



On Monday we remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his work for the Civil Rights of all in our country. Martin Luther was a great orator and is remembered for both his words and actions. There are three words that he would often chant when he was preaching. This is a preaching method that is common in the Baptist Church. These three simple words are, “Keep hope alive”.

His words are not new words, and these come from the very essence of the message of Jesus Christ. Having Hope is the meaning and purpose to life. Life without Hope leads to human destruction, death, and pain. Hope is God’s grace which gives us meaning. It allows us to look beyond today and to see happiness and new life to be. Our Christian Hope allows us to conquer sin and death and to look forward to a life with God in eternity.

Don’t lose Hope in yourself, our world, and our fellow human beings. When Hope is alive, we can look past the immediate problems in life, not to deny them but to know that God can and will conquer all. God’s ways are not man’s ways. God can take all things, including the sin of man, and use them for good.

***“Keep Hope alive...Keep Hope alive...Keep Hope alive.”***

I also want to thank everyone who supported the Franciscan Dinner, hosted by the Knights of Columbus. A good time was had by all, and future friars were helped with their education. Thank you!

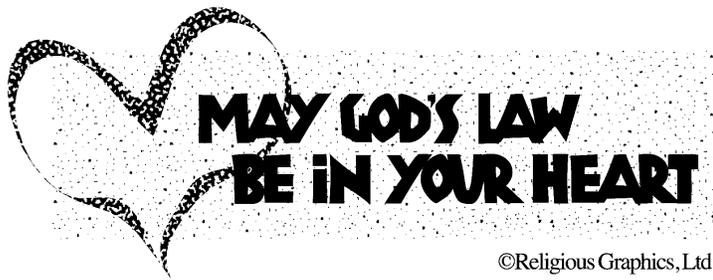
Once, again, I want to call your attention to the Crab Feed, coming up on February 4th. 100 percent of the profits help support our OLG CYO program. CYO has always been cared for and supported by the parish as a wonderful outreach program. It is to serve all the children of our parish, OLG School and Faith Formation programs, and as room allows, all children within our parish boundary. One of the major expenses for CYO is gym rental fees. The funds raised by the Crab Feed help with this expense and enable us to keep our registration fees for CYO affordable. Please look upon this as a great evangelical outreach for our parish. In the past, the Crab Feed has been a successful event because of your involvement, and we hope for another great fundraising event this year.

-Fr. Ray

### **The Third Sunday In Ordinary Time (January 22nd)**

**Matthew 4:12-23**

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled: *Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen.* From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.



**CHRISTMAS OFFERING RESULTS**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Christmas collection. Our Christmas Offering for 2022 totaled \$24,601 with a budget of \$28,000. We are most grateful for this response given all that was going on with the ongoing concern of inflation and financial uncertainty. As always we thank you for the generosity of your gift and ask God to bless your continuing generosity.

**2022 PLATE COLLECTION RESULTS**

- Total Sunday Plate Offering 2022: \$466,099
- Total Sunday Plate Budget 2022: \$500,000
- Total Sunday Plate Shortfall 2022: \$33,901

We are most grateful to those who have consistently supported our Parish and have maintained their level of giving. We recognize those who responded so generously and personally committed to make a difference in our outcome for the year. For those in the Parish who are not using the offering envelopes or Online Giving, we ask you to prayerfully consider committing your support to our ministries, liturgies, outreach and all the members of the larger community in which we reside. May we continue to be good stewards of so great a gift and remember that God will not be outdone in generosity.



**ST. VINCENT de PAUL  
Thank You!**

Many thanks to all who gave towards the St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Collection last weekend. Below is an example of how your donations have helped the many in our community.

*"In truth I tell you, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."* Consistent with this call of Matthew 25, OLG's St. Vincent de Paul Society responds to the needs of our underserved neighbors and has for many years: the single mom with 6 children, ages 2 to 9, who were at a bus stop in San Leandro with no place to go. St. Vincent de Paul provided them food and temporary shelter which gave them time to connect with social services.

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.



**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
FEDERAL HOLIDAY**

On Monday, January 16th the Parish Office will be closed and will re-open on Tuesday, January 17th at 8:30am. The entire Parish Staff wishes you a safe and relaxing holiday.

**CYO ATHLETICS CRAB FEED  
February 4th**



Join us as we raise funds for OLG's CYO Athletics.

*Get your tickets today!*

- Doors open at 5:30pm in Stack Center.
- Cost is \$75 per online purchase, \$90 at the door and limited tables of 8 people for \$575.
- Music, Silent Auction and No-Host Bar.
- Menu: Crab or Poultry, Pasta, Salad and Bread.
- KidKare available for \$30 per child (space is limited).

For the best price, purchase your tickets online at: <https://bit.ly/3hsUPua>. See you there!

