

**Lent Has Begun, and War Is Leading the World To Destruction!**

As a priest in the Ukraine said to his faithful, "We are in the Hands of God." This is a powerful statement of faith when the good will of people has failed and war brings death and suffering of the poor and innocent. When war comes, the just are tested. May we turn to God to end the death and violence through the conversion of the hearts of humanity. If the war continues, rising gas prices are only the beginning of how we will be paying for war. Nuclear weapons have been put on alert by Russia but not here. May we believe and embrace that "We are in the Hands of God" seeking first his Kingdom of everlasting peace in our hearts, which begins with a heart ruled by love as the answer to our to the heart of hatred that leads to oppression and war.

We will have special Lenten Masses for peace on Wednesdays during Lent at 6:00PM. Join us for Stations of the Cross on Fridays, beginning March 11th, at 6:00PM in English and 7:00PM in Spanish. Our Lady asked in 1917 to pray for the conversion of Russia by praying the rosary daily and offering sacrifice for the souls that are falling into hell. Join us at 8:30AM and 10:30AM to pray the rosary as a community by the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the church. Or come to daily Mass at 8:15AM and pray the Rosary after Mass. The errors of Communist thought which began during the Russian revolution now have encompassed the world where Marxist ideology of division and destruction to promote revolutions' and social unrest. Our Lady warned us and gave us the spiritual solution to this spiritual attack against the message of God which is mercy, forgiveness, and Love. Can we commit to pray for the conversion of Russia by praying the Rosary daily. Can we offer sacrifices for those who are in despair and falling into the embrace of evil leading to death.

Pray a Rosary with me in front of Planned Parenthood in Hayward. Sign up with 40 Days for Life at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/local-campaigns/hayward/> to give witness that there are options to support life and people who care to help.

The Pope and Bishops have asked us to pray for the Ukraine during this war. As you pray, fast and offer sacrifices during Lent, please pray for the people of Ukraine. I ask that you offer the St. Michael Prayer for our world. St. Michael is the patron and protector of Kyiv, the capital of the Ukraine.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil;

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;

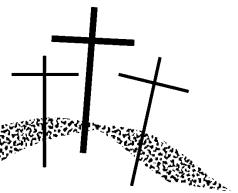
And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God,

thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

May this Lent renew your soul in this valley of tears!

With Hope and Prayers,
Fr. Tom

**WE ARE
ON THE ROAD
TO EASTER**



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Second Sunday of Lent (March 13th)

Luke 9:28b-36

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.



PARTICIPATE IN THE SYNOD

Thank you to those who joined us last weekend for the Synod listening sessions! We are grateful for your time, and the insights and experiences that you shared.

For those who haven't participated yet, please join us this weekend, **March 5th – 6th**, after any of the Masses.

We feel very energized by the goals of the Synod and see it as an important turning point for the Church to become more inclusive and aware of people's life experiences and spiritual paths. We think there's good reason for our parishioners to be energized, too. Our lives are very much affected by how the Church operates, makes decisions, and accompanies others, both on a large scale and in our immediate parish.

During the sessions, we listen to each person's reflections to the synod questions. There's no judgement. No attempt at persuasion. It's just listening and synthesizing the voices to share with leadership to help in discerning the path of the Church. It's also building community, and being supportive for each other. If you struggle with some things relating to the Church, we'd like to hear from you. If you have ideas to share, we'd like to hear from you. If you have experiences to share, we'd like to hear from you.

Some may feel uneasy about sharing about their faith experiences in a group. First of all, you don't have to share anything that you don't feel comfortable sharing. We do facilitate the group to hold a safe and prayerful space. You may pass if you don't wish to answer the question. You are welcome to participate in a listening session and also write additional information to us privately, if that's easier. And, if you are only comfortable to share in writing, please do. If you could send me an email first for some guidelines, that would be ideal, but we will certainly be looking at all written material given to us, as well as our listening session notes. Written responses can be given to Jay in the Parish Office or emailed to Kim Vanderheiden (kidae.family@gmail.com) or Dennise Burgess (denniseburgess@gmail.com). To arrange a Zoom session, please email Kim (kidae.family@gmail.com) and indicate how many people in your family would like to participate and whether you also have children in the school.



BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL

What is the Bishop's Ministries Appeal? The Bishop's Ministries Appeal is an annual campaign to generate funds to cover the costs of the Diocese of Oakland's ministries, programs, and services. It is a direct appeal to the people of the diocese, urging their support in the form of a pledge or a gift to supplement the ministry budget. The total budget for the diocesan-wide ministries and services is roughly \$5.8 million. While income is generated to support the budget through parish assessments, rent collection on property, and service fees and interest on the diocesan investments, this income does not fully meet the budgetary needs of all diocesan ministries, programs, and services. The Bishop's Ministries Appeal was established to raise funds to meet the shortfall.

Be assured that none of the funds are ever redirected to any other causes.

View Bishop Barber's video <https://vimeo.com/681545594>. Make your donation online today by visiting: <https://oakdiocese.org/bishops-appeal-donation-page>

ICF POLENTA DINNER IS POSTPONED

The ICF has cancelled their March 12th Polenta Dinner and will be postponed until October. We thank you for your understanding.

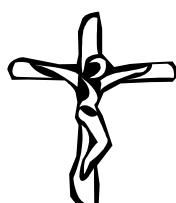
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EVENTS

Fish Fry Is Back!

The Knights of Columbus is excited to announce that our Lenten Fish Fry is back. Join us on Friday, **March 11th** in Stack Center. Doors open at 5:45pm. Cost is \$10 per person and includes Fish, Fries, Cole-slaw and Water. Pay at the door (cash or check). Dine-In or Take-Out available. See you there!

