



Update On The Refreshing Of The Church

The painting of the Church is almost finished and the pews have been refinished. This week we will be finishing the confessional, finishing the lighting and then beginning on the refinishing of the floors. Once the floors are done then we can reinstall the pews and put the wall coverings up on the lower part of the walls. The final aspect will be to replace the carpet in the sanctuary and install the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe along with other art work. I was hoping that we would be done by Ash Wednesday but it is looking more likely we will be finishing in early March. I want to be transparent with what expenditures have been done so far:

Painting the Church	\$54,300
Wall Covering	\$22,740
Floor Refinish	\$21,600
Pew Restoration	\$52,750
Lighting Upgrade	\$21,480
New Confessional	\$7,860

If you would like to donate to the repair of our Church please donate to our maintenance fund. We are nearing the limit of funds approved from savings from the finance committee. We need to build a permanent place to enthrone the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, get sanctuary furnishings which match in color, purchase new carpeting for the sanctuary, and order new missals for our pews. When the Church is allowed to reopen, we invite the community to come, see, and join our faith community. Like St. Francis, we begin by repairing our building and by faithful example, repair our Church and society by living the Gospel. The witness of faithful, joy filled lives is how we transform our community, nation and world. We need that vision of the Gospel to give us hope and fill us with peace.

Bishop’s Appeal

Many thanks for all who participated in the Bishop’s Appeal last year. During a difficult year, we still surpassed our goal! The New Year brings the start of the 2021 Bishop’s Appeal. It is upon us quickly this year due to the early beginning of Lent. This year we will once again use the theme *Rebuild My Church*. This theme means more now than ever before.

The 2021 Bishop’s Appeal will commence on the weekend of **February 13th and 14th**, starting before Ash Wednesday and Lent. We will be having more information in the next few weeks.

40 Days For Life

This year we will be praying another 40 Days For Life, **February 17th—March 28th**. Please contact Dwight Speir who will coordinate our campaign at <http://40daysforlife.com/hayward> or [dwightmv700@aol.com](mailto:dwrightmv700@aol.com).

We need a witness to speak for the unborn babies especially in this time when the voices of destruction are so bold in promoting abortion throughout our country and world. Please join the campaign.

Responding to the Biden statement as well was Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, of Kansas City in Kansas, and chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

Naumann lamented: “It is deeply disturbing and tragic that any president would praise and commit to codifying a Supreme Court ruling that denies unborn children their most basic human and civil right, the right to life, under the euphemistic disguise of a health service.”

Naumann reminded all Catholics that the Catechism states: ““Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable.””

Peace,
Fr. Tom



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THIS WEEKEND'S MASS SCHEDULE

Reservations are not required

Saturday 4:00PM: Vigil Mass at the St. Francis Garden Chapel (bring your own chairs)

Sunday 9:00AM: Drive-In Mass with Livestream. (Rear Parking Lot)

Sunday 11:00AM: Mass at the St. Francis Garden Chapel (bring your own chairs)

Sunday 1:00PM: Spanish Mass at the St. Francis Garden Chapel (bring your own chairs)

We will continue to livestream daily and weekend Masses.

**ADORATION & CONFESSION
By The Tent**

Come on **Thursdays from 3:00-4:30pm** and **Saturdays from 8:45-9:45am** for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession.



OUTDOOR IN-PERSON MASS PROTOCOLS

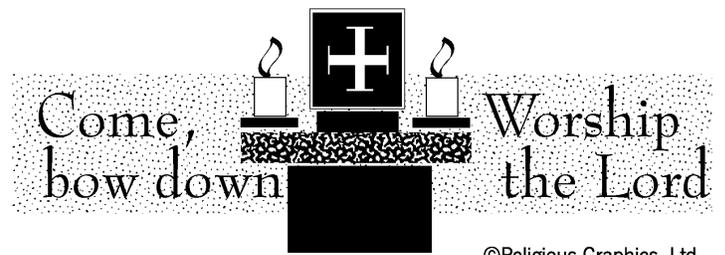
For everyone's safety, we ask that parishioners bring their own lawn/camping chairs, have masks in place and worn throughout the duration of Mass, and sit 6 feet from other households. If you are not feeling well, we invite you to celebrate Mass via Livestream. We thank you for your understanding!

