



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

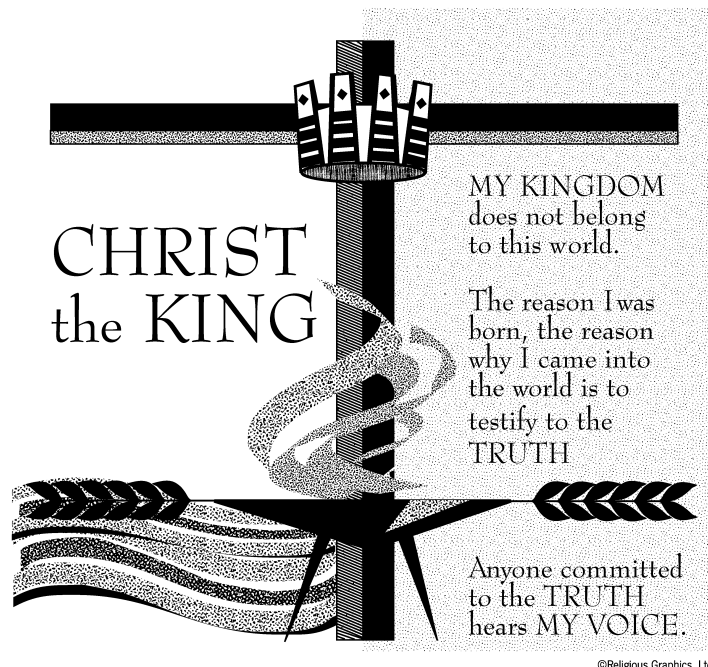
In this season of thanks, It is so important for us to keep in mind the good things that we have received throughout this past year. It is a time for us to pray for those who are less fortunate than ourselves and to do what we can to help them.

As we count, 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, there will be a Eucharistic Procession beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on November 26th 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 parishioners of Transfiguration Church and Our Lady of Grace Church 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



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First Sunday of Advent (December 3rd)

Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: “Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gate-keeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’”

CHRISTUS REX

Christ the King

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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 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

There's still time to give! We thank all who have given so far. Please know that 25% of your contribution stays in our diocese to support the organizations addressing our community's needs for housing, jobs, and educational opportunities. Please make your checks out to "Catholic Charities" and put "CCHD" in the memo line. Envelopes are in the pews for your use. Thank you for your generosity.



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.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Our Holy Day of Obligation Masses honoring Mary will be celebrated on Friday, **December 8th at 8:15am (School Liturgy) and 7:00pm**. Join us!



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION December 9th-12th



The Hispanic Group invites the entire Parish community to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe with a Triduum of Rosaries and Masses.

December 9th, 10th and 11th
Triduum of Rosaries at 7:00pm

Diciembre 9, 10 y 11
Triduo de Rosarios a las 7:00pm

December 12th

Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Join us as we begin with Mañanitas (joyous Mexican Folk Music) from 5:30-7:00am. Immediately following, Mexican hot chocolate and bread will be served in Stack Center. At 8:15am we will celebrate Mass with the School. At 7:00pm we will celebrate Mass in Spanish.

Diciembre 12

Celebraciones En Honor a al Virgen de Guadalupe

Mañanitas a la 5:30 am en la Iglesia. Se servirá inmediatamente después chocolate y pan mexicano en el Stack Center. Misas a la 8:15 am con la escuela en inglés y a la 7:00 pm en español.

THANK YOU FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!

Many thanks to all who attended our *Franciscan Dinner* earlier this month. We are grateful for the 60 attendees who enjoyed a delicious meal and the company of our Franciscans. Thank you for generous support in educating our seminarians!





ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS December 10th

Join us at 5:00pm in the Church for a special service celebrating the upcoming birth of Jesus. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short scripture readings from Genesis, the prophetic books, and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns and choir music. Immediately following will be a Cookie Exchange in Stack Center. Bring a Christmas tin and 2 dozen of your favorite cookies to participate in the share and "exchange".

