THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Spiritual Plan For Lent This year for Lent, I invite the men of Our Lady of Grace to go on a journey with St. Joseph and Our Blessed Virgin Mary. Join us for a 30 day devotional on the life of St. Joseph on FORMED.org called The School of Nazareth. We begin on Tuesday, February 16th with a Mass at 4pm and conclude with on the Feast of St. Joseph on March 19th. We will also do a Novena in preparation for the Solemnity of Annunciation.

Day 1

From the moment of the fall of Adam and Eve, humanity awaited a Savior. Expectations grew over thousands of years while all of creation held its breath anticipating salvation. God did not need Mary and Joseph, but in his unfathomable wisdom and providence, he chose them to play an essential role, as he carried out his divine plan. God chose to rely upon them for the care of his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. He has chosen St. Joseph for us as well. In the next thirty days, you will discover the father and model that desires an invitation into your home and family.

From all generations From all peoples, From all men, Joseph was chosen.

"St. Joseph was chosen among all men, to be the protector and guardian of the Virgin Mother of God; the defender and foster- father of the Infant-God, and the only co-operator upon earth, the one confidant of the secret of God in the work of the redemption of mankind." -St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Pope Francis Proclaims "Year of St. Joseph"

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled Patris corde ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows. The Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021.

Prayer for the Year of St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; *in you Mary placed her trust;* with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Militia Immaculata

Unite yourself in the Mission of Mary to bear Christ to the world. Join us for a Mass on Saturday February 27 at 11am for Mass and a meeting. We will begin to explore the message of Our Lady of Fatima and the rise of anti Catholicism in Rome that led to the movement of Our Lady to bring humanity back to the Truth of Jesus to find salvation. We will explore the error which has caused the death of over 100 million people and is now rising here. We will begin preparation for consecration to Our Lady on the Solemnity of the Annunciation.

40 Days For Life

"Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate." (Joel 2:13)

In just a week, we enter the holy season of Lent and kick off the largest 40 Days for Life spring campaign ever in 567 locations. Join me for our kick off event on Tuesday, February 16th with a Mass at 4pm. For more details about the campaign, see page 3 for more details.

Annual Catholic Appeal—The Theme Is "Rebuild My Church"

I want to thank Our Lady of Grace for your generous participation in the Bishops Appeal last year we raised \$33,658 to exceed our goal of \$29,000. We received \$4658 back which really helped us run the parish. During this Pandemic I have been amazed at the generosity of our people. With many parishes struggling financially, the diocese is even more dependent on this appeal to run the diocese. Every dollar we raise helps our diocese and us. I ask every family to participate in some way this year. I ask that each family commit to give at least \$30, about \$2.50 a month, in this way we will meet our goal. Once we have met our goal all donations will benefit the refresh of Our Lady of Grace Church. This is best ways to donate a special gift to this project since it allows us to receive tax deductible donations. without impacting our budget and goal for next year. Every dollar beyond our goal is returned to the parish. Please prayerfully consider your contribution to help us meet our goal and once we have met our goal we ask you to consider a second gift to the Appeal to benefit the Refresh of our Church and Evangelization effort.

God Provides With Your Help

I want to update you on the Our Lady of Grace Church renovation and finances. This week the scaffolding and lift will be removed since the painting and lighting have been completed. We will now be working on refinishing the flooring and carpeting of the sanctuary for the next couple of weeks. We hope to reopen the church for Mass in March sometime. We will celebrate Easter in the Church. We will continue to provide options for outside worship until the pandemic is over. We finally got information on returns from our investment account with the diocese which closed the gap for our deficit from last year. On paper we ended the year in the black by over \$10,000. As with any investment, this could change with the market but I am so happy God provided with your generosity and a good investment return

Peace.

Fr. Tom

Gospel for The First Sunday of Lent (February 21st)

THIS WEEKEND'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00PM: Vigil Mass at the St. Francis Garden Chapel

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

<u>Sunday 11:00AM:</u> Mass in Stack Center. *Reservations are required. Please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806 to reserve your seat(s).*

Sunday 1:00PM: Spanish Mass at the St. Francis Garden Chapel

We will continue to livestream daily and weekend Masses.



