



Divine Mercy Sunday

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930's, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. In all, St. Faustina recorded 14 revelations from Jesus concerning His desire for this feast. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her *Diary* entry 699:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.

Join us today at 3:00pm as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet together. Adoration and Reconciliation will also be available.

Celebrating 75 Years at Our Lady of Grace!

We celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus in this Easter Season when we proclaim the Acts of the Apostles as we share the Good News of the Risen Lord. We all had someone share the message of Jesus with us that allowed us to come to faith in Our Risen Lord. How did you come to your faith in Jesus Christ? When did you receive your Sacraments? These stories of our life of faith brings the Gospel to life in our families and community. I encourage you to ponder your faith journey and think about who shared the Good News about Jesus with you. During this Easter Season, I will ask you to share your faith story with the faith community. We will begin next week with the question of "*Who taught you to pray?*" Please take some time this week to reflect on this question and be open to share it in a short greeting next Sunday to another parishioner. From our Mission in Action Plan Survey, many found it difficult to share their faith with others, so we will begin during the Easter Season.

We celebrate 75 years of our church this September. In 1947, our first church was built on this property. That building is now our gymnasium. In 1957, our current church was opened. We have been blessed at this place for 75 years to praise God and partake in the Sacraments. We will be writing our history and if you have pictures of your Sacraments and celebrations over the years, we would be glad to have them to share with the community to show 75 years of Grace in Castro Valley. If you could take an electronic photo of your precious photo and send it with your name and date of the Sacrament or event, this will help us put people with the events with the history of our church. Please email items to parish@olgcv.org.

Peace & Love,
Fr. Tom

Third Sunday of Easter (May 1st)

John 21:1-19

At that time, Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." He then said to Simon Peter a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." Jesus said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me."

My Jesus Mercy!



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**HOLY LAND SALES
APRIL 30TH-MAY 1ST**

A group from the Holy Land (Bethlehem & Jerusalem) will be selling religious articles after masses to support the Catholic Christian minorities in Bethlehem. As a tradition, many of the Catholic families in the Holy Land work in small workshops to produce religious articles from olive wood. These articles represent the Christian art of the Holy Land. In the past, they used to sell their artwork to pilgrims who visit the Holy Land. However, these days they are facing an economic hardship, as there are no tourists at all are visiting the Holy Land due to pandemic. Many of the Catholic families immigrated and left the Holy Land. The percentage of Christians in the Holy Land has dropped from 20% to less than 1%. Therefore, if this hardship continues as it is now, we believe that in a few years, there will be no Catholics in Bethlehem or Jerusalem. The struggle to preserve the Catholic identity of the birthplace of our savior; Jesus Christ is a serious concern for Catholics around the world. Sales will be used to help and support the Catholics in the Holy Land and to encourage them not to immigrate.

**FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND
IS BACK!**

We are happy to announce the return of the Flower Remembrance Fund. Flower donation envelopes can be found at the entrances of the church to make a donation in memory of or in honor of a loved one or other occasion. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jay at 510-537-0806. Your donation in honor of your loved one will be mentioned in the bulletin.



ADORATION & RECONCILIATION

Join us on Thursdays, 6:00-7:00pm for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation and on Saturdays, immediately following the 8:15am Mass, concluding at 10:00am



**BISHOP'S
MINISTRIES
APPEAL**

**2022 BISHOP'S
MINISTRIES APPEAL**

Are any of the funds for the Bishop's Appeal used to pay for civil lawsuits or judgments? No. None of the designated funds from the Bishop's Appeal can be used for a settlement.

To make your donation, please use the envelopes provided in the pews or make your donation online by visiting: <https://oakdiocese.org/bishops-appeal-donation-page>

1ST HOLY EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION

Please pray for our Sacrament students as they prepare to receive 1st Holy Eucharist on **May 14th, May 21st and June 4th at 11:00am and June 5th at 1:00pm.**

Also, pray for our Confirmation candidates as they prepare for the Rite of Confirmation on **June 5th** at 11:00am at Our Lady of Grace.

DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve the OLG Community on your schedule? Consider joining the *Eucharistic Ministry to the Sick*. We deliver the Blessed Sacrament to the sick and homebound who are unable to join us at Mass on a regular basis. Qualifications required? A faith-filled and compassionate heart! Minimal training required. If this could be your calling or you have questions, please contact Jay at the Parish Office at 510-537-0806. Blessings!

**FAITH FORMATION
2021-2022**

Please pray for the young members of our Church.

First Communion Rehearsal

April 30th

10:45am—Church

Whole Family (Pre-1st Communion)

Next Class: April 24th

10:15am—Stack Center

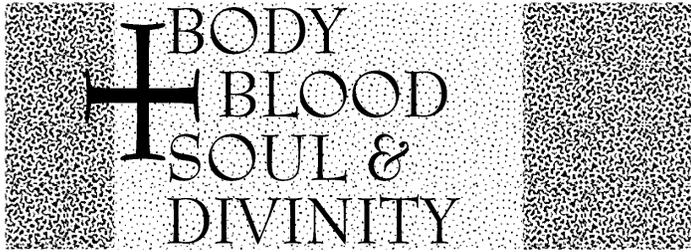
Confirmation

Discipleship Conferences: April 24th

Beginning at 12:15pm—Stack Center



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CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

All children are invited to Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) on **May 1st**, 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!



**RACHEL'S VINEYARD BILINGUAL RETREAT
April 29th-May 1st**

If the quality of your life is affected or you have never completely recovered from pregnancy loss, Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is a place where you can find support, compassion and healing. This is a confidential, safe place to share your story and discover God's heart of compassion and mercy. The retreat is a non-denominational, interfaith environment offering Biblical principles and perspectives for restoration. To register, contact Becky Morales at becky@realoptions.net for English or Jenn Gonzales for Spanish at jenn@realoptions.net.



