Message from Fr. Tom

Our Lady of Grace Community,

We long for the return of normalcy, however, we have to create peace from within as we draw closer to Jesus and Mary during these difficult times. For those who can, unite to the Lord in worship by joining us for Mass on Friday and Saturday at 8:15am and for Sunday Liturgy at 9:00am for our Drive-In Mass, 11:00am for a quiet Mass in the Church, and Noon for the Spanish Mass in the School Courtyard. If you are in a vulnerable group or you feel ill, please stay home and join us at the Our Lady of Grace Facebook Livestream at 8:15am Monday - Saturday and on 9:00am on Sunday. I invite you to pray the Rosary at home. We also have the Church open for prayer Monday-Friday from 9:00am until Noon. Confession and Adoration are available on Thursday from 5:00pm until 7:00pm and on Saturday from 8:45am until 10:00am. Our whole Church is sanitized on Monday and Friday and spot sanitized between and after services. You must wear masks and carry a personal hand sanitizer for all services on the property.

I offer to all our families during these troubled times the intercession and protection of Our Lady of Grace. We have Miraculous Medals for all who want them. We who wear these medals are under her intercession and protected under her mantle. Our Savior was entrusted to the care of Mary by God and Jesus gave her to us on the Cross when he told the Beloved Disciple "behold your Mother".

I ask your prayers as I have been diagnosed with cancer. I am seeking treatment this summer and I hope to be back in action in the Fall. Our community of Our Lady of Grace will be in my heart and prayers. My Franciscan brothers will be attending to your sacramental needs as I isolate for treatment. Special thanks to Friars Francisco and John for filling in and to Fr. Paul for re-engaging in Ministry to the extent possible for a person in a vulnerable group during the Pandemic.

Peace. Fr. Tom



Gospel for The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 19th)

Matthew 13:24-30

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.""



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION SUNDAY, JULY 12th

Please join us in welcoming these young members of our community to the table for the first time.

First Holy Communion Recipients

Anthony Baltazar Alondra Rodriguez-Flores Sophia Mendez-Flores

Samantha Leon Julissa Madrigal Luis Madrigal



FESCO BACKPACK DRIVE

As you know, every summer FESCO, (Family Emergency Shelter Supplies Needed Coalition), sponsors a backpack drive that our church generously supports.

This drive supplies the FESCO families with school supplies their children will need for the upcoming academic year. Even though this school year will look a little different than usual, the students are still going to need backpacks and supplies, and we hope that you will consider participating in this project.

Because of the Covid-19 restrictions, we will not be able to take sign-ups in the courtyard as we have done for many years. Instead, we are asking you to sign up on our website: www.olgcv.org and click on "FESCO" at the top of the homepage. There will be an attachment with the supply lists needed for the various grade levels and specific directions. As before, you only have to provide the supplies because another group is donating the backpacks.

The last day to sign-up is July 13th. Please return your bag of supplies to the Parish Office entrance by Monday, July 27th during office hours (9:00am-4:00pm). Please call ahead at 510-537-0806 to let us know you will be coming by. Thank you for your generosity.



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CHURCH RE-OPENING SCHEDULE

Our Lady of Grace Church has re-opened with the following schedule:

**Church Mass on Sundays at 11:00am. Reservations are required. There is a maximum of 90 seats. If you are a Flocknote member, a weekly invitation will be sent to you. To become a Flocknote member, see page 3. You may also reserve online at www.olgev.org. On the Homepage, scroll down and click on "Our Lady of Grace Mass Reservation" or you may call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806. Please arrive early for check-in and have your facemask and a personal hand sanitizer.

**Drive-In Mass (safest option) on Sundays at 9:00am in the Rear Parking Lot. Please enter from Somerset Ave. This Mass will continue to be Livestreamed on "Our Lady of Grace Castro Valley" Facebook page.

**Spanish Mass on Sundays at 12 Noon in the School Courtyard. Reservations are required. There is a maximum of 84 seats. Please call the Parish Office

**Friday and Saturday Church Masses at 8:15am with Livestream. No reservations. There is a maximum of 90 seats.

The Church will continue to be open Monday to Saturday from 9:00am to Noon for private prayer. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration on Thursdays from 5:00-7:00pm and Saturdays from 9:00-10:00am. Confessions will be heard during those times. Please wear a mask, sanitize your hands and maintain social distancing at all times. Continue to check the website (www.olgcv.org) for the most current information.

The Parish Office will remain closed to the public until further notice.



LIVESTREAM MASS SCHEDULF

Our Livestream Mass Schedule is as follows:

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

To join on "Our Lady of Grace Castro Valley" Facebook page, visit our website at www.olgcv.org and click on "Livestream Mass" at the top of the homepage.



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



PAX CHRISTI INVITATION TO UPCOMING SOCIAL JUSTICE DISCUSSION

Our Lady of Grace Pax Christi/Social Justice group is having our next meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, July 14th at

5:30pm in which we will be discussing the moral issues surrounding race issues. We will be discussing the hour-long YouTube, "White Like Me" https:// www.youtube.com/watch?v=uv_Y9ah049Y which we suggest you view before the meeting. Please email Dennise at denniseburgess@gmail.com if you would like to attend so that she can send you the Zoom link.

