



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Looking forward to celebrating Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 23rd, let us keep in mind the good things that we have received throughout this past year and give thanks. It is a time for us to pray for those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Remember that the St. Vincent de Paul Society is busy collecting food items and clothing to be distributed among the homeless. Please see page 2 of this Bulletin for more details.

As we gather at our family tables, we must always keep in mind that which takes place in our Church every day at The Table of the Lord – The Celebration of the Eucharist. This year within the Diocese, the theme for Eucharist Revival is *"I Am With You Always"* remembering that the Eucharist is at the heart of everything. Here at our cluster, we would like to continue to give special attention to the Eucharist. To celebrate The Solemnity of Christ the King on November 26th, there will be a Eucharistic Procession beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:30 PM at Our Lady of Grace Church, carrying the Blessed Sacrament in procession (it will take about an hour) to Transfiguration Church where Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will take place. Everyone is invited to participate. Please be aware that arrangements need to be made to have transportation between our two churches.

Then, as we begin A New Liturgical Year, on Sunday, December 3rd, at the 11:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church, my Installation as the new pastor of the newly designed cluster will take place at which time a Profession of Faith and Oath of Office will be signed, and I will "formally takes possession of the parishes." Parishioners from Transfiguration Church and Our Lady of Grace Church are invited to attend. Following the Installation, all parishioners are invited to the Hall at Transfiguration for a reception.

Celebrate the bonds we share as personal families at Thanksgiving, and as the family of God the Church as we celebrate The Solemnity of Christ the King participating in our Eucharistic Procession and the First Sunday of Advent to witness the Installation and begin a new liturgical year.

-Fr. Raphael

### **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (November 26th)**

**Matthew 25:31-46**

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

## THANKSGIVING DAY LITURGY

Our Lady of Grace Parish will celebrate a *Mass of Thanksgiving* on Thursday, **November 23rd at 9:30am**. There is much to be thankful for in our lives and this is also a time to consider ways of helping those around us who are in need. The monetary collection from this Mass will benefit the work of our St. Vincent de Paul Society. St. Vincent de Paul will be taking donations of food, cash and gift cards **beginning this weekend, November 18th & 19th**, before Thanksgiving Day. Many of our clients are single and have very minimal access to cooking facilities.

Our greatest needs are: *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.*

Food items that are brought the weekend before Thanksgiving may be placed in bins that are located at the entrances to the Church. Gift cards may be brought to the Parish Office or placed in the mail slot. As always—we greatly appreciate your generosity. We could not do this ministry without your support. If you are interested in other ways to help, please contact Heidi at 510-581-2164. Please pray for us and for those whom we are helping.



## HOW YOU CAN HELP THOSE IN NEED THIS HOLIDAY SEASON



### St. Vincent de Paul Warm Coat Drive

*We are thankful for the generosity from those who have given so far.* St. Vincent de Paul is collecting **coats, blankets and socks this month and in December**. Our main need is men's coats in larger sizes; but we will accept women's and children's sizes too. We have collection barrels at the 2 main entrances to the church and in the Parish Office. **PLEASE DO NOT** leave other items of clothing. Thank you!

If you know someone in our community what could use our help, or if you have interested in knowing more about this ministry—please call our SVdP line at 510-581-2164 and someone will get back to you.

### FESCO & Castro Valley Outreach "Adopt A Family" Christmas Giving Trees

Our Lady of Grace invites you to help Castro Valley families with our Giving Trees. Each family member has an ornament on our Giving Trees which you will find in the Church, School and Parish Office. Please take an ornament and return the gifts with the ornament, box and receipt, **unwrapped** to the Parish Office by **Thursday, December 14th**. This will allow our students and Parent Group members time to catalog and wrap. Thank you for your generosity!