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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**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
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This has been a tough year for many in our community. If you or someone you know in the parish is struggling financially, our St. Vincent de Paul Conference may be able to help you. We have been blessed with some very generous contributions these past few months and would like to reach out to help those in our church community. We are able to help with food and partial utility or rent payments. If you have any questions, please contact us at 510-581-2164.

THE 2021 BISHOP'S APPEAL

Before the 2021 Bishop's Appeal is underway, we at Our Lady of Grace want to thank you for last year's generous contributions. The OLG Community surpassed its goal of \$29,000 and contributed \$32,700! This means that \$3,700 comes back to us and will help meet our parish needs.

Stay tuned for details regarding this year's Bishop Appeal for 2021. God Bless!

**2022 PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND &
EASTERN EUROPE
August 9th-20th, 2022**

The Passion Play of Oberammergau

The 2020 trip has been rescheduled for 2022. This exciting trip will be hosted by Fr. Tom Czeck. We will be visiting Krakow, Wadowice, Czestochowa, Prague, Vienna, Salzburg & Munich. More details to come!



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

If you are wishing to have your child baptized, ages infant to six years, 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 February 3rd.** Call Jay at 510-537-0806 for more information.



**THANK YOU FOR USING
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We are grateful to the Parishioners who have dropped off or mailed in their weekly offering to the Parish office as well as the Parishioners who continue to support us using our Online Giving. Parishioners who use this service are pleased with how easy it is to set up and manage. To sign up, visit our website at www.olgcv.org and click on "Online Giving" at the top of the homepage. If you need help with signing up, please contact Colleen at clindberg@olgcv.org.



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For your convenience in preparing your tax return, a contribution statement for 2020 will be prepared at your request. Please phone the Parish Office at 537-0806, with your name and envelope number. Your statement will be available for you to pick up once it has been signed.

FAITH FORMATION

Please pray for the young members of our Church.

First Communion

Next class: February 6th
11:00am—St. Francis Garden Chapel
Weather Permitting

Whole Family

Next class: February 13th
11:00am—St. Francis Garden Chapel,
Weather Permitting

Youth Ministry

Next class: February 7th
3:30pm—St. Francis Garden Chapel,
Weather Permitting

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 DECEMBER:

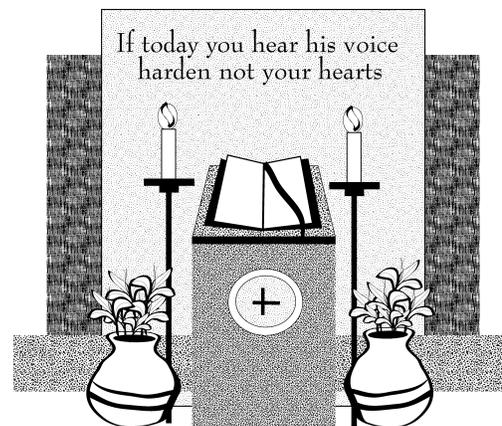
Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 36,735.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 48,500.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [11,765.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [37,098.00]
<i>May God bless your continuing generosity.</i>	



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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| Glen Alcorn | Diana Riley |
| Elvira Arechiga | Beth Snow |
| Peggy Burton | Howard Songey |
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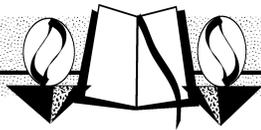
*Please remember in your prayers the recently
deceased in our parish families and all who mourn
the loss of a loved one.*

In Memoriam

GINA FRANCO-COTRONEO

DANIEL RAMOS

VICTIMS OF COVID-19



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THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 31st:

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

Spanish Mass - Reservations are not required
1:00pm--St. Francis Garden Chapel

Monday, February 1st:

Mass With Livestream
8:15am—Tent

Bible Study with Fr. Francisco—Spanish
7:00pm—Zoom

Tuesday, February 2nd:

Mass With Livestream
8:15am—Tent

“The Search” with Fr. Tom
7:00pm—Zoom

Wednesday, February 3rd:

Mass With Livestream
8:15am—Tent

Thursday, February 4th:

Mass With Livestream
8:15am—Tent

Confession & Adoration
3:00-4:30pm—By the Tent

Friday, February 5th:

Mass With Livestream
8:15am—Tent

Saturday, February 6th:

Mass With Livestream
8:15am—Tent

Confession & Adoration
8:45-9:45am—By the Tent

1st Communion Mass & Mini-Session
11:00am—St. Francis Garden Chapel

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



For our families whose businesses have been affected by the pandemic, 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.