FAITH FORMATION 2020-2021

Fr. Tom is encouraging all fami- RELIGIOUS lies with children in grades K-12 to register for the 2020-2021 classes



starting in September 2020. Classes are offered for Whole Family, 1st Communion, Middle School, Youth Ministry & Confirmation. Online registration is available at www.olgcv.org. On the homepage, scroll down & click on the "Faith Formation" or the "Youth Ministry" box. Installment payments are available for these classes. Please know that dates may change due to the state directives for the health issue.



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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 MAY:

Sunday Plate for the month: \$ 44,002.00 Month Budgeted Goal: \$ 34,403.00 Over/[Shortfall] 9,599.00 Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall] 4,120.00 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 Pam Ahland Glen Alcorn Elvira Arechiga Maureen Boeh Peggy Burton Heidi Carne Natalina De Freitas Theresa Ferrari Nancy French Ron Ingram

Sheila McAlinden Rose Montalban Diana Rilev Lisa Rosenbusch Florence Sharp Beth Snow Howard Songev Lurdes Sousa Concepcion Velasco Mary Lou Vincent Arthur Williams

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

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Visit our website at www.olgcv.org, click on "Covid-19 Update" at the top of the homepage and you will find the link to Bishop Barber's message.

THE 2020 BISHOP'S APPEAL

Although we call it "The Bishop's MY CHURCH 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 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.

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

THE CATHOLIC VOICE ONLINE



The June 22, 2020 issue of Catholic Voice available online www.catholicvoiceoakland.org

EXECUTION ALERTS

The following executions are scheduled to take place in July:

July 8th Billy Wardlow	Texas
July 13th Daniel Lewis Lee	Federal
July 15th Wesley Purkey	Federal
July 17th Dustin Honken	Federal

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



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Sunday, July 12th

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Drive-In Mass

9:00am--Rear Parking Lot

Livestream Mass on Facebook

("Our Lady of Grace Castro Valley") 9:00am

Mass in the Church with Confirmed Reservation

11:00am--Church

Spanish Mass with Confirmed Reservation 12 Noon--School Courtyard

Monday, July 13th:

Livestream Mass on Facebook

("Our Lady of Grace Castro Valley") 8:15am

Private Prayer

9:00am-Noon--Church

Tuesday, July 14th:

Livestream Mass on Facebook

("Our Lady of Grace Castro Valley") 8:15am

Private Praver

9:00am-Noon--Church

Wednesday, July 15th:

Livestream Mass on Facebook

("Our Lady of Grace Castro Valley") 8:15am

Private Prayer

9:00am-Noon--Church

Thursday, July 16th:

Livestream Mass on Facebook

("Our Lady of Grace Castro Valley") 8:15am

Private Praver

9:00am-Noon--Church

Adoration & Confession

5:00-7:00pm--Church

Friday, July 17th:

Mass in the Church, No Reservations Required

8:15am--Church

Livestream Mass on Facebook

("Our Lady of Grace Castro Valley") 8:15am

Private Prayer

9:00am-Noon--Church

Saturday, July 18th:

Mass in the Church, No Reservations Required

8:15am--Church

Livestream Mass on Facebook

("Our Lady of Grace Castro Valley") 8:15am

Private Praver

9:00am-Noon--Church

Mass for the Week Intentions De

SUNDAY, July 12th

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Lilia Sousa--D

Frank Inderbitzen--D

Franciscan Friars' Intentions

11:00am Antonio Chocha--D

MONDAY, July 13th

St. Henry

8:15am Norma Wardle--D

TUESDAY, July 14th

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

8:15am Antonio Capote--L

WEDNESDAY, July 15th

St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Rosalinda Alfiler--D

THURSDAY, July 16th

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8:15am Richard Benson--D

FRIDAY, July 17th

8:15am Christopher Nunes--L

SATURDAY, July 18th

St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

8:15am Margarita Ramos--L

SUNDAY, July 19th

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Bill Raible--D

Franciscan Friars' Intentions

11:00am Gilberto C. Marquez--D

THIS WEEK--Continued

Saturday, July 18th:

Adoration & Confession 9:00-10:00am--Church

Sunday, July 19th

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Drive-In Mass

9:00am--Rear Parking Lot

Livestream Mass on Facebook

("Our Lady of Grace Castro Valley") 9:00am

Mass in the Church with Confirmed Reservation

11:00am--Church

Spanish Mass with Confirmed Reservation

12 Noon--School Courtyard

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

July 13th through July 19th

Monday: Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 10:34-11:1

Tuesday: Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday: Isaiah 10:5-7, 13-16; Matthew11:25-27 Thursday:

Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19;

Matthew 11:28-30

Friday: Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8:

Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday: Micah 2:1-5: Matthew 12:14-21

Sunday: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19;

Romans 8:26-27:

Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30



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

ADORATION OF THE **BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Come on Saturdays for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 10:00am-5:00pm and on Thursdays from 5:00-7:00pm in the Church. Please observe all safety precaution signs.



PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Movements like Pax Christi are precious. They draw people's attention to the violence which shatters the harmony between human beings which is at the heart of creation. You help to develop conscience, so that justice and the search for the common good can prevail in the relations between individuals and peoples." –Pope John Paul II, 1995

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