



I hope your celebration of Easter and Holy Week was as grace-filled as mine. This is a great Season of Easter in our Church. This Season lasts 50 days, 10 more days than Lent. The mystery of Christ life, death and Resurrection of Christ are central to our Faith. In light of this Truth, every Sunday is called a "Little Easter".

Have you ever been asked, "*What do you Catholics believe?*" How do you answer? Do you feel like you will have to explain all the dogmas, teachings, sacraments, and the Bible to that person? You could quote "The Creed", either the Nicene Creed or the Apostles Creed. But do you, yourself understand them? I want to suggest to you that the easiest, if not the best explanation of our Catholic Faith can be found in repeating to the Kerygma of our Faith. *Kerygma* is a term that is largely unfamiliar to most Catholics. Kerygma (from the Greek *keryssein*, to proclaim, and *keryx*, herald) refers to the initial and essential proclamation of the gospel message. The word appears nine times in the New Testament: once in Matthew (12:41), once in Mark (16:20), once in Luke (11:32), and six times in the letters of St. Paul (Rom. 16:25; 1 Cor. 1:21, 2:4, 15:14; 2 Tim. 4:17; and Titus 1:3). To put it simply, the kerygma is the very heart of the Gospel, the core message of the Christian faith that all believers are called to proclaim.

As strange as this might sound, you already know in your heart and by heart our Kerygma. You proclaim it almost every time you are at Mass. After the Consecration, the priest will intone or say: "Let us proclaim the mystery of our Faith". Often, we respond with the Kerygma, "Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again". If someone asks about Catholic belief, proudly proclaim the Truth of the Gospel, found throughout the history of the Church, our Kerygma.

The Auction is just two weeks away. Please, please support this important fundraiser that both the Parish and School are dependent on, which have, like you, been impacted by the effects of inflation. It will be a fun evening with good company, dancing, drink, and food!

Remember that I am still collecting gift cards to form a Gift Tree to be auctioned off. The cards are just starting to come in from Safeway, Amazon, Target, and Cold Stone Creamery. This is a good way to help the Auction, especially if you cannot come. Please put your gift cards in an envelope and place them in the Sunday Offering or bring them to the Parish Office, marked "Auction – Fr. Ray".

-Fr. Ray



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### The Fourth Sunday of Easter (April 30th)

John 10:1-10

Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them. So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."



### HAVANA NIGHTS SPRING AUCTION Two Weeks To Go!

Join us on May 6th at 5:30pm in Stack Center for an exciting evening of Delicious Bites, Cocktails, Raffle, Live Music, Dancing & the Auction!



Tickets costs \$65 per person  
Sponsor an 8-person table for \$520 or  
a 10-person table for \$650

#### Check Out These Fabulous Auction Items...

- Dinner for 4 with the firefighters of Station 25 on San Miguel Avenue
- BeClinical skincare package including medical grade skin care products, a gift certificate for Botox and a HydroPower Ultra Facial
- Dinner for 6 prepared by Fr. James and hosted by Fr. Ray and Fr. James
- Estate tasting experience for 4 guests at Quintessa Winery in St. Helena
- 7 nights stay at the Raintree Westin in Cabo San Lucas in a 1-Room Suite
- 3 night stay at Vino Bello Resort in Napa plus Vintners' Collective for 4
- 7 night stay in Hawaii (Big Island) in a 1-Bedroom Suite
- Two Southwest Airlines travel vouchers plus brand new luggage
- And So Much More!

**Get your tickets today!**

Tickets may be purchased at the Parish Office and online by visiting: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/9dbbc6d7-4cda-400e-a700-7a5b471ec49d>

*All proceeds will benefit OLG Parish and School*



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BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL 2023

### 2023 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL

***Does my parish have to achieve goal to receive the parish rebate?***

Yes. Since rebates are given for all funds received above goal, your parish must achieve and then exceed goal to receive a rebate. Remember also, the rebate is based on the cash received, not pledges made. The Diocese cannot make payments on pledges, and not all pledges are fully redeemed by all parishioners.

