

**Are You Ready?**

Our gospel gives a story of the separation of the sheep and goats at the end of time. We will be judged on how we have treated the least of our brothers and sisters. For those who have incorporated the love of Christ into their hearts, it comes natural to respond to those who are in need with compassion. For those who knew about Jesus and did not incorporate His love in their heart, did not have compassion for those who were in need.

We cannot virtually come into relationship with Jesus but we must have a real, present, and substantial connection with the living God. At Our Lady of Grace, we will do all we can to offer you access to that real, living and substantial Christ in the Sacraments. It is through the Sacramental encounter that the love of Christ molds our hearts through mercy, forgiveness, and love. Join us for the Eucharist at our St. Francis Garden Chapel. When we are able, we will have Mass in our Church.

Change In Schedule Beginning With Advent, Next Weekend (November 28th & 29th)

Until further notice, all Masses will be held outdoors:

Saturday Morning Mass: 8:15am at the St. Francis Garden Chapel (Lawn)

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00pm at the St. Francis Garden Chapel (Lawn)

Sunday: 9:00am Drive-In Mass, 11:00am Mass and 12:30pm Spanish Mass at the St. Francis Garden Chapel (Lawn)

Novena To The Immaculate Conception

France knows what is called the "Great Novena of the Immaculate Conception," which is held annually from November 30th to December 8th. It was founded in 1936 and is practiced to this day without discontinuing. The original reason for this Novena was, according to the founders, the "extreme gravity of present events," alluding to the combined threat of Communism and Fascism, Nazism in particular. The Novena asked for zealous prayer in favor of the social and Christian regeneration of France and for universal peace. This call, in homage of Pope Pius XI's eightieth birthday, was addressed not only to the Catholics of France, but also received a positive answer from hundreds of thousands of the faithful in many countries around the world.

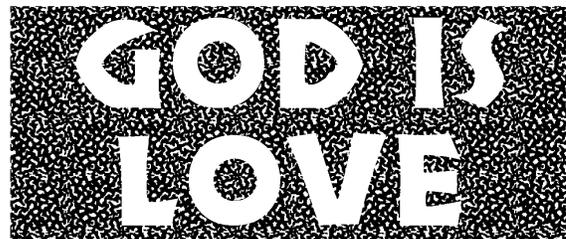
Next week we will begin the Novena to the Immaculate Conception. Mary the Immaculate Conception is the patroness of our nation. May we ask her intercession to deliver our nation from all that would lead us away from Our Lord Jesus. May peace reign in our land. For access to the Novena, visit: <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/immaculate-conception-novena-322>

Giving Thanks On Thanksgiving

I am thankful for many things this year! Even though there were many difficulties, there were also many blessings. I have been in awe of the love of my family, of Our Lady of Grace community, and of my Franciscan brothers. Through your generosity, our parish is supported both through faithful attendance as well as financial donations. Thank you!

I am thankful for our nation and freedoms which allowed us to practice our faith, to build families of faith, and to have the ability to support our families and be generous to those in need. Our President this last year spoke at the March For Life, signed peace treaties between Israel and Arab nations, met the challenge of the pandemic by making sure everyone who needed a ventilator got one, made sure we never ran out of hospital beds for the ill, provided the most extensive testing in the world, and freed pharmaceutical companies to produce therapeutics and vaccines in record time. Our nation has been blessed. May we pray that God will bless our Leaders.

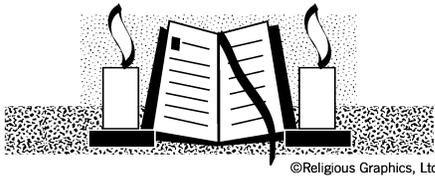
Peace & Love,
Fr. Tom



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THANKSGIVING LITURGY

Our Lady of Grace Parish will celebrate a *Mass of Thanksgiving* on **Thursday, November 26th at 9:00am** at the Drive-In Mass in the Rear Parking Lot. There is much to be thankful for in our lives and this is a good time to consider ways of helping those around us who are in need. The monetary collection from this Mass will benefit the work of our St. Vincent de Paul Society. As in years past, the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be taking donations of food, cash and gift cards at the Mass. Many of our clients are single and have very minimal access to cooking facilities. Items most needed for our pantry are: **Tuna, canned meats, peanut butter, jam, low-sugar cereal, shelf-stable milk, canned vegetables & fruits, canned chili, soups/stews.** Please no **"holiday food"**. This year for both Thanksgiving and Christmas, we are giving our families a turkey along with a Lucky gift card to purchase their own food. For those who are not able to cook, we are giving them a Shari's gift card. As you give your donations, please pray for those families who will be helped and for those of us in this ministry.



