From the Pastor

40 Days For Life
Please join in our prayer for the unborn. Your prayers are helping! We have been informed that a mother and her unborn child have found help to choose life from our prayerful witness at Planned Parenthood in Hayward. If you would like to join us, contact us at www.40daysforlife.com/hayward.

Prayer For The Unborn
Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children,
we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion.
Help expectant parents to welcome from God the priceless gift of their child's life.

Console parents who have lost that gift through abortion,
and lead them to forgiveness and healing through the Divine Mercy of your Son. Teach us to cherish and to care for family and friends until God calls them home. Help us never to see others as burdens.

Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice.

We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

Church Update
The floors of the church have been sanded and this week and they will be stained and sealed. They will have to dry for a few days and then the pews can be reinstalled. This should take another week. The final aspects will be carpet installation and finally a Shrine for Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will open the church before Holy Week but will have to wait for the carpet to be installed after Easter. The Shrine will hopefully be done before Summer.

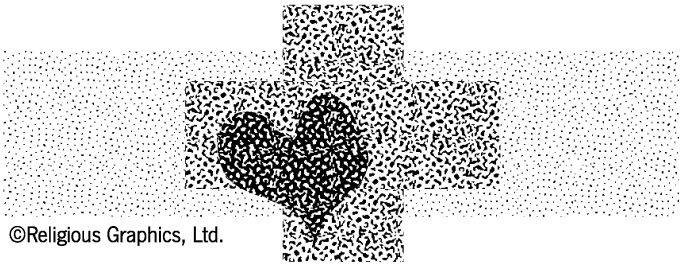
Are You Saved?
I invite you to watch "The Search" Episode #6 *Am I Saved* on Formed.org This episode ponders the Cross and Salvation. This is a perfect meditation for Lent. If you picked up "The Search" book for Lent, you can read along with us.

Stations Of The Cross
Join Fr. Tom for the **Stations of the Cross** on Fridays at 3:30pm at the fence, by the St. Francis Garden Chapel. You can also join Fr. Tom on YouTube for the Stations at https://youtu.be/xeTjcEsWCKY
Via Crucis los viernes a las 7:15 am en español y junto a la Capilla-Jardín San Francisco.

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 Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St Joseph," beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021.

Prayer to St. Joseph by Pope Francis
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.

Peace,
Fr. Tom



Gospel for The Third Sunday of Lent (March 7th) **John 4:5-42**

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THIS WEEKEND'S MASS SCHEDULE

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

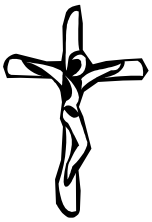
Sunday 9:00AM: Drive-In Mass with Livestream (Rear Parking Lot)

Sunday 11:00AM: 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



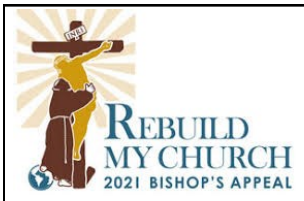
Join us for Stations of the Cross during Lent. We meet on Fridays at 7:15am (Spanish) and 3:30pm (English) by the St. Francis Garden Chapel.

ADORATION & CONFESSION

Thursdays at 3:30pm by the Tent, Saturdays at 9:00am in Stack Center and Sundays (Confession only) at 12:30pm by the Tent.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Join other Catholics and Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. 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. To volunteer, please contact: Dwight Speir at dwight-mv700@aol.com or go to www.40daysforlife.com/hayward to sign up for the vigil prayer campaign.



THE 2021 BISHOP'S APPEAL

The 2021 Bishop's Appeal has begun and continues through April. 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 of Our Lady of Grace's Parish!

We are grateful to the 129 households who gave last year, allowing us to meet and exceed our goal by $4,495. Please consider being part of the effort this year. Let us not rely on the few in what is an opportunity to be part of the greater good.

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

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

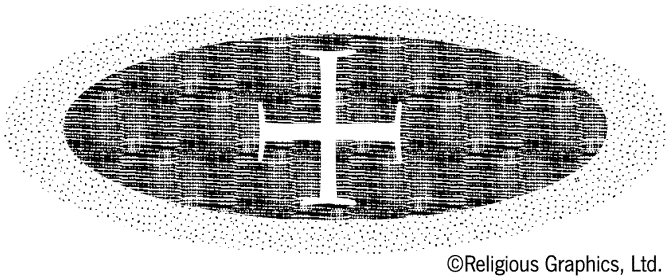
This month, we welcomed

Mateo Ecalne Dessus

into Our Lady of Grace Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. God Bless you!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL IS HERE TO HELP

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.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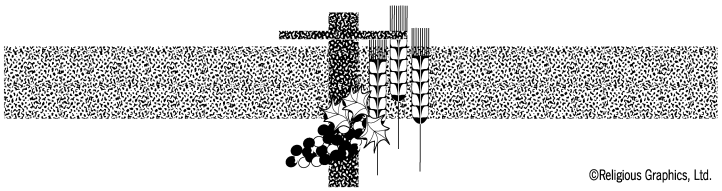

OUR LADY OF GRACE SCHOOL'S FUN RUN T-SHIRT SPONSORSHIP

Please consider sponsoring Our Lady of Grace Catholic School's Annual Healthy Kids Fun Run on **March 17th**! Family and Business Sponsorships are $250 each and tax deductible. For more information, contact Chrystalla at 510-581-3155.

REGULATIONS FOR LENT

Abstinence and Fasting:

Abstinence from eating meat is to be observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays during Lent. This applies to all persons 14 and older. The law of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday applies to all persons 18 or older and younger than 59.

