



As a Church we have just moved into Ordinary Time. Soon, Ash Wednesday will be here and we will be beginning Lent. It just a few weeks away. Lent is an excellent way to do a review of life. Take time and reflect upon the many different areas of your life – personal, family, friends, work, etc. What role does God play in my life? Assess your Faith, Hope and Love, the three cardinal virtues. What is God gracing you to address in your life? Am I living the Beatitudes? Am I allowing the sacraments to Grace my life? Please prepare yourself so that Lent might be a Grace filled moment.

As of January 1st, the parish began a new fiscal year. Colleen, our Parish Business Manager, will be publishing in the Bulletin a yearly report. I know you are very aware that we are living through a period of inflation and the Stock Market has taken a beating. This has affected everyone. Here at Church, inflation has hit us in very direction. Everything costs more. The parish is very, very dependent upon giving to the parish (the plate collection). I'm sure you have noticed, plate giving is down which means our income is down. We are still making ends meet but at a cost. We have fewer employees and a reduction in hours. Maintenance is being deferred. What are we to do?

We need to pray first of all. I'm very slow to say, please, just give more. But I will say, please review your parish giving. Is it possible for you to give further to the parish? We are becoming very dependent upon fundraising as an aid to paying our bills. This is true for both the Parish and the School. I firmly believe, "God will provide". "Grace builds upon Nature." What this means is God needs us. We are His hands, His instruments. None of us can do this alone, but together much is possible. Thank you for your loving support of Our Lady of Grace. May you and your family know the blessings of God.

-Fr. Ray

Gospel for The Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time (February 12th)

Matthew 5:17-37

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven. I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. "You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.* But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; and whoever says to his brother, 'Raca,' will be answerable to the Sanhedrin; and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be liable to fiery Gehenna. Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court. Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny. "You have heard that it was said, *You shall not commit adultery.* But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body thrown into Gehenna. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body go into Gehenna. "It was also said, *Whoever divorces his wife must give her a bill of divorce.* But I say to you, whoever divorces his wife - unless the marriage is unlawful - causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. "Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.* But I say to you, do not swear at all; not by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is his footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Do not swear by your head, for you cannot make a single hair white or black. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one."

ASH WEDNESDAY February 22nd

The schedule for Ash Wednesday is as follows: 7:00am at the Friary on Redwood Road, 8:15am, 9:30 with the School and 6:00pm. At Noon, only ashes will be distributed, no Mass.



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.

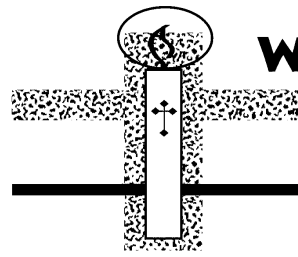
Questions? Contact Terence Dugan,
Usher Coordinator at tdugan@rocketmail.com.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2023 February 11th at 11:00am Cathedral of Christ the Light

World Day of the Sick, initiated by Pope St. John Paul II and held annually worldwide near the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, is celebrated in our diocese this year on Saturday, **February 11th**. All are invited, of all faiths—especially those suffering and caring for the sick. SF Archbishop Cordileone and Bishop Barber will concelebrate this Mass at The Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland. The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will also be offered. *Reservations are required.* Please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/world-premier-healing-mass-for-our-lady-of-lourdes-on-world-day-of-the-sick-tickets-430223398767> Join us in this special opportunity to pray for healing and hope!



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WE MUST REFLECT THE LIGHT OF THE LORD

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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.



COLUMBIETTES BAKE SALE

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

MEMORIAL MASS FOR BETTYLU VAZ

A Memorial Mass is scheduled for longtime parishioner, Bettylu Vaz on **February 11th at 11:00am**. Fr. Kevin Mullins, OSA will be presiding. Reception immediately following in Stack Center.





You prepare
a table for me
O LORD

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear OLG families and friends,
Happy Catholic Schools Week!

Let us give thanks to God that we live in a country where school choice is a reality. Parents who wish to make God the center of their children's lives will find in our environment a deep respect for God's gifts of life from conception to natural death, as well as the daily reminder to love one another as Jesus loved us.

