Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

After celebrating the Solemnity of All Saints, we celebrated the Commemoration of the From the Pastor Faithful Departed, praying for all those who have passed from this life. We pray for the faithful departed because there are few people who achieve perfection in this life. And so,

we pray for those who have died because some period of purification seems necessary before the faithful departed will come face-to-face with God. Our prayers can indeed speed along this time of purification so that they will rejoice in the gift of heaven, seeing God face-to-face. November 2nd is our time to pray for all the faithful departed so that the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Our prayers for the faithful departed are not simply to be offered on one day alone. Traditionally, the Church remembers the faithful departed throughout the entire month of November. Here in our Church, we pray for certain individuals who have passed from this life into eternity. We pray for all those whose funeral services have taken place in our church.

# Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

We also pray in a special way for members of our families and from those among our friends whether they have passed away recently or many years ago. Those dear to us are always in our thoughts and prayers. Each year throughout the month of November, we are invited to bring pictures of our loved ones to be displayed in our altar area throughout the month. There is still time for us to bring pictures here to church if we would like.

Our Church's particular commemoration of our departed loved ones takes place at Our Mass of Remembrance. This Mass will be celebrated here on Wednesday, November 15th, at 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited to gather together to pray for our departed loved ones that evening.

Remember these words of Jesus "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me ..... if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be."

-Fr. Raphael

# The Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time (November 19th)

# Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one--to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money. "After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.""

# 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 the 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, Safe-way 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 510-881-7850. Please pray for us and for those whom we are helping.



# 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.

## REMEMBERING OUR DECEASED FRIENDS AND FAMILY

The envelopes for All Saints' and All Souls' will be placed on the altar this month of 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 placed 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.



# **OLG'S HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE**

Shop for holiday gifts for family and friends at *OLG's Holiday Boutique* on

November 26th 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!

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>. **Registration and payment are due by November 13th.** 



# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS Warm Coat Drive

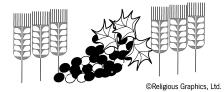
We are thankful for the generosity from those who have given so far. St. Vincent de

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.

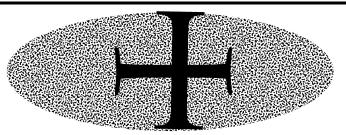
## CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PARISH APPEAL Next Weekend—November 18th & 19th

Next week 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 your community's needs for housing, jobs, and educational opportunities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at <a href="https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development">https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development</a>



## **OUR LADY OF GRACE PARISH**

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## 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 <u>CrabFeed@olgschool.org</u>



# 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 Wednesday of every

month from 6:30-7:30pm in Stack Center, OLG Room. Come to our next meeting on **November 15th.** For additional information, please visit: https://www.californiacolumbiettes.com

# FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Confirmation Next Class: November 12th 12:15pm—Stack Center

First Communion-Year 2 Next Class: November 19th 10:15am—Stack Center

Whole Family-Year 1 Next Class: November 12th 10:15am—Stack Center

Whole Family Program Next Class: November 12th 10:15am—Augustine Center

### 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
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 44,245.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 1,245.00
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 1,688.00
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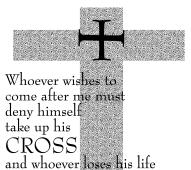
May God bless your continuing generosity.



### **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

for my sake will find it.

### ERYKA MARTIN

### **CECILIA CONTI**

VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

# **JESUS IS LORD**

# OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL Did You Know??



• We are presently enrolling students for the new school year 2023-2024. Our

solid academic record (our scores are higher than local public schools'), the inclusion of language at all grades (Spanish immersion in TK, 40% in Kinder, and Spanish 1-8 AND Latin in grades 6-8) as well as the strong Catholic identity piece (daily prayer, weekly Mass attendance, Adoration and Benediction monthly plus ongoing service and stewardship) are strong draws. Please spread the word about our school.

- Approximately 20 of our 1st Graders and their families spent a part of their Sunday packaging meals for *Kids Against Hunger*. This organization packages and sends meals to needy folks all over the world and is a wonderful source of instruction on the importance of nutrition. There were a total of over 50 of our school families involved.
- Our school is up for re-accreditation this year. Please stay tuned for more information on this arduous but very fulfilling process.

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

# **EXECUTION ALERTS**

The following executions are scheduled to take place in **November**:

November 16th	Casey McWhorter	Alabama
November 16th	David Renteria	Texas
November 30th	Phillip Hancock	Oklahoma

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

# MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"One may also enter into a pact with the Immaculata, namely that every time we come back from distractions to the task that she wants from is and that she has showed us through holy obedience, (directly or implicitly), it may represent a valid renewal of our unrestricted gift to her of our actions, of ourselves, of all our relatives, and of everything."



### Sunday, November 12th:

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Whole Family-Year 1 Class 10:15am—Stack Center

Whole Family Faith Class 10:15am—Augustine Center

Confirmation Class 12:15pm—Stack Center

Spanish Mass 1:00pm—Church

### Tuesday, November 14th:

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

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

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

### Wednesday, November 15th:

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

RCIA 7:00pm—Parish Office

### Thursday, November 16th:

Adoration & Reconciliation 6:00pm—Church

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

AA Serenity Group 7:30pm—Augustine Center

#### Saturday, November 18th:

Adoration & Reconciliation 8:45am—Church

Vigil Mass 5:00pm—Church

### Sunday, November 19th:

### Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Spanish Mass 1:00pm—Church



SUNDAY, November 12th THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 7:30am Garrett Haney – D 9:00am Helen Maes – D 11:00am Jose Ricardo Sanchez – D 1:00pm OLG Community

MONDAY, November 13th St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin 8:15am Martha White – D

**TUESDAY, November 14th** 8:15am Donald Thau – D

WEDNESDAY, November 15th St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 8:15am Mina Basal Yap – D

**THURSDAY, November 16th** St. Margaret of Scotland St. Gertrude, Virgin 8:15am Joanne McDowell – D

**FRIDAY, November 17th** St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious 8:15am Joni, Ted & Kathleen Linney – D

SATURDAY, November 18th The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin 8:15am Olivia Gutierrez – L 5:00pm Antonio O. Chocha – D

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

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# READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

### November 13th through November 19th

Monday: Tuesday: Wednesday: Thursday: Friday: Saturday: Sunday:

Wisdom 1:1-7; Luke 17:1-6
Wisdom 2:23-3:9; Luke 17:7-10
Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19
Wisdom 7:22-8:1; Luke 17:20-25
Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37
Wisdom 18:14-16;19:6-9;
Luke 18:1-8
Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31;
1 Thessalonions 5:1-6;
Matthew 25:14-30



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## **ROSARY BEFORE MASS**

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

# **ADORATION & RECONCILIATION**

Join us on Thursdays, 6:00-7:00pm for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation and on Saturdays, immediately following the 8:15am Mass, concluding at 10:00am.



# PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart."* 

-St. Francis of Assisi

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