*Our goal is to gain 100% participation from all members of Our Lady of Grace Parish!* 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>.



### FESTIVAL 2023 September 23rd-24th

September will be here before we know it—we are committed to getting our Annual Fall Festival back but we need your help. Our Festival Co-Chairs are in place but now we are counting on others from the parish and school communities to fill some other volunteer opportunities. The areas we are looking for leads are the following:

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Sign-Up Genus admin & POC for volunteers

**Carnival Manager:** POC for vendor, liaison for individual family volunteers for carnival area

**Internal Food Manager:** Operational oversight of internal food booths, manage supply inventory & POC for any external vendors participating

**Entertainment Coordinator:** Stage entertainment POC, manages internal & external partners, day of event area manager

**Marketing Coordinator:** Internal and external event promotion lead

**Ticket Sales - Parish:** Lead for all pre-event ticket sales - pancake breakfast, pasta dinner, etc.

**Ticket Sales - School:** Lead for all pre-event ticket sales

It takes a village or in this case, a Parish Community to make the Festival happen, so please consider how you can be of service for our fun Parish tradition. Contact Colleen in the Parish Office at [clindberg@olgcv.org](mailto:clindberg@olgcv.org) or [Vince\\_Belizario@jackmorton.com](mailto:Vince_Belizario@jackmorton.com) and [dawn.leo@ropesgray.com](mailto:dawn.leo@ropesgray.com)



### OLG EVANGELIZATION COORDINATOR JOB POSTING

Our Lady of Grace Parish is seeking a Coordinator to manage the K-5 Whole Family Programs. The Coordinator is responsible for developing curriculum consistent with the Diocesan guidelines. The Coordinator maintains the calendar of the program, recruits and supervises catechists and other volunteers, and communicates regularly with students, families, catechists and other volunteers. This is currently a part time position (18 hours per week) for 10 months of the year, starting August thru May. Qualifications include a Bachelor's Degree or equivalent, current Basic Catechist and at least two years of experience as a catechist in the area of responsibility. Please contact Colleen Lindberg in the Parish Office at [clindberg@olgcv.org](mailto:clindberg@olgcv.org).



### UPCOMING FESCO EVENTS Yard Sale

Come and find wonderful deals on collectibles, housewares, costume jewelry, vintage items, glassware, eclectic decor and so much more! All proceeds will support FESCO in its efforts to end family homelessness in Alameda County.

**2918 Hidden Lane in Hayward**

**Saturday & Sunday, April 22nd & 23rd from 9:00am-5:00pm**

### FESCO Shuffle

The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Shuffle is scheduled for **Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00am to 12:00pm at Moreau Catholic High School at 27170 Mission Blvd. in Hayward. **Registration is \$50 for adults and \$25 for youth (16+ with school ID).** Go to <https://lafamilia.securesweet.com/> 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.



### ROSARY BEFORE MASS

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

### 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 MARCH:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 36,016.00
<b>Month Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 37,000.00</b>
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [984.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [2,952.00]

*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  
Anna Rose Esteban  
Nancy French  
Don Giles  
Cindy Jardin  
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**

**GLORIA CORPUZ**

**VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE**

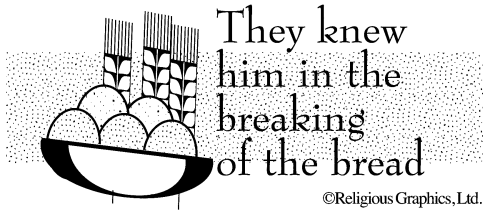
**VICTIMS OF THE UKRANIAN INVASION**

**VICTIMS OF COVID-19**



### CONGRATULATIONS TO ANTENEH TADESSE!

Congratulations to Anteneh Tadesse, a member of OLG's Class of 2023! He was honored as one of this year's Eden Area Chamber of Commerce Student of the Year! This incredible honor is bestowed on one student per school within the Castro Valley area. The awarding of this recognition to Anteneh was agreed on unanimously by all of his teachers, as well as the OLG School Principal, for his incredible altruistic spirit and willingness to help the younger members of our school community day in and day out. Congratulations, Anteneh, and thank you for everything you do for our school community!



