

A Message From Fr. Tom

I will be going to receive treatment for cancer in Minnesota and will also be with my family there. From the Pastor Please keep me in your prayers. I would like to thank the many of you for your prayers, cards and gifts. God Bless.

Due to the recent changes dictated by Alameda County on July 15th, all Indoor Worship has been suspended. Please see page 2 of this bulletin for our updated Church schedule. You may also check our website at www.olgcv.org for the latest updates or call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Planning for our upcoming year of RCIA is under way. If you or someone you know is interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith or is seeking membership into the Church, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806 and leave us your contact information. We will contact you with the date of Orientation and the schedule.

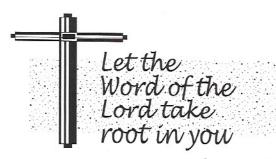
Faith Formation 2020-2021 Registration Continues

We are still accepting registrations for the upcoming 2020-2021 Faith Formation year. Classes are offered for Whole Family (K-5th), 1st Communion, Middle School, Youth Ministry and Confirmation. Online registration is available at www.olgcv.org. Installment payments are available. Please know that the start dates may change due to the state directives

The Scammers Are Back!

Recently, there have been fraudulent emails circulating through Our Lady of Grace once again, seeking gift cards from staff and parishioners. Our priests at OLG would never solicit funds through any electronic means! These criminals are very clever and may use an email similar to Fr. Tom's or even use his picture and phrases he might use. For your safety, do not answer or engage with these criminals. Please know that the Parish will not take responsibility for anyone who is scammed. Please report these to the police and to Jay in the Parish Office at 537-0806. God Bless and be safe!

Peace, Fr. Tom



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Gospel for The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 26th)

Matthew13:44-52

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. "Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

UPDATE CHURCH SCHEDULE Due To The Latest Updates From Alameda County On July 15th, All Indoor Worship Has Been Suspended

**11:00am Sunday Church Mass has been replaced with Vigil Mass beginning on Saturday, July 25th at 11:00am in the School Courtyard. Please enter from Anita Ave

**Drive-In Mass 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. Visit our homepage at www.olgcv.org to reserve your seat(s).

**Friday and Saturday 8:15am Church Masses have been suspended. Join us instead for Mass at 8:15am in the School Courtyard. This Mass will continue to be Livestreamed. (see below for details).

**Adoration in the Church on Thursday and Saturday has been suspended. A survey via Flocknote will be sent to Flocknote members to see if Adoration in the School Courtyard is feasible. To become a Flocknote member, see page 3 for details.

**The Church will continue to be open Monday to Friday from 9:00am to Noon for private prayer. Please no more than 10 people at a time.

Continue to check the website (www.olgcv.org) for the most current information.





LIVESTREAM MASS SCHEDULE

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.

PARISH OFFICE REMAINS CLOSED

The Parish Office remains closed to the public for the health and safety of our staff and parishioners. The office staff can be reached by phone, Monday to Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm.

If you have a request or need from the office, please call or email us. If there is paperwork needed to be dropped off, please us the mail slot at the Parish Office. If you are dropping something off that cannot fit in the mail slot, please ring the bell and we will assist you while maintaining social distancing.

As much as we would love to visit, the health and safety of everyone is our highest concern. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

FESCO BACKPACK DRIVE

This drive supplies the FESCO families with school supplies their chil-supplies Needed dren 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.

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 20th**. 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.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL We Are Taking Donations

St. Vincent de Paul continues to help those in need during this pandemic. Thank you to those who have been supporting us in this ministry. If you are able to help, we will be taking donations at the 9:00am Drive-In Mass on July 26th. Just put your donation in an envelope marked for "SVDP" and put it in the regular collection. You may also drop donations off at the Parish Office mailslot. Again, thank you for helping us in our ministry for the poor and may God bless you and keep you safe during this difficult time.



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.



STAY IN TOUCH WITH FLOCKNOTE

Flocknote is the most important way for OLG to communicate to you, our parishioners. We understand that for some of you, our updates have not been arriving in your Inbox. Please add "mail@flocknote.com" to your contact list to prevent updates from ending up in your Spam folder. If you would like to be a member of Flocknote, visit our website at www.olgcv.org and click on "Flocknote" at the top of the homepage.

FAITH FORMATION 2020-2021

Fr. Tom is encouraging all families 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.

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.

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 JUNE:

Sunday Plate for the month: \$ 34,729.00

Month Budgeted Goal: \$ 35,722.00

Over/[Shortfall] \$ [993.00]

Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall] \$ [6,247.00]

May God bless your continuing generosity.



