



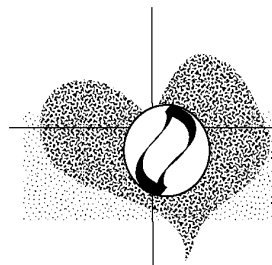
Last weekend our Parish hosted a Crab Feed for a CYO fundraiser. I was told that events like this usually are filled quickly. That certainly was our case. If we had more room in Stack Center, more would have come. What I most appreciated about that evening was that it was the largest gathering of people since I have arrived at the parish. Covid really hurt us as a Community of Faith, who gather together in support of one another. But we seem to be coming out of this. I hope and pray that it will also mean a return to Sunday Liturgy as a Community of Faith, receiving the Sacraments.

Last Sunday's readings made me reflect on the enormous Good that I see being done by our Parish. We do the Good that we do, as a sign of the Kingdom of God. A sign of Hope for others who may have lost Hope. I see a very active St. Vincent de Paul Society here at OLG who do much for people in our own Community who have fallen on hard times. There is a faithful group who go out every Sunday in our area to feed and clothe the poor. It is not an easy or desirable task to be doing this ministry. In recent days, the area was extremely wet and mud filled. Over time, they have gained the trust of those they care for and also try to get them into better and dryer conditions. In living their Faith, they have also become social workers. They are signs of Hope.

Knowing what I know and seeing what I see, I am reminded of the years I worked in the Missions. In Honduras, people suffered from a lack of education, lack of any health care, unpurified water, homes made of scraps (metal, plastic) and severe economic poverty. In Vietnam, people live much better as long as they can work and work hard. But for those who cannot work, hopefully they have a family who can care for them. Thank God for the Religious Communities like mine, the Conventual Franciscans, who care for the poor. Religious Communities are expected, and you might say tolerated because they care for the lost, like those with leprosy and the orphans. In practicing the Corporal Works of Mercy, the forgotten are given Hope.

OLG, keep up your practice of the Corporal Works of Mercy. Continue to be a Sign of the Kingdom of God and of Hope. Thank God we have members of our Community who can dedicate themselves to this Ministry. Not all of us can do this but we all can pray for this Ministry and be as supportive of it as we can.

-Fr. Ray



LORD, enkindle the fire
of your love in our hearts

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The Gospel for The Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time (February 19th)

Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: "You have heard that it was said, *An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth*. But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow. "You have heard that it was said, *You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy*. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."



Blessed are they who seek the LORD
with all their heart

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ASH WEDNESDAY February 22nd

The schedule for Ash Wednesday is as follows:

7:00am: Friary at 19697 Redwood Road

8:15am: Mass with ashes

9:30am: School Mass with ashes

12 Noon: Only ashes will be distributed, no Mass

6:00pm: Mass with ashes



CYO TRACK & FIELD REGISTRATION



CYO Track & Field is open to grades K-8. Fee for the 2023 program year is \$100 per athlete (\$90 per athlete for families registering 2 or more). **Registration closes on February 18th. To register and for more details, please visit: www.olgcvcyo.com.** If you have questions or if you would like to coach or assist with administration, please email: olgcyocv@gmail.com. Go Lions!



SEEKING USHERS

The Ministry of Ushers is the oldest lay ministry in the Catholic Church. Men and women are welcome to apply to be ushers. A person's willingness to serve God in the capacity as an Usher reflects their commitment to Christ. They must be mindful that they are there to assist those who are preparing to worship God by creating a quiet and reverent atmosphere within the church. Ushers assure the comfort of the assembly in the worship space and perform various functions during the liturgy, such as:

- Greeting and welcoming
- Seating people as needed
- Arranging Gift Bearers
- Taking up collections
- Helping the communion flow
- Assisting those who become ill or need aid.

Pick up a signup form on the organ in the church.

Questions? Contact Terence Dugan,
Usher Coordinator at tdugan@rocketmail.com.

COLUMBIETTES BAKE SALE TODAY!



