



The OLG Community Is Asked To Participate In The Synod

We journey as a church and we have an opportunity to share our journey in the Synodal process. Join us for a listening session on the weekend of **February 26th and 27th or March 5th and 6th.**

What is SYNODALITY? The Greek word synodos means “to be on the journey together.” The Second Vatican Council speaks of the People of God (Pope, bishops, clergy, men and women religious and lay men and women) as being on a journey toward the heavenly Jerusalem. They walk together, exercising the gifts of their Baptism each in their particular roles. Along the way, they speak and listen to one another and to the Holy Spirit as they work to carry out their mission: to make known the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ. In Acts 15, we see that at the Council of Jerusalem the apostles and the People of God considered, discussed and debated the issues that faced the early Church. They reached a consensus after consulting with the Holy Spirit and one another. They journeyed together. Synodality is a way of journeying together - of living out our faith - that calls for shared responsibility, open and honest dialogue, and discernment with the Holy Spirit to arrive at pastoral solutions to the issues of our day. Synodality is a way of being Church, not just an event or program. For more information on how you can participate, please see Page 2 of this Bulletin.

I invite you to check out “Synod.mp4” from the Diocese of Oakland on Vimeo. The video is available for your viewing pleasure at <https://vimeo.com/646601142>. If you like this video, make sure you share it, too!

Synod Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.

Pilgrimage To Poland And Oberammergau

Pilgrimages have resumed in the last year after being cancelled in 2020. In 2021 NAWAS had over 70 pilgrimages. The Passion Play is on schedule to resume this summer of 2022. The actors are practicing and Europe has opened for pilgrimages. Join me on **August 9th-21st** for a pilgrimage of a lifetime as we head to Krakow, Prague, Vienna, and Oberammergau. For more information, please see Page 4 of this Bulletin.

I am returning from quarantine! I will be returning this Saturday and looking forward to seeing you all again!

Blessings,
Fr. Tom

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (February 20th)

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: “To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount. But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. “Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.”



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PARTICIPATE IN THE SYNOD

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has called for a Synod to discern the Holy Spirit’s call to the Church. Under the theme “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission,” the Pope has called the people of God to listen to and hear one another in all facets of church life. This process will start by gathering groups from our parishes, schools and Catholic organizations to prayerfully discern and explore our relationship with the Church and our Lord Jesus Christ through listening sessions. We will be reaching out to form listening sessions with our school families. We hope that even if you don’t attend church at OLG or even if you don’t attend at all, that you will still join us, as your voice is important to us. After the listening sessions, responses will be collected, presented to Bishop Barber and sent to the Vatican. The final process will culminate in a gathering of bishops from throughout the world in 2023. Pope Francis is encouraging all Catholics as well as those “on the margins” to participate in this important process. Our Lady of Grace will hold “listening sessions” after all of the Masses on the weekend of **February 26th – 27th** and **March 5th – 6th**. Various groups in the parish and the school community will also host both in-person and Zoom sessions. Please plan to be part of this exciting opportunity to get your voices heard. You can find more information on the Synod at <https://oakdiocese.org/synod-resources>. If you have questions about this process or are interested in becoming a group facilitator or coordinator, contact Dennise Burgess at denniseburgess@gmail.com or Kim Vanderheiden at kidae.family@gmail.com.

**DISCERNMENT TO PRIESTHOOD
ST. PATRICK’S SEMINARY**

St. Patrick’s next retreat will be held **February 25th -27th** at St. Patrick’s Seminary in Menlo Park. It’s free of charge and open to men 21 years and older. If you are interested or know someone who is, please email Fr. Carl Arcosa at: CArcosa@oakdiocese.org or call the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Oakland at 510-267-8356.

**ICF POLENTA DINNER
March 12th**



The East Bay District of the ICF will be hosting a Polenta and Chicken Dinner on **Saturday, March 12th** in Stack Center. Doors open at 6:00pm and dinner is served at 7:00pm. Cost is \$45 per person, \$20 for 12 years old and under. Table of 8 is \$320. Come and enjoy! We will also have entertainment and a raffle! **Reservations are required by February 28th.** Please send payment to Pat Grasso at 16987 Hinton Court, Castro Valley, 94546. Checks may be made out to *ICF Branch #343*. If you are reserving a table, please send one check with names of the guests. Questions? Please call Pat at 510-538-2844. Grazie!

**COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH
IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE
February 19th & 20th**



In the past 30 years, Croatia has undergone significant change. Even with the end of the communist system, it’s legacy has destroyed civil society and volunteerism. Young Croat Catholics are being empowered to reengage and make a difference. Please give generously. When you participate in this collection, you help young people in this region put their faith in action, rebuild the fabric of society and acquire valuable skills that improve their job opportunities. Please make your check out to "Church in Central & Eastern Europe" Envelopes are in the pews for your use. For more information, visit: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/church-central-eastern-europe>. God Bless!

**FAITH FORMATION
2021-2022**

Please pray for the young members of our Church.

First Communion

Next Class: February 27th
10:15am—Stack Center

Whole Family

Next Class: February 13th
10:15am—Stack Center

Confirmation

Discipleship Conferences: February 13th
12:15pm—Stack Center



Grow in faith!

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**OLG SCHOOL'S FUN RUN
T-SHIRT SPONSORSHIP**

We are very excited for the OLG School's Annual Healthy Kids Fun Run Program! Last year the Fun Run T-Shirt Sponsorships were over \$10,000! Let's try and top that this year! All the proceeds from the T-Shirt sponsors go towards benefiting the students at OLG!

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 each 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.

Families may also sponsor. Sponsorship is \$250 for your family's name or in memory of a loved one to be listed on the back of every t-shirt. **Please turn in your form and sponsorship donation by March 1st.** Checks may be payable to *OLG School*. Thank you! Forms are available in the Parish Office.

OLG CYO PROGRAM

In order to prepare for the Fall 2022-23 CYO Sports programs, we need to fill some needed volunteer positions. There will be an informational Zoom meeting on **Thursday, February 24th** at 7:30pm. Please email Nicole at kocolek22@hotmail.com or Liz at cyo.olg.lions@gmail.com if you are interested in learning more about the open positions and are interested in joining the informational meeting.

**OLG & TRANSFIGURATION
CYO TRACK & FIELD 2022**

CYO Track and Field is seeking all interested Kindergarteners thru 8th grade boys and girls who are OLG students and parish residents. Distance, Sprints and Field Practices begin on **February 16th**, Wednesdays and Fridays, 6:30pm-8:00pm at the Canyon Middle School Track. Meets are scheduled for Sunday afternoons beginning on **March 13th** at the Moreau Catholic High School Track. Cost is \$100 per athlete (\$90 per athlete for families registering 2 or more). For more information or to register, please contact: Shane Rogge at shanerogge@comcast.net or 510-325-4205.

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:	\$ 44,642.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 47,691.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [3,049.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [3,049.00]

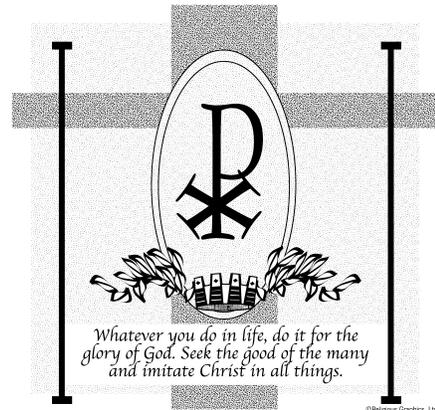
May God bless your continuing generosity



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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| Larry Bronzini | Diana Riley |
| Peggy Burton | Ricardo Sanchez |
| James Czeck | Angela Schaaphok |
| Nancy French | Howard Songey |
| Elena Harder | Ronald Staszko |
| Billy Lawrence | Concepcion Velasco |
| Grace Letteer | Mary Lou Vincent |
| Brian Linney | Arthur Williams |
| Arcadio Morfin | Peggy Winkenbach |



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

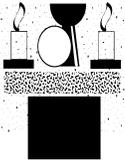
In Memoriam

FR. JOHN C. ENDRES, S.J.

JOSE RICARDO SANCHEZ

MARIA ORTEGA

VICTIMS OF COVID-19



Renew your spirit at the Lord's table

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BEWARE OF EMAIL SCAMS!