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THIS WEEKEND'S MASS SCHEDULE

As you may be aware, Governor Newsom has moved several counties, including Alameda County, back into the purple tier in order to "pull the emergency brakes" on the spread of COVID-19. For us at Our Lady of Grace, this means that the only type of "in-person" Mass allowable would be outdoors.

Reservations are not required

Saturday 8:15AM: St. Francis Garden Chapel (Rear Parking Lot)

Saturday 11:00AM: Vigil Mass; First Communion Families at the St. Francis Garden Chapel (bring your own chairs). Parishioners on the pavement next to the lawn

Sunday 9:00AM: Drive-In Mass (Rear Parking lot)

12 Noon: Spanish Mass at the St. Francis Garden Chapel (Rear Parking Lot, bring your own chairs)

We will continue to livestream daily and weekend masses.

Adoration & Confession is cancelled this Thursday & Saturday.



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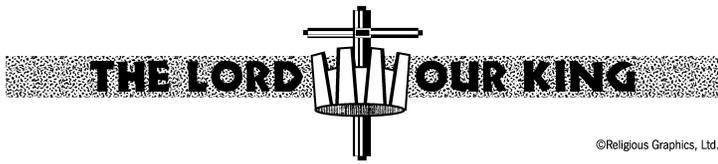
This Weekend: November 21st & 22nd

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and assist those on the margins who live in poverty in the U.S.. For more information about CCHD or to donate please go to www.CCHDEastBay.org. You may also donate by writing a check to the parish, noting "For CCHD" in the memo line.



ONE WARM COAT DRIVE

Once again, the St. Vincent de Paul Conference at Our Lady of Grace will be collecting coats for our **Coat Drive**. We invite parishioners to donate **new or gently used men's, women's or children's coats** to this drive. These coats will be distributed through our local Conference and the drop-in centers and clothing closet at St. Vincent de Paul's main campus in Oakland. We will also be collecting **sleeping bags, hand warmers & tarps**. Please bring your donations and place them in the barrel at the Somerset entrance of the church. **We will be accepting coats until December 31st.** In keeping with COVID safe precautions, we ask that you bag your coats in a plastic bag. We will have some plastic bags available for your use. We thank you for your generosity.



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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.



OLG SCHOOL CALENDAR RAFFLE

There's still time to win! Winners are be picked daily on the FB Parents Group, Livestream! Complete the bottom portion of the calendar and drop it off at the OLG School Office with your donation of \$20 per ticket in an envelope marked "Calendar Raffle". Multiple calendars may be purchased to increase your chances of winning. All proceeds benefit Our Lady of Grace School. Good luck!

FAITH FORMATION 2020-2021

Please pray for the young members of our Church.

First Communion

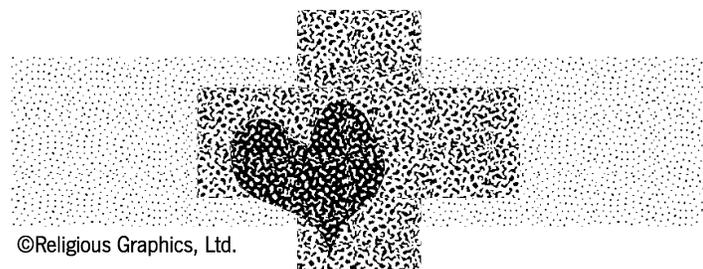
Next class: November 21st
11:00am—St. Francis Garden Chapel

Whole Family

Next class: December 12th
11:00am—St. Francis Garden Chapel,
Weather Permitting

Youth Ministry

Next class: December 6th
3:30pm—St. Francis Garden Chapel,
Weather Permitting



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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 for the Month of OCTOBER:

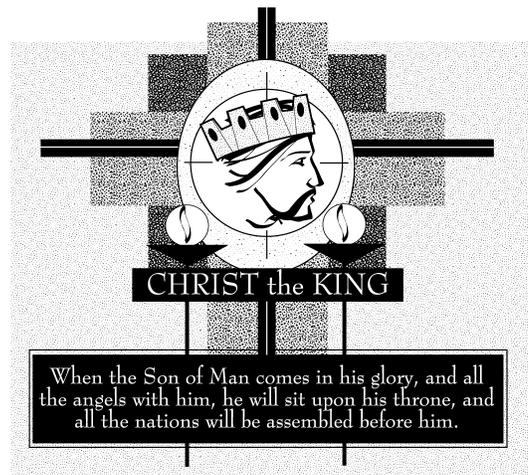
Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 33,508.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 43,945.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [10,437.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [22,260.00]
<i>May God bless your continuing generosity.</i>	



