

Power Will Be Shut Off On September 8th

On Tuesday, September 8th, PG&E will be on site and will shut off the power on the Church and School property in order to hook-up our solar panels. There will be no 8:15am Mass and the Parish Office will be closed. We thank you for your understanding.

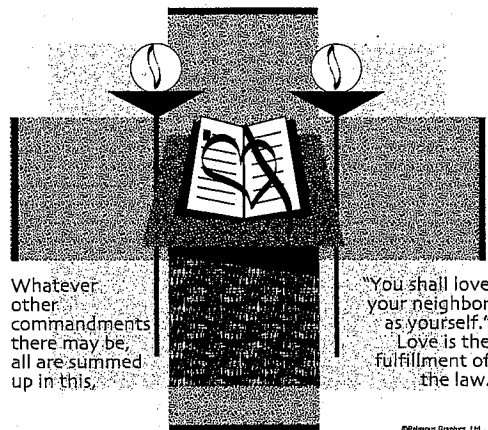
Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation is scheduled for September 19th. We ask that you keep our 14 young people in your prayers so they may be empowered by the Holy Spirit to bring hope and peace as they share the Good News that Jesus is alive and here to save and help us.

Pray For Renewal At OLG

Beginning on September 8th, join me in prayer for Renewal at OLG during *The Spiritual Rosary Pilgrimage*. On October 7th, there will be a Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please contact the Parish Office for information at 510-537-0806.

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/worshippers-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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 13th)

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Six years ago I accepted the invitation from Fr. Greg to lead the parish school. What an honor that was and what a joy it is to work every day for such a supportive pastor, our own Fr. Tom. I am blessed as well to work with some of the finest people in education anywhere, the OLG staff. Our teachers, office staff and support staff have done an awesome job getting school ready to open. And open we did, on August 13th in the distance learning format. What a glorious day it was greeting our students on zoom calls with students and teachers smiling at each other all anxious to do their best. Our curriculum continues to follow state standards and is rigorous and Christ-centered knowing our loving God will see us through this pandemic. No student is losing educational time as the teachers have prepared full days of learning where children can access their teachers for help from 8:00-3:00 each day. May we always focus on the words from the bible that say--- "bring the little children to me." Our Catholic schools never fail our students. Please keep our families and staff in your prayers as we work in unity at our school creating "gracious space" for all who enter our doors.

-Susan Anderson

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.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Happy Labor Day Weekend! The Church will be closed on September 7th & 8th. We will still have the Livestream 8:15am Mass on September 7th but not on September 8th, due to the power shut-off. Have a safe holiday!

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.

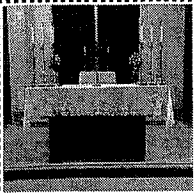
Sundays at 9:00am: Drive-In Mass in the Rear Parking Lot with Livestream. *Reservations are not required.* Please enter from Somerset Avenue.

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).

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 October. **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.





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SPIRITUAL ROSARY PILGRIMAGE ONLINE EVENT

September 8th – October 7th

Beginning September 8th, the birthday of the Blessed Mother, Parousia and SmartCatholics are hosting this special online event *"The Biblical Journey Through The Life Of Christ With Mary"*. This free event will include over 20 speakers and 5 keynote talks. To sign-up, visit:

<https://www.parousiamedia.com/the-spiritual-rosary-pilgrimage/>

DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT BENEFIT TRUST

September 12th & 13th

The special collection for the Diocesan Priest Retirement Benefit Trust is the weekend of **September 12th & 13th**. This collection allows us to express gratitude and support for our retired and soon-to-be retired priests. They now face retirement with minimal government assistance. Please prayerfully consider how you can match their generosity to the Church by contributing to the Retirement Fund. *Donations will be collected on September 12th at the 11:00am Mass or on September 13th at the 9:00am or 12 Noon Masses. Please make your check out to "Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland" and place it in an envelope clearly marked "Priest Retirement".* You may also drop your donation off at the Parish Office mail slot. Thank you and God bless.

