-Fr. Raphael

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This week on November 1st, the Church celebrates ALL SAINTS DAY, A Holy Day of Obli-From the Pastor gation. On November 1st, all saints: canonized or beatified, and the multitude of those who have lived lives like ours, who are in heaven and are only known to God, are remembered. They were

baptized, marked with the sign of faith and were faithful to Christ's teaching. They have gone before us to their heavenly home and they call on us to follow them. The feast of All Saints should inspire us to imitate them.

My friends, we all have been given a universal call to holiness. This call invites us to follow in the footsteps of the Lord so that one day we will share in the heavenly vision as do the saints we honor. As we celebrate The Solemnity of All Saints, we need to hear Christ speaking the words of the Beatitudes to us personally. These blessings will lead us to share in the joy of the saints. Immediately following The Solemnity of All Saints is the Commemoration of the All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) on November 2nd. On this day, The Church prays for all who await the day when they will join in heavenly glory and be joined to the company of the saints. Our prayers, the prayers of the Church, can and are united with those of the saints to assist the faithful departed, our departed loved ones, to enter into the joy of the kingdom of heaven. Keep in mind that at each Mass the priest celebrant remembers all those who have fallen asleep in Christ and prays that God grant them a place of happiness, light and peace. There is no Mass in which the Church does not pray for the faithful departed. On November 2nd, the Church directs its prayers for all the faithful departed, asking that no soul be left behind but all our departed loved ones share in the joy of the kingdom of heaven. Pray to the saints for their intercession. Pray for the faithful departed.

Celebrate The Solemnity of All Saints and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed this week.



The Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time (November 5th)

Matthew 23:1-12

Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them. All their works are performed to be seen. They widen their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels. They love places of honor at banquets, seats of honor in synagogues, greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation 'Rabbi.' As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

ALL SAINTS' DAY & ALL SOULS' DAY

All Saints' Day Masses (*Holy Day of* <u>*Obligation*</u>) will be celebrated on **Wednesday, November 1st** at 8:15am (School Liturgy) and 7:00pm.

ALL SAINTS' DAY

All Souls' Day Masses will be celebrated on **Thursday, November 2nd** at 8:15am and 7:00pm. There will be no Adoration.

The envelopes for All Saints' and All Souls' will be placed on the altar in November for those wishing to remember their loved ones. Our *Book of Remembrance* also provides an opportunity to record names of deceased loved ones to be lifted up in our prayer during this month.

You may also bring a picture of your loved one to be place on the table before the St. Joseph statue in the Church and it will remain there during the month of November. Please put your name and contact info on the back of the photo.



ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Our Parish will celebrate our annual Mass of Remembrance on Wednesday,

November 15th at 7:00pm. This Mass has proved to be a very memorable liturgy for us who recall, in a particular way, those who have died in the past twelve months, as well as those who have gone before us in faith and in death. Votive candles will be provided. Everyone is invited to come and pray.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD OFFERING OF LETTERS October 28th & 29th



Join us this weekend for our annual Bread for the World Offering of Letters

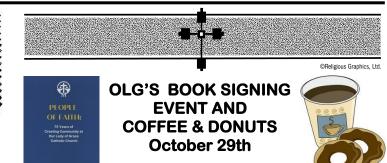
sponsored by OLG's Pax Christi/Social Justice group. You will have an opportunity to sign postcards to your senators and representative asking them to support legislation that reduces child hunger both in the U.S. and abroad. So please take a few minutes after Mass to visit our tables at the entrances to the church and sign the postcards.



CALLING ALL CRAFTERS AND ARTISTS

We are planning a Holiday Boutique on Sunday, **November 26th**, from 8:30am to 1:00pm. If you are interested in being a

vendor at our Holiday Boutique, please contact Kathi Leal at 510-502-9010 or email at <u>kleal@comcast.net</u>.



