



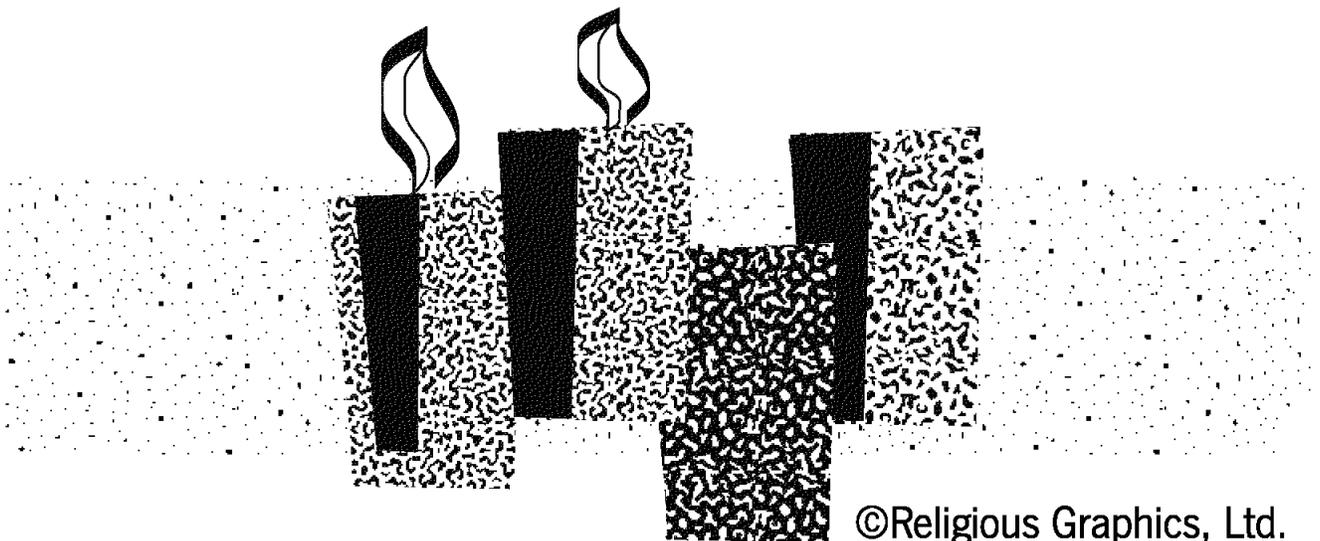
The second Sunday in Advent continues the theme of last week, looking forward to Christ's first and second coming. We focus on John the Baptist, the inclusion of the Gentiles into God's family, and Christ's coming in judgment and peace.

We pause to remember who God is and what He has done for us. When our lives are hurried, we only have the chance to focus on what we need to do. Making space in our schedules for prayer and reflection helps us to see God at work in our lives and in our world.

As we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Jesus' arrival as a gift to all humanity, let's stir up in our hearts and homes a sense of anticipation. May God's spirit transform the days leading up to Christmas into a time of holy anticipation, preparing our hearts, and waiting for Christ.

Let us pray: "O holy, patient, and loving God, in this season of grace-filled longing, we await the coming of your Son and our Savior. It is difficult for us to remember that this is a holy time. There are many distractions: commitments seem to pile up, and expectations are high. Amid our busy world, our busy lives, we need your help to remind us of what is important and necessary. While many of those things that we do not need will come to us in packages gleaming and bright, the one gift that will last comes from you alone, gracious God, as we grow in our awareness of your love. Bless us, our family and friends, and the food and the company that we share. Increase in us a growing urgency to celebrate the birth of your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen." ~ *The Essential Advent and Christmas Handbook*

-Fr. Ray



Gospel For The Third Sunday of Advent (December 11th)

Matthew 11:2-11

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me." As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.* Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**



Our Holy Day of Obligation Masses honoring Mary will be celebrated on Thursday, **December 8th at 8:15am, 9:30am (School Liturgy) and 7:00pm.** There will be no Adoration and Reconciliation but we invite you to come on December 10th at 9:00am.



**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
CELEBRATION
December 9th-12th**

The Hispanic Group invites the entire Parish community to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe with a Triduum of Rosaries and Masses.

December 9th, 10th and 11th
Triduum of Rosaries at 7:00pm

Diciembre 9, 10 y 11
Triduo de Rosarios a las 7:00pm

December 12th
Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Join us as we begin with Mañanitas (joyous Mexican Folk Music) from 5:30-7:00am. Immediately following, Mexican hot chocolate and bread will be served in Stack Center. Masses will be celebrated at 8:15am in English and at 7:00pm in Spanish.