LENTEN SPIRITUAL JOURNEY FOR THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH Introduction to The School of Nazareth

The men of Our Lady of Grace are invited to take part in this 30 Day Devotional on FORMED.org. We begin on February 16th and finish with the Entrustment to St. Joseph on March 19th. There is a beautiful tradition in the Church that St. Joseph lived on the Earth with Jesus and Mary for thirty years. Thirty years to adore the face of Our Lord and Savior, thirty years to contemplate the mystery of the Incarnation, and thirty years to be a true father. Joseph experienced a life that no man in history can parallel. Joseph knew Jesus and Mary intimately. Not only that, in many mysterious ways, he led them.

Over the next thirty days we will set out upon a journey with St. Joseph in honor of the thirty years he spent with Jesus and Mary. We will seek to know him more deeply so that he may teach us to listen to the "still, small voice" of God and how to respond to it. He will teach us to be men after God's own heart! To access the online book, click here: <u>https://watch.formed.org/the-school-of-nazareth-a-spiritual-journey-with-st-joseph-by-mark-hartfiel</u>

If you are not yet a member, register <u>for free by</u> visiting: <u>www.formed.org</u>. Click on "Sign Up" then "Sign up as a Parishioner. Select "Our Lady of Grace Church Castro Valley" from the pull-down.



ASH WEDNESDAY February 17th

Join us for Mass and Sprinkling of Ashes at 8:15am in Stack Center and 4:00pm at the St. Francis Garden Chapel.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us for Stations of the Cross during Lent. We meet on Fridays, beginning on February 19th at 3:30pm by the St. Francis Garden Chapel.



ADORATION & CONFESSION

Thursdays at 3:00-4:30pm by the Tent & Saturdays at 9:00am in Stack Center. Beginning on February 18th on Thursdays, we will have Adoration & Confession at 3:30pm.

THE 2021 BISHOP'S APPEAL

The 2021 Bishop's Appeal begins this weekend and continues throughout March and April. In the coming weeks, you will hear more of the Appeal at Mass and through materials sent to you in the mail. Bishop Barber decided to continue with the theme, *Rebuild My Church*, a phrase inspired by St. Francis of Assisi. By sharing our talent and treasure with our sisters and brothers, we are making a sacrifice and returning to God a small portion of the many gifts he has given to us. You can find more information on the Appeal by visiting www.oakdiocese.org/giving. You can also call the Office of Mission Advancement at 510-267-8358.

Our goal this year is to gain 100% participation from all members in Our Lady of Grace's Parish!

We are grateful to all those last year who participated generously. This not only allowed our Parish to meet our goal but to exceed it as well!

A pledge to Appeal will help us reach out to thousands in the East Bay through diocesan ministries, programs & services.

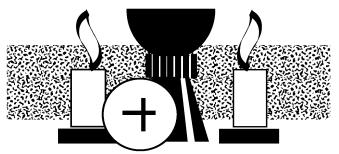
What is the Bishop's Appeal?

The Bishop's Appeal is an organized effort to give every Catholic family in the Diocese of Oakland the opportunity to make a gift to the best of their financial ability to support the ministries and services provided by the Diocese. It gives each household a chance to help further the mission of the Diocesan Church.



February 17th to March 28th

You're invited to join other Catholics and Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood at 1032 A Street in Hayward. Help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Dwight Speir at <u>dwightmv700@aol.com</u> or go to <u>www.40daysforlife.com/</u> <u>hayward</u> to sign up for the vigil prayer campaign.



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OUR LADY OF GRACE SCHOOL'S FUN RUN T-SHIRT SPONSORSHIP

Please consider sponsoring Our Lady of Grace Catholic School's Annual Healthy

Kids Fun Run on **March 17th! A Big Thank You** to all who sponsored last year, with hopes you will once again! For the event, we will be printing approximately 250 t-shirts, one for every student and staff member of OLG. Sponsorship is \$250 for your family's name, quote, or in memory of a loved one to be listed on the back of every t-shirt!. Additionally your family name will appear on the pledge form for the event and on the OLG Fun Run website!