Join us for our **75th Anniversary Book Signing Event** after the 7:30am and 9:00am Masses in Stack Center. Meet Mark Vaz, parishioner and author of this beautiful treasure! Cost is \$14 per copy at this event and in the Parish Office. (Otherwise you may purchase copies on Amazon for \$16.95 + shipping.)

Fellowship Sunday Coffee & Donuts

During our Book Signing Event in Stack Center, join fellow parishioners for Coffee & Donuts after the 7:30am and 9:00am Masses. See you there!



DINNER WITH THE FRANCISCANS November 4th

Join us as we celebrate the **42nd Year of the Province of the St. Joseph of Cupertino.** All proceeds benefit the education of Friars who will minister here in California.

- Doors open at 6:00pm in Stack Center
- Cost is \$50 per person
- Choice of Breast of Chicken Sauvignon or Vegetable Lasagna
- Beer and Wine for purchase
- Silent and 50/50 Auctions!

Get Your Tickets Today!

Purchase your tickets online by visiting: <u>https://tinyurl.com/franciscansdinner</u> or scan the QR code below. Tickets are also sold after all the Masses and in the Parish Office. Check or cash please. If you are not able to attend, we kindly ask for a donation supporting our Franciscan Seminarians.



We thank the Knights of Columbus for organizing this yearly event.



ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PRESENTATION BY FR. TOM CZECK

Join Fr. Tom Czeck who will be offering a presentation on the life of St. Maximilian and the movement that he

started. Fr. Tom, who is The National Spiritual Assistant to the Militia of the Immaculata, will hold his 45 minute presentation on **Saturday**, **November 11th at 2:30pm** at the hall at Transfiguration Church. All are welcome!

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY & CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL There's Still Time to Give

World Mission Sunday is an annual global celebration within the Catholic Church. This very important appeal supports the missionary work of the Church through prayer and sacrifices.

Your donations support training future priests and religious, supporting religious Sisters, empowering catechists teaching the faith, funding clinics for the sick and dying and providing homes for orphaned children.

Please make your check out to *Propagation of the Faith* and place your donation in the envelopes provided in the pews. You may also drop your donation off at the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity.

OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Did You Know??

- OLG is proud of its diversity, represented by our students of many ethnicities. Many were born (or have parents who were born) in another country. Help spread the word!
- Students can learn how to code from as early as Kindergarten at OLG. Just another example of the 'extras' that a parochial school can provide.
- Our TK students visited a pumpkin patch last Friday. Just another way to get ready for the upcoming festivities in the weeks ahead. We thank Bishop O'Dowd High School for providing transportation for our littlest angels.

Come Check Us Out! Visit <u>www.olgschool.org</u> for more information.

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 SEPTEMBER:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 35,339.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 38,000.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [2,661.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 203.00
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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:

Jaime Arce Phyllis Barthman Lois Belmessieri Jot Brown Raul Cepeda Nancy French Joan Gabrielli Skeet Jennings Grace Letteer Brian Linney Sheila McAlinden Maria del Consuelo Ortega Cec Penland Julie Richardson Diana Riley Jenny Roberts Al Rojas Alyssia Tortora 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

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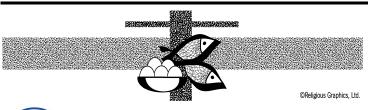
PRE-BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS & GODPARENTS

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.

Due to All Saints' Day falling on November 1st, our next class will be held on **Thursday**, **November 2nd** in Stack Center, OLG Room at 7:00pm. Please call Jay at 510-537-0806 to register.

OUR LADY OF GRACE PARISH





ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

Warm Coat Drive

As we prepare for colder weather, St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting coats, blankets and socks in November and December. Our main need is men's coats in larger sizes; but we will accept women's and children's sizes too. We will have collection barrels at the 2 main entrances to the church and in the Parish Office. PLEASE DO NOT leave other items of clothing.

Thanksgiving Day Food Donations

St. Vincent de Paul is once again accepting your gifts of food and cash during our Thanksgiving Liturgy. Please help us to help the needy in our community. Items most needed are as follows:

Peanut butter, jam/jelly, tuna, soup/chili, cereal, granola bars, pasta, rice, canned fruit or vegetables, boxed fruit drinks, fruit cups, individual bags of chips or cookies, Safeway and Lucky gift cards.