Diciembre 12
Celebraciones En Honor a al Virgen de Guadalupe
Mañanitas a la 5:30 am en la Iglesia. Se servirá inmediatamente después chocolate y pan mexicano en el Stack Center. Misas a la 8:15 am en inglés y a la 7:00 pm en español.

**DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT
BENEFIT TRUST**

Next Weekend-December 10th & 11th

This collection allows us to express gratitude and support for our retired and soon-to-be retired priests. They now face retirement with minimal government assistance. Please prayerfully consider how you can match their generosity to the Church by contributing to the Retirement Fund. Please make your check out to "Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland". Envelopes will be in the pews for your use. You may also drop your donation off at the Parish Office mail slot. Thank you and God bless.

**HELPING THOSE IN NEED
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**



St. Vincent de Paul

Do you or someone you know need assistance this holiday season? The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at OLG can help you with food for the holidays or other resources. Please call us at 510-581-2164 and leave a message. We will get back to you. All names are kept confidential. If you are interested in knowing more about this ministry – please call the same number and someone will get back to you.



Warm Coat Drive

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.**

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. Items will be accepted **until December 31st.** Thank you for your generosity!

**FESCO AND CASTRO VALLEY OUTREACH
Christmas Giving Trees**

Our Lady of Grace is helping Castro Valley families with our Giving Trees. Each family member has an ornament on our Giving Trees which you will find in Church, in the School and Parish Offices. Please take an ornament and return the gifts with the ornament, box and receipt, **unwrapped** to the Parish Office by Thursday, **December 15th**, in order for our students and Parent Group members to catalog and wrap. We are also helping FESCO keep their programs running. They are asking for monetary donations. FESCO Donation envelopes are available on the Giving Trees. Please return the envelopes to the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

We invite you to remember family members and friends through a Flower Offering which will help us to purchase plants and other decorations we need to beautify our sanctuary. You may list the names of loved ones you wish to remember or memorialize by using the special flower envelopes or by submitting the name to the Parish Office. A list of names will be available after Christmas. Thank you for considering this thoughtful and helpful way to remember those you love.





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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear OLG families and friends,
 Happy Advent! At school we celebrated the completion of our first trimester and the fact that we are finally fully staffed! Fifth Grade teacher, Lila Sterling, is slowly recovering from a broken foot, but she can teach from a seated position and for that we are most grateful. Our TK program has grown by two and our Kindergarten by one new student so we are hopeful that we shall be filling more seats as the year progresses. Our strong academic curriculum coupled with the clear teaching of our Church makes an ideal environment for young folk and we are happy to welcome newcomers. On December 3rd we celebrated "Gather around the Jesse Tree" followed by the lighting of our school Christmas tree in the school courtyard and cookies and hot chocolate in Stack. I am also happy to announce that we are introducing Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Exposition following the 8:15 school Mass on the second Wednesday of the month. The students will come for adoration throughout the morning and the entire school will gather for Benediction at 12:15 p.m. In closing, I wish you a blessed and peaceful holiday season.

In Our Lady's Name and Love,
 Gena McGowan, Principal
 Our Lady of Grace Catholic School



ICF CHRISTMAS CANNOLI SALE

The ICF is selling kits of 4 cannoli shells, cannoli filling in a disposable pastry bag, mini chocolate chips and powdered sugar. Cost is \$20 for 4. *Pre-order your kits by December 8th and you may pick-up your order on December 22nd from 5:00-7:30pm in Stack Center.* The filling must be refrigerated and ideally consumed within 4 days. To place an order, please call Lisa at 510-861-9835. Grazie!

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
 December 10th**

The Knights of Columbus invites all to another Family Movie Night featuring "The Polar Express" on Saturday, **December 10th** at 6:00pm in Stack Center. Admission is free! Delicious hamburgers and hotdogs will be available for purchase. All proceeds benefit Our Lady of Grace Church. Bring the kids and see you there!



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:

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| Raul Cepeda | Cec Penland |
| Peggy Deadder | Diana Riley |
| Martha Duarte | Angela Schaaphok |
| Jim Gonzales | Alyssia Tortora |
| Elena Harder | James Van Wert |
| Emile Lassalle | Concepcion Velasco |
| Grace Letteer | Mary Lou Vincent |
| Brian Linney | Arthur Williams |
| Sheryl Michaud | Peggy Winkenbach |
| Saied Moradi | |

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

In Memorial

ELIZABETH BETTY LU VAZ

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

VICTIMS OF THE UKRANIAN INVASION

VICTIMS OF COVID-19

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION
 Ready the Way of the Lord**

Reconciliation during Advent will follow our regular Reconciliation schedule with Adoration:

Thursdays: 6:00-7:00pm
Saturdays: 9:00-10:00am



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!