A business sponsorship is a fantastic opportunity for you to market your business to the community, as well as assist our children by improving their education. We are looking for companies and organizations to sponsor the OLG Fun Run. Sponsorship is \$250 for your business to be listed on the back of every t-shirt! A \$500 sponsorship gets your logo in one color as well! Additionally your company name will appear on the pledge form for the event and have a link on the OLG Fun Run website! Sponsorships, as well as any pledges, are tax deductible! For more information, contact Chrystalla at 510-581-3155.

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 JANUARY:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$	46,567.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$	43,947.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$	2,620.00
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$	2,620.00
May God bless your continuing generosity.		

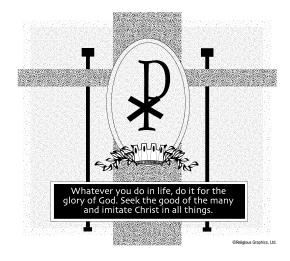


Your Prayers Are Requested

Please lift up in your prayer those many among us who are ill and those who have asked for our prayerful remembrance:

Pam Ahland Glen Alcorn Elvira Arechiga Peggy Burton Virginia Cabardo Romana Cristobal Nancy French Grace Letteer Peter Lindberg Sheila McAlinden

Arcadio Morfin Diana Riley Beth Snow Howard Songey James Van Wert 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

MARIE CORREIA

VICTIMS OF COVID-19

FAITH FORMATION

First Communion Next class: February 20th 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 21st 3:30pm—St. Francis Garden Chapel Weather Permitting

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 18th 9:00am to 11:00am Speaker: Fr. Mark Wiesner

Topic: TBD

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

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." There are many things to be anxious about in these days. Let us learn to calm our anxieties in our life by learning how to communicate better on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. 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.



PRE-BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS & GODPARENTS

BAPTISM 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 March 3rd.** Call Jay at 510-537-0806 for more information.



Sunday, February 14th:

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Mass—Reservations are required 11:00am--Stack Center

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

Monday, February 15th:

Presidents Day Mass With Livestream 8:15am—Stack Center

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

Tuesday, February 16th:

Mass With Livestream 8:15am—Stack Center

Wednesday, February 17th:

Mass With Livestream 8:15am—Stack Center

Thursday, February 18th:

Mass With Livestream 8:15am—Stack Center

Confession & Adoration 3:30pm—By the Tent

Friday, February 19th:

Mass With Livestream 8:15am—Stack Center

Stations of the Cross 3:30pm—By the St. Francis Garden Chapel

Saturday, February 20th:

Mass With Livestream 8:15am—Stack Center

Confession & Adoration 9:00am—Stack Center

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

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



SUNDAY, February 14th FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9:00am Louis Rodrigues – D 11:00am OLG Community 1:00pm Mercedes Tellez – D

MONDAY, February 15th

8:15am Eleazar Contreras – D

TUESDAY, February 16th 8:15am Laura Perino – L

WEDNESDAY, February 17th

8:15am Mass with Ashes Celeste, Manuel & Mike Marques – D4:00pm Mass with Ashes

THURSDAY, February 18th 8:15am Mario Tejada – D

FRIDAY, February 19th

8:15am Aaron Alcorn – D

SATURDAY, February 20th

8:15am Graciano Salazar – D4:00pm Maura Vanderpoorten – D

SUNDAY, February 21st

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 9:00am Aaron Alcorn – D John McCann – D 11:00am OLG Community 1:00pm Franciscan Friars



THIS WEEK--Continued

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

February 15th through February 21st

Monday: Tuesday: Wednesday: Thursday: Friday: Saturday: Sunday: Genesis 4:1-15, 25; Mark 8:11-13 Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mark 8:14-21 Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25 Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15 Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32 Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

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PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"There is urgent need to work for a world free of nuclear weapons, in full application of the nonproliferation treaty, in letter and spirit, with the goal of a complete prohibition of these weapons."

-Pope Francis, 2015

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