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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| Pam Ahland | Diana Riley |
| Glen Alcorn | Beth Snow |
| Elvira Arechiga | Howard Songey |
| Peggy Burton | Concepcion Velasco |
| Virginia Cabardo | Mary Lou Vincent |
| Nancy French | Arthur Williams |
| Sheila McAlinden | Peggy Winkenbach |
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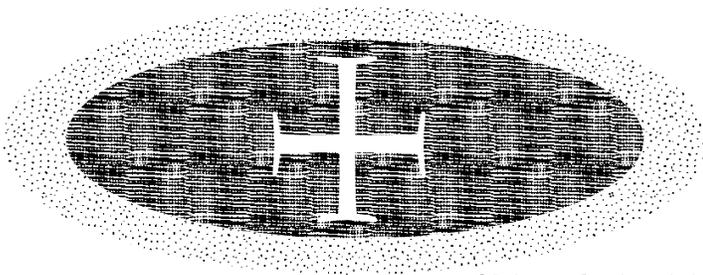


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Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of a loved one.

In Memoriam

- VIOLET BARTOLF**
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STUDY GROUP ON "FRATELLI TUTTI"

Pax Christi "Fratelli Tutti" study group meets on Monday evenings from 7:00-8:00pm, concluding on December 21st.

You can access the document online at http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html. If you are interested, please contact Dennise at info@paxchristinorcal.org and you will be sent the Zoom link.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 22nd:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Drive-In Mass With Livestream on Facebook
9:00am--Rear Parking Lot

Spanish Mass - Reservations are not required
12 Noon--St. Francis Garden Chapel (Lawn)

Monday, November 23rd:

Livestream Mass on Facebook
8:15am

Private Prayer
9:00am-Noon--Church

Pax Christi—Fratelli Tutti
7:00pm—Zoom

Bible Study-Spanish
7:00pm—Zoom

Tuesday, November 24h:

Livestream Mass on Facebook
8:15am

Private Prayer
9:00am-Noon--Church

Wednesday, November 25th:

Livestream Mass on Facebook
8:15am

Private Prayer
9:00am-Noon--Church

Thursday, November 26th:

Mass of Thanksgiving, Drive-In With Livestream
9:00am--Rear Parking Lot

Friday, November 27th:

Livestream Mass on Facebook
8:15am

Private Prayer
9:00am-Noon--Church

Saturday, November 28th:

Mass with Livestream on Facebook
Reservations are not required
8:15am—St. Francis Garden Chapel (Lawn)

Vigil Mass—Reservations are not required
4:00pm--St. Francis Garden Chapel (Lawn)



Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, November 22nd
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

9:00am Ray Devany – D
 Richard Benson – D
 Violet Salazar Walters – D
 12 Noon Olivia & Luis Gutierrez – L

MONDAY, November 23rd

St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr
St. Columban, Abbot
Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest & Martyr
 8:15am Steve Penland – D

TUESDAY, November 24th

St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs
 8:15am Jerome Gann – D

WEDNESDAY, November 25th

St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr
 8:15am Herminio Abiva Ayson – D

THURSDAY, November 26th

9:00am Mass of Thanksgiving

FRIDAY, November 27th

8:15am Teresita Evangelista – D

SATURDAY, November 28th

8:15am Lucrecia De la Cruz – L
 4:00pm Victims of Covid-19

SUNDAY, November 29th

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00am Ernie Selmeczki – D
 Steve Torres, Sr. – D
 Franciscan Friars' Intentions
 11:00am Rudy & Augie Enriquez – D
 12:30pm Martha Duarte – L

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

November 23rd through November 29th

Monday: Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5; Luke 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Revelation 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Revelation 15:1-4 ; Luke 21:12-19
 Thursday: Sirach 50:22-24; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9;
 Luke 17:11-19
 Friday: Revelation 20:1-4, 11-21:2;
 Luke 21:29-33
 Saturday: Revelation 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36
 Sunday: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37



*Be doers of the Word
 and not hearers only*



**PRE-BAPTISM CLASS
 FOR PARENTS & GODPARENTS**

If you are wishing to have your child, ages infant to six years baptized, parents and Godparents need to attend a Pre-Baptism Class. You also need to be registered members of the parish for at least three months. Pre-Baptism classes are held the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm via Zoom. **Our next class will be on December 2nd.** Call Jay at 510-537-0806 for more information.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Prayer and sacrifice must be used as the most effective spiritual weapons in the war against war, and like all weapons, they must be used with deliberate aim: not just with a vague aspiration for peace and security but against violence and war.”

-Thomas Merton, 1961

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

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THIS WEEK--Continued

Sunday, November 29th:

First Sunday of Advent

Drive-In Mass With Livestream on Facebook
 9:00am--Rear Parking Lot

Mass—Reservations are not required
 11:00am--St. Francis Garden Chapel (Lawn)

Spanish Mass - Reservations are not required
 12:30pm--St. Francis Garden Chapel (Lawn)

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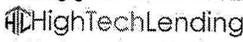
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