

I leave for my Pilgrimage on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, to Ireland. Ireland places a key role in Church history especially the history of Monasticism. During what is called the Dark Ages of From the Paster the West, Ireland kept alive the Theology and Spirituality of the Church. The friars have been present in Ireland since the time of St. Francis. As St. Francis was on his death bed in Assisi,

the friars were on their way to Ireland from England. The year was 1226. Pray for us as we reflect upon the history of the Church and allow this spirituality to touch our lives. Please pray for me and our Pilgrim Group.

While I am gone, please continue to reflect upon our parish as we find ourselves today, post-Covid, living in the culture of California. As we live our Catholic lives, you should feel that the culture of California to be annoying and be bothered by it. I am not referring to politics nor am I referring to the weather, I am referring to particularly our culture of life or the lack of it. An example of things that should bother us should be Proposition 1. To show how extreme Proposition 1 is, read the following written by someone who even favors abortion.

"Proposition 1 is an extreme law that allows late-term abortions at taxpayer expense up to the moment of birth—even if the baby is healthy and the mother's health is not threatened. Current California law already guarantees a woman's right to choose, making this extreme and costly proposal unnecessary."

Proposition 1, in no way, represents the respect for life that we, the People of God, long for. You are being asked to vote "No" on Proposition 1. I hope you find Proposition 1 more than annoying. Please reflect and pray. What kind of Culture are we creating here in California? All life is a Gift from God. All lives are to be respected, that is from the moment of conception. Proposition 1 only further destroys our Culture of Life that we all long for.

-Fr. Ray

#### From the California Catholic Conference—VOTE "NO" ON PROPOSITION 1

Sadly, California is presently one of the most permissive states in the nation for abortion. Proposition 1 promotes an unlimited expansion of abortion here, while its defeat would keep all abortion laws as they are, including our common-sense limits on late-term abortions. Our bishops are calling us to unite in prayer and action to defeat Prop 1. Please visit www.CAcatholic.org/Prop1 to find answers to common questions and resources to help defeat this misleading, expensive, and unnecessary ballot initiative.



#### Gospel For The Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time (October 23rd)

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. "Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity -- greedy, dishonest, adulterous -- or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.' But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."



#### 2ND ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT OCTOBER 30th



OLG School is inviting all to their annual "Trunk or Treat" on Sunday,

**October 30th** from 10:00am-2:30pm at the Rear Parking Lot behind the School. Admission is free! Join us for Catholic Saint and Halloween Games and goodies for kids of all ages. Costumes are welcome, please nothing gory or un-Christian. See you there!

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#### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN Until November 6th

40 Days for Life Campaign is underway! We invite you to stand and peacefully pray to end abortion during our 40 day

vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood at 1032 A Street in Hayward and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information, and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact us at <a href="https://www.40daysforlife.com/hayward">www.40daysforlife.com/hayward</a>. Thank you and we look forward to praying with you on the sidewalk for babies, their mothers, fathers, and families.

#### YEARLY MASS ATTENDANCE COUNTING

October is a very important month for our Church. Our annual mass count is being taken at all masses during the month. Ushers will be taking the count from the side aisles. These numbers are submitted to the Diocese of Oakland at the end of the month. Let us take this opportunity to invite friends and to bring your entire family to OLG to worship.

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY & CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL Next Weekend-October 22nd & 23rd

In 1926, Pope Pius XI instituted 'Mission Sunday' for the whole Church with the first worldwide Mission Sunday collection taking place in October 1927. This is celebrated in all the local Churches so the feast of catholicity and universal solidarity so Christians the world over will recognize their common responsibility with regard to the evangelization of the world. Please make your check out to *Propagation of the Faith* and place your donation in the envelopes provided in the pews. You may also drop your donation off at the Parish Office mail slot. Thank you for your generosity.

## 2022 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL



Many thanks to those parishioners who have already generously contributed towards the Bishop's Ministries Appeal. Following is the status of this appeal through September

MINISTRIES 15th:

\$22,284.66—Actual Donations Received

Our Goal for 2022: **\$29,000.00** 

# of Acknowledged Donors to date: 94

Funds Raised (includes pledges) \$27,644.66

We are currently at 95% of our goal! 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: <a href="https://oakdiocese.org/bishops-appeal-donation-page">https://oakdiocese.org/bishops-appeal-donation-page</a>.



### ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCK COLLECTION

Thank you to all who have given so generously so far! During this month of October, our homeless ministry is seeking

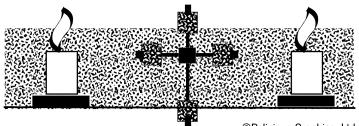
donations of men's black athletic type socks. Collection barrels are located at the Somerset entrance of the church and in the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity!

If you know someone in our community that could use help, or if you are interested in knowing more about this ministry – please call our SVdP line at 510-581-2164 and someone will get back to you.

#### **INVITATION TO A WOMEN'S ADVENT STUDY**

Advent is a special season for the Church—it is the time when the world prepares to celebrate the coming of Christ. Often, we get so caught up in our preparations that we lose sight of the point of the season, and we find ourselves no more transformed on Christmas Day than we were at the start of Advent.

Women of the Parish, please consider joining us as we prepare using *Rejoice! An Advent Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture* by Ascension Press. We will be meeting on Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00pm in Stack Center beginning **November 15**<sup>th</sup> and ending **December 20**<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to join in person, this study can also be done independently. Cost is \$10 for materials. If you are interested, please sign up and give your payment to Jay in the Parish Office by Wednesday, **November 2**<sup>nd</sup>. Hope to see you there!



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#### **CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM**

Recently, we welcomed

Marcus Zachary Igrobay Carl Tristen Miclat Catap Julian Gael Ayala Mercado

into Our Lady of Grace Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. May God Bless you!

#### **COLUMBIETTES**

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Attention Ladies! Come join us on Tuesday, **October 18th** at 6:30pm in the Stack Center, OLG Room. Become a Columbiette and get active in helping our Knights of Columbus with parish activities and fundraising efforts. Meet other Catholic women of the parish and enjoy the camaraderie! For more information, call Martha Condon 510-604-6984 and/or Sandra Sanford 510-566-9531.

#### SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. RAY October 2023

Fr. Ray is planning a Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico and is looking for interested people. The dates will be the 3rd or



4th week of October 2023. It will be a five-day pil-grimage with one day of travel at both ends. We would leave from SFO and fly directly to Mexico City. Travel, lodging, most meals, tour guide, bus and bus driver would be included in the price. The price is not yet fixed but will hopefully be less than \$3,000 per person. Catholic Travel will plan the Pilgrimage. If you are interested, please email Fr. Ray at:

rmallett1@hotmail.com or call the Parish Office at 510 -537-0806. Your name and those who are joining you will be put on a 'Priority List'. Act fast because spots will fill quickly! Please include your contact information (name, address, phone number, and email address). No commitment or money is necessary, that will be later. More details to come! Blessings!!

#### **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 SEPTEMBER:

Sunday Plate for the month: \$ 34,872.00

Month Budgeted Goal: \$ 43,000.00

Over/[Shortfall] \$ [8,128.00]

Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall] \$ [25,955.00]

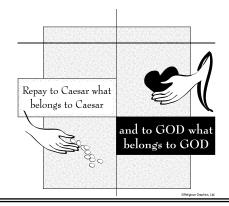
May God bless your continuing generosity.



#### 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:

Saied Moradi Peggy Deadder Martha Duarte Cec Penland Mary Elizabeth Diana Riley Goncalves Angela Schaaphok Jim Gonzales Alyssia Tortora Elena Harder Concepcion Velasco Mary Lou Vincent Grace Letteer Arthur Williams Brian Linney Sheryl Michaud 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 Memorial

SHERYL COFREROS
ROBERT WILLIAM THOMSEN

VICTIMS OF HURRICANE IAN
VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE
VICTIMS OF THE UKRANIAN INVASION
VICTIMS OF COVID-19



Tell the Lords glory among the nations, among all peoples. Give the LORD glory and honor.

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#### **BEWARE OF EMAIL SCAMS!**

Recently, again, there have been fraudulent emails circulating through our parish, this time using Fr. Ray's name and a fake email address seeking gift card donations. Be assured that our priests at OLG would NEVER solicit funds through any electronic means! If you do receive one of these emails and are unsure, do not open it and call the Parish Office or the School to make sure it's genuine. For your safety, please do not open these emails and report these to the police and Jay in the Parish Office at 537-0806. God Bless and be safe!