*We thank the Knights of Columbus for their assistance in organizing this event!*

**ANNUAL SEMINARY COLLECTION**

*Thank you to all who gave generously towards this important collection. It's not too late to give!* The Diocese humbly appeals to all of you to give your best effort to support our seminarians in their training and formation. Please include the seminarians in your prayers. You may make your check out to "Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland". Envelopes are in the pews for your use. Your kindness, generosity and prayers are deeply appreciated.

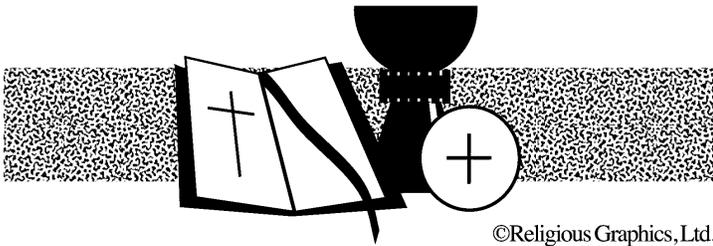
**CHRISTMAS DECORATING**

We want to thank all our wonderful volunteers who worked hard on Christmas Eve morning to spruce up the sanctuary and decorate it beautifully for Christmas: *the adults, the students from OLG School and the teens from our Confirmation program.* May God bless you all for your time and talents!



**YEARLY CONTRIBUTION  
STATEMENTS**

For your convenience in preparing your tax return, a contribution statement for 2022 will be prepared at your request. Please phone the Parish Office at 537-0806, with your name and envelope number. Your statement will be available for you to pick up once it has been signed.



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**WALK FOR LIFE  
WEST COAST 2023  
Saturday, January 21st**

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 19th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on **January 21st**. There will be Mass at 9:00am celebrated by Bishop Barber at the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland. The rally begins at 12:30pm in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, followed by the Walk, down Market Street. *This event is truly changing the hearts and minds of many and has helped to revivify the pro-life movement on the West Coast!* For complete information about the Walk, <https://oakdiocese.org/respect-life-mass>.

**WOMEN'S LENTEN  
BIBLE STUDY**



Lent is an important season in the Church's liturgical year, the time when we take stock of where we are in our faith and prepare for the death and Resurrection of our Savior. Often we lose sight of the point of this season because we get caught up in ourselves—how hard it is to fast, how bad we are at fasting—and we end up just waiting for the season to be over at Easter. Because of this, we sometimes arrive at Easter with our lives no different than they were on Ash Wednesday.

*Women of the parish*, please consider joining us as we prepare using a new program from Ascension –**The Ascension Lenten Companion**. This resource explores the Gospel readings for each Sunday of this Lent to help us prepare better for Mass and grow closer to Jesus each day. The program includes videos by Fr. Mark Toups and an inspirational journal with daily meditations, prayer prompts, space for journaling, original sacred artwork, and weekly videos that keep us on track. We will meet on Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00pm in Stack Center **beginning February 21st and ending March 28th**. If you are unable to join in person, this study can also be done independently. Cost is \$10. If you are interested, please sign-up and pay Jay in the Parish Office by Tuesday, **February 7th**. Questions? Call Heidi Denzler-Halsey at 510-881-7850.

**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 DECEMBER:**

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 34,073.00
<b>Month Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 37,455.00</b>
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [3,382.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [33,901.00]

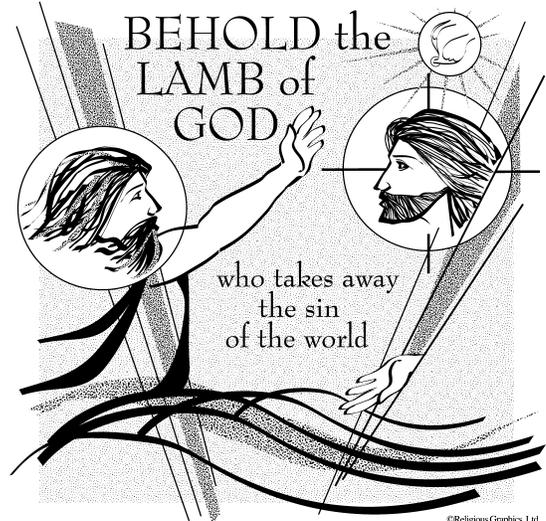
*May God bless your continuing generosity.*



**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      |
| Jim Gonzales   | Angela Schaaphok |
| Emile Lassalle | Alyssia Tortora  |
| Grace Letteer  | James Van Wert   |
| Brian Linney   | Mary Lou Vincent |
| Sheryl Michaud | Arthur Williams  |
| Anne O'Leary   | 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**