The Columbiettes will be hosting a Bake Sale today, **February 12th** after the 9:00 and 11:00am Masses. Stop by and purchase a Super Bowl and/or Valentine dessert. At this time, only cash may be accepted. See you there!



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 510-537-0806, 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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Lent begins soon! Exploring what Formed.org has to offer is a wonderful way to help us prepare our hearts and minds during this Lenten season. Take advantage of the many free movies, ebooks and podcasts which can be shared with family and friends. You will also find choices which are educational and entertaining for the youngest members of your family. To register for free, visit: www.olgcv.formed.org and type in "Our Lady of Grace, Castro Valley CA" to become a member.



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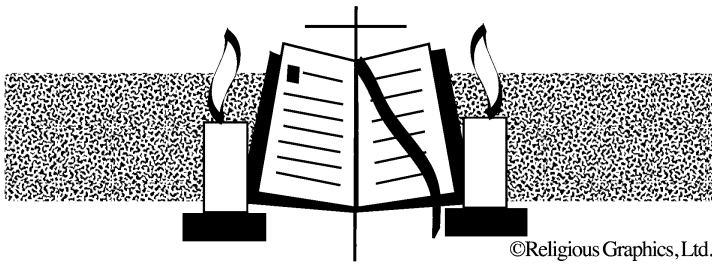
Don't miss out. Flocknote is the most important way for OLG to inform you of our latest announcements. It's easy and free! Text keyword **OLGCV** to 84576 or visit: <https://OLGCV.flocknote.com> to sign up.



BAPTISM

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 **March 1st**.



FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Please pray for the young members of our Church.

First Communion-Year 2

Next Class: February 19th
10:15am—Stack Center

Whole Family

Next Class: February 12th
10:15am—Augustine Center

First Communion-Year 1

Next Class: February 12th
10:15am—Stack Center

Confirmation

Next Class: February 12th
12:15pm—Stack Center

RCIA

Our next class is scheduled for Wednesday, **February 15th** at 7:00pm in Stack Center, Room 7. If you or someone you know is interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith or is seeking membership into the Church, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806. All are welcome!



COLUMBIETTES

Attention Ladies! Are you interested in becoming active in our parish? Come see what the Columbiettes 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 **February 21st**. 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 them at their next meeting on **February 23rd**.

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 JANUARY:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 41,788.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 45,818.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [4,030.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [4,030.00]

May God bless your continuing generosity.

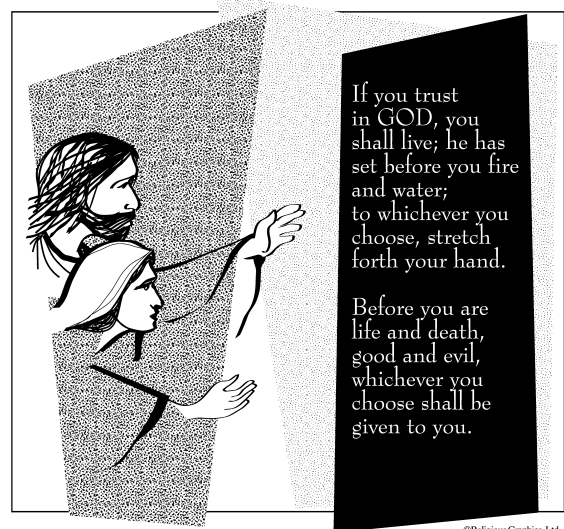


Your Prayers Are Requested

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
Nancy French
Emile Lassalle
Grace Letteer
Brian Linney
Sheila McAlinden
Sheryl Michaud
Anne O'Leary

Cec Penland
Diana Riley
Angela Schaaphok
Alyssia Tortora
James Van Wert
Mary Lou Vincent
Arthur Williams
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

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

VICTIMS OF THE UKRANIAN INVASION

VICTIMS OF COVID-19



INSTRUCT ME IN YOUR WAYS, O LORD

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**SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. RAY
October 16th-20th, 2023**

Quotation of Price: \$2,249 plus tips

Price includes:

