



### Franciscan Mission In Vietnam

The Conventual Franciscan presence in Vietnam has its origins in the refugee crisis that followed the Fall of Saigon in April 1975. Many Catholic Vietnamese fled their native land, settling eventually in Australia, the United States, Western Europe and Japan. Starting in the 1980s, sons of these emigrant families began to enter the Order of Friars Minor Conventual in Switzerland, Japan, Poland and, especially, California and Australia.

Late in the spring of 1999, Br. Anthony Phạm Đình Tuyền OFM Conv., a friar of Saint Joseph of Cupertino Province in California, knowing that his cancer was terminal, returned to Nam Dinh Province to see his ancestral village and meet his extended family. In the short period of his visit to Hoang Tu, Br. Anthony secured permission from local Communist authorities to rebuild the Catholic Church that the Viet Minh had burned to the ground at the time of the partition of the country into North and South by the Geneva Accord of 1954. On the Feast of Saint Anthony of Padua in the year 2000, his Conventual Franciscan brothers from California and Japan converged upon this tiny hamlet in the middle of Nam Dinh's rice paddies in order to dedicate the church that Br. Anthony's efforts had brought about a year after his death.

Fr. Maximilian Nguyễn Văn Tuấn OFM Conv. from California joined the mission team and Fr. Tuấn, from St. Joseph of Cupertino Province in California, became the Order's first novice master for Vietnam in 2008. Since then, the Order in Vietnam has continued to grow steadily. In 2010 our California Province voted unanimously to administrate the Mission.

Fr. Luke Vu OFM Conv., the Mission Delegate; Fr. Tammylee Ngo OFM Conv., the Mission Procurator; and Fr. James Pham OFM Conv., continue to lead the Mission. The Mission has 70 men who have joined and in June, the California Province have unanimously voted to let the mission become a Custody meaning they will form their future with our financial assistance. There are more than 70 men professed and men in formation. The Conventual Franciscans are the first religious community to be nationally recognized in Vietnam since 1975 when the Communist party took charge.

The apostolic life of the friars in Vietnam focuses principally on the corporal works of mercy. In the Red River Delta area in the north, the friars minister both to the rural poor of Thai Binh Province and especially to elderly leprosy patients in Văn Môn Village. In the south, the friars have created the Bread of Saint Anthony program which assists poor families — often headed by single mothers — with basic necessities: food, clothing and school supplies for the children. On weekends, the Conventual Franciscan student friars, who study philosophy and theology at either the Franciscan Institute of Saigon or the Centrum Dominicanum Studiorum, bring meals to the sick in Thủ Đức Hospital in the metro-Saigon megalopolis.

Please enjoy this video about our Mission: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?list=PLZMc2kKkPu5su6G1fC8GmbWs9jzBYSf9R&v=GatYxqTBa2U>

*To give to the Vietnam Mission, please see page 2 of this bulletin for more details.*

### Pray For The Departed During November

One of the most difficult things during this pandemic has been the inability of families to gather and mourn for their deceased loved ones. Churches were closed and limited services at the cemetery have left a hole in many hearts. We can renew ourselves through prayer. We can unite ourselves with the souls of our loved ones in our faith in Jesus and his merciful sacrifice for our salvation.

### Incorporating Indulgences Acts Through November And During The Year

A partial indulgence can be obtained by devoutly visiting a cemetery and praying for the departed, even if the prayer is only mental. The "Eternal Rest" prayer gains a partial indulgence and can be prayed all year. Passing a cemetery and praying the "Eternal Rest" can help out the souls in need. *Requiem aeternam dona ei (eis), Domine, et lux perpetua luceat ei (eis). Requiescat (-ant) in pace Amen. Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

The "Eternal Rest" prayer can also be inserted in between decades of the rosary, and can be added to the end of the "Prayer Before Meals": *Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts, Which we are about to receive, from Thy bounty, through Christ, our Lord, Amen. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. ... this grace, O holy Joseph, that I may breathe forth my soul in praise, saying in spirit, if I am unable to do so in words: "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give Thee my heart and my soul." Amen.*

Peace & Love,  
Fr. Tom

MY SOUL  
IS THIRSTING  
FOR THE LORD

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### SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK EVERY VOICE COUNTS

Don't forget to share your feedback on the Disciple Maker Index. The Survey is LIVE and will be open until **November 22nd**. To access the survey online, please visit our homepage at [www.olgcv.org](http://www.olgcv.org) and click on "Disciple Maker Index Survey" at top of the page. Paper surveys (in English & Spanish) are also available in the Parish Office. *We need your help in making this a success, so please participate!*

### FRANCISCAN VIETNAM MISSION COLLECTION

This weekend, **November 6th & 7th**, our Missionary, Luke Vu OFM Conv. will preach at our Masses. The Pandemic has taken its toll on our Vietnam Mission and we need your help! The 70 men serving our Mission continue to serve the poor and needy. Please make your donation out to "Conventual Franciscans of California" and add "Vietnam Mission" on the memo line. You may also give online by visiting: <https://franciscanfriars.org/online-giving>. Thank you and God Bless!

