



It feels good to be back at OLG. The Pilgrimage to Ireland was a major blessing to me and to our group of pilgrims. Our first stop was at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock where our Blessed Mother appeared in 1879. Ireland was in the state of famine. 1000's of people were starving to death and countless children had died. Then, in a silent Apparition our Blessed Mother appeared and quickly Knock became a center for Pilgrimage and further miracles. Our Blessed Mother became a sign of Hope, amid a people who had begun to lose Hope.

The message of Our Lady of Knock is a message that we need today. We may not suffer from a food famine but many a person suffers from a lack of Hope. Without Hope all we can see is what is wrong in our world. The lack of Hope always brings unhappiness, depression, and pain. Do we really believe that our God who has conquered sin and death can truly touch our lives and heal our hearts, our families and our world? Do we believe that Our Blessed Mother can intercede for us with her Son? Our Lady of Knock, pray for who have recourse to you.

Last Sunday I was able to spend time with our young people who are preparing for Reconciliation and Eucharist and with those preparing for Confirmation. Please pray for these young people and their families. Sacramental Preparation strikes at the heart of the life our Faith Community. Good things are happening here at OLG.

We are getting close to Thanksgiving, a time for each of us to give thanks to God for His many blessings. Please call to mind the goodness of God to you and your family. Our Life itself is a Gift from God. As we give Thanks, we are also mindful of people in need. In this economy, many have fallen on difficult times. Each person has their history and their story. Be certain to read in this bulletin how you might help others at this giving time of the year. Do something that might help break through to the heart of another. In the words of Mother Theresa, *"Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty."* Allow your gift to be a sign of your Love and Concern.

-Fr. Ray

Yearly Mass Attendance Count Completed

Now that our annual Mass count at all the Masses has been completed and submitted to the Diocese, it seems fitting to report on the numbers. We are happy to report an increase in Mass attendance of 23% overall as compared to 2021. We recognize there may still be concern for some with in-person Mass so we will continue to offer Sunday livestream Mass for the time being. We invite everyone to return to Mass and the Sacraments and be part of the community in which we were created to be. As we draw closer to Advent, why not take the opportunity to invite friends who may be absent from our community and bring the whole family together?

We are also pleased to see an increase in our Faith Formation programs with a 28% increase in our First Communion beginning preparation program and a 55% increase in our Confirmation program. We are grateful to the families who are participating fully in God's love for us by returning to Mass and preparing their children to participate in the Sacraments.

Our CYO sports program is also up and running after a two year absence due to the pandemic. This fall we welcomed back 190 players and volunteers under the leadership of a committed and enthusiastic board. We are grateful for all the activity that these programs bring to our Parish along with our Faith Formation programs and Adult Faith Formation opportunities.

Gospel For Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (November 20th)

Luke 23:35-43

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews." Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

THANKSGIVING DAY LITURGY

Our Lady of Grace Parish will celebrate a *Mass of Thanksgiving* on Thursday, **November 24th at 9:00am**. There is much to be thankful for in our lives and this is also a time to consider ways of helping those around us who are in need. The monetary collection from this Mass will benefit the work of our St. Vincent de Paul Society. St. Vincent de Paul will be taking donations of food, cash and gift cards **beginning the weekend (November 19th & 20th)**, before Thanksgiving Day. Many of our clients are single and have very minimal access to cooking facilities.



Our greatest needs are: *peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, fruit cups, canned soup, granola bars, boxed or packet fruit drinks, packages of peanut butter or cheese crackers, and individual chip snack bags.*

We can also use: *Safeway or Lucky cards (for families that are able to shop and prepare their own dinners), Shari's cards (for our single clients and couples who are unable to cook), and checks made out to "St. Vincent de Paul" (to help with the many calls we are getting for help with rent and utilities.)*

Food or gift cards that are brought the weekend before Thanksgiving may be placed in front of the Altar either before or after Mass. As always—we greatly appreciate your generosity. We could not do this ministry without your support. If you are interested in other ways to help, please contact Heidi at 510-881-7850. Please pray for us and for those whom we are helping.



**COME TO OUR FALL HARVEST
November 19th & 20th**

We continue our 75th Anniversary celebration with a *Fall Harvest Event* on **November 19th & 20th**. Let us gather as a community of faith with family and friends and be reunited with one another! It's a FREE event.