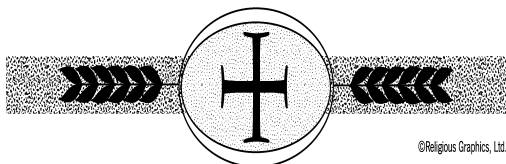
## CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PARISH APPEAL November 18th & 19th

This weekend our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than thirty-eight million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. *25% of your contribution stays in our diocese to support the organizations addressing our community's needs for housing, jobs, and educational opportunities.* Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development>



## SPARE CHANGE TO SPARE A LIFE November 18th & 19th

Birthright of San Lorenzo, a crisis pregnancy center, needs your help to support mothers in crisis by participating in a "Change for Babies" fundraiser. Your spare change will go towards the funding of daily operating expenses to keep the doors open to pregnant women seeking an alternative to abortion. Volunteers will be passing out baby bottles after the Masses on the weekend of **November 18th & 19th** to collect your spare change. You may return bottles to the Parish Office or to Birthright office in San Lorenzo. Your spare change can help spare babies and change lives!



## THANKSGIVING DAY PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, **November 23rd** and Friday, **November 24th**. We will reopen on Monday, **November 27th** at 8:30am. The entire Parish staff wishes you and your family a Blessed Thanksgiving!



## OLG'S HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE November 26th

Shop for holiday gifts for family and friends at *OLG's Holiday Boutique* from 8:30am to 1:00pm in Stack Center. Peruse beautiful handmade gifts designed and crafted by local artists. There will also be delicious baked goods for sale.

Bring the kids—children will have fun at our *Make & Take Craft Table*, creating wonderful Christmas crafts! See you there!

## CHRIST THE KING EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION November 26th

Join us at 2:30pm in the Church for Exposition of the Holy Eucharist followed by a Procession from OLG to Transfiguration Church. Walk in unity with parishioners from both parishes, supporting with reverence the real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The Procession will take about an hour. Wear comfortable shoes and bring water along! Be sure to arrange for transportation between the churches.



## ALTAR SERVING MINISTRY Calling All Students 4th to 12th Grades!

Altar Serving is a privilege and an important ministry, assisting Priests at our Masses and other liturgical services.

Servers must have received the 1st three Sacraments of the Church: *Baptism, 1st Reconciliation & 1st Holy Eucharist* in order to participate.



**Required Training will be provided on these days:**  
**November 27th, December 4th & 11th (Mondays)**  
**and December 1st, 8th & 15th (Fridays)**  
**Beginning at 3:15pm or 4:00pm (Commuting Students).** Student must attend FIVE of these training sessions.

If you are interested, please complete the form, located in the basket on the organ, and return it to the Parish Office by **November 22nd**.

## 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 OCTOBER:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 43,000.00
<b>Month Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 44,245.00</b>
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 1,245.00
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 1,688.00

*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:

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

**RANON RICARDO GUTIERREZ**

**JUANITA GALLEGOS**

**ERYKA MARTIN**


**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN  
THE MIDDLE EAST**

**VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE**



## INSTALLATION OF FR. RAPHAEL December 3rd

All are invited to join us at the 11:00am Mass at OLG where Fr. Raphael will be officially installed as Pastor of OLG and Transfiguration Churches. Reception to follow at Transfiguration.

LORD  bless our labor and  
the work of our hands

## CYO ATHLETICS CRAB FEED

**February 3rd, 2024**  
**Save the Date!**

Join us for an exciting evening of delicious crab and community.

**More details to come!**

If you are interested in joining the Crab Feed Committee and volunteering your time and talents, please email Joe Perry at [CrabFeed@olgschool.org](mailto:CrabFeed@olgschool.org)



## OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Did You Know??**

- First Trimester report cards went home on Wednesday. We are 1/3 of the way through the school year.
- Five security cameras are now operational and recording 24 hours per day. This is the result of the generous referral by a school parent and a company that was willing to give us a price much lower than other bids. It is nice to feel safer!
- It's time to encourage families with a child who will be age 4 by March 1st or age 5 by September 1st to consider our early childhood dual-language with a strong play-based/Montessori aspects infused throughout the curriculum. Give us a call at 510-537-3155 to schedule a tour.

