfectant wipes provided to clean your area before and after your time in the church. Face masks and social distancing are also required when coming to receive the Eucharist on Sundays in the Gathering Area. Thank you!

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#### **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.



# THANK YOU FOR USING ONLINE GIVING

This is a wonderful way to continue your weekly offering while we shelter in place.

During this time without public Masses, we also have no Sunday collection. We are grateful to the Parishioners who have dropped off or mailed in their weekly offering to the Parish office as well as the Parishioners who continue to support us using our Online Giving.

Parishioners who use the service are pleased with how easy it is to set up and manage. To sign up, visit our website at www.olgcv.org and click on "Online Giving" at the top of the homepage. If you need help with signing up, please contact Colleen at clind-berg@olgcv.org

## DEMAND A COVID-19 VACCINE DEVELOPED ETHICALLY

Recently, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, along with 20 healthcare, bioethics, and pro-life organizations, sent a letter urging the Food and Drug Administration to ensure that any vaccine for COVID-19 be developed ethically and with no connection to abortion. Among the dozen vaccines being developed, some are being produced using old cell lines from the cells of aborted babies. As the bishops point out, no one should be forced to choose between being vaccinated against this virus and violating his or her conscience, especially as there are other cell lines that have no connection to abortion that can be used. Please visit: https://www.votervoice.net/ USCCB/Campaigns/73486/Respond to ask the Trump Administration to ensure vaccines for COVID-19 are developed ethically and with no connection to abortion.

#### **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 for the Month of APRIL:

Sunday Plate for the month: \$ 27,074.00

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

In Memoriam

**VICTIMS OF COVID-19** 

For our families whose businesses have been affected by the shutdown, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806 with the name of your business so we can support you with our prayers. And to list you on our Parish website in our Business Directory.

For those who have lost their jobs, please contact us and we will see if we can connect you with our families who own businesses as to when they will be able to hire again.

#### THE 2020 BISHOP'S APPEAL

REBUILD Although we call it "The Bishop's MYCHURCH Appeal", it is really Christ's appeal.

Thank you in advance for your love and generosity. No gift is too small.

-Bishop Michael C. Barber

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

Please use the envelope that was sent to you in February. If you do not have one, you may mail your donation to: Diocese of Oakland, 2121 Harrison St., Suite 100, Oakland, CA 94612. You may make your check out to: "Bishop's Appeal" and please write "Our Lady of Grace" in the memo line.

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





# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SAVE THE DATE!

August 3rd-7th 9:00am-12 Noon Church of the Assumption 1851 136th Ave., San Leandro

This summer Our Lady of Grace & Church of the Assumption in San Leandro are teaming up to bring kids K-6th grade another exciting week of VBS!

Cost is \$65 for 1 camper, \$105 for 2 campers & \$130 for 3 or more campers (same households). To pre-register (no payments taken at this time), visit: <a href="https://vbspro.events/p/events/athens2020olgcv">https://vbspro.events/p/events/athens2020olgcv</a> For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

#### **ADULTS & TEEN LEADERS WANTED!**

We're looking for positive, enthusiastic adults and incoming 7th through 12th graders to join in the VBS adventure! **Teens: Earn Service Hours/Work Experience/Servant Leadership Skills!** You must be available August 3rd to August 7th from 8:40am to 12:15pm and August 1st from 10:00am to 1:00pm for MANDATORY Saturday Set-Up and Training. To register as a volunteer, visit:https://vbspro.events/p/events/athens2020olgcv

# THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 10th:

Fifth Sunday of Easter Happy Mother's Day!

Livestream Mass on Facebook (Thomas Czeck) 9:00am

Private Prayer & Adoration 10:00am-5:00pm--Church

Distribution of the Eucharist (No Mass) 8:00am, 11:00am & 1:00pm--Gathering Area

#### Monday, May 11th:

Livestream Mass on Facebook (Thomas Czeck)

8:15am

Private Prayer 9:00am-Noon--Church

#### Tuesday, May 12th:

Livestream Mass on Facebook (Thomas Czeck)

8:15am

Private Prayer

9:00am-Noon--Church

#### Wednesday, May 13th:

Livestream Mass on Facebook (Thomas Czeck)

8:15am

Private Prayer

9:00am-Noon--Church

#### Thursday, May 14th:

Livestream Mass on Facebook (Thomas Czeck)

8:15am

Private Prayer

9:00am-Noon--Church

Adoration & Confession

5:00-7:00pm--Church

#### Friday, May 15th:

Livestream Mass on Facebook (Thomas Czeck)

8:15am

Private Prayer

9:00am-Noon--Church

#### Saturday, May 16th:

Livestream Mass on Facebook (Thomas Czeck)

8:15am

Private Prayer

9:00am-Noon--Church

Adoration & Confession

## Mass for the Intentions Week

### SUNDAY, May 10th

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30am Adelaide Martin--D

9:30am Antonio S. Barroso, Sr.--D

11:30am Franciscan Friars' Intentions

#### MONDAY, May 11th

8:15am Mother's Day Remembrance

#### TUESDAY, May 12th

8:15am Mother's Day Remembrance

#### WEDNESDAY, May 13th

8:15am Mother's Day Remembrance

#### THURSDAY, May 14th

8:15am Velasquez & Moran Families--D

#### FRIDAY, May 15th

8:15am Mary Lou Vincent--L

#### SATURDAY, May 16th

8:15am Enriquito Marquez--D

5:00pm Anty Zaldivar--D

#### SUNDAY, May 17th

#### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30am Sue Klas--L

9:30am Antonio Chocha--D

11:30am Franciscan Friars' Intentions



The Mass Intentions will continue to be offered by Fr. Tom during private chapel mass until the Shelter in Place legal order is lifted.

#### THIS WEEK--Continued

Sunday, May 17th:

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Livestream Mass on Facebook (Thomas Czeck) 9:00am

Private Prayer & Adoration 10:00am-5:00pm--Church

Distribution of the Eucharist (No Mass) 8:00am, 11:00am & 1:00pm--Gathering Area

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

#### May 11th through May 17th

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31

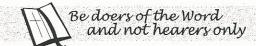
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8,14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18;

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#### PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"There is no dichotomy between man and God's image. Whoever tortures a human being, whoever abuses a human being, whoever outrages a human being, abuses God's image."—St. Oscar Romero, 1980

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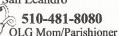
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