

To all our Mothers, living and deceased, Happy Mother's Day. This is our Day to Honor All Mothers as well as remember our own Mother and the Gift of Life that we From the Pastor have received through her. Life ultimately is a Gift from God. Our Mothers are a true sign of God's Love, and they gave us life and love to live in. What a Gift! What a

Blessing!

This also is a day to be supportive of those who never knew a Mother's Love. Death, drugs, illness and so many other realities enter into a child's life and the image of a loving Mother may be lost. Help others to find and know that Mother's Love that they lost or never knew in their life. Yesterday, on Saturday, May 13th, 17 young men and women of our parish were Confirmed at the Cathedral. They have been preparing for 2 years for this moment by prayer, classes, and service to others. Please pray for them as they have received the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

Last Saturday, we held our Auction to benefit both the Parish and the School. Thank you to all who took part in it. At this writing, I have no idea how much was raised. But I do know, it was I wonderful gathering of our parish and will be a great support to the largest Ministry of our Parish, Our Lady of Grace School.

As we celebrate Mother's Day, as Catholics we remember, Our Blessed Mother, the Mother of Jesus. Have you ever heard of the tradition of Mary's House? It is located in Ephesus, Turkey. Tradition says this is where St. John wrote the Book of Revelation and where he cared for the Mother of Jesus. This place is a pilgrimage spot for both Christians and Muslims. I've been a pilgrim there three times. Honoring Our Blessed Mother can be found not as a tenet of Faith among non-Christians throughout Asia but is found in the popular devotion of many non-Christians. Maybe it will be such devotion that will bring the truth of Jesus Christ throughout our world.

If you can join me for the Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe, you are once again invited. The Shrine is on Holy Ground. The image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, on the tilma, dates back to 1531. It has been the sign that has brought about the conversion of millions of people, and it continues to our day. A Pilgrimage is a time for the Lord to work upon you with His Grace and Power. Please contact me at the Parish Office (510-537-0806) for more information.

-Fr. Ray



## The Ascension of the Lord (May 21st)

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshipped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."



### **MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER**

Dear Lord, we pray for all mothers, both living and deceased. We ask that you bless them and keep them in your loving care. We pray that you give them strength and courage as they face the challenges of mother-hood. We ask that you guide them in their daily lives and help them to be the best mothers they can be. We also pray for those mothers who have passed away. May they rest in peace and know that they are loved and missed. Amen.

## **HONORING MOTHER'S DAY**

As a means of honoring our mothers, deceased and living, a Triduum of Masses which will be celebrated on May 15th, 16th and 17th. Cards and Spiritual Bouquet Forms are available in the Parish Office. Forms are also available in the Church. Please pick one up if you would like to honor your loved one and return it to the Parish Office with your donation. If you choose to use Online Giving, please list the names of your loved ones there. The names of those remembered will be placed at the altar for 3 days.



# CATHOLIC CHARITIES SPECIAL COLLECTION This Weekend-May 13th & 14th

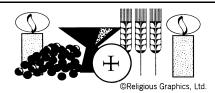
The Catholic Charities of the East Bay helps keep people housed, helps young people stay in school and keeps families safely together.

### 2022 Highlights

- 9,984 individuals received essential services from Catholic Charities
- 7,926 received healthy food
- 5,154 hours of counseling were provided to young people and families.
- 1,838 students attended Catholic Charities programs in Oakland and Richmond schools
- 483 households stayed housed thanks to \$4.4 million for back rent

Please make your checks out to "Catholic Charities". Envelopes will be in the pews for your use. Or you may scan the QR code to make your donation. We thank you for your generosity!





# FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION SATURDAY, MAY 20th at 11:00am & SUNDAY, MAY 21st at 9:00am, 11:00am & 1:00pm

Please join us in welcoming these young members of our community to the table for the first time.

# **First Holy Communion Recipients**

Cadalina Alvarez-Barragan Zeno Balbo Reves Bonilla Zacheus Brontonel Micaela Castellanos Caelene Catap Dylan Cimmiyotti Pablo Cimmiyotti Lucas Decker Alina Delatorre Isabella Fajardo Hamilton Fortich Gavin Galea Julia Garcia Liliana Garcia Savanna Gual Julien Haro Zoey Joanino Grace Madruga Abigail Mangundayao Arina Manrique Daniel Mansourou Christian Mora

Alyana Navarro Datu Giovanni Perry Savannah Marin Perez Laila Ocampo Resurreccion Justin Ornelas Diaz Connor Quintero Xiamary Rangel Mejia Matias Rivera Carlos Rivera Isela Rodriguez Adrian Saavedra James Solis Lennox Sundita Camille Thomas Marcus Tibbets Ayla Truong Lucas Venegas Sanchez Marco VirgenTorres Mia VirgenTorres Paul Wesela Jr. Lauren Wilhite Diana Zambrano Mattias Zanini



# FALL FESTIVAL 2023 September 23rd-24th

We are still in need of volunteers! Sign up and offer your

time and talents for one of these positions: Carnival Manager, Volunteer Coordinator, Food Manager, Entertainment Coordinator, Marketing Coordinator and Ticket Sales. Help the Parish and School bring our long-standing and successful Fall Festival back in FULL SWING AGAIN!