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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 Rose Montalban Pam Ahland Diana Riley Glen Alcorn Lisa Rosenbusch Elvira Arechiga Florence Sharp Maureen Boeh Beth Snow Peggy Burton Howard Songey Heidi Carne Lurdes Sousa Natalina De Freitas Concepcion Velasco Theresa Ferrari Mary Lou Vincent Nancy French Arthur Williams Sheila McAlinden Peggy Winkenbach

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

In Memoriam

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REBUILD MY CHURCH BISHOP'S APPEAL 2020

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Bishop's Appeal. Following is the status of our Annual Bishop's Appeal through **June 30th**:

Our Goal for 2020:

\$29,000.00

of Acknowledged Donors to date: Funds Raised (includes pledges)

105 \$31,792.00

We are currently at 110% of our goal for this year's Bishop's Appeal!

DIOCESE OF OAKLAND ESTABLISHES PROTOCOL FOR RESUMING PUBLIC MASSES

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.

DISCERNMENT TO PRIESTHOOD ZOOM MEETING

To the young adults of our parish: have you ever wondered about a vocation in the church? This meeting is open to young men ages 18-30 years old. It is held the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:00pm and facilitated by Fr. Carl Arcosa and invited priests.

For more info & to receive access to the Zoom meeting, please email: CArcosa@oakdiocese.org. You may also contact one of our friars and we will assist you in your discernment.

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

Candles for our candle stand are available for purchase in the Parish Office. Please call ahead at 510-537-0806. The candles will burn for 5 days. *The cost per candle is \$4.00.* The glass globes in the candle stand must be left in the church.





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TIBWEEK

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

Spanish Mass with Confirmed Reservation 12 Noon--School Courtyard

Monday, July 20th:

Livestream Mass on Facebook ("Our Lady of Grace Castro Valley") 8:15am Private Prayer 9:00am-Noon--Church

Tuesday, July 21st:

Livestream Mass on Facebook ("Our Lady of Grace Castro Valley") 8:15am Private Prayer 9:00am-Noon--Church

Wednesday, July 22nd:

Livestream Mass on Facebook ("Our Lady of Grace Castro Valley") 8:15am Private Prayer 9:00am-Noon--Church

Thursday, July 23rd:

Livestream Mass on Facebook ("Our Lady of Grace Castro Valley") 8:15am Private Prayer 9:00am-Noon--Church

Friday, July 24th:

Livestream Mass on Facebook ("Our Lady of Grace Castro Valley") 8:15am Private Prayer 9:00am-Noon--Church

Saturday, July 25th:

Livestream Mass on Facebook ("Our Lady of Grace Castro Valley") 8:15am

Vigil Mass-No Reservations required 11:00am--School Courtyard

Mass for the Intentions Week

SUNDAY, July 19th

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Bill Raible--D

Lyza Medrano--L

Franciscan Friars' Intentions

11:00am Gilberto C. Marquez--D

MONDAY, July 20th

St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr

8:15am Louis Rodrigues--D

TUESDAY, July 21st

St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Iluminada De Vega--D

WEDNESDAY, July 22nd

St. Mary Magdalene

8:15am Victims of Covid-19

THURSDAY, July 23rd

St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest

8:15am Modesta Lachica--D

FRIDAY, July 24th

8:15am Victims of Covid-19

SATURDAY, July 25th

ST. JAMES, APOSTLE

8:15am Ron Ingram--D

11:00am Fr. Thomas Czeck, OFM Conv.--L

SUNDAY, July 26th

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Ron Ingram--D

Victor Pasquini--D

Franciscan Friars' Intentions



THIS WEEK--Continued

Sunday, July 26th

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Drive-In Mass

9:00am -- Rear Parking Lot

Livestream Mass on Facebook

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

Spanish Mass with Confirmed Reservation 12 Noon--School Courtyard

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

July 20th through July 26th

Monday: Mica

Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday:

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20;

Matthew 12:46-50

Wednesday:

Song of Songs 3:1-4;

John 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday:

Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13;

Matthew 13:10-17

Friday:

Sunday:

Jeremiah 3:14-17; Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday:

2 Corinthians 4:7-15;

Matthew 20:20-28

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Romans 8:28-30;

Matthew13:44-52



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EMAIL & TEXT SCAMS ARE BACK!

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PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Let us not tire of preaching love; it is the force that will overcome the world. Let us not tire of preaching love. Though we see that waves of violence succeed in drowning the fire of Christian love, love must win out; it is the only thing that can." –St. Oscar Romero, The Violence of Love, 1980

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