There have been fraudulent emails circulating through our parish, using Fr. Tom's name and a fake email address. For your safety, please do not open these emails and report these to Jay in the Parish Office at 537-0806. God Bless and be safe.



YEARLY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

For your convenience in preparing your tax return, a contribution statement for 2021 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.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND & EASTERN EUROPE
FEATURING THE PASSION PLAY OF OBERAMMERGAU
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SPACE IS LIMITED - SIGN UP TODAY!!!

**THE CATHOLIC VOICE
 MAGAZINE ONLINE**



The February 2022 issue of The Catholic Voice is available online at <https://oakdiocese.org/catholicvoiceoakland>

**MAXIMILIAN KOLBE
 QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

“She is Owner of yourself, your Lady and absolute Queen. A servant sells his work, you, on the other hand, offer up toil, suffering, of all yourself as a gift”

THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 13th:

The Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

- Masses
7:30am, 9:00am (Livestream), 11:00am--Church
- Whole Family Class
10:15am—Stack Center
- Confirmation—Discipleship Conferences
12:15pm—Stack Center
- Spanish Mass
1:00pm--Church

Monday, February 14th:

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

Tuesday, February 15th:

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

Wednesday, February 16th:

- RCIA
7:00pm—Stack Center

Thursday, February 17th:

- AA Serenity Group
7:30pm—Augustine Center
- Adoration & Confession
6:00-7:00pm—Church

Saturday, February 19th:

- Adoration & Confession
8:45-10:00pm—Church
- Vigil Mass
5:00pm--Church

Sunday, February 20th:

The Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

- Masses
7:30am, 9:00am (Livestream), 11:00am--Church
- Confirmation Class
12:15pm—Stack Center
- Spanish Mass
1:00pm--Church

Mass for the Intentions  *for the Week*

SUNDAY, February 13th
 THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 7:30am Franciscan Friars
 9:00am Aaron Alcorn – D
 11:00am OLG Community
 1:00pm Genesis Mendez-Flores – D

MONDAY, February 14th
 Sts. Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishop
 8:15am Louis Rodrigues – D

TUESDAY, February 15th
 8:15am Pearl Venzon – L

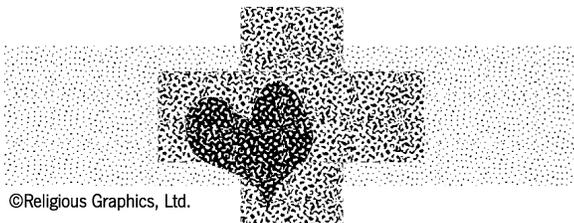
WEDNESDAY, February 16th
 8:15am John William Monroe – D

THURSDAY, February 17th
 The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
 8:15am Jamellah Venzon – L

FRIDAY, February 18th
 8:15am Lilia Sousa – D

SATURDAY, February 19th
 8:15am Richard Hardwig – D
 5:00pm Dulcidea C. Chaviel – D

SUNDAY, February 20th
 THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 7:30am Genieve Atol – D
 9:00am Franciscan Friars
 11:00am Antonio O. Chocha – D
 1:00pm OLG Community



EXECUTION ALERTS

The following execution is scheduled to take place in **February**:

February 17th Gilbert Ray Postelle Oklahoma

We ask for your prayers for this person, for the victims of his crimes, and for their families.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:
 February 14th through February 20th

Monday: James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13
 Tuesday: James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21
 Wednesday: James 1:19-27; Mark 8:22-26
 Thursday: James 2:1-9; Mark 8:27-33
 Friday: James 2:14-24, 26; Mark 8:34-9:1
 Saturday: James 3:1-10; Mark 9:2-13
 Sunday: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23;
 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38



*Be doers of the Word
 and not hearers only*

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 will meet at Transfiguration Church Hall

Next Meeting: **Thursday, February 17th**
 9:00am to 11:00am

Speaker: Margaret Riley

Topic: TBD

Please contact Peggy Maurer at pegmail8@gmail.com



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!

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"May God of peace arouse in all an authentic desire for dialogue and reconciliation. Violence cannot be overcome with violence. Violence is overcome with peace."

-Pope Francis, May 2014

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