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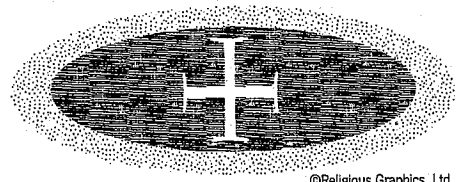
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SUNDAY COLLECTION

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 AUGUST:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 40,968.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 39,183.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 1,785.00
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [10,931.00]
<i>May God bless your continuing generosity.</i>	



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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:

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Glen Alcorn	Diana Riley
Elvira Arechiga	Lisa Rosenbusch
Maureen Boeh	Florence Sharp
Peggy Burton	Beth Snow
Virginia Cabardo	Howard Songey
Heidi Carne	Lurdes Sousa
Natalina De Freitas	Concepcion Velasco
Theresa Ferrari	Mary Lou Vincent
Nancy French	Arthur Williams
Wally Lim	Peggy Winkench
Sheila McAlinden	

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

BARBARA LAVEZZO

VICTIMS OF COVID-19

VICTIMS OF FIRES

EMAIL & TEXT SCAMS ARE BACK!

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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!

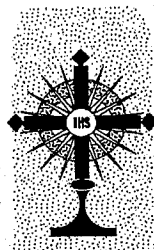
Donate to Team "OLG" at FescoShuffle.org.
Questions – Call Chris Ippolito at 510-343-4876

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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.

**THE CATHOLIC VOICE ONLINE**

The August 17, 2020 issue of The Catholic Voice is available online at www.catholicvoiceoakland.org

**THIS WEEK****Sunday, September 6th:****Twenty-Third 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, September 7th:

Livestream Mass on Facebook
8:15am

LABOR DAY-Church is Closed
Enjoy the Holiday!

Tuesday, September 8th:

No Livestream Mass
Church is Closed Due to Power Shut-Off

Wednesday, September 9th:

Livestream Mass on Facebook
8:15am

Private Prayer
9:00am-Noon--Church

Thursday, September 10th:

Livestream Mass on Facebook
8:15am

Private Prayer
9:00am-Noon--Church

Adoration & Confession
5:00-7:00pm--School Courtyard

Friday, September 11th:

Mass - Reservations not required
Livestream Mass on Facebook
8:15am--School Courtyard

Private Prayer
9:00am-Noon--Church

Saturday, September 12th:

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 of the Week

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

MONDAY, September 7th

8:15am Elvira Vazquez & Gilberto Ramos – D

TUESDAY, September 8th

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15am Richard Benson – D

WEDNESDAY, September 9th

St. Peter Claver, Priest

8:15am Barbara Lavezzo – D

THURSDAY, September 10th

8:15am Geraldine Bargiacchi – D

FRIDAY, September 11th

8:15am Victims of Covid-19

SATURDAY, September 12th

The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:15am Mariano Realina – D

11:00am Antonio Chocha – D

SUNDAY, September 13th

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Lilia Sousa – D

Franciscan Friars' Intentions

12 Noon Xavier Ramos – D



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THIS WEEK--Continued**Sunday, September 13th:***Twenty-Fourth 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:

September 7th through September 13th

Monday: 1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday: Micah 5:1-4a; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13;

Luke 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27;

Luke 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Luke 6:43-49

Sunday: Sirach 27:30-28:7; Romans 14:7-9;

Matthew 18:21-35

The WORD of the LORD

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EXECUTION ALERTS

The following execution is scheduled to take place in
September:

September 24th	Christopher Vialva	Federal
September 26th	William LeCroy	Federal
September 30th	Carlos Trevino	Texas

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

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"We have tried so many times and over so many
years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and
by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostil-
ity and darkness have we experienced; how much
blood has been shed; how many lives have been shat-
tered;...Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace,
teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace."*

-Pope Francis, June 2014

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