



Blessings on Mothers Day!

This weekend, we honor our mothers. This year, it seems particularly appropriate as we marvel at the extraordinary efforts that mothers have taken in this present time of change. Today, we can express our thanks to all of them including the Godmothers, adoptive moms, foster moms, grandmothers, and all those women who, by their care for others, help mothers in caring for their children and families. It is a lot to honor in a single day. In May, the month of Mary, we honor the Mother of God. Her divine motherhood begins in her consent to God’s invitation to become the mother of Jesus, and also to all of his brothers and sisters in faith. In life, Mary knew in her heart that only in reflection, in prayer, and in conversation with the God who had asked her to be the mother of his child, would she be able to carry on her mission to be faithful to what she had been called for. We give thanks for the blessing in the lives of our mothers who, like Mary, have been faithful to their own calling of caring for us with the deepest love. A mother’s love, like all love, is of God. It models unselfish love and it is grounded in mercy and forgiveness. In their way of loving, mothers show their children what God’s love is like. Take a moment this weekend to say thank you to the woman in your life, as I will, who loves you in that special way that only mothers do. Give thanks to God for the blessing she is in your life. Or, if your mother is deceased, take a moment to remember gratefully the woman who gave you life, formed you, and nurtured you in faith with love. Say a prayer for her and give thanks for the generosity of her life. Pray as well, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of God, that the beauty and sacrifice of a mother’s love might be at the heart of the life of the Church and the respect and care we give to one another. Happy Mother’s Day!

Consecration to Immaculate Mary

Fr. Tom will offer Consecration to Immaculate Mary on **May 13th**, the feast of Our Lady of Fatima after the 8:15am Mass and at a special Mass at 7:00pm. Immaculate Mary your praises we sing!

Celebrating 75 years at Our Lady of Grace

Your question this week: Can you remember a Spiritual Mother who nurtured you in your faith? How did she help you in your faith?

Peace & Love,
Fr. Tom



The Supreme Court

According to Politico, the Supreme Court overturned abortion as a constitutional right. I suggest you read the draft by Justice Alito which I have attached here: <https://s3.documentcloud.org/documents/21835435/scotus-initial-draft.pdf>. Basically, the right is not in the constitution and will revert to each state to decide. I have attached the draft decision. May we pray for our court and our nation. May we ask Mary, the Mother of God, to watch over our nation.

We need to let our legislators in California know our Catholic values about the issue of abortion. The California assembly bill AB2223 seeks to legislate abortion and expands that ability to terminate a life to legalized infanticide. Please pray that the bill would be rejected or at least amended. Please let Bill Quirk, our Assembly Member, know your thoughts over the AB2223 bill. His district office phone number is 510-583-8818. **Let your voice be heard.**

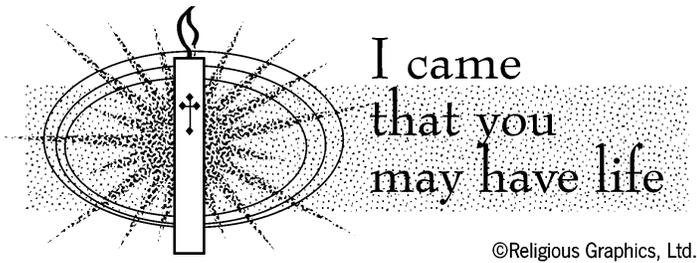
Contact both of Assemblywoman Buffy Wicks' offices and ask them to withdraw AB 2223 bill:
Capitol Office: 916-319-2015
District Office: 510-286-1400

The questionable wording from the bill that opens infanticide is in italics below. “Notwithstanding any other law, a person shall not be subject to civil or criminal liability or penalty, or otherwise deprived of their rights under this article, based on their actions or omissions with respect to their pregnancy or actual, potential, or alleged pregnancy outcome, including miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion, or *perinatal death due to a pregnancy-related cause*” (*emphasis added*). It takes legal research to learn that “perinatal death” includes death after being born alive, and scholarly analysts explain the “grace period to die” after birth can likely range from 7 to 28 days. Now you know the main language trick. The supporting actor in this tragic bill is the limitation to post-birth death “due to a pregnancy-related cause.” (Full article in Citizen Journal)

Gospel For The Fifth Sunday of Easter (May 15th)

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”



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MOTHER'S DAY

As a means of honoring our mothers, living and deceased, a Triduum of Masses will be celebrated on **May 9th, 10th & 11th**. Cards and forms are available in the Parish Office for those wishing to give or send a remembrance card. Forms are also available in the Church. The names of those to be remembered will be placed at the altar for the three days of remembrance. Please complete the requested information on the form and return it to the Parish Office with your donation. If you choose to use Online Giving, please list the names of your loved ones there.