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

As members of the Body of Christ, we are called to actively participate in the Liturgy through presence, ritual action, prayer, silence and song. Participating in a liturgical ministry is an excellent opportunity to fulfill your baptismal call of service to one another. Our liturgies should utilize the talents and gifts that God has given this community to the fullest extent. Please consider offering your time as a Lector, Usher, Music Ministry, Extra Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Please contact Bonnie Ricketts for more information: missbonnie@comcast.net



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 are in the pews for your use. You may bring your intentions to the Parish Office or put them in the mail slot.

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!

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:

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| Sunday Plate for the month: | \$ 43,000.00 |
| Month Budgeted Goal: | \$ 44,245.00 |
| 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

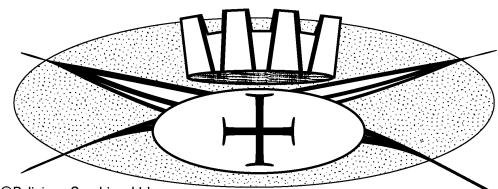
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THE MIDDLE EAST**

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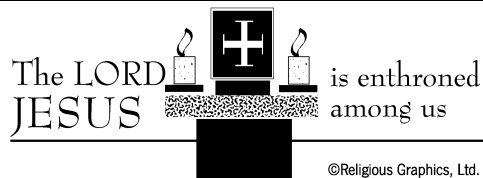


1ST FRIDAY TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

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



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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 **December 2nd**.

OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Did You Know??

- Advent is upon us but introducing family and friends to OLG School is never far from our mind. With that in mind, come see what we are all about on *The Feast of St. Nicholas*, next Wednesday, **December 6th**. Join us for 8:15am prayer in Stack Center, followed by the lighting of our tree and the singing of carols and treats. If there is a preschooler in your world or if you have always wanted to introduce a family to our school, this is your chance! All are welcome. Please RSVP by leaving a voice message at 510-581-3155 (so we know how many cookies to purchase).
- OLG students celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of our Advent disciplines. It is so important to observe this season of getting ready, not just "shop, shop, shop away!"

Come Check Us Out! Visit 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 temptationsTrust 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 26th:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Holiday Boutique
8:30am—Stack Center

Christ the King Eucharistic Procession
2:30pm—Church

Tuesday, November 28th:

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

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

Wednesday, November 29th:

RCIA
7:00pm—Parish Office

Thursday, November 30th:

AA Serenity Group
7:30pm—Augustine Center

Friday, December 1st:

1st Friday Latin Mass
7:00pm—Church

Saturday, December 2nd:

Militia Immaculata
10:00am—Stack Center, OLG Room

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

Sunday, December 3rd:

First Sunday of Advent

RCIA Rite of Acceptance
9:00am Mass—Church

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

Fr. Raphael's Installation
11:00am Mass—Church

Confirmation Class
12:15pm—Stack Center

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.

Mass for the Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY, November 27th

8:15am Mary Chocha – L

TUESDAY, November 28th

8:15am Ernie Selmeczek – D

WEDNESDAY, November 29th

8:15am Jeanne Ilag Hughes – D

THURSDAY, November 30th

St. Andrew, Apostle

8:15am Martha O. Duarte – L

FRIDAY, December 1st

8:15am Debi Telles – D

SATURDAY, December 2nd

8:15am Amor Guerrero – D

5:00pm Antonio O. Chocha – D

SUNDAY, December 3rd

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30am Helen Maes – D

9:00am Cindy Jardim – D

11:00am OLG Community

1:00pm Robert Hess – D

HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please have items for the Bulletin to the Parish Office no later than the deadlines shown below:

December 10th Bulletin: **Due December 1st**December 17th Bulletin: **Due December 8th**December 24th Bulletin: **Due December 13th**December 31st Bulletin: **Due December 18th****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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**November 27th through December 3rd**

Monday: Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday: Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday: Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28
Luke 21:12-19

Thursday: Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22

Friday: Daniel 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33

Saturday: Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36

Sunday: Isaiah 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7;
1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37**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: **December 7th**, 9:00am to 11:15am

Speaker: Isabel & Al Rajan

Topic: "Hope On the Camino"

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

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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OUR LADY OF GRACE SCHOOL