**LEO PENA**

**VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE**

**VICTIMS OF THE UKRANIAN INVASION**

**VICTIMS OF COVID-19**



Walk by the LIGHT of the LORD

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## COLUMBIETTES

Attention Ladies! Are you interested in becoming active in our parish? Come see what the Columbiette's are all about. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 6:30-7:30pm in Stack Center, OLG Room. Come to our next meeting on **January 17th**. For additional information, please visit:

<https://www.californiacolumbiettes.com>



## 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 **January 26th**.

## HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

As many of you know, OLG has a wonderful ministry called "Helping Hands", started by Dianne Fisher many years ago. We help families who have lost a loved one and whom we assist with making and serving food to their family and friends after the Funeral Mass. If you would like to periodically assist us by making food for these gatherings (each entrée, salad or dessert is enough for 10 people), please contact Carmel Ledyard (510-274-5627) or Margaret McKean (510-340-1871) or you may leave your name and number in the Parish Office. Thank you and God Bless!

## MILITIA IMMACULATA MEETINGS

Come join us as members of the Militia Immaculata (MI) on the 1st Saturday of each month at 10:00am in Stack Center, OLG Room. Our next meeting will be on **February 4th**.



## MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"The Catholic Church teaches that Jesus Christ, though He is the eternal and infinite God, was born in time and wanted to choose Mary to be His Mother, became flesh in her womb, and was born of her. Consequently the Church teaches that Mary is the Mother of God. This is the reason behind veneration to her. Besides, she is an incomparable mirror of any virtue. The Church, therefore, venerates and admires her."*

# THIS WEEK

### Sunday, January 15th:

#### *The Second Sunday In Ordinary Time*

Masses

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

1st Communion Class (Year 1)

10:15am—Stack Center

Spanish Mass

1:00pm—Church

### Monday, January 16th:

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday  
Parish Office Closed*

### Tuesday, January 17th:

Columbiette's Meeting

6:30pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Men's Faith Share

7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

### Wednesday, January 18th:

RCIA

7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

### Thursday, January 19th:

Adoration & Reconciliation

6:00pm—Church

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

7:00pm—Parish Office

AA Serenity Group

7:30pm—Augustine Center

### Saturday, January 21st:

Adoration & Reconciliation

9:00am—Church

Vigil Mass

5:00pm—Church

### Sunday, January 22nd:

#### *The Third Sunday In Ordinary Time*

Masses

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

1st Communion Class (Year 2)

10:15am—Stack Center

Confirmation Class

12:15pm—Stack Center

Spanish Mass

1:00pm—Church

# Mass Intentions for the Week

**SUNDAY, January 15th**

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:30am Maria Ha Vo – D
- 9:00am OLG Community
- 11:00am Antonio O. Chocha – D
- 1:00pm Jose Avila Lopez – D

**MONDAY, January 16th**

- 8:15am Mary Ann Christopher – L

**TUESDAY, January 17th**

St. Anthony, Abbot

- 8:15am Cohen Sigmon – L

**WEDNESDAY, January 18th**

- 8:15am Sean Murphy – D

**THURSDAY, January 19th**

- 8:15am Marty Martin – D

**FRIDAY, January 20th**

St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

- 8:15am Louis Rodrigues – D

**SATURDAY, January 21st**

St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

- 8:15am Caden Sigmon – L
- 5:00pm Mary Heskett – L

**SUNDAY, January 22nd**

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:30am OLG Community
- 9:00am Ronald Delk – D
- 11:00am Tony Tavares – L
- 1:00pm Juan Avina – D

**RELEVANT RADIO - 1260 AM**



Relevant Radio brings you the best in Catholic Radio 24/7! Playing on 1260AM and dedicated to sharing the heart of the Catholic Faith and changing lives.

**EXECUTION ALERTS**

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

January 18th      Robert Fratta      Texas

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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**January 16th through January 22nd**

- Monday: Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22
- Tuesday: Hebrews 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28
- Wednesday: Hebrews 7:1-3,15-17; Mark 3:1-6
- Thursday: Hebrews 7:25-8:6; Mark 3:7-12
- Friday: Hebrews 8:6-13; Mark 3:13-19
- Saturday: Hebrews 9:2-3,11-14; Mark 3:20-21
- Sunday: Isaiah 8:23-9:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17; Matthew 4:12-23



**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!

**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: **January 19th**

9:00am to 11:30am

Speaker: Jan Stegner

Topic: *"The Women Saints of Advent"*

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

**PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*"Love of one's enemy constitutes the nucleus of the "Christian revolution", a revolution not based on strategies of economic, political or media power: the revolution of love, a love that does not rely ultimately on human resources but is a gift of God which is obtained by trusting solely and unreservedly in his merciful goodness. Here is the newness of the Gospel which silently changes the world!"*

–Pope Benedict XVI, February 2007

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