UPCOMING FESCO EVENTS

Yard Sale

Come and find wonderful deals on collectibles, housewares, Native American and costume jewelry, vintage items, glassware, eclectic décor and so much more! All proceeds support FESCO in its efforts to end family homelessness in Alameda County.

2918 Hidden Lane in Hayward

Friday, May 20th from Noon-5:00pm

Saturday & Sunday, May 21st & 22nd from 9:00am-5:00pm

Contact Janet at 510-861-8220 to inquire about making a tax-deductible item donation by May 10th.

**25th Annual FESCO Shuffle
June 11th 8:00am-Noon**

Come and walk to end Family Homelessness! Join us for our Annual FESCO Shuffle at Moreau Catholic High School in Hayward. This is a family-friendly event with morning refreshments, lunch, entertainment, kid zone and a drawing for door prizes! You can sponsor yourself or get friends and family to sponsor you. If you are unable to attend, please consider sponsoring a walker or making a direct financial contribution to FESCO. Your donations impact hundreds of homeless children and their parents each year. Sign up to walk or donate at www.FESCOShuffle.org. For more information, go to www.fescofamilyshelter.org



**BISHOP'S
MINISTRIES
APPEAL**

**2022 BISHOP'S
MINISTRIES APPEAL**

Many thanks to those parishioners who have already generously contributed towards our *Bishop's Ministries Appeal*. We are looking for greater participation! Following is the status of this appeal through **April 30th**:

\$7,669.00—Actual Donations Received

Our Goal for 2022:	\$29,000.00
# of Acknowledged Donors to date:	31
Funds Raised (includes pledges)	\$11,659.00

We are currently at **40%** of our goal! **We are looking for 100% participation from Our Lady of Grace parishioners!** If you have not yet made your donation or pledge, please consider doing so today. 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>.

MARIAN CONSECRATION

For those of you who joined us last Sunday to learn more about consecrating yourself to Jesus through Mary, we invite you back this Friday, **May 13th**, the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima at 7:00pm with a special Mass in the Church.



CONVENTUAL FRANCISCAN RETREAT

Our priests will be away on retreat during the week of **May 30th-June 3rd**. During that time, there will be no daily Masses or Adoration. All Mass Intentions will be honored at the Conventual Franciscan Masses. Thank you for your understanding.

**APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED
AT OUR LADY OF GRACE SCHOOL
2022-2023**



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School is currently accepting applications for new students for the 2022-2023 school year. OLG is accredited by the Western Catholic Educational Associations and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. We offer rigorous academics as well as art, Spanish, physical education, motor development, small advanced classes in math for grades 6-8 and small group reading for grades 1-4. Please visit our website www.olgschool.org or call the school office at 510-581-3255 for more information. Come see what OLG is all about!



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'THANK YOU' FROM THE ICF

A big Grazie Tante! from Branch #343 of the ICF to the members and parishioners who attended our 32nd Anniversary dinner on April 23rd. You made it a success! Looking forward to more fun happenings to share together soon. Thanks again!

**OLG SCHOOL EARTH DAY CLEANUP
THANK YOU!**

We would like to thank the school parents and Mr. Killian who came last Saturday to clean up around the perimeter of the parish plant. They worked for over 3 hours and found a lot to do. This is done in conjunction with Earth Day clean up. We are proud of the contributions the parents made to our plant. Thank you.

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.

DIOCESAN SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

**Catholic Charities
May 14th & 15th**

Catholic Charities of the East Bay helps people facing difficult circumstances including children facing homelessness and people fleeing violence in their homelands.

**Catholic Communications
May 28th & 29th**

Your contribution helps spread the Good News of the God's mercy and love around the country and around the world. Your gift also benefits the local community as half of your donation stays in the Diocese of Oakland to support their communication project.

Thank you for your generosity!

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 APRIL:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 34,376.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 35,560.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [1,184.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [6,187.00]

May God bless your continuing generosity.