WINGS - WOMEN IN GOD’S SPIRIT

We invite all women to join us for WINGS (Women in God’s Spirit).

WINGS is a faith enhancement group that encourages spiritual growth through prayer, scripture study, Catechesis, life sharing and community.

We meet via Zoom

Next Meeting: **February 4th**

9:00am to 11:00am

Speaker: Sr. Joann Heinritz

Topic: In These Chaotic Times, “Lord, Teach Us to Pray!”

Please contact Nancy Marcotte at nanmar2@aol.com or 510-303-3324 for the Zoom link

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Has Covid got you down? Worried about getting sick? Join us for a virtual WWME experience from the comfort of your home. Are you looking for a way to create a great start in your relationship for the New Year? The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a positive and personal experience offering married couples an opportunity to learn a technique of loving communication that can be used for all of your marriage. Sign up today to attend the upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on **February 19th-21st**. Please go to oaklandwwme.org to apply or call Ray & Roberta at 916-806-4601 for more information.

THE CATHOLIC VOICE ONLINE



The January 25th, 2021 issue of The Catholic Voice is available online at www.catholicvoiceoakland.org.

Mass Intentions for the Week 

SUNDAY, January 31st

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 9:00am James Barthman – D
- 11:00am Brian O’Leary – D
- 1:00pm OLG Community

MONDAY, February 1st

8:15am Mary Gladden – L

TUESDAY, February 2nd

The Presentation of the Lord

8:15am Dorothy & Manuel Callier – D

WEDNESDAY, February 3rd

St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr

St. Ansgar, Bishop

8:15am Marcel Pellerino – D

THURSDAY, February 4th

8:15am Adelaide Martin – D

FRIDAY, February 5th

St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

8:15am Sil De Fasio – D

SATURDAY, February 6th

St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

8:15am Kimberly Hinkson – L

4:00pm Franciscan Friars’ Intentions

SUNDAY, February 7th

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am Maria Chan – D

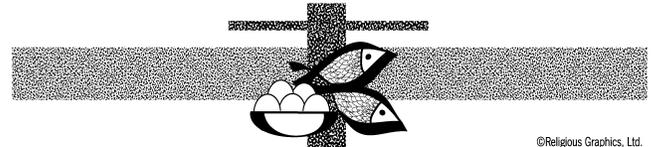
11:00am OLG Community

1:00pm Rosa Martinez Reyes – D

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

February 1st through February 7th

- Monday: Hebrews 11:32-40; Mark 5:1-20
- Tuesday: Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40
- Wednesday: Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Mark 6:1-6
- Thursday: Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24; Mark 6:7-13
- Friday: Hebrews 13:1-8; Mark 6:14-29
- Saturday: Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Mark 6:30-34
- Sunday: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39



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PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Every war is a form of fratricide that destroys the human family’s innate vocation to brotherhood. War often begins with the inability to accept the diversity of others, which then fosters attitudes of aggrandizement and domination born of selfishness and pride, hatred and the desire to caricature, exclude and even destroy the other.”

-Pope Francis, 2019

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

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THIS WEEK--Continued

Sunday, February 7th:

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

Spanish Mass - Reservations are not required
1:00pm--St. Francis Garden Chapel

Youth Ministry Mass & Mini-Session
3:30pm—St. Francis Garden Chapel

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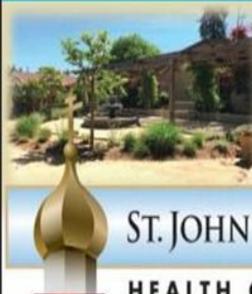

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