



Watch what you pray for! God always answers our prayers in His Way. How many of you prayed for rain? But now we need to respectfully turn our prayers to God: Lord, enough is enough. Please relent at least for a few weeks. God certainly has blessed us. The ground should have sufficient water to a return to normal for our farmers.

This has been a blessing to the cattle farms. Blessed water! Please pray in thanksgiving to God for His abundant signs of love for our world.

Monday, the 20th, I celebrate 47 years of priesthood. I have very warm memories of the day my Provincial took me for a walk. I had been only ordained to the Diaconate for three months. He asked me, "When are you going to be ordained?." Normally, this is not the way things were done. There usually is more of a process. I said that I had not yet thought of it and he told me he wanted me ordained as soon as possible and that he would contact the Bishop. Being a Priest/Friar has been a blessing in my life. I have been blessed to be allowed to have many different experiences of Ministry in our Universal Church. Being a Priest/Friar is a call from God. I encourage the single men of our parish to consider if God is calling. Remember, his call is often not like a call in a storm but rather a silent cool breeze. Please pray for me and pray for your priests.

We are now in the third week of Lent. Don't grow tired or allow yourself to get lost. Remember Prayer, Fasting and Alms Giving. Please take advantage of the Lenten goings on here at OLG – Stations of the Cross, Adoration, Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Wednesday Night Soup Meal.

The School Fun Run is on Thursday, March 23rd. This is a major fundraiser for our School allowing them to balance their budget and pay the bills. Each student is to solicit donors for their run. If none of them approach you, please support me in this event. I'll be walking, with the Principal, that day, in support of our School. Use the Sunday collection or drop it off at the Parish Office. Please mark your envelope, *Fun Run – Fr. Ray*. Thanks!

Please be generous to the Bishop's Appeal – your Oakland Diocese. Remember what you are supporting: Future Priest and Deacons; Retirement of Priests and their care; keeping open Churches and Schools for the poor of our area and Pastoral Ministries and Services. Your support is the life line to keeping our Church, Word and Sacrament, alive and available to all. Remember also, OLG needs your support. By giving generously to this Appeal, we will reach our goal and then receive back to OLG, all that is over and above our goal. Everyone needs your generous support. What is God calling you to do in support of His Church?

-Fr. Ray

WE WALK THE ROAD TO EASTER

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The Gospel for The Fifth Sunday of Lent (March 26th)

John 11:1-45

Due to the length of the Gospel, it could not be printed. We thank you for your understanding.

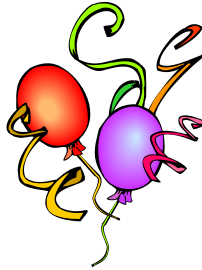
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our light

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FR. RAY'S 47TH ANNIVERSARY

We wish Fr. Ray a very warm "Congratulations" for his 47 years of service to the church and as a faithful servant to the people of God. **Fr. Ray, we are blessed to have you here with us at OLG!**



LENTEN FISH FRY IS BACK! Knights of Columbus

Join us on **March 31st** for our Fish Fry in Stack Center from 5:00-7:00pm. Cost is \$10 per person, payable at the door. Enjoy a delicious fish dinner prepared by the Knights of Columbus and enjoy the company of fellow parishioners. See you there!

HAVANA NIGHTS SPRING AUCTION May 6th

Join us for OLG's Spring Auction "Havana Nights" on **May 6th** in Stack Center from 5:30-10:30pm. It'll also be an unforgettable evening of Cocktails, Dinner and Dancing! Tickets are \$65 per person, \$520 for Table of 8 and \$650 for Table of 10. You may purchase them here: zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/9dbbc6d7-4cda-400e-a700-7a5b471ec49d Onsite childcare will be available. *Wear Your Cuban Attire!*



FESCO SHUFFLE Save the Date-May 6th

The 26th Annual Shuffle is scheduled for **Saturday, May 6th** at Moreau Catholic High School at 27170 Mission Blvd. in Hayward. *New this year – a 5K timed run at the Moreau Track 7:00 to 8:00am.* **Registration is \$50 for adults and \$25 for youth (16+ with school ID).** The Shuffle from 8:00am to 12:00pm is a free event which includes a walk, morning refreshments, lunch, entertainment, a drawing for door prizes and a "Kidz Zone" with bouncy houses, games and prizes. Please join this event which raises funds to support FESCO's programs that support homeless families with children. Go to fescoshuffle.org to join a team or donate. For more information, call volunteer, Chris Ippolito at 510-343-4876 or Stephanie Miller at the FESCO office at 510-886-5473.



