



Responding To Injustice, Violence, and Destruction

How are we as Catholics to respond to the violence we see in our country? We begin with prayer and ask Jesus to mercifully help us. First **We Pray** for those who have died unjustly, especially George Floyd and all who have been killed in the riots which have followed. May they be at peace and be brought to heaven where there will be no more pain, tears or suffering. **We Pray** for those who have been near death or injured, especially Jacob Blake who is fighting for his life. Also, for all who have been injured in the protests and riots, that there would be healing of body, mind, and soul. **We Pray** for those families that are mourning the death or injury of their children, spouse, parent, or friend. May their cry for justice be heard and may consolation ease their pain. **We pray** for all whose property has been destroyed; that they will be given the ability to forgive and rebuild. We pray asking Jesus for help because He knows injustice, He knows violence, He knows how evil people can be and yet He continues to love all humanity unto death.

In the Gospel last week, we heard Simon Peter recognize Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus blesses him for this recognition and says "you are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church." Yet this week we hear almost immediately after his testimony of faith in Jesus as the Christ, Peter is rebuked and told "Get behind me Satan." What happened? Jesus who is the Christ predicted his Passion, Death, and Resurrection. This was too much for Peter who rejects the mission and seeks to dissuade Jesus from this mission. To live the way of love, we must walk through the way of tears. God gave us the Commandments and all the pain we see and feel today from the injustice and violence which are from a lack of love and living the Commandments. These actions of injustice and violence are a rejection of the Commandments: thou shall not kill, thou shall not steal, thou shall not covet your neighbors wife or goods, thou shall not bear false witness. Jesus came to show us the way of Love in this world filled with sin. He did not abandon us but confronted sin with his life and offered love and forgiveness to his executioners.

As we walk through the valley of tears and see the destruction around us, we ask Our Blessed Mother to intercede for us that we may stay by Jesus because in Him we will find salvation, hope, and life. Jesus loves us, He calls us by name, He shows us the dignity that was given to us in our creation, He heals us through the forgiveness of sin, He teaches us how to see the world and the Kingdom as God planned for humanity, He promises that I will be with you always until the end of time, He shows us in the Resurrection that Love conquers all, even death itself. The early Christians called Jesus to return as the cried out **Maranatha**, Come Lord Jesus, Come! May we call Jesus to return to bring us true Justice, true Peace, and that Kingdom where we live in Love with God and each other. Jesus help us!

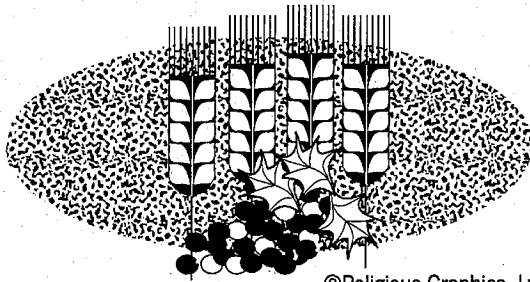
Thank you to all for your prayers during my recovery. They worked! It's good to be back.

Peace,
Fr. Tom

The Scammers Are Back!

Please read the Federal Trade Commission's article which provides important information on what to look for in a bogus email and how to report a gift card scam: <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2019/07/worshipers-targeted-gift-card-scam>.

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!



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WEEKLY MASS & ADORATION SCHEDULE

Mondays to Fridays from 9:00am-Noon: Private Prayer in the Church. No more than 10 people at a time. Please observe all safety precaution signs.

Thursdays from 5:00-7:00pm: Adoration and Confession in the School Courtyard.

Mondays to Thursdays at 8:15am: Livestream Mass.

Fridays and Saturdays at 8:15am: Mass in the School Courtyard with Livestream. Please enter from Anita Avenue. *Reservations are not required.* After the Saturday Mass, Adoration and Confession will immediately follow in the School Courtyard, concluding at 10:00am.

Saturdays at 11:00am: Vigil Mass in the School Courtyard. *Reservations are not required.* This Mass will not be Livestreamed.

Sundays at 9:00am: Drive-In Mass in the Rear Parking Lot with Livestream. *Reservations are not required.* Please enter from Somerset Avenue.

Sundays at 12 Noon: Spanish Mass 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).



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Sunday, August 30th, 9:00am Mass

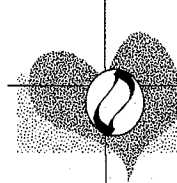
SVDP will be accepting donations at the Drive-In Mass to support those in need during this pandemic. **Please place your donation in an envelope marked "SVDP"** and put it in the regular collection. You may also drop your donation **clearly marked for St. Vincent de Paul** off at the Parish Office mail slot. Thank you for your generosity!

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

In June, we welcomed
Michael Augustine Thomas

In August, we welcomed
Mattias Israel Verceles

into Our Lady of Grace Church by the
 Sacrament of Holy Baptism. God Bless you!



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 of your love in our hearts

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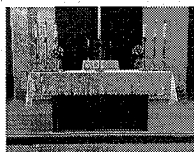
SCRIPTURE STUDY: GENESIS
WITH FR. FRANCISCO

From September to May, Dr. Matthew Thomas DPhil and Fr. Francisco Nahoe OFM, Conv. will lead a reading of **Genesis** via Zoom for OLG parishioners, their families and their guests. If the government of California lifts COVID restrictions, we will continue both in-person and via Zoom. **We'll meet at 7:00pm on the first and third Mondays of each month beginning in September.** For more details, email Fr. Francisco at FranciscanVietnamMission@gmail.com.

En octubre, Padre Francisco y Joel de Loera van a ofrecer el mismo estudio de Biblia en castellano los segundo y cuarto lunes del mes.

