OLG Welcomes Joel de Loera!

[[[[[]]]] Joel has joined OLG as our new Coordinator for Outreach & Evangelization. Joel has been happily From the Pastor married to Nora for 12 years and have been blessed with 6 children (so far). Joel has a Bachelor's Degree in Theological Studies and a Master of Arts in Pastoral Theology, both from St. Joseph's Col-

lege in Maine. He has traveled all over the nation and abroad sharing his powerful testimony of conversion and leading discipleship retreats and is the founder of different ministries dedicated to evangelization and family life, including Families for Christ in Oklahoma City, where he is originally from. He has also collaborated with EWTN en Español and Radio Sagrado Corazón de Jesús in Dallas, TX.

In addition to his ministry at Our Lady of Grace, Joel also serves as Director of Family Life in the Diocese of San Jose. Joel, Nora, and their children enjoy hikes, the beach, soccer and playing music.

¡OLG le da la bienvenida a Joel de Locra!

Joel se ha unido a OLG como nuestro nuevo Coordinador de Difusión y Evangelización. Joel ha estado felizmente casado con Nora durante 12 años y han sido bendecidos con 6 hijos (hasta ahora). Joel tiene una licenciatura en estudios teológicos y una maestría en teología pastoral, ambos de St. Joseph's College en Maine. Ha viajado por todo el país y el extranjero compartiendo su poderoso testimonio de conversión y liderando retiros de discipulado y es el fundador de diferentes ministerios dedicados a la evangelización y la vida familiar, incluyendo Familias para Cristo en Oklahoma City, de donde es originario. También ha colaborado con EWTN en Español y Radio Sagrado Corazón de Jesús en Dallas, TX.

Además de su ministerio en Our Lady of Grace, Joel también se desempeña como Director de Vida Familiar en la Diócesis de San José. Joel, Nora y sus hijos disfrutan de las caminatas, la playa, el fútbol y tocar música.

The Scammers Are Back!

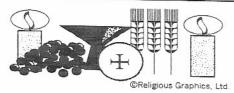
Please read the Federal Trade Commission's article which provides important information on what to look for in a bogus email and how to report a gift card scam: https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/ blog/2019/07/worshipers-targeted-gift-card-scam

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!

Gospel for The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 30th)

Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION SATURDAY, AUGUST 22nd at 11:00am

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

First Holy Communion Recipients

Khloe Collins Gordon Dinh

Jaiden Gong Reagan Joe

CHURCH 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.

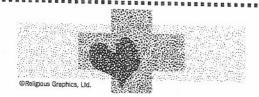
Mondays to Thursdays at 8:15am: Livestream Mass.

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.

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

<u>Sundays at 9:00am:</u> 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).



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.

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.

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. Thank you!



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.

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

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 use 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.

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Offerings of for the Month of JULY:

Sunday Plate for the month: \$ 33,772.00

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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:

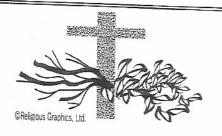
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Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of a loved one.

In Memoriam

SISTER GERALDINE GARBARINO VICTIMS OF COVID-19





EMAIL & TEXT SCAMS ARE BACK!

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STAY IN TOUCH WITH FLOCKNOTE

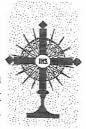
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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE SCHOOL COURTYARD

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.





THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 23rd:

Twenty-First 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 24th:

Livestream Mass on Facebook

8:15am

Private Prayer

9:00am-Noon--Church

Tuesday, August 25th:

Livestream Mass on Facebook

8:15am

Private Prayer

9:00am-Noon--Church

Wednesday, August 26th:

Livestream Mass on Facebook

8:15am

Private Prayer

9:00am-Noon--Church

Thursday, August 27th:

Livestream Mass on Facebook

8:15am

Private Prayer

9:00am-Noon--Church

Adoration & Confession

5:00-7:00pm--School Courtyard

Friday, August 28th:

Mass - Reservations not required

Livestream Mass on Facebook

8:15am--School Courtyard

Private Prayer

9:00am-Noon--Church

Saturday, August 29th:

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 Z Week

SUNDAY, August 23rd

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Victor Pasquini – D 9:00am

12 Noon Lidio & Martin Flores Martinez – D

MONDAY, August 24th

St. Bartholomew, Apostle

8:15am Victims of Covid-19

TUESDAY, August 25th

St. Louis

St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

8:15am Teresa Ramos - D

WEDNESDAY, August 26th

8:15am Victims of Covid-19

THURSDAY, August 27th

St. Monica

8:15am Victims of Covid-19

FRIDAY, August 28th

St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Victims of Covid-19

SATURDAY, August 29th

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:15am Julie Villarreal Dillon – D

11:00am Francisco Friars' Intentions

SUNDAY, August 30th

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Helen Maes - D

12 Noon Mercedes Tellez – D

EXECUTION ALERTS

The following execution is scheduled to take place in August:

August 28th

Keith Nelson

Federal

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

THIS WEEK--Continued

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

August 24th through August 30th

Monday: Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51

Tuesday: 2 Thessalonian 2:1-3a, 14-17;

Matthew 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thessalonian 3:6-10, 16-18;

1 John 2:5

Thursday: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Corinthians 1:17-25:

Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Mark 6:17-29 Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Sunday:

Matthew 16:21-27

The WORD of the LORD

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.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"...the basic problem is not political, it is a-political and human. One of the most important things to do is to keep cutting deliberately through political lines and barriers and emphasizing the fact that these are largely fabrications and that there is another dimension, a genuine reality, totally opposed to the fictions of politics: the human dimension which politics pretend to arrogate entirely to themselves.:"-Thomas Merton

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