



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Solemnity of the Epiphany, which we celebrated this past Sunday, celebrates the ways Christ has made Himself known to the world. The first of these events is The Visit of the Magi. The next two that celebrate the Manifestation of the Lord are the Baptism of the Lord and the Wedding Feast in Cana.

The Baptism of the Lord commemorates the Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist in the waters of the River Jordan. With the Celebration of the Wedding Feast of Cana, Jesus begins his public ministry that culminates with His suffering, death and resurrection, and ascension into heaven where He is seated on the throne in glory.

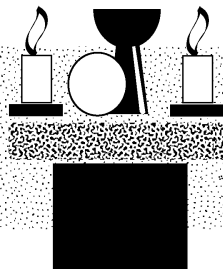
This week I invite us to reflect on our own journey of faith and how Christ is made manifest. For some of us, we came in contact with the Lord in the Sacrament of Baptism in our infancy and for others when we were teens or adults. Through water and the Holy Spirit, we have become members of the household of God. And so, it is so important for us to come before the Lord often as we have done celebrating the Birth of the Lord, kneeling before the manger. We come before Him in personal prayer and when we are present at the Table of the Lord for the Celebration of the Mass. We come to Church as the Magi came to visit the Lord.

Then, receiving the Word of God in Scripture and receiving His Body and Blood in the Eucharist, we return to our homes transformed. Having the Lord within us, we give witness to His Life in the manner that we live our lives in our homes and wherever the Lord leads us.

And finally, as the Lord entered into His public ministry at the Wedding Feast at Cana, we need to participate more fully in the life of the Church. We are invited to participate in one or more of the ministries in our Church.

With the Celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, the Christmas Season is completed. In the Liturgical Year of the Church, we enter into Ordinary Time. Yet, in Jesus, nothing is ordinary. As Jesus was made manifest at The Visit of the Three Kings, at His Baptism and The Wedding Feast at Cana, we, as members of the household of God, in our daily lives, are invited to make the Lord manifest in our words and in our actions. It is an honor and a privilege to witness to the Lord always.

-Fr. Raphael



Gather our families  
around your table  
O, LORD

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### The Third Sunday In Ordinary Time (January 21st)

Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING RESULTS**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Christmas collection. Our Christmas Offering for 2023 totaled \$35,060 with a budget of \$26,000. We are most grateful for this response given all that was going on with the ongoing concern of inflation and financial uncertainty. As always we thank you for the generosity of your gift and ask God to bless your continuing generosity.

**2023 PLATE COLLECTION RESULTS**

Total Sunday Plate Offering 2023: \$495,706  
 Total Sunday Plate Budget 2023: \$480,000  
 Total Sunday Plate Over Budget 2023: \$15,706

We are most grateful to those who have consistently supported our Parish and have maintained their level of giving. We recognize those who responded so generously and personally committed to make a difference in our outcome for the year. For those in the Parish who are not using the offering envelopes or Online Giving, we ask you to prayerfully consider committing your support to our ministries, liturgies, outreach and all the members of the larger community in which we reside. May we continue to be good stewards of so great a gift and remember that God will not be outdone in generosity.

**THANK YOU!**

We would like to thank all of our Musicians and Singers for arranging and performing the glorious music at all of our Christmas Masses! We also need to thank all of the volunteers for beautifying our Church with the wonderful Christmas decorations! Your dedication and help is much appreciated by all.

**WALK FOR LIFE  
 WEST COAST 2024  
 Saturday, January 20th**



January 20th marks the 20th Anniversary of the Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco-America's 2nd largest Pro-Life event! As we have every year since 2004, we will stand faithfully, prayerfully, and hopefully for the littlest and most vulnerable among us. The rally begins at 12:30pm in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, followed by the Walk, down Market Street to Justin Herman Plaza. This event is truly changing the hearts and minds and has helped to revivify the Pro-Life movement on the West Coast! *The peaceful participation of our parish is essential to continuing this pro-life transformation of our culture.* To register and for more information please visit: <https://www.walkforlifewc.com/>.



**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
 FEDERAL HOLIDAY**

On **Monday, January 15th** the Parish Office will be closed and will re-open on **Tuesday, January 16th** at 8:30am. The entire Parish Staff wishes you a safe and relaxing holiday.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

Jay will be away on vacation the week of January 15th. The Parish Office will be closed on **Friday, January 19th**. We thank you for your understanding.



**CYO ATHLETICS CRAB FEED  
 February 3rd**

**Join us as we raise funds for  
 OLG's CYO Athletics  
 Get Your Tickets Today!**

- Doors open at 5:00pm in Stack Center
- Cost is \$85 per person
- Limited Tables of 10 seats for \$800 and Tables of 12 seats for \$950
- Menu: Crab or Chicken, Pasta, Salad and Bread. *Bring your crab butter!*
- No-Host Bar
- Music, Silent Auction and Raffle!
- KidKare available for \$30 per child (space is limited).