### HEARTFELT THANK YOU

We are most grateful to all those who participated in our Parish Calendar Raffle! You helped us have fun pulling out names each day while offsetting some of the funds we should have enjoyed this year from our annual Fall Festival. We hope you enjoyed it too! We are also grateful to Claudia Dobbs, Cheryl Miraglia and Heidi Denzler-Halsey for bringing this all together as well as all those who generously donated gift cards and prizes for our daily drawings. To see the complete list of winners, visit: [www.olgcv.org](http://www.olgcv.org) and click "Calendar Raffle" at the top of the homepage.

### SAINTLY TRUNK OR TREAT A GREAT SUCCESS!

We would like to heartily thank the parents of Our Lady of Grace School and the Parish Confirmation students and their families who participated and contributed to the success of our Saintly Trunk or Treat event on October 31st. Thank you for donating candy/supplies, volunteer time, and ensuring a wonderful event for the children in our OLG community. We would also like to thank all families who came to enjoy the event with their children. Donation funds collected at the Trunk or Treat event raised a total of \$309.58 for the Franciscan Vietnam Missions and the Narcisa Castillo Nursing home! Thank you for your generosity.

### ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Our Parish will celebrate our annual Mass of Remembrance on Friday, **November 12th** at 7:00pm. This Mass honors those family members and loved ones who died within the last year. Votive candles will be provided. Everyone is invited to come and pray.



### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

For the past few weeks, we have been focused on Spanish/Heritage Month. Ms. Fajardo, our Spanish teacher, has been preparing all the students for an assembly to highlight different aspects of the culture. It consisted of dance, music, poetry, and art. Each grade performed their particular event and learned quite a bit about the culture. We have been collecting pennies for a Senior citizen home in El Salvador that Ms. Fajardo's sister volunteers there. So far, we have over \$1500. collected to send to them. This will help in buying needed supplies and other things for this home. The fifth grade students with the help of Mrs. Danek and Ms. Fajardo have embraced this project with great gusto and are proud of their efforts. We focus on social justice projects monthly in order to bring awareness to our students the importance of caring for their brothers and sisters wherever they are in the world.

-Kathy Gannon-Briggs

### HALLOWEEN MOVIE NIGHT THANK YOU!

Thanks to all the families that came and enjoyed our Halloween Movie Night! The Costume Contest during intermission was a lot of fun and we thank all the kids for participating. We also thank the Knights of Columbus and Fr. Tom for cooking up a delicious dinner for everyone. It was a fun event for the parish!



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ONE WARM 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, blankets & 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.*** Thank you so much for your generosity.

**MASS SCHEDULE  
In The Church**

**Mondays - Saturdays at 8:15AM**

**Saturdays at 5:00PM (Vigil)**

**Sundays at 7:30AM 9:00AM, 11:00AM and  
1:00PM (Spanish)**



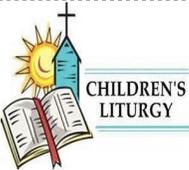
**ALTAR CANDLE MEMORIAL  
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We deeply thank the following donors who have given generously towards sponsoring our Altar Candle Memorial.

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**CHILDREN'S LITURGY  
OF THE WORD**



All children are invited to Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) on **November 7th & 21st**, during the 9:00am Mass. Before the Readings, the priest will invite the children up to the altar for a blessing. Children will then be escorted by catechists to Augustine Center. They will be escorted back to the Church before the Liturgy of the Eucharist. CLOW is a program in which the Sunday scripture readings are proclaimed and explained on a level appropriate for children. We offer 2 sessions: one for ages 7 & under and one for ages 8 & older. All children are welcome!

**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 SEPTEMBER:**

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 44,751.00
<b>Month Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 43,945.00</b>
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 806.00
<b>Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]</b>	<b>\$ 23,506.00</b>

*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	Brian Linney
Glen Alcorn	Arcadio Morfin
Larry Bronzini	Diana Riley
Peggy Burton	Angela Schaaphok
Virginia Cabardo	Howard Songey
Gina Castillo	Ronald Staszko
Joyce & James Czeck	Concepcion Velasco
Nancy French	Mary Lou Vincent
Sandra Ketchel	Arthur Williams
Bill Lawrence	Peggy Winkenbach
Grace Letteer	

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

**In Memoriam**

**BETTE BENNETT**

**VICTIMS OF COVID-19**

**VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE**

**MAXIMILIAN KOLBE  
QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*"Through the Immaculata you can do all things, either in yourself or concerning others, since she refuses nothing to sinners and Jesus can refuse nothing to her."*



**CONSECRATION PREPARATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Join us at 10:00am in Stack Center, OLG Room as we prepare ourselves for the Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We meet each Saturday until December 8th. After our last meeting, you are invited to return at 7:00pm to the Church for Mass where we will offer Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**MEN'S FAITH SHARE**

The OLG Men's Faith Share Group meets on **Tuesdays at 7:00pm** in Stack Center, Room 7. All men in the Parish are invited to come. This group meets each week to read and discuss the upcoming Sunday's readings for the Mass. If you are looking for a small group setting to pray with and explore the Word each week, plan on joining us!