November 19th after the 5:00pm Mass: Chili, Hotdogs, Punch & Beer will be served in Stack Center. Enjoy a fun dinner with family and friends!

November 20th after the 7:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am Masses: Coffee & Donuts will be served outside in the Gathering Area. We all have missed Coffee & Donuts for a long time, especially the kids!

See You There!



**ST. VINCENT de PAUL
WARM COAT DRIVE**

**"For I was naked and you clothed me"
(Matthew 26:36)**

We are thankful for the generosity from those who have given so far. St. Vincent de Paul is collecting **new and gently used coats, sleeping bags and blankets this month and in December**. Our main need is men's coats in larger sizes; but we will accept women's and children's sizes too. Collection barrels are located at the Somerset entrance of the church and in the Parish Office. Please do not leave other articles of clothing at this time. 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.



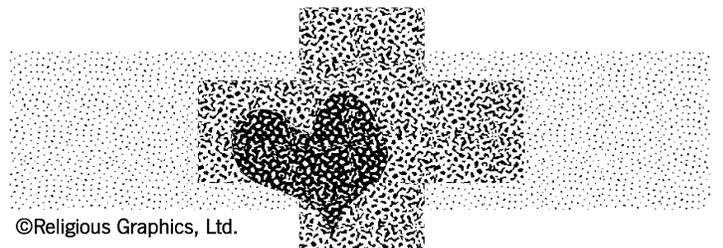
**BISHOP'S
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APPEAL**

**2022 BISHOP'S
MINISTRIES APPEAL**

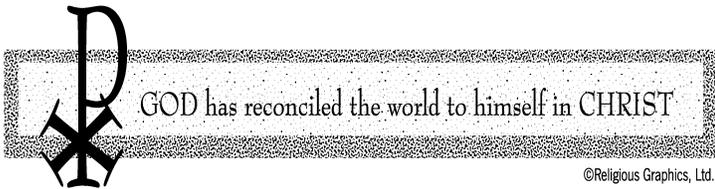
It's the final push! We ask those parishioners who have not had the chance to give towards this yearly appeal, to take this opportunity to make a donation. Please use the envelopes provided in the pews or make your donation online by visiting: <https://oakdiocese.org/bishops-appeal-donation-page>. *Thank you for your response as faithful stewards of God's Church.*

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PARISH APPEAL
Next Weekend—November 19th & 20th**

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than thirty-eight million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.CCHDEastBay.org.



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**'THANK YOU' FROM PAX CHRISTI
Bread for the World Postcard Drive**

Our Pax Christi/Social Justice group would like to thank all of you who participated in our Bread for the World letter writing campaign after the Masses on the weekend of October 29th & 30th. *Our parishioners signed 186 postcards—61 to Senator Feinstein, 62 to Senator Padilla, and 63 to Representative Swalwell.* Your postcards show our elected officials your support for passing legislation that will help alleviate child hunger in the United States.

COLUMBIETTES

Attention Ladies! Are you interested in becoming active in our parish? Please consider becoming a Columbiette and assist our Knights of Columbus with parish activities and fundraising efforts. Meet other Catholic women and enjoy the camaraderie. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month (except December) from 6:30 -7:30pm in Stack Center, OLG Room. Come to our next meeting on **November 15th**. For additional information, please visit:



<https://www.californiacolumbiettes.com>



BOY SCOUT WREATH SALE

Boy Scout Troop 876 will be taking orders again for Christmas wreaths this weekend: **November 12th** after the 5:00pm Mass and on **November 13th** after the 7:30am, 9:00am and 11:00am Masses. Place your order for delivery the 1st week of December. Enjoy the smell of fresh greenery this holiday season while helping the Scouts earn money to support their troop in their only fundraiser of the year.

**COLLECTION FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE
FOR THE MILITARY**

There's still time to give! We thank all those who have given generously last weekend. If you have not yet, please consider doing so this weekend. This collection benefits the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS). The AMS receives no funding from the U.S. Government or the U.S. Military, has no parishes for a weekly in-pew collection and must rely principally on private donations to fund an annual operating budget of over \$8.2 million. We appreciate 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 OCTOBER:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 42,685.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 45,780.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [3,095.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [29,139.00]

May God bless your continuing generosity.