**Come Check Us Out!** Visit [www.olgschool.org](http://www.olgschool.org) for more information and to apply.

## OLG SCHOOL'S SEES CANDIES FUNDRAISER

**Thru December 1st**

50% of all sales will be dedicated to the 6th Grade Caritas Environmental Camp. Get your orders shipped directly to you. Free shipping on orders over \$70! Order forms are available in the Parish Office.

## MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Pray to the Immaculata, have recourse to her often in troubles and temptations .....Trust that you will surely obtain from her anything you may need at any time for you, for your salvation, for perseverance,.....and for your sanctification. Indeed, storms will come, but those who sincerely love the Immaculata will pass unscathed, unstained by sin, through all storms, including most dangerous ones."*

## THIS WEEK

**Sunday, November 19th:**

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Tuesday, November 21st:**

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

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

**Wednesday, November 22nd:**

RCIA  
7:00pm—Parish Office

**Thursday, November 23rd:**

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**  
**Parish Office Closed**

Mass of Thanksgiving  
9:30am—Church

AA Serenity Group  
7:30pm—Augustine Center

**Friday, November 24th:**

**Parish Office Closed**

**Saturday, November 25th:**

Adoration & Reconciliation  
8:45am—Church

**Sunday, November 26th:**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

Holiday Boutique  
8:30am—Stack Center

Christ the King Eucharistic Procession  
2:30pm—Church



## ADVENT PRAYER INTENTIONS

Bishop Barber invites all parishioners to share their prayer intentions with him this Advent.

*"I will keep your intentions in my heart in a special way during the Season of Advent. Each day as I come before our Lord in prayer and celebrate the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, your intentions will be lifted to the Lord. I will pray for your loved ones, for those individuals in need of special intercession, for our beloved Church, in thanksgiving for our many blessings and for our challenged, yet hope-filled world."*

Envelopes will be in the pews beginning this weekend and throughout December. You may bring your intentions to the Parish Office or put them in the mail slot.



# Mass Intentions for the Week

## SUNDAY, November 19th

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am OLG Community  
 9:00am Manuel & Enacia Freitas – D  
 11:00am Cindy Jardim – D  
 1:00pm Rosa Martinez Reyes – D

## MONDAY, November 20th

8:15am Louis Rodrigues – D

## TUESDAY, November 21st

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15am Angelito & Priscilla Donaire – D

## WEDNESDAY, November 22nd

St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

8:15am Mary Lou Vincent – D

## THURSDAY, November 23rd

St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr

St. Columban, Abbot

Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest & Martyr

9:30am Mass of Thanksgiving

## FRIDAY, November 24th

St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs

8:15am Natividad & Miguel Leoligao – D

## SATURDAY, November 25th

St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr

8:15am Rosa Martinez Reyes – D

5:00pm Edgar Gonzalez – D

## SUNDAY, November 26th

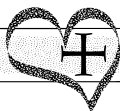
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

7:30am Maria Ha Vo – D

9:00am Antonio O. Chocha – D

11:00am Fabiana & Manuel Matanguihan – D

1:00pm OLG Community



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## FR. TOM CZECK'S PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND Spring 2024

Fr. Tom will be leading a pilgrimage to Ireland from **April 22nd to May 2nd**. Flights depart from Los Angeles and Chicago. Price per person is \$3599 plus tax. If you would like more information please call Fr. Tom at 847-367-6316 or email him at

[MINationalAssistant@proton.me](mailto:MINationalAssistant@proton.me)

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

November 20th through November 26th

Monday: 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;  
 Luke 18:35-43  
 Tuesday: 2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10  
 Wednesday: 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28  
 Thursday: 1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44  
 Friday: 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48  
 Saturday: 1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40  
 Sunday: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17;  
 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28;  
 Matthew 25:31-46



## 1ST FRIDAY TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

Join us for Traditional Latin Mass on **December 1st** at 7:00pm, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

## 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.



## EXECUTION ALERTS

The following execution is scheduled to take place in **November**:

November 30th Phillip Hancock Oklahoma

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

## PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Everything a baptized person does every day should be directly or indirectly related to the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy."*

-Dorothy Day

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

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