STAY IN TOUCH!

Don't miss out. Flocknote is the most important way for OLG to inform you of our latest announcements. It's easy and free! Text keyword **OLGCV** to 84576 or visit: <https://OLGCV.flocknote.com>.

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

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



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 of for the Month of MARCH:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 38,155.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 40,579.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [2,424.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [5004.00]

May God bless your continuing generosity.

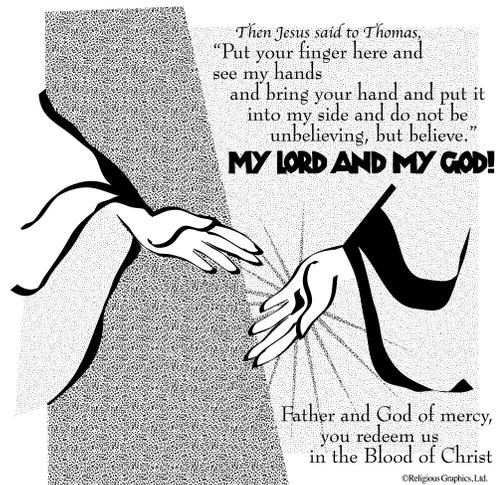


Your Prayers Are Requested

Please lift up in your prayer those many among us who are ill and those who have asked for our prayerful remembrance:

Peter Bodas
Peggy Burton
James Czeck
Peggy Deadder
Trish Ferrari
Elena Harder
Grace Letteer
Brian Linney
Arcadio Morfin
Diana Riley

Angela Schaaphok
Peggy Silva
Howard Songey
Jim Taylor
Alyssia Tortora
Concepcion Velasco
Mary Lou Vincent
Arthur Williams
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

ORENTHAL PHILIP

VICTIMS OF THE UKRANIAN INVASION

VICTIMS OF COVID-19



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus monthly meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of every month at 6:30pm in Stack Center-OLG Room. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, visit <https://www.kofc.org> or join us at our next meeting on **April 28th**.



PRE-BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS & GODPARENTS

If you are wishing to have your child, ages infant to six years baptized, 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. Call Jay at 510-537-0806 for more information. The next Pre-Baptism Class will be held via Zoom on **May 4th**.

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!

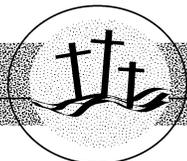
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MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Only when we shall be perfectly obedient to the Immaculata shall we become an exemplary instrument in her apostolic hands. We shall be apostles by means of the example of our life, apostles by means of action."



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THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 24th:

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

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

Whole Family (Pre-1st Communion) Class
10:45am—Stack Center

Confirmation Discipleship Conferences
12:15pm—Stack Center

Spanish Mass
1:00pm--Church

Divine Mercy Chaplet, Adoration & Reconciliation
3:00pm—Church

Monday, April 25th:

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

Tuesday, April 26th:

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

Wednesday, April 27th:

RCIA
7:00pm—Stack Center

Thursday, April 28th:

Knights of Columbus Meeting
6:30pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

AA Serenity Group
7:30pm—Augustine Center

Saturday, April 30th:

Vigil Mass
5:00pm—Church

Holy Land Sales
After 5:00pm Mass—Gathering Area

Sunday, May 1st:

Third Sunday of Easter

Holy Land Sales
After all Masses—Gathering Area

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

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

Whole Family Class
10:15am—Stack Center

Confirmation Class
12:15pm—Stack Center

Spanish Mass
1:00pm--Church

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, April 24th
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

7:30am OLG Community
 9:00am Tom Miraglia – D
 11:00am Brian O’Leary – D
 1:00pm Franciscan Friars

MONDAY, April 25th

St. Mark, Evangelist
 8:15am Baby & Manny Matanguihan – L

TUESDAY, April 26th

8:15am Blas & Goría Valmores – D

WEDNESDAY, April 27th

8:15am Roland & Prescila Donaire – D

THURSDAY, April 28th

St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr
 St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest
 8:15am Tony & Roberta Shomon – L

FRIDAY, April 29th

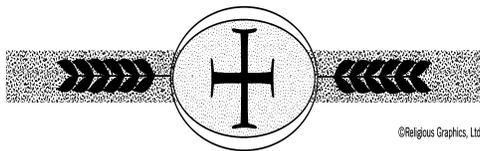
St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
 8:15am Julie Villarreal Dillon – D

SATURDAY, April 30th

St. Pius V, Pope
 8:15am Fedelina & Ben Silao – D
 5:00pm Mari Agdan – D

SUNDAY, May 1st

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
 7:30am Franciscan Friars
 9:00am Louis Rodrigues – D
 Steve Penland – D
 11:00am OLG Community
 1:00pm Raul & Esperanza Ortega – D



EXECUTION ALERTS

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

April 27th Melissa Lucio Texas

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

April 25th through May 1st

Monday: 1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21
 Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Revelations 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

**OPEN POSITION
 PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR**

Our Lady of Guadalupe School in Fremont is looking for a Preschool Director who is able to be a Head Teacher and manage the day-to-day operations of our Preschool program, which serves children ages 2.5 years – entry to Transitional Kindergarten. Candidates must be passionate about Early Childhood Education, have a Bachelor’s degree in Early Childhood Education, Child Development, or closely related field with working experience in a preschool as lead teacher/director. Qualified and interested candidates should submit their resume to: sjtwellington@csdo.org.

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.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Open our eyes and our hearts and give us the courage to say: ‘Never again war!’ With war everything is lost. Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.”

–Pope Francis, 2014

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