- Air travel from San Francisco Airport to Mexico and back with United Airlines
- Deluxe rooms at the Sheraton Maria Hotel --5 star hotel, very safe
- Private motor coach, local guide and bus driver
- Food – most breakfasts and dinners provided at the hotel, lunch on your own
- Entrance fees
- Daily Mass

The Pilgrimage will be in English. Seats are limited. If you are interested in the Pilgrimage, please contact Fr. Ray at rmallett1@hotmail.com or call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806. Please provide your name, address, phone number and email address. Your name will be placed on the list of interested people and Fr. Ray will contact you shortly with a brochure and registration form for the Pilgrimage.

GRIEF SUPPORT

The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Grief Support meetings are held at St. Elizabeth Seton at 4001 Stoneridge Drive in Pleasanton. The next meetings will be held on Thursdays, **February 23rd & March 9th** at 7:00pm. If you are interested in an afternoon session, please visit <https://www.catholicsofpleasanton.org/grief-ministry.html> to view the schedule. Sessions are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. There is no need to register in advance but please arrive early for check in. If you have additional questions, please call Barbara at 925-846-3904.

MISSION DOCTORS ASSOCIATION

Mission Doctors Association is the only organization that has, for 60 years, been dedicated to recruiting, training, sending and supporting Catholic Doctors, Dentists, Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners to serve at mission hospitals and clinics around the world. If you would like to consider a short-term mission service, the next retreat/seminar is scheduled for **March 17th-19th** at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. Visit www.MissionDoctors.org for more information.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 12th:

The Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

Wednesday, February 15th:

RCIA

7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

Thursday, February 16th:

Adoration & Reconciliation

6:00pm—Church

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

7:00pm—Parish Office

AA Serenity Group

7:30pm—Augustine Center

Saturday, February 18th:

Adoration & Reconciliation

9:00am—Church

Vigil Mass

5:00pm—Church

Sunday, February 19th:

The Seventh 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

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We shall never love the Immaculata as she deserves, as Jesus Himself taught us by His own example. Let us place no limits, therefore, on love toward her."

Mass for the Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, February 12th

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Betty Svenson – D

9:00am OLG Community

11:00am Antonio O. Chocha – D

1:00pm Andrew Perino – L

MONDAY, February 13th

8:15am Augusto & Edwina Silva & Family – D

TUESDAY, February 14th

Sts. Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishop

8:15am Mona Pereira – D

WEDNESDAY, February 15th

8:15am All Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, February 16th

8:15am Manuel & Maria Costa & Family

FRIDAY, February 17th

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:15am Martha Kozel – D

SATURDAY, February 18th

8:15am Manuel Silva & Family

5:00pm Dulcidia Chocha Chaviel – D

SUNDAY, February 19th

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Bambino Madamba – D

9:00am Bettylu Vaz – D

11:00am OLG Community

1:00pm Alfredo Dela Torre – D

EXECUTION ALERTS

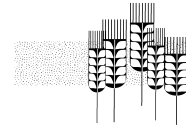
The following executions are scheduled to take place in **February**:

February 1st	Wesley Ruiz	Texas
February 7th	Leonard Taylor	Missouri
February 8th	John Balentine	Texas
February 23rd	Donald Dillbeck	Florida

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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:****February 13th through February 19th**

Monday:	Genesis 4:1-15,25; Mark 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5,10; Mark 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Genesis 8:6-13,20-22; Mark 8:22-26
Thursday:	Genesis 9:1-13; Mark 8:27-33
Friday:	Genesis 11:1-9; Mark 8:34-9:1
Saturday:	Hebrews 11:1-7; Mark 9:2-13
Sunday:	Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

**Grow in faith!**

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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: **February 16th**

9:00am to 11:30am

Speaker: Rev. Michael Castori, SJ

Topic: "Reading Exodus:

Close Encounters of the Divine Kind"

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

"May God of peace arouse in all an authentic desire for dialogue and reconciliation. Violence cannot be overcome with violence. Violence is overcome with peace."

—Pope Francis, 2014

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

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