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

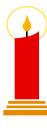


Our Lady of Grace Catholic School is currently accepting applications for new students for the 2022-2023 school year.

Please visit our website <u>www.olgschool.org</u> or call the School Office at 510-581-3155 for more information. Come see what OLG is all about!

#### **DEVOTIONAL CANDLES**

Candles for our candle stand are available for purchase. The candles will burn for 5 days and *are only intended for use in the church*. Please do not remove the glass globes from the stand. *The cost per candle is \$5.00*. You may put your payment in the pouch, located at the candle stand.





#### **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.

#### MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We love our fellows, neighbors, but do we reserve a place in our heart for the poor souls entangled in the nets of heresy, unbelief, or schism? Let us open our heart and let us work hard to introduce the Immaculata to these poor hearts, so that she may bring God's true happiness. Let us make what is possible to awaken these souls, so that many make anything for the Immaculata."

## THIS WEEK

#### Sunday, October 16th:

#### Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Masses

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

1st Communion Class -Year 2 10:15am—Stack Center

Spanish Mass 1:00pm—Church

#### Tuesday, October 18th:

Columbiette's Meeting 6:30pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

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

#### Wednesday, October 19th:

RCIA

7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

#### Thursday, October 20th:

Adoration & Reconciliation 6:00-7:00pm—Church

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00pm—Parish Office, Upper Room

AA Serenity Group 7:30pm—Augustine Center

#### Saturday, October 22nd:

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

Vigil Mass 5:00pm—Church

#### Sunday, October 23rd:

#### Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Masses

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

1st Communion Class -Year 1 10:15am—Stack Center

Confirmation Class 12:15pm—Stack Center

Spanish Mass 1:00pm—Church



#### SUNDAY, October 16th

#### TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Daniel Korst – D
9:00am Stephanie Sigmon – L
11:00am OLG Community
1:00pm Franciscan Friars

#### MONDAY, October 17th

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

8:15am Jaime & Martha Gonzalez – L

#### TUESDAY, October 18th

St. Luke, Evangelist

8:15am Randy Scott Jordan – D

#### WEDNESDAY, October 19th

Sts. John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests & Companions, Martyrs

8:15am Nubia Giles – L

#### THURSDAY, October 20th

St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

8:15am Louis Rodrigues – D

#### FRIDAY, October 21st

8:15am Steve Penland – D

#### SATURDAY, October 22nd

St. John Paul II, Pope

8:15am Eileen Sevilla McNeill – D

5:00pm Rosemarie & Mitch Mitchell – D

#### SUNDAY, October 23rd

#### THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Franciscan Friars 9:00am Natalie Ingram – L

Aaron Alcorn – D

11:00am OLG Community

1:00pm Jose Avila Lopez – D



#### **EXECUTION ALERTS**

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

October 20th Benjamin Cole Oklahoma

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

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

#### October 17th through October 23rd

 Monday:
 Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21

 Tuesday:
 2 Timothy 4:10-17; Luke 10:1-9

 Wednesday:
 Ephesians 3:2-12; Luke 12:39-48

 Thursday:
 Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 12:49-53

 Friday:
 Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59

 Saturday:
 Ephesians 4:7-16; Luke 13:1-9

Sunday: Sirach 35:12-14,16-18;

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18; Luke 18:9-14

## PATHWAYS THROUGH GRIEF A Healing Journey

A healing retreat for those who are grieving from loss of a loved one will be held at San Damiano in Danville from **October 28th-30th.** During this healing retreat, you will discover how to remember your loved one while on your life's journey, focus on growth, learning and healing, spark new insights and self-care and much more. For more details and to register please visit: https://sandamiano.org/events/grief2022/

#### **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. Meetings are held at the Transfiguration Church Hall and will be following Covid-19 safety protocols: social distancing and wearing masks.

Next Meeting: **October 20th** 9:00am to 11:30am Speaker: Sr. Joann Heinritz, CSJ

Topic: "Mercy," Another Name for God!

For further information or if you would like to attend,

please contact: Carolyn Willkie at

willkiecarolyn@gmail.com or 510-410-7223.

#### PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Peace in our homes, our families, our schools and communities. Peace in all those places where war never seems to end. Peace for those faces which have known nothing but pain."

> -Pope Francis at the Ground Zero Memorial, September 2015

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