I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS
BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL 2023

2023 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL

It is time for the Bishop's Ministries Appeal here at OLG and throughout the Diocese of Oakland. This yearly appeal assists our diocese in funding a variety of ministries, services, and programs that benefit many throughout the East Bay. There are 5 specific areas' that receive funds from the appeal.

- * Religious Education & Formation
- * Clergy Formation & Support
- * Pastoral Ministries & Services
- * Priest Retirement & Care
- * Support for Catholic Schools & Parishes in need

Be assured that none of the funds are ever redirected to any other causes.

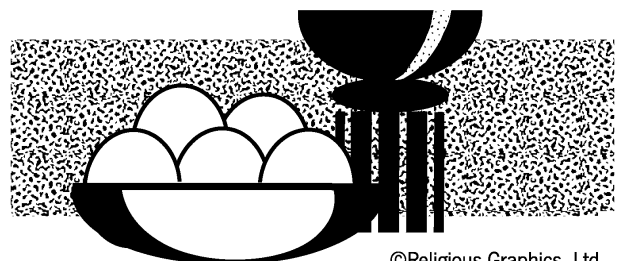
This year, the Bishop has selected the theme *I Am With You Always*. There are many exciting and positive things happening around the diocese and the services it provides. There are active ministries and programs that serve all the faithful within all parishes in one way or another. Our parish achieved **104.68%** of our goal last year with a small member participation. Imagine what we can do with greater participation! While OLG is your spiritual home, we are also part of a much larger, universal family and we have responsibilities to them as well. Let us act together to accomplish great things!

To make your donation, please use the envelopes provided in the pews or make your donation online by visiting: <https://oakdiocese.org/bishops-appeal-donation-page>.

FELLOWSHIP & HOT CROSS BUNS April 2nd



Join us on Palm Sunday after the 9:00am, 11:00am and 1:00pm Masses in the Gathering Area. We will enjoy fellowship and delicious Hot Cross Buns.



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**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES
BISHOP'S OVERSEAS APPEAL
THIS WEEKEND—MARCH 18TH & 19TH**

This appeal supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and advocacy on behalf of the powerless. Thank you for your generosity.

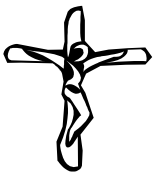
**FRIAR ANGEL GARCIA'S
ORDINATION**

You are invited to attend Friar Angel's Ordination on **March 25th** at Noon at St. Paul Catholic Church in San Pablo. Many of you may remember Friar Angel as a seminarian from San Antonio, Texas who blessed us with his presence here at OLG the summer of 2018. He was of great help to our VBS and Faith Formation programs. May God bless him and his vocation!



LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation will be available every Thursday at 6:00pm during Adoration and on Saturdays at 9:00am after the 8:15am Mass.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
English & Spanish**

Stations of the Cross in English, led by our school students are offered at Our Lady of Grace on Fridays at 2:15pm. Evening Stations in English begins at 6:00pm and in Spanish at 6:30pm. *There will be no evening Stations on April 7th (Good Friday).*

**WEDNESDAY LENTEN MASS &
SOUP MEAL**

Join us for our Lenten Masses held on Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm, followed by a simple meal of soup and bread in Stack Center. It will be a time for fellowship and families coming together. Our next Lenten Soup Meal on **March 22nd** is sponsored by the Italian Catholic Federation. We thank them for their ministry of hospitality for this meal. Financial donations will be accepted for CRS Rice Bowl.