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 <a href="mailto:clind-berg@olgcv.org">clind-berg@olgcv.org</a> or Vince <a href="mailto:Belizario@jackmorton.com">Belizario@jackmorton.com</a>



# 2023 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL

Many thanks to those parishioners who have already generously contributed towards our Bishop's Ministries Appeal. Following is the status of this appeal through April 30th:

Actual Donations Received: \$16,129.00
Overall Goal for 2023: \$29,000.00

# of Acknowledged Donors to date: 76

Funds Raised (includes pledges): \$23,187.00

We are currently at **80%** of our goal! To make your donation, please use the envelopes provided in the pews or make your donation online by visiting: <a href="https://oakdiocese.org/bishops-appeal-donation-page">https://oakdiocese.org/bishops-appeal-donation-page</a>.

# FR. TOM CZECK'S ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

You are invited to attend Fr. Tom's Mass of Thanksgiving on **June 25th** to celebrate 25 years of the Priesthood at 2:00pm at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Pismo Beach. There will be a reception at 3:00pm in the Hall and a dinner at 4:00pm.

# RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Our RCIA program invites all who are interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith or is seeking membership into the Church. To register, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806. All are welcome!



# 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.

### **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 APRIL:

Sunday Plate for the month: \$ 43,179.00

Month Budgeted Goal: \$ 35,000.00

Over/[Shortfall] \$ 8,179.00

Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall] \$ 4,805.00

May God bless your continuing generosity.

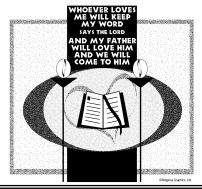


# **Your Prayers Are Requested**

Please lift up in your prayer those among us who are ill and those who have asked for our prayerful remembrance:

Virginia Cabardo 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

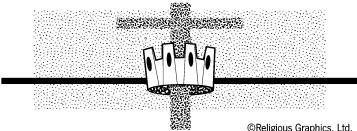


Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of a loved one.

In Memorial

RUDOLPH GUZMAN LARRY FISHER BRUCE PARKER MARIA ARGIRO

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE
VICTIMS OF THE UKRANIAN INVASION
VICTIMS OF COVID-19



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### FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

We are very grateful for the generous donation from Elsa in remembrance of  $\mathcal{S}_n$ Aurelia Salas. Flower donation envelopes Memory of 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.

### **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 May 16th. For additional information, please visit:

https://www.californiacolumbiettes.com

### **MEN'S FAITH SHARE**

The OLG's Men Faith Share Group meets on Tuesdays at 7:00pm in Stack Center, Room 7. All men of the Parish are invited to come. This group meets each week to read and discuss the upcoming Sunday's readings for the Mass. If you are looking for a small group setting to pray with and explore the Word each week, plan on joining us!

# PRE-BAPTISM CLASS **FOR PARENTS & GODPARENTS**

If you are wishing to have your child, ages infant to six years baptized, parents BAPTISM 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 June 7th. Please call Jay at 510-537-0806 to register.

# MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Let yourself be guided by the Immaculata andcollaborate [to win for Christ] all and each individually who exist now and shall exist in the future."

# THIS WEE

Sunday, May 14th:

Sixth Sunday of Easter Happy Mother's Day!

Masses

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

Spanish Mass 1:00pm—Church

Tuesday, May 16th:

Columbiette's Meeting 6:30pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Men's Faith Share 7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

Thursday, May 18th:

Adoration & Reconciliation 6:00pm—Church

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00pm—Parish Office

AA Serenity Group 7:30pm—Augustine Center

Saturday, May 20th:

Adoration & Reconciliation 8:45am—Church

1st Holy Communion Mass 11:00am—Church

Vigil Mass 5:00pm—Church

Sunday, May 21st:

The Ascension of the Lord

Masses

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

1st Holy Communion Masses 9:00am, 11:00am & 1:00pm—Church

1st Communion Class (Year 1) 10:15am—Stack Center

Spanish Mass 1:00pm—Church

### **ROSARY BEFORE MASS**

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

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# SUNDAY, May 14th

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30am Maria Ha Vo – D

9:00am MaryLou Vincent – L

11:00am OLG Community

1:00pm Imelda Sanchez Mendoza – D

# MONDAY, May 15th

St. Isidore

8:15am Mother's Day Remembrance

# TUESDAY, May 16th

Mother's Day Remembrance 8:15am

### WEDNESDAY, May 17th

Mother's Day Remembrance 8:15am

### THURSDAY, May 18th

St. John I, Pope & Martyr

8:15am Anty Zaldivar – D

# FRIDAY, May 19th

8:15am All Souls in Purgatory

## SATURDAY, May 20th

St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

8:15am Louis Rodrigues – D

Bambino Madamba – D 5:00pm

### SUNDAY, May 21st

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

7:30am **OLG Community** 

9:00am Sue Klas-L

11:00am Martha Sanchez – D

1:00pm Imelda Sanchez Mendoza – D

### **EXECUTION ALERTS**

The following execution is scheduled to take place in May:

Rich Glossip Oklahoma May 18th

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

### **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 June 3rd.



# **READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

### May 15th through May 21st

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4 Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11 Wednesday: Acts 17:15,22-18:1; John 16:12-15

Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20 Thursday: Friday: Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23

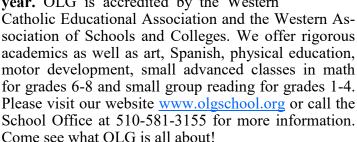
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23-28 Sunday: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23;

Matthew 28:16-20



# APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED AT OUR LADY OF GRACE SCHOOL

**Our Lady of Grace Catholic School** is currently accepting applications for new students for the 2023-2024 school vear. OLG is accredited by the Western



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# PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"There is no dichotomy between man and God's image. Whoever tortures a human being, whoever abuses a human being, whoever outrages a human begin, abuses God's image."

-St. Oscar Romero, 1980

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