As I type I can hear the many visitors to our Open House for this Catholic Schools Week which will be followed by a week of fun and celebration. I invite you to visit our website www.olgschool.org for more information. Our Open House follows a filled-to-capacity 9:00am Mass, where the pastor reminded us of the importance of the school's role in preserving the Catholic faith, even if at times we participants feel a bit like the "leima" (Romanized version of the Hebrew word for "remnant"), struggling to preserve what is left of the traditions of our faith.

Our school's survival depends on the support and encouragement of our families and friends, those who believe, like we all do, in the power of a Catholic education, one based on the teachings of our Church as well as a strong emphasis on academics. Our Star test scores say it all. Most of our students score well above the state average in both language arts and math, and I know that it is due to the amount of attention and love that our teachers shower on their students. I am counting on all of you to spread the word about this treasure right here in Castro Valley.

In Our Lady's Name and Love,
Gena McGowan



ALTAR CANDLE MEMORIALS

We are looking to have 6 monthly sponsors for our Altar Candles and ask for a donation of \$20 to cover the cost of the candles for the month. Our donors will be recognized in the 1st bulletin of the month and there will be a monthly Mass offered for the intention of our Candle Memorial. Many blessed thanks for those who have donated. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

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
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 37,455.00
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:

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

Share your bread
Shelter the oppressed
and the homeless
Clothe the naked

Then shall your
light break forth
like the dawn
and your wound
shall be healed
quickly



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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



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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.

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.



ROSARY BEFORE MASS

Come join in prayer of the Rosary 30 minutes before each of the weekend liturgies. Pray for our Parish!

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"O Immaculata, I wish to reveal you to other souls, who you are, that an ever increasing number of souls may know you more perfectly and love you ever more ardently, so that you become the Queen of all the hearts that beat and will beat on earth at any time, and that as soon as possible, as soon as possible."

THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 5th:

The Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Masses

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

1st Communion Class (Year 2)

10:15am—Stack Center

Confirmation Discipleship Conferences

12:15pm—Stack Center

Spanish Mass

1:00pm—Church

Tuesday, February 7th:

Men's Faith Share

7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

Wednesday, February 8th:

RCIA

7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

Thursday, February 9th:

ICF Meeting & Dinner

6:00pm—Stack Center

Adoration & Reconciliation

6:00pm—Church

AA Serenity Group

7:30pm—Augustine Center

Saturday, February 11th:

Adoration & Reconciliation

9:00am—Church

Bettylu Vaz's Memorial Mass

11:00am—Church

Vigil Mass

5:00pm—Church

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

Mass for the Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, February 5th

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am OLG Community

9:00am Aaron Alcorn – D

11:00am Debi Telles – D

1:00pm Duarte Family

MONDAY, February 6th

St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

8:15am Kimberly Hinkson – L

TUESDAY, February 7th

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

WEDNESDAY, February 8th

St. Jerome Emiliani

St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

8:15am Mario & Rita Venturini – D

THURSDAY, February 9th

8:15am Manuel & Dorothy Callier – D

FRIDAY, February 10th

St. Scholastica, Virgin

8:15am Bettylu Vaz – D

SATURDAY, February 11th

Our Lady of Lourdes

8:15am Jack Romillo – D

5:00pm Laura Perino – L

SUNDAY, February 12th

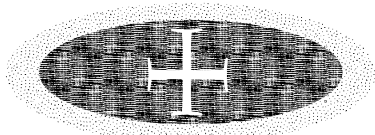
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Betty Svenson – D

9:00am OLG Community

11:00am Antonio O. Chocha – D

1:00pm Andrew Perino – L



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RCIA

Our next class is scheduled for Wednesday, **February 8th** 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 to register at 510-537-0806. All are welcome!

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:****February 5th through February 12th**

Monday:	Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56
Tuesday:	Genesis 1:20-2:4; Mark 7:1-13
Wednesday:	Genesis 2:4-9,15-17; Mark 7:14-23
Thursday:	Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30
Friday:	Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37
Saturday:	Genesis 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10
Sunday:	Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37

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.

**THE CATHOLIC VOICE
ONLINE**

The February 2023 issue of The Catholic Voice is available online at:

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

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If everyone were capable of discovering the image of God in their neighbors, do you think that we would still need tanks and generals?"

—St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, 1997

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

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