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SPACE IS LIMITED - SIGN UP TODAY!!!




**DEVOTIONAL CANDLES**

Candles for our candle stand are available for purchase in the Parish Office or next to the candle stand. The candles will burn for 5 days. The cost per candle is \$4.00. The glass globes in the candle stand must be left in the church.

**ADORATION & CONFESSION  
 In The Church**

Join us on Thursdays at 6:00-7:00pm and Saturdays at 8:45-10:00am



**ROSARY BEFORE MASS**

Come join in prayer of the Rosary 30 minutes before each of the weekend liturgies. Pray for our Parish. All are welcome!



**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, November 7th:**

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Masses  
 7:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am--Church

Children's Liturgy of the Word  
 9:00am—Church/Augustine Center

1st Communion Class  
 10:15am--Stack Center

Confirmation Class  
 12:15pm--Stack Center

Spanish Mass  
 1:00pm--Church

**Monday, November 8th:**

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

**Tuesday, November 9th:**

Men's Faith Share  
 7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

**Wednesday, November 10th:**

RCIA  
 7:00pm—Stack Center

**Thursday, November 11th:**

Adoration & Confession  
 6:00-7:00pm—Church

**Friday, November 12th:**

Mass of Remembrance  
 7:00pm—Church

**Saturday, November 13th:**

Adoration & Confession  
 8:45-10:00am—Church

MI Consecration Preparation  
 10:00am—Stack Center, OLG Room

Vigil Mass  
 5:00pm—Church

**Sunday, November 14th:**

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Masses  
 7:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am--Church

Whole Family Class  
 10:15am--Stack Center

Spanish Mass  
 1:00pm--Church

*Mass*  *for the Week*

**SUNDAY, November 7th**  
**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30am Reydante D. Padua – D  
 9:00am Mary Cunningham – D  
 11:00am OLG Community  
 1:00pm Franciscan Friars

**MONDAY, November 8th**

8:15am Ferdinand Perdido – D

**TUESDAY, November 9th**

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
 8:15am Tahmee Fakava – L

**WEDNESDAY, November 10th**

St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church  
 8:15am Lilia Sousa – D

**THURSDAY, November 11th**

St. Martin of Tours, Bishop  
 8:15am Luis Martinez – D

**FRIDAY, November 12th**

St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr  
 8:15am Antonio O. Chocha – D

**SATURDAY, November 13th**

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin  
 8:15am Renato Constantino Vergara – D  
 5:00pm Franciscan Friars

**SUNDAY, November 14th**

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30am Dennise Burgess – L  
 9:00am Fermina Sunga – D  
 11:00am OLG Community  
 1:00pm Victims of Covid-19

**FAITH FORMATION**  
**2021-2022**

Please pray for the young members of our Church.

**First Communion**

Next Class: November 7th  
 10:15am—Stack Center

**Whole Family**

Next Class: November 14th  
 10:15am—Stack Center

**Confirmation**

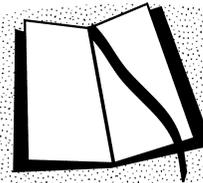
Next Class: November 7th  
 12:15pm—Stack Center

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**November 8th through November 14th**

Monday: Wisdom 1:1-7; Luke 17:1-6  
 Tuesday: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12;  
 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17;  
 John 2:13-22  
 Wednesday: Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19  
 Thursday: Wisdom 7:22b-8:1; Luke 17:20-25  
 Friday: Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37  
 Saturday: Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Luke 18:1-8  
 Sunday: Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18;  
 Mark 13:24-32

The  
**WORD**  
 of the  
**LORD**



Renews  
 and gives  
 life to  
 my soul

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**PAN DE VIDA FOR VOCATIONS**

You are invited to join Bishop Barber and the Conventual Friars of the Renewal as we support young men and women who discern to answer God’s call. This retreat will take place on Saturday, **November 20th** at 2:00pm at St. Michael’s Parish in Livermore. Reservations are required. Please email Fr. Carl Arco-  
 sa at [carcosa@oakdiocese.org](mailto:carcosa@oakdiocese.org).

**PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*“If our poor die of hunger, it is not because God does not care for them. Rather it is because neither you nor I are generous enough. It is because we are not instruments of love in the hand of God. We do not recognize Christ when once again He appears to us in the hungry man, in the lonely woman, in the child who is looking for a place to get warm.”*

-St. Teresa of Calcutta, 1997

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