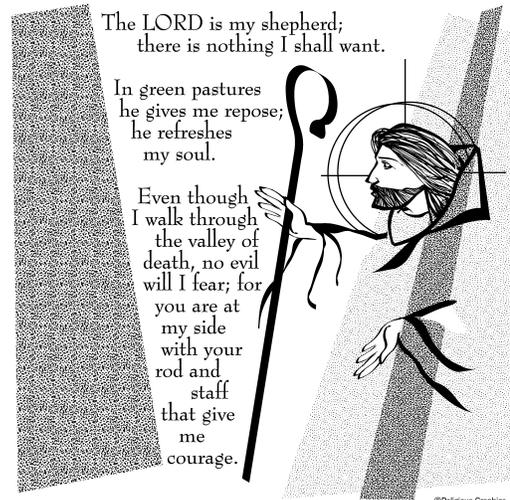


Your Prayers Are Requested

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
Jim Gonzales
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



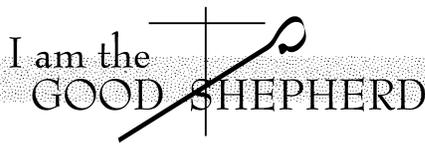
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Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of a loved one.

In Memoriam

VICTIMS OF THE UKRANIAN INVASION

VICTIMS OF COVID-19



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MISSING YOUR GLASSES?

If you believe you have left your eyeglasses or reading glasses in the church, please stop by the Parish Office this week to claim them. Office hours are M-F, 8:30am-4:30pm, closed for lunch from 1:00-1:30pm.

FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

We are grateful for the generous donation from Thuy and Viet Nguyen in memory/remembrance of Maria Ha Vo. 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.



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!

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



THE CATHOLIC VOICE ONLINE

The May 2022 issue of The Catholic Voice is available online at:

<https://oakdiocese.org/catholicvoiceoakland.org>



MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Yes, it is true, the Immaculata is only a work of God's, and like every other work, incomparably inferior to her Creator and she depends on Him in all. At the same time, though, she is the most perfect and holiest work, since God - as St. Bonaventure says - can create a greater and more perfect world, but cannot elevate any other creature to a dignity higher than the one to which He elevated Mary."

THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 8th:

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
Happy Mother's Day!**

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

Spanish Mass
1:00pm--Church

Monday, May 9th:

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

Tuesday, May 10th:

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

Wednesday, May 11th:

RCIA
7:00pm—Stack Center

Thursday, May 12th:

AA Serenity Group
7:30pm—Augustine Center

Friday, May 13th:

Marian Consecration & Mass
7:00pm—Church

Saturday, May 14th:

1st Holy Communion Mass
11:00am—Church

Vigil Mass
5:00pm—Church

Sunday, May 15th:

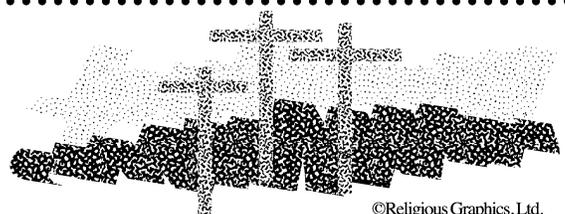
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

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

Confirmation Class
12:15pm—Stack Center

Spanish Mass
1:00pm--Church



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Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, May 8th

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30am Veronica Ismael – L
 9:00am Antonio S. Barroso, Sr. – D
 11:00am OLG Community
 1:00pm Franciscan Friars

MONDAY, May 9th

8:15am Mother's Day Remembrance

TUESDAY, May 10th

St. John of Avila, Priest & Doctor of the Church
 St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

8:15am Mother's Day Remembrance

WEDNESDAY, May 11th

8:15am Mother's Day Remembrance

THURSDAY, May 12th

Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs
 St. Pancras, Martyr

8:15am Bill Raible – D

FRIDAY, May 13th

Our Lady of Fatima
 8:15am Lilia Sousa – D

SATURDAY, May 14th

St. Matthias, Apostle
 8:15am Adelaide Martin – D
 5:00pm Alice Goncalves – L

SUNDAY, May 15th

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30am Mary Lou Vincent – L
 9:00am Sue Klas – L
 Margaret Speranza – L
 11:00am Franciscan Friars
 1:00pm OLG Community

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

May 9th through May 15th

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a; John 12:44-50
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6
 Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17
 Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Revelations 21:1-5a;
 John 13:31-33a, 34-35



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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.



GRIEF SUPPORT

The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Bi-monthly meetings are held at St. Elizabeth Seton at 4001 Stoneridge Drive in Pleasanton. Meetings are held on Thursdays at 7:00pm on **May 12th & 26th**. The meetings are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. To view a short video explaining our grief program and additional information, please visit: <https://www.catholicsofpleasanton.org/grief-ministry.html>. If you have additional questions, please call Barbara at 925-846-3904.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“There is no dichotomy between man and God’s image. Whoever tortures a human being, whoever abuses a human being, whoever outrages a human being, abuses God’s image.”

–St. Oscar Romero, 1980

To join our work with Pax Christi, please contact the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

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.



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!

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