## 1ST HOLY EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION

Please pray for our Sacrament students as they prepare to receive 1st Holy Eucharist on **May 20th**



at **11:00am** and **May 21st** at **9:00am, 11:00am** and **1:00pm** at Our Lady of Grace Church.

Also, pray for our Confirmation candidates as they prepare for the Rite of Confirmation on **May 13th** at 2:00pm at the Cathedral of Christ the Light.

## SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. RAY October 16th-20th



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

If you are interested in the Pilgrimage, please contact Fr. Ray at [rmallett1@hotmail.com](mailto:rmallett1@hotmail.com) or call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.



**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. Our next class will be held in Stack Center, OLG Room at 7:00pm on **May 3rd**. Please call Jay at 510-537-0806 to register.

## MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"With full confidence, with boundless trust in [the Immaculata's] special protection, let us be guided in an ever more perfect manner."*

# THIS WEEK

## Sunday, April 23rd:

### Third Sunday of Easter

Masses

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

1st Communion Class (Year 1)

10:15am—Stack Center

Confirmation Class

12:15pm—Stack Center

Spanish Mass

1:00pm—Church

## Tuesday, April 25th:

Men's Faith Share

7:00pm—Stack Center

## Wednesday, April 26th:

RCIA

7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

## Thursday, April 27th:

Adoration & Reconciliation

6:00pm—Church

Knights of Columbus Meeting

6:30pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

AA Serenity Group

7:30pm—Augustine Center

## Saturday, April 29th:

Adoration & Reconciliation

8:45am—Church

Vigil Mass

5:00pm—Church

## Sunday, April 30th:

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

Masses

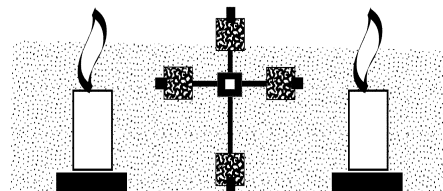
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# Mass Intentions for the Week

## SUNDAY, April 23rd

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30am Maria Nhuan – D  
 9:00am OLG Community  
 11:00am Helen Maes – D  
 1:00pm Demecio Mendoza – D

## MONDAY, April 24th

### St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr

8:15am Edigio Lee – D

## TUESDAY, April 25th

### St. Mark, Evangelist

8:15am Timoti Luwver – L

## WEDNESDAY, April 26th

8:15am Manuel & Maria Costa & Family

## THURSDAY, April 27th

8:15am Manuel Silva & Family

## FRIDAY, April 28th

### St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr

### St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

8:15am Joni, Ted & Kathleen Linney – D

## SATURDAY, April 29th

### St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

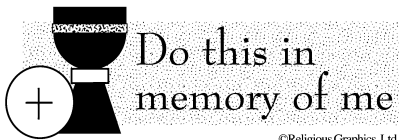
8:15am Kordula Gardner – L

5:00pm Julie Villarreal Dillon – D

## SUNDAY, April 30th

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30am Irene Giroux – D  
 9:00am Maria Reyna – D  
 11:00am OLG Community  
 1:00pm Alberto Reveles & Crucita Covarrubias – D



## EXECUTION ALERTS

The following execution is scheduled to take place in April:

April 26th Ivan Cantu Texas

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK: April 24th through April 30th

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29  
 Tuesday: 1 Peter 5:5-14; Mark 16:15-20  
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1-8; John 6:35-40  
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51  
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59  
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69  
 Sunday: Acts 2:14, 36-41; 1 Peter 2:20-25; John 10:1-10



## 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 April 27th.

## 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.

Next Meeting: **May 4th**, 9:00am to 11:30am

Speaker: Joan Luise Hill

Topic: "Miracles, Your Secret Superpower"

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

*"There is no wilderness so terrible, so beautiful, so arid and so fruitful as the wilderness of compassion. It is the only desert that shall truly flourish like the lily."*

—Thomas Merton, 1953

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

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