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 FEBRUARY:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 49,243.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 48,000.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 1,243.00
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [2,787.00]

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
Grace Letteer
Brian Linney
Sheila McAlinden
Diana Riley

Jenny Roberts
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

JOHN BURROWS

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

VICTIMS OF THE UKRANIAN INVASION

VICTIMS OF COVID-19

40 DAYS OF LENT WITH FORMED.ORG

The Three Temptations w/ Dr. Brant Pitre

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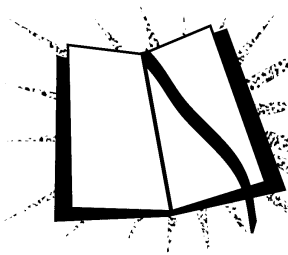
Reflect with Dr. Brant Pitre on the temptations of Jesus in the desert as he gets to the heart of the meaning of Lent.

Signs of Grace-For Children: How to Make a Great Confession

<https://watch.formed.org/signs-of-grace/season:1/videos/for-children-how-to-make-a-great-confession>

Kids will learn how to make a good Confession and will know that God always forgives us and gives us grace to be better in this sacrament.

If you are not a member, **register for free**, visit: www.olgcv.formed.org and type in "Our Lady of Grace, Castro Valley CA" to become a member.



The Word of
the LORD gives light
to the world

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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 **March 21st**. For additional information, please visit:

<https://www.californiacolumbiettes.com>

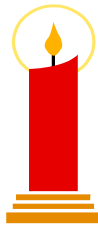


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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 **March 23rd**.

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.



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 **April 5th**.

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Mortification is a power which together with prayer, obtains divine graces, purifies souls, inflames them with love for God and one's neighbor and lovingly submits them to God through the Immaculata."

THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 19th:

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Masses

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

1st Communion Class (Year 2)

10:15am—Stack Center

Confirmation Class

12:15pm—Church

Spanish Mass

1:00pm—Church

Tuesday, March 21st:

Columbiette's Meeting

6:30pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Men's Faith Share

7:00pm—Stack Center

Women's Lenten Bible Study

7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

Wednesday, March 22nd:

Lenten Mass

6:00pm—Church

Lenten Soup Meal

7:00pm—Stack Center

RCIA

7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

Thursday, March 23rd:

Adoration & Reconciliation

6:00pm—Church

Knights of Columbus Meeting

6:30pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

AA Serenity Group

7:30pm—Augustine Center

Friday, March 24th:

Stations of the Cross

2:15pm (School)—Church

Stations of the Cross

6:00pm in English—Church

Estaciones de la Cruz

6:30pm en español—Iglesia

Saturday, March 25th:

Adoration & Reconciliation

9:00am—Church

Vigil Mass

5:00pm—Church

Mass for the Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, March 19th**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

7:30am Bart Jovellana — D
 9:00am Andrew & Lasalette Capote — L
 11:00am OLG Community
 1:00pm Jose Duarte — D

MONDAY, March 20th**ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

8:15am Louis Rodrigues — D

TUESDAY, March 21st

8:15am Guillermo Nazareno — D

WEDNESDAY, March 22nd

8:15am Jeffrey Wong — D
 6:00pm Juanita Cuevas — L

THURSDAY, March 23rd**St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop**

8:15am Philip Torres — D

FRIDAY, March 24th

8:15am Brenda Velez — L

SATURDAY, March 25th

8:15am Connie Alvarez — D
 5:00pm Manuel Freitas — D

SUNDAY, March 26th**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

7:30am Dewey Bargiacchi — D
 9:00am BettyLu Vaz — D
 11:00am Guillermo Nazareno — D
 1:00pm OLG Community

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**March 20th through March 26th**

Monday: 2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16;
 Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22;
 Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24
 Tuesday: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30
 Thursday: Ezekiel 32:7-14; John 5:31-47
 Friday: Wisdom 2:1, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10;
 Luke 1:26-38
 Sunday: Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11;
 John 11:1-45

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 **April 1st**.

**RELEVANT RADIO - 1260 AM**

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FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

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.

**PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."

—St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, 1979

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

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THIS WEEK--Continued**Sunday, March 26th:****Fifth Sunday of Lent****Masses**

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

1st Communion Class (Year 1)

10:15am — Stack Center

Confirmation Class

12:15pm — Church

Spanish Mass

1:00pm — Church