



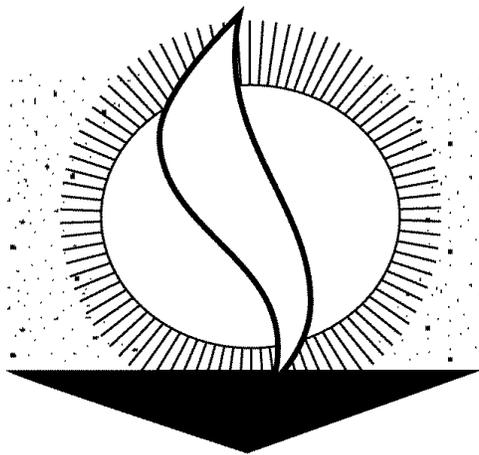
Dear Our Lady of Grace Families,

May the Lord Bless you and your family this Thanksgiving. May we give thanks for the blessings we have received during the last year, especially the gift of life during this pandemic. Thanksgiving is modeled on a 1621 harvest feast shared by the English colonists (Pilgrims) of Plymouth and the Wampanoag people. But some historians argue that Florida, not Massachusetts, may have been the true site of the first Thanksgiving in North America. In 1565, nearly 60 years before Plymouth, a Spanish fleet came ashore and planted a cross in the sandy beach to christen the new settlement of St. Augustine. To celebrate the arrival, the 800 Spanish settlers shared a festive meal with the native Timucuan people. May we thank the Lord for all who have helped us live in this place. It is the good will and charity of others that has allowed us to prosper here.

Many of you have received our parish mailing which included our Immaculate Conception Novena and I encourage you to pray with your family after Thanksgiving, beginning November 29th. We thank the Lord for his plan of mercy to save humanity. In the Immaculate Conception, we see how Mary was conceived without sin to be the Mother of the Redeemer and the redeemed. Celebrate the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation, on **December 8th** at 8:15am, 9:30am with the School children and 7pm with a Bilingual Mass.

Thank you to all who have generously given towards the Vietnam Mission. Our Franciscan brothers will continue to serve the poor and the needy and to build the Church and Franciscan Order in North and South Vietnam. God Bless!

Peace & Love,
Fr. Tom



The word
of the Lord
lights the way

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First Sunday of Advent (November 28th)

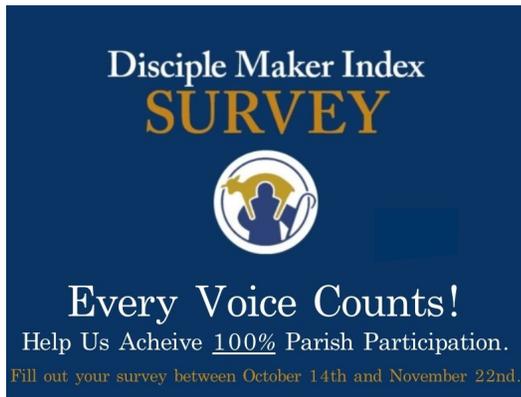
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. “Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.”

THANKSGIVING LITURGY

Our Lady of Grace Parish will celebrate a *Mass of Thanksgiving* on **Thursday, November 25th at 9:00am** in the Church. 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. St. Vincent de Paul will once again be accepting donations of food, gift cards and. Due to some pantry issues we can only accept food in cans and jars (no cereal, pasta, rice or dry beans). We are in need of: peanut butter, jam, shelf stable milk, canned tuna and chicken, fruit, chili and soup. Please no canned beans – we have plenty. We thank you for your ongoing support. As you give your donations, please pray for those families who will be helped and for those of us in this ministry.

LAST CHANCE! YOUR VOICE COUNTS!

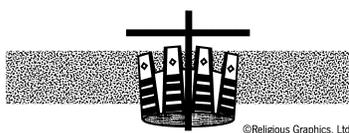


Tomorrow, **Monday, November 22nd** is the last day to participate in this important survey. To access the survey online, please visit our homepage at www.olgcv.org and click on "Disciple Maker Index Survey" at top of the page. If you have the paper version, please return them to the Parish Office by tomorrow too. *Many thanks to all who have participated!*



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ONE WARM COAT DRIVE

We thank you for all the generous donations that have come in so far! We continue to accept donations of **new or gently used men's, women's or children's coats**. These coats will be distributed throughout 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.



THANKSGIVING

THANKSGIVING PARISH OFFICE HOURS.

The Parish Office will be closed on **Thursday, November 25th & Friday, November 26th**. The office will re-open on **Monday, November 29th** at 8:30am. The entire Parish staff wishes you and your family a Blessed Thanksgiving.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PARISH APPEAL

November 20th & 21st

Please be generous in this weekend's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in eight people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.CCHDEastBay.org.