Fasting means that one full meatless meal per day may be eaten. Two other meatless meals may be taken sufficient to maintain strength, but together they should not equal a full meal. Liquids, including milk and fruit juice, may be taken between meals. If health or ability to work is affected, fasting does not oblige. Private, self-imposed observance of fasting on Lenten weekdays is strongly recommended. Parents should ensure that children who are not bound by the laws of fast and abstinence are taught an authentic sense of penance, conversion and reconciliation.

Lenten Observance:

Catholics are encouraged to participate in Holy Mass and in the Sacrament of Penance during Lent, and parishes are encouraged to provide regular and frequent opportunities for such participation. Likewise encouraged are devotions such as Stations of the Cross, vigils and prayer services (with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, if opportune). Traditional practices - including increased prayer, Scripture and spiritual reading, alms, personal self-denial in food and drink, increased care and service to the sick and needy - are also suggested.

Easter Duty:

All initiated Catholics are bound by the obligations of receiving Communion at least once a year and to confess sacramentally all serious sins not previously acknowledged in individual Confession. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter duty season, which is from the first Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday.

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**
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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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Romana Cristobal
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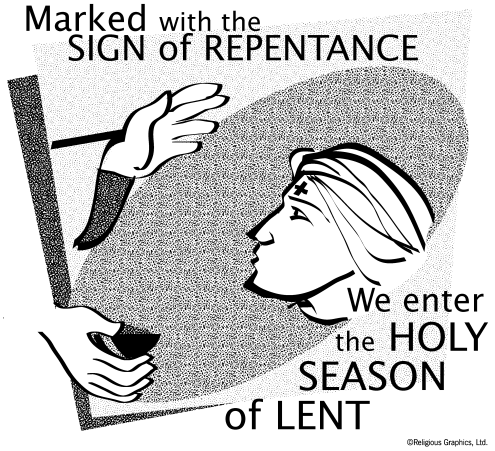


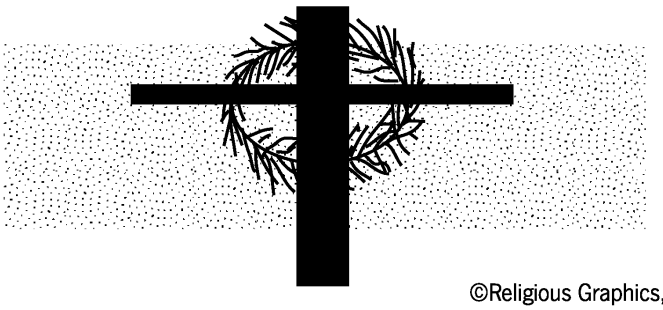
Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of a loved one.

In Memoriam

NELLIE KLAS

ETHEL LUTSCHAN

VICTIMS OF COVID-19



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FAITH FORMATION

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

Whole Family
Next class: March 13th
11:00am—St. Francis Garden Chapel
Weather Permitting

Youth Ministry
Next class: March 7th
3:30pm—St. Francis Garden Chapel
Weather Permitting

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

THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 28th:

The Second Sunday of Lent

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

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

Confession
12:30pm—Tent

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

Monday, March 1st:

Mass With Livestream
8:15am—Stack Center

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

Tuesday, March 2nd:

Mass With Livestream
8:15am—Stack Center

Wednesday, March 3rd:

Mass With Livestream
8:15am—Stack Center

Pre-Baptism Class
7:00pm—Zoom

Thursday, March 4th:

Mass With Livestream
8:15am—Stack Center

Confession & Adoration
3:30pm—By the Tent

Friday, March 5th:

Stations of the Cross—Spanish
7:15am—By the St. Francis Garden Chapel

Mass With Livestream
8:15am—Stack Center

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

Saturday, March 6th:

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, February 28th
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
9:00am Kathleen Cande—L
11:00am Mary P. Burgess—D
1:00pm OLG Community

MONDAY, March 1st
8:15am Dorothy & Manuel Callier—D

TUESDAY, March 2nd
8:15am Greg Dickson—D

WEDNESDAY, March 3rd
St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
8:15am Msgr. Patrick Stack—D

THURSDAY, March 4th
St. Casimir
8:15am Louis Rodrigues—D

FRIDAY, March 5th
8:15am Mary Gladden—L

SATURDAY, March 6th
8:15am Maria Silva (D)
& All Souls in Purgatory
4:00pm Maria Venturini—D

SUNDAY, March 7th
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
9:00am Jim Rossillon—D
11:00am OLG Community
1:00pm Rosa Martinez Reyes—D

THIS WEEK--Continued

Sunday, March 7th:

The Third Sunday of Lent

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

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

Confession
12:30pm—Tent

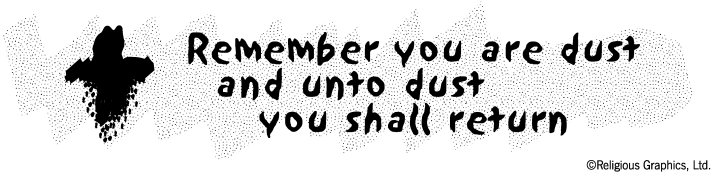
Spanish Mass - Reservations are not required
1:00pm--St. Francis Garden Chapel

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

March 1st through March 7th

Monday:	Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31
Friday:	Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday:	Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42



WINGS - WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT

We invite all women to join us for WINGS

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: **March 4th**
9:00am to 11:00am
Speaker: Rev. Margaret Niles

Topic: "Sacred Space All Around Us"

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

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Everything a baptized person does every day should be directly or indirectly related to the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy."

-Dorothy Day

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

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