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
DINNER WITH THE FRANCISCANS
Save the Date!**



Join us on Saturday, **January 14th** as we celebrate the **41st Year of the Province of St. Joseph of Cupertino!** Doors open at 6:00pm in Stack Center. Dinner will be catered by Star Catering. Beer and wine available for purchase. Cost is \$40 per person. Tickets will be sold after all the Masses and in the Parish Office.



ALTAR CANDLE MEMORIAL DONORS

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

Given By:	In Memory of / In Honor of:
Ernestine Moir	All Souls in Purgatory
Maria Zambrano	Jose & Gloria Areas

HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please have items for the Bulletin to the Parish Office no later than the deadlines shown below:

- December 18th Bulletin: **Due December 9th**
- December 25th Bulletin: **Due December 13th**
- January 1st Bulletin: **Due December 16th**



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.



CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

Recently, we welcomed

Valentina Castellanas

Johan Gael Ayala Mercado

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

THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 4th:

Second Sunday of Advent

- Masses
7:30am, 9:00am (Livestream), 11:00am —Church
- 1st Communion Class (Year 2)
10:15am—Stack Center
- Rite of Acceptance-RCIA
11:00am Mass—Church
- Confirmation Class
12:15pm—Stack Center
- Spanish Mass
1:00pm—Church

Tuesday, December 6th:

- Women’s Advent Study
7:00pm—Stack Center
- Men’s Faith Share
7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

Thursday, December 8th:

- Masses of the Immaculate Conception—Church
8:15am, 9:30am (School Liturgy) & 7:00pm
- AA Serenity Group
7:30pm—Augustine Center

Friday, December 9th:

- Rosary
7:00pm—Church

Saturday, December 10th:

- Adoration & Reconciliation
9:00-10:00am—Church
- Vigil Mass
5:00pm—Church
- Family Movie Night
6:00pm—Stack Center
- Rosary
7:00pm—Church

SIMBANG GABI CELEBRATION

Now on its 10th year, the Kick-Off Mass of the Simbang Gabi will be on **December 10th** at 10:00am at All Saints Church in Hayward, with Bishop Michael C. Barber presiding. Join the celebration with the hope of engaging the local communities to a renewed zeal and hopeful anticipation of the coming Christmas, a time honored Filipino tradition! For more information visit: <https://oakdiocese.org/news/simbang-gabi-celebration-2022>

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, December 4th
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 7:30am Franciscan Friars
 9:00am OLG Community
 11:00am Robert Hess – D
 1:00pm Maria de Guadalupe Beruben – D
 Benjamin Dicus – D

MONDAY, December 5th
 8:15am Jaime & Martha Gonzalez – L

TUESDAY, December 6th
St. Nicholas, Bishop
 8:15am Thelma Gutierrez – L

WEDNESDAY, December 7th
St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 8:15am Mike De Guzman – D

THURSDAY, December 8th
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

FRIDAY, December 9th
St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
 8:15am Natalie Shomon – L

SATURDAY, December 10th
Our Lady of Loreto
 8:15am Fr. Tom Czek – L
 5:00pm Debi Telles – D

SUNDAY, December 11th
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 7:30am OLG Community
 9:00am Emma & Mike McCormick – L
 11:00am Eleanor Whittaker – D
 1:00pm Franciscan Friars

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Peace is a precious gift, which must be promoted and protected...never has the use of violence brought peace in its wake. War begets war, violence begets violence.”

–Pope Francis, September 2013

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



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK:
December 5th through December 11th

Monday: Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30
 Thursday: Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38
 Friday: Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9-13
 Sunday: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

THIS WEEK--Continued

Sunday, December 11th:

Third Sunday of Advent

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

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

Whole Family Class
 10:15am—Augustine Center

Confirmation Class
 12:15pm—Stack Center

Spanish Mass
 1:00pm—Church

Rosary
 7:00pm—Church

USE ‘SCRIP’ FOR YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING



Simplify your holiday shopping and support OLG’s Evangelization Program at the same time by purchasing SCRIP gift cards! With each gift card purchase, our Evangelization Program earns 2%-17% of the gift card value. Stop by the Parish Office and take a look at which gift cards are offered. *Orders placed on the 1st and 3rd week of the month will be ready for pickup on the 2nd and 4th week of the month.* Payment is due at the time of purchase, cash or check please. Questions? Call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

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