Watch the new CCHD video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bUQjX9qO7Ys>

**BREAD FOR THE WORLD IS BACK!
"I was hungry and you gave me to eat"
Matthew 25:35**

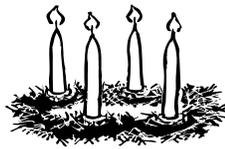
Our Pax Christi/Social Justice group is again sponsoring the annual "Bread for the World Offering of Letters." After the Masses this weekend on **November 20th and 21st** we will have tables outside the doors to the church where you can sign postcards to your representative and senators asking them to support legislation that will help alleviate child hunger in our nation and abroad. It only takes a couple minutes of your time to support this worthy cause.



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.

**ADVENT CONFESSIONS
Ready The Way Of The Lord
December 1st-22nd**



Confessions during Advent will be available during Adoration with the following schedule:

- Wednesdays:** 9:00-10:00am
- Thursdays:** 6:00-7:00pm during Adoration
- Saturdays:** 9:00-10:00pm during Adoration
- First Friday, December 3rd:** 7:00-8:00pm

**FAITH FORMATION
2021-2022**

Please pray for the young members of our Church.

First Communion

Next Class: November 21st
10:15am—Stack Center

Whole Family

Next Class: December 12th
10:15am—Stack Center

Confirmation

Next Class: November 21st
12:15pm—Stack Center



**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 December 1st.** Call Jay at 510-537-0806 for more information.

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:	\$ 44,751.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 43,945.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 806.00
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 23,506.00

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:

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| 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 |
| Mark Jerome | 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

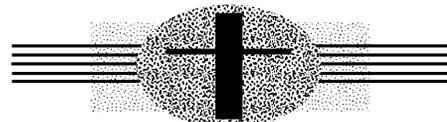
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VICTIMS OF COVID-19

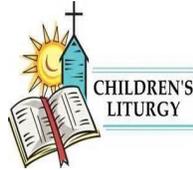
VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

**MAXIMILIAN KOLBE
QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

“Let this day be the day of rebirth for our souls, a day of renewal in our zeal for expanding the kingdom of the most loving Queen of Heaven and Earth.”



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

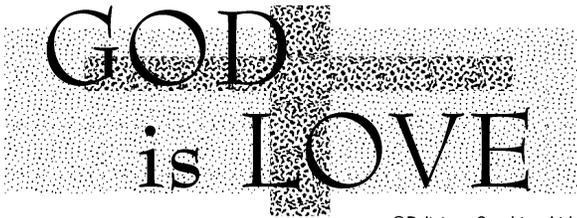


All children are invited to Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) on **November 21st**, during the 9:00am Mass. Before the Readings, the priest will invite the children up to the altar for a blessing. Children will then be escorted by catechists to Augustine Center. They will be escorted back to the Church before the Liturgy of the Eucharist. All children are welcome!

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.



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Flocknote is the most important way for OLG to communicate to you, our parishioners. If you would like to be a member, visit our website at www.olgcv.org and click on "Flocknote" at the top of the homepage.



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!

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.



THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 21st:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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 22nd:

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

Tuesday, November 23rd:

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

Thursday, November 25th:

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
Mass at 9:00am—Church

Saturday, November 27th:

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

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

Vigil Mass
5:00pm—Church

Sunday, November 28th:

First Sunday of Advent

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

Spanish Mass
1:00pm--Church



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Mass for the Intentions  *for the Week*

SUNDAY, November 21st
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

7:30am Victims of Covid-19
 9:00am Mary Chocha – L
 11:00am OLG Community
 1:00pm Rosa Martinez Reyes – D

MONDAY, November 22nd

St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr
 8:15am Victor Pasquini – D

TUESDAY, November 23rd

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

WEDNESDAY, November 24th

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

THURSDAY, November 25th

St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr
 9:00am Mass of Thanksgiving

FRIDAY, November 26th

8:15am Maria Ha Vo – D

SATURDAY, November 27th

8:15am Renato Constantino Vergara – D
 5:00pm Franciscan Friars

SUNDAY, November 28th

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30am Reydante D. Padua – D
 9:00am Ernie Selmeczki – D
 11:00am Victims of Covid-19
 1:00pm OLG Community



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

November 22nd through November 28th

Monday: Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Luke 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Luke 21:12-19
 Thursday: Sirach 50:22-24; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Luke 17:11-19
 Friday: Daniel 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33
 Saturday: Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36
 Sunday: Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

To the word of the Lord we say Amen



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DISCERNMENT TO PRIESTHOOD ZOOM MEETING

To the young adults of our parish: have you ever wondered about a vocation in the church? This meeting is open to young men ages 18-30 years old. It is held the **2nd Tuesday** of each month from 7:00-8:00pm and facilitated by Fr. Carl Arcosa and invited priests.

For more info & to receive access to the Zoom meeting, please email: CArcosa@oakdiocese.org. You may also contact one of our friars and who will assist you in your discernment.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Prayer and sacrifice must be used as the most effective spiritual weapons in the war against war, and alike 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

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