RCIA**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

If you or someone you know is interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith or is seeking membership into the Church, please join us for an Orientation Meeting on **Thursday, September 17th at 7:00pm.** We will meet via Zoom. Classes will begin in October. All are welcome! Please contact the Parish Office at 510-537-0806 for the Zoom Meeting 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.

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 health issue.



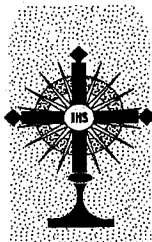
HELP HOMELESS FAMILIES BY SUPPORTING THE 2020 FESCO SHUFFLE

Support FESCO (Family Emergency Shelter Coalition) in its efforts to end family homelessness in Alameda County by participating in our annual FESCO Shuffle. *This year's Shuffle is a virtual event from August 1st to September 10th.* During this time, you can pledge as an individual or gather sponsors from your family and friends. You can also take a short "FESCO" walk in your neighborhood on your own or with family. *There will be an online celebration ceremony on Saturday, September 12th, from 11am to 12 noon.* Your donations make it possible for FESCO to help homeless families gain stability and find permanent housing!

Donate to Team "OLG" at FescoShuffle.org.
Questions – Call Chris Ippolito at 510-343-4876

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE SCHOOL COURTYARD

Come on Thursdays from 5:00-7:00pm for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession and on Saturdays immediately following the 8:15am Mass, concluding at 10:00am.



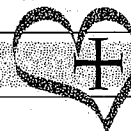
SUNDAY COLLECTION

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 JULY:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 33,772.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 40,082.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [6,310.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [6,784.00]

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
Pam Ahland
Glen Alcorn
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Maureen Boeh
Peggy Burton
Virginia Cabardo
Heidi Carne
Natalina De Freitas
Theresa Ferrari
Nancy French
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Florence Sharp
Beth Snow
Howard Songey
Lurdes Sousa
Concepcion Velasco
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.

In Memoriam

PEDRO BARRETO
VASQUINHO BETTENCOURT
SISTER GERALDINE GARBARINO
BARBARA LAVEZZO
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VICTIMS OF FIRES

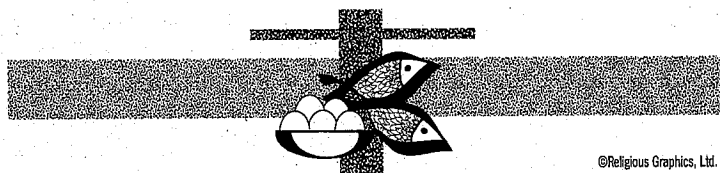
EMAIL & TEXT SCAMS ARE BACK!

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**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.

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THIS WEEK**Sunday, August 30th:****Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Drive-In Mass - Reservations not required
With Livestream on Facebook
9:00am--Rear Parking Lot

Spanish Mass - Reservations required
12 Noon--School Courtyard

Monday, August 31st:

Livestream Mass on Facebook
8:15am
Private Prayer
9:00am-Noon--Church

Tuesday, September 1st:

Livestream Mass on Facebook
8:15am
Private Prayer
9:00am-Noon--Church

Wednesday, September 2nd:

Livestream Mass on Facebook
8:15am
Private Prayer
9:00am-Noon--Church

Thursday, September 3rd:

Livestream Mass on Facebook
8:15am
Private Prayer
9:00am-Noon--Church
Adoration & Confession
5:00-7:00pm--School Courtyard

Friday, September 4th:

Mass - Reservations not required
Livestream Mass on Facebook
8:15am--School Courtyard
Private Prayer
9:00am-Noon--Church

Saturday, September 5th:

Mass - Reservations not required
Livestream Mass on Facebook
8:15am--School Courtyard, followed by Adoration & Confession until 10:00am
Vigil Mass - Reservations not required
11:00am--School Courtyard

Mass for the Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, August 30th

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Helen Maes – D

12 Noon Mercedes Tellez – D

MONDAY, August 31st

8:15am Marvin Picha – D

TUESDAY, September 1st

8:15am Dorothy & Manuel Callier – D

WEDNESDAY, September 2nd

8:15am Frank Groves – D

THURSDAY, September 3rd

St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Debi Telles – D

FRIDAY, September 4th

8:15am Victims of Covid-19

SATURDAY, September 5th

8:15am Victims of Covid-19

11:00am Franciscan Friars' Intentions

SUNDAY, September 6th

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Burt Richard – D

Helen Maes – D

Victor Pasquini – D

12 Noon Salvador & Claudia Esparza – L

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

August 31st through September 6th

Monday: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Luke 4:16-30
 Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 2:10b-16; Luke 4:31-37
 Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Luke 4:38-44
 Thursday: 1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Luke 5:1-11
 Friday: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Luke 5:33-39
 Saturday: 1 Corinthians 4:6b-15; Luke 6:1-5
 Sunday: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

The WORD of the LORD

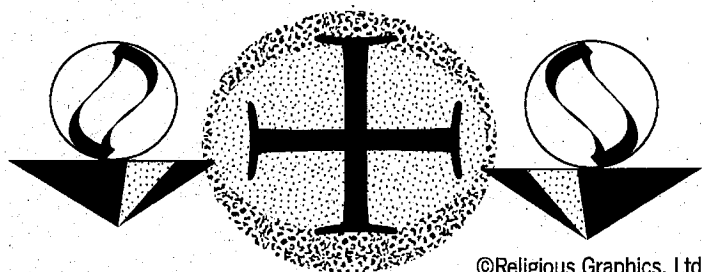


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For those who have lost their jobs, please contact us and we will see if we can connect you with our families who own businesses as to when they will be able to hire again.



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PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The chief difference between violence and nonviolence is that violence depends entirely on its own calculations. Nonviolence depends entirely on God and His Word." –Thomas Merton, 1967

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

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Spanish Mass - Reservations required

12 Noon--School Courtyard

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