Get your tickets online by visiting: <https://tinyurl.com/OLG-CYO> or at the Parish Office. See you there!

**ANNUAL SEMINARY COLLECTION**

*There's still time to give.* The Diocese humbly appeals to all of you to give your best effort to support our seminarians in their training and formation. Please include the seminarians in your prayers. You may make your check out to "Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland". Envelopes are in the pews for your use. Your kindness, generosity and prayers are deeply appreciated.

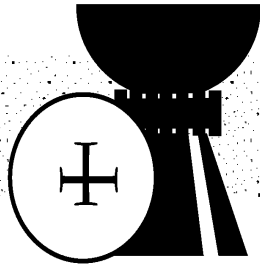


**YEARLY CONTRIBUTION  
 STATEMENTS**

For your convenience in preparing your tax return, a contribution statement for 2023 will be prepared at your request. Please phone Jay at 510-537-0806, with your name and envelope number. Your statement will be available for you to pick up once it has been signed.

The Lord is with us  
**BODY, BLOOD,  
 SOUL & DIVINITY**

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**WOMEN'S LENTEN  
 BIBLE STUDY**



Lent is an important season in the Church's liturgical year, the time when we take stock of where we are in our faith and prepare for the death and Resurrection of our Savior. Often we lose sight of the point of this season because we get caught up in ourselves—how hard it is to fast, how bad we are at fasting—and we end up just waiting for the season to be over at Easter. Because of this, we sometimes arrive at Easter with our lives no different than they were on Ash Wednesday.

Please consider joining us as we prepare using a new program from Ascension –**The Lenten Companion, Walking With Jesus to Jerusalem.**

Join us every Tuesday during Lent beginning with the kickoff on **February 13<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00pm in Stack Center. The Ascension Lenten Companion program includes an inspirational journal and engaging videos by Fr. Mark Toups. Join us as we walk with Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem and encounter his love in a radically new way. If you are unable to join in person, this study can also be done independently. Cost is \$10 for the Lenten Companion Journal. If you are interested, please sign up and pay Jay in the Parish Office by Tuesday, **January 30<sup>th</sup>**.



**PAX CHRISTI UPCOMING EVENT  
 January 27th**

Save the date! Pax Christi Northern CA along with Newman Nonviolent Peacemakers is hosting Fr. John Dear, well-known teacher of peace on **January 27th** from 9:30am-Noon at Newman Hall/Holy Spirit Parish (2700 Dwight Way, Berkeley) where he will be speaking on his new book, *"The Gospel of Peace"*. At this event we will also be honoring Therese Mughannam Walrath, lifelong peace activist, the winner of our 2023 Tom Webb Memorial Peacemaker of the Year award. For more information email Dennise at [denniseburgess@gmail.com](mailto:denniseburgess@gmail.com).

**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 DECEMBER:**

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 54,725.00
<b>Month Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 38,000.00</b>
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 16,725.00
<b>Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]</b>	<b>\$ 15,706.00</b>

*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:

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| Jaime Arce       | Mike Miraglia    |
| Phyllis Barthman | Julie Richardson |
| Lois Belmessieri | Diana Riley      |
| Jot Brown        | Jenny Roberts    |
| Raul Cepeda      | Al Rojas         |
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| Skeet Jennings   | Arthur Williams  |
| Brian Linney     | Peggy Winkenbach |
| Sheila McAlinden |                  |

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

**In Memorial**

**MARIO AREVALO**

**TONYA MARIE FRAGUSO**

**GRACE LETTEER**

**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN  
 THE MIDDLE EAST**

**VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE**



**COFFEE AND DONUTS  
 January 21st**

Come join us! All are invited after the **9:00am** Sunday Mass to meet in the Gathering Area outside the rear entrance of the church for coffee, donuts and community. We thank Our Lady of Grace School for this ministry of hospitality. Coffee and Donuts will be held on the 3rd Sunday of every month. See you there!



**A CHRISTMAS MIRACLE!**

A CHRISTMAS MIRACLE occurred on the grounds of Our Lady Of Grace Parish church in the final days of Advent 2023---the statue of our Blessed Mother, Mary, which has been enshrined for decades in the gathering area outside the church, was restored to its original beauty by parishioner Ron Emory and his daughter, Kristen. Decades of wear from the elements, cracks and deterioration due to the normal weathering of time, and past incidents of vandalism had battered the beloved statue that generations of OLG School students and parishioners had prayed to and adorned with flowers. Ron's final invoice technically describes the job as "detailed patching, sanding, priming and two coats of Permasield and Polyurethane," as well as cleaning up the statue's base and surrounding brick work. But technical details aside, it was artistry and craftsmanship that defined this restoration--Ron credits his daughter with a lot of the delicate detail work on Mary's face and tapered fingers. Mary's nose, for instance, had been busted and mashed at its tip and nostrils, the cracked and broken fingers had lost their definition (along with their fingernails). The restored statue is now defined by clean, graceful lines, with the entire form radiating the strength, beauty, and spiritual power of our Blessed Mother.