Many of those that we serve are single or have limited ability to cook. We give them gift cards to purchase an already prepared meal at the grocery store for Thanksgiving and then include a variety of food items that they can use at any time. We also make up lunch bags that include a sandwich and some of the items from above. Thank you for your generosity!

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 November 4th.



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MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We should not be surprised if the people who live around us have not only virtues but also severe flaws and only in paradise, in fact, will we be free of all imperfections. Forward with joy, then, and with good will."



Sunday, October 29th:

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

75th Anniversary Book Signing & Coffee & Donuts After the 7:30am & 9:00am Masses—Stack Center

Bread For the World After all the Masses

Confirmation Class 12:15pm—Stack Center

Spanish Mass 1:00pm—Church

Monday, October 30th:

Women's Faith Sharing 7:00pm—Stack Center

Tuesday, October 31st:

Men's Cursillo Meeting 6:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

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

Wednesday, November 1st:

All Saints' Day Masses 8:15am (School Liturgy) & 7:00pm—Church

Thursday, November 2nd:

All Souls' Day Masses 8:15am & 7:00pm—Church

Pre-Baptism Class 7:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

AA Serenity Group 7:30pm—Augustine Center

Friday, November 3rd:

1st Friday Latin Mass 7:00pm—Church

Saturday, November 4th:

Adoration & Reconciliation 8:45am—Church

Militia Immaculata Meeting 10:00am-Stack Center, OLG Room

Vigil Mass 5:00pm—Church

Dinner with the Franciscans 6:00pm—Stack Center



SUNDAY, October 29th THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 7:30am OLG Community 9:00am Jose Ricardo Sanchez – D 11:00am Lasalette Marie Capote – L 1:00pm Esperanza Ortega – D

MONDAY, October 30th 8:15am Martha Melendez – L

TUESDAY, October 31st 8:15am Juanita Cuevas – D

WEDNESDAY, November 1st ALL SAINTS' DAY 8:15am Covarrubias & Zuniga Families – D 7:00pm No Intention

THURSDAY, November 2nd THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY) 8:15am Debi Telles – D 7:00pm No Intention

FRIDAY, November 3rd St. Martin de Porres, Religious 8:15am Burt Richard – D

SATURDAY, November 4th St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop 8:15am Macario Zaldivar – D 5:00pm The Lindberg Family – L

SUNDAY, November 5th THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 7:30am Donald Giles – D 9:00am Maria Que Nguyen – D 11:00am OLG Community 1:00pm The Ramos & Vasquez Families – D

THIS WEEK--Continued

Sunday, November 5th:

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Communion-Year 2 Class 10:15am—Stack Center

Confirmation Class 12:15pm—Stack Center

Spanish Mass 1:00pm—Church

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

October 30th through November 5th

Monday: Ron Tuesday: Ron Wednesday: Rev Ma Thursday: Wis Friday: Ron Saturday: Ron Luk Sunday: Ma 1 T

Romans 8:12-17; Luke 13:10-17 Romans 8:18-25; Luke 13:18-21 Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12 Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11 Romans 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6 Romans 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29; Luke 14:1, 7-11 Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10; 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13; Matthew 23:1-12



ROSARY BEFORE MASS

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

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. Our theme this year is "Joy for the Journey: Rejoice in the Lord Always, Again I Say Rejoice."

Our meeting will be at the Transfiguration Church Hall. Please follow Covid-19 safety protocols.

Next Meeting: November 2nd, 9:00am to 11:15am

Speaker: Sister Patricia Bruno, OP

Topic: "Please take this grain of hope..."

For further information or if you would like to attend, please contact: Carolyn Willkie at willkiecarolyn@gmail.com.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If we fall in love with creation deeper and deeper, we will respond to its endangerment with passion."

-St. Hildegard of Bingen, 1152

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