Family Movie Night!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, **March 26th** in Stack Center. Admission is free. Hamburgers, hotdogs, drinks, chips and dessert are available for purchase. More details to come.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us for Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm in English and at 7:00pm in Spanish on Fridays, **beginning March 11th** in the Church.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

February is a great month to share our love of the Blessed Mother. And we did that by forming a procession and saying the rosary. We all gathered in the school yard and processed around to meet Father John in the church courtyard for a blessing in honor of Mary on February 2nd. We thank Brother Chris, our Religion Coordinator, for orchestrating this tribute to Mary. It also happened to be on the coldest and windiest day but we did it! Catholic Schools Week was a treat for all of our students. They got together in their classrooms and picked themes based on Vocations, our Nation, the Family, Community and lastly focusing on the Students. There was even a talent show which was virtual and thanks to Mr. Killian, Ms. Luppetti, and Mrs. Norris, who organized it, the students performed all kinds of wonderful singing, dancing etc.. The week culminated by having 6 students participate in the Diocesan Science Fair. The students were guided by Mrs. Hughes, the eighth grade teacher. The entire 7th and 8th grade students proudly displayed their experiments upstairs in the hall for the rest of the school to observe. Catholic Schools Week is observed across the country and we were happy to be a part of the National Celebration.

-Kathy Gannon-Briggs



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

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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 FEBRUARY:

Sunday Plate for the month: \$ 37,036.00

Month Budgeted Goal: \$ 45,482.00

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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:

Peggy Burton
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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

LARRY BRONZINI

VICTIMS OF THE UKRAINIAN INVASION

VICTIMS OF COVID-19



LENTEN WEDNESDAY MASSES

Join us for our Lenten Masses held on Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm, beginning March 9th.



**WE ARE DUST AND UNTO DUST
WE SHALL RETURN**

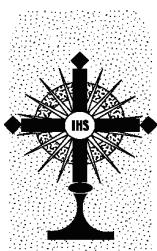
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"THE LITURGY AWAITS THE FAITHFUL"

Fr. Tom shares a wonderful article by Kathy Kuczka which reflects on the importance of gathering together as members of the Body of Christ at Mass. To read this article, visit: <http://olgcv.org/the-liturgy-awaits-the-faithful/>

ADORATION & CONFESSION IN THE CHURCH

Come on Thursdays from 6:00-7:00pm for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession and on Saturdays immediately following the 8:15am Mass, concluding at 10:00am.



THANK YOU FROM BIRTHRIGHT

Birthright of San Lorenzo would like to thank all the parishioners who contributed to our Baby Bottle Fundraiser in December. So far we have collected \$1,539.63. Your generosity enables us to keep our doors open to aid pregnant mothers and their babies.

THE CATHOLIC VOICE MAGAZINE ONLINE



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



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!

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We emulate good, righteous holy people yet none of them is flawless; only she, without stain of sin from the first instant of her existence, knows no fall, even the slightest. To imitate [The Immaculata], therefore, to draw near to her, to offer oneself up as property of her, to become her: that is the pinnacle of human perfection."

THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 6th:

First Sunday of Lent

Masses

7:30am, 9:00am (Livestream), 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, March 7th:

Bible Study w/ Fr. Francisco—English

7:00pm—Zoom

Tuesday, March 8th:

Men's Faith Share

7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

Wednesday, March 9th:

Lenten Mass

6:00pm—Church

RCIA

7:00pm—Stack Center

Thursday, March 10th:

AA Serenity Group

7:30pm—Augustine Center

Adoration & Confession

6:00-7:00pm—Church

Friday, March 11th:

Fish Fry

5:45pm—Stack Center

Stations of the Cross—English

6:00pm—Church

Stations of the Cross—Spanish

7:00pm—Church

Saturday, March 12th:

Adoration & Confession

8:45-10:00pm—Church

Vigil Mass

5:00pm--Church

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, March 6th**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

7:30am Letty Guinto—D
 9:00am Claudia Dobbs—L
 Bill Latone—D
 11:00am Franciscan Friars
 1:00pm OLG Community

MONDAY, March 7th**Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs**

8:15am Jaime & Martha Gonzalez—L

TUESDAY, March 8th**St. John of God, Religious**

8:15am Truong & Nguyen Families—L

WEDNESDAY, March 9th**St. Frances of Rome, Religious**

8:15am Shari McAsey—L

THURSDAY, March 10th

8:15am Lilia Sousa—D

FRIDAY, March 11th

8:15am John Raible—D

SATURDAY, March 12th

8:15am Joan C. Dexter—D

5:00pm Andrew Capote—L

SUNDAY, March 13th**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

7:30am Franciscan Friars
 9:00am OLG Community
 11:00am Moses Diaz—D
 1:00pm Zahara Mendez-Flores—D
 Juan Aviña Morales—D


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EXECUTION ALERTS

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

March 8th Michael Gonzales Texas

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

March 7th through March 13th

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| Monday: | Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18;
Matthew 25:31-46 |
| Tuesday: | Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15 |
| Wednesday: | Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32 |
| Thursday: | Ester C:12, 14-16, 23-25;
Matthew 7:7-12 |
| Friday: | Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26 |
| Saturday: | Deuteronomy 26:16-19;
Matthew 5:43-48 |
| Sunday: | Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18;
Philippians 3:17—4:1; Luke 9:28b-36 |

THIS WEEK—Continued**Sunday, March 13th:****Second Sunday of Lent****Masses**

7:30am, 9:00am (Livestream), 11:00am--Church

Whole Family Class
 10:15am—Stack Center

Spanish Mass
 1:00pm--Church

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.

**PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"I really only love God as much as I love the person I love the least."

-Dorothy Day

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