Your Prayers Are Requested

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

Raul Cepeda
Peggy Deadder
Martha Duarte
Jim Gonzales
Elena Harder
Emile Lassalle
Grace Letteer
Brian Linney
Sheryl Michaud
Saied Moradi

Cec Penland
Diana Riley
Angela Schaaphok
Alyssia Tortora
James Van Wert
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 Memorial

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

VICTIMS OF THE UKRANIAN INVASION

VICTIMS OF COVID-19



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

Fr. Ray is planning a 5-day Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico to take place the 3rd or 4th week of October 2023, flying from SFO to Mexico City. The price will hopefully be less than \$3,000 per person (flight, lodging, most meals, tour guide, bus and bus driver). 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 are filling quickly!* Please include your contact information (name, address, phone number, and email address). More details to come.



**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 to register. The next Pre-Baptism Class will be held in Stack Center, OLG Room at 7:00pm on **December 7th**.

EXECUTION ALERTS

The following executions are scheduled to take place in **November**:

November 16th	Stephen Barbee	Texas
November 16th	Murray Hooper	Arizona
November 17th	Richard Fairchild	Oklahoma
November 17th	Kenneth Smith	Alabama
November 29th	Kevin Johnson	Missouri

We ask your prayers for these persons for the victims of their crimes, and for their families.

**THE CATHOLIC VOICE
ONLINE**



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

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

THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 13th:

Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

Boy Scout Wreath Sales
After the 7:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am Masses at the Gathering Area

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

Spanish Mass
1:00pm—Church

Tuesday, November 15th:

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

Women’s Advent Study
7:00pm—Stack Center

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

Wednesday, November 16th:

RCIA
7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

Thursday, November 17th:

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

AA Serenity Group
7:30pm—Augustine Center

Saturday, November 19th:

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

Vigil Mass
5:00pm—Church

Chili & Hotdog Dinner
After 5:00pm Mass—Stack Center

Sunday, November 20th:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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

Coffee & Donuts
After the 7:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am Masses—Gathering Area

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

Whole Family Class
10:15am—School Courtyard

Spanish Mass
1:00pm—Church

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, November 13th
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Eileen Sevilla McNeil – D
 9:00am Maria Que Nguyen – D
 11:00am OLG Community
 1:00pm Franciscan Friars

MONDAY, November 14th

8:15am Dorothy & Manuel Callier – D

TUESDAY, November 15th

St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 8:15am Rosa & Ana Loza – D

WEDNESDAY, November 16th

St. Margaret of Scotland
 St. Gertrude, Virgin
 8:15am Rosa Martinez Reyes – D

THURSDAY, November 17th

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
 8:15am Ted, Joni & Kathleen Linney – D

FRIDAY, November 18th

The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles
 St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
 8:15am Marlene Dexter – D

SATURDAY, November 19th

8:15am Antonio O. Chocha – D
 5:00pm Raymond Henry Tolosko – D

SUNDAY, November 20th

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

7:30am Franciscan Friars
 9:00am OLG Community
 11:00am Louis Rodrigues – D
 1:00pm M. Luisa Ferrario – D

FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND



We are very grateful for the generous donation from Marie Houts in honor of Irene Shaver and in remembrance of Joanne Halliwell and Bernice Griffin. Flower donation envelopes may 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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

November 14th through November 20th

Monday: Revelations 1:1-4;2:1-5; Luke 18:35-43
 Tuesday: Revelations 3:1-6,14-22; Luke 19:1-10
 Wednesday: Revelations 4:1-11; Luke 19:11-28
 Thursday: Revelations 5:1-10; Luke 19:41-44
 Friday: Revelations 10:8-11; Luke 19:45-48
 Saturday: Revelations 11:4-12; Luke 20:27-40
 Sunday: 2 Samuel 5:1-3; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43



*if today you hear his voice,
 harden not your hearts*

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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.

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.



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: **November 17th**
 9:00am to 11:30am

Speaker: Fr. Kevin Schindler-McGraw, OFM Conv.

Topic: *"Mercy: The Servant of Justice"*

For further information or if you would like to attend, please contact: Carolyn Willkie at willkiecarolyn@gmail.com or 510-410-7223.

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