Thank you, Ron and Kristen!

**HELPING HANDS MINISTRY**

*What is "Helping Hands"? This very special ministry started by Dianne Fisher many years ago, helps families who have lost a loved one and whom we assist with making and serving food to their family and friends after the Funeral Mass. OLG's funerals are held on weekdays only. If you would like to periodically assist us by making food for these gatherings (each entrée, salad or dessert enough for 10 people) or help with set-up and clean-up in Stack Center, your time and talent would be most appreciated! Please contact Carmel Ledyard (510-274-5627) or Margaret McKean (510-340-1871) or you may leave your name and number at the Parish Office. Thank you and God Bless!*

**MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*"The Immaculata can achieve much more than she has done so far, indeed much more than we can ever imagine. Provided that we become more her possession and her property every day, she will work much greater miracles, despite our weakness, our recklessness, and even our wickedness."*

**THIS WEEK**

*Sunday, January 14th:*

*The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

*Monday, January 15th:*

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday  
Parish Office Closed*

*Tuesday, January 16th:*

Men's Cursillo Meeting  
6:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room  
  
Men's Faith Share  
7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

*Wednesday, January 17th:*

Columbiette's Meeting  
6:30pm—Stack Center, OLG Room  
  
RCIA  
7:00pm—Parish Office

*Thursday, January 18th:*

Adoration & Reconciliation  
6:00pm—Church  
  
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting  
7:00pm—Parish Office  
  
AA Serenity Group  
7:30pm—Augustine Center

*Friday, January 19th:*

*Parish Office Closed*

*Saturday, January 20th:*

Adoration & Reconciliation  
8:45am—Church

*Sunday, January 21st:*

*The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Coffee & Donuts  
10:00am—Gathering Area  
  
1st Communion Class -Year 2  
10:15am—Stack Center  
  
Confirmation Class  
12:15pm—Stack Center

The SPIRIT  
of TRUTH  
is always with us



# Mass Intentions for the Week

**SUNDAY, January 14th**  
 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
 7:30am Manuel, Antonio & Belmida Freitas – D  
 9:00am OLG Community  
 11:00am Al & Chris Low – D  
 1:00pm Mariano Navarro Sanchez – D

**MONDAY, January 15th**  
 8:15am Melanie Blaha – D

**TUESDAY, January 16th**  
 8:15am Cohen Sigmon – L

**WEDNESDAY, January 17th**  
 St. Anthony, Abbot  
 8:15am Antonio O. Chocha – D

**THURSDAY, January 18th**  
 8:15am Augusto & Edwina Silva – D

**FRIDAY, January 19th**  
 8:15am Marty Martin – D

**SATURDAY, January 20th**  
 St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr  
 St. Sebastian, Martyr  
 8:15am Louis Rodrigues – D  
 5:00pm Doug & Lori Murry – L

**SUNDAY, January 21st**  
 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
 7:30am Ryan Delucchi – D  
 9:00am Caden Sigmon – L  
 11:00am OLG Community  
 1:00pm Jose Avila Lopez – D

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**  
**January 15th through January 21st**  
 Monday: 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22  
 Tuesday: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28  
 Wednesday: 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51;  
 Mark 3:1-6  
 Thursday: 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12  
 Friday: 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19  
 Saturday: 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27;  
 Mark 3:20-21  
 Sunday: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31;  
 Mark 1:14-20

## 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 winter session is *“Be Patient in Tribulation”*

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

Next Meeting: **January 18th**, 9:00am to 11:15am

Speaker: Fr. Tom Bonacci

Topic: *“Enduring in Affliction”*

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

## PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“Love of one’s enemy constitutes the nucleus of the “Christian revolution”, a revolution not based on strategies of economic, political or media power: the revolution of love, a love that does not rely ultimately on human resources but is a gift of God which is obtained by trusting solely and unreservedly in his merciful goodness. Here is the newness of the Gospel which silently changes the world!”*

-Pope Benedict, 2007

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



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus monthly meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of every month at 6:30pm in Stack Center, OLG Room. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, visit <https://www.kofc.org> or join them at their next meeting on **January 25th**.

## 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 **February 3rd**.



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