

#### PLEASE SUPPORT THE BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL AS GENEROUSLY AS YOU CAN

If we act together as members of one family united in Christ's love, we can realize and accomplish great things!

#### **Frequently Asked Questions Continued:**

#### What does the Bishop's Ministries Appeal Fund?

In addition to funding Pastoral Ministries & Services and Religious Education & Formation detailed in last week's bulletin. The Bishop's Ministries Appeal funds the following vital programs and services.

#### **CLERGY FORMATION & SUPPORT**

From initial formation into retirement, the diocese provides support for our priests. Additionally, continued updating and renewal for priests and deacons who faithfully serve our people is supported by your gift to the Bishop's Appeal.

- Permanent Diaconate Program
- Office Vocations
- Seminarian Education & Formation
- Priest Retirement & Long-term Care
- Continuing Education Programs

#### SUPPORT FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS & PARISHES IN NEED

Each year, the diocese provides subsidies and grants to assist with operating expenses at our inner-city Catholic schools and for parishes and faith communities that are facing extraordinary and immediate financial challenges.

- Operating Subsidies
- Capital Expenditure Grants

• Emergency Funding Support

#### **ASSISTING LOCAL PARISHES**

Every parish has its own needs and plans for growth and new ministries to better serve its parishioners and the local community. The Bishop's Ministries Appeal will again return 100% of all monies collected over each parish's goal for use at the parish level.

#### O How was the Bishop's Appeal goal of \$3 million determined? How are parish goals determined?

A In 2023, the amount raised was \$2.73 million. Considering the needs and costs of diocesan programs and ministries, the diocese decided to keep the 2024 goal at \$3 million. Parish goals are determined by unrestricted parish revenue over a given period.

#### O What if my parish exceeds its goal? Where does the excess go?

A 100% of all funds collected over a parish's goal will be returned to the parish for its own special needs in the form of rebate checks paid at the conclusion of the Appeal.

Diocese of Oakland applies donations towards the service, ministry, or campaign specified by the donor. Funds are never redirected to any other purpose.



#### The Sixth Sunday of Easter (May 5th)

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."



#### **2024 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL** Many Ministries, One Church

Does my parish have to pay assess-MANY MINISTRIES ments on our Bishop's Ministries ONE CHURCH Appeal rebates? Bishop's Ministries BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL 2024 Appeal rebates are not assessed (taxed) by the Diocese.

Bishop Barber has selected the theme for the Appeal —Many Ministries, One Church —as a reminder that each of us is an essential member of the Body of Christ that is our Church. Our charitable works are strengthened when we work together and when we work toward heaven. Our parish achieved 127.75% of our goal last year with a small member participation imagine what we can do with greater participation. While OLG is your spiritual home, we are also part of a much larger, universal family and we have responsibilities to them as well. Let us act together to accomplish great things!

To make your donation, please use the envelopes provided in the pews or make your donation online https://www.oakdiocese.org/bishopsvisiting: ministries-appeal

#### "MARY & THE HOLY SPIRIT" A Presentation by Fr. Tom Czeck May 11th & 13th

Join Fr. Tom, the National Spiritual Assistant of the Militia of the Immaculata, as he shares a unique perspective of the Virgin Mary and the Holy Spirit in the writings of St. Maximilian Kolbe. His presentation will begin on Saturday at 9:00am in Stack Center.

This presentation will prepare you to consecrate yourself to Jesus Christ through the Blessed Virgin Mary, the perfect model of discipleship. On May 13th, Fr. Tom invites all to the church at 7:00pm for the Militia Immaculata Consecration Mass.

The Holy Spirit is the Bridegroom of Mary. The Holy Spirit works in souls through the Immaculata. The Holy Spirit lives in Mary in a perfect manner.

#### **FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA** May 13th

All are invited to honor Our Lady of Fatima at 7:00pm in the Church with Consecration to Mary, as mentioned above. We will celebrate the message and meaning of Fatima on the 107th Anniversary of her first apparition.

#### **MOTHER'S DAY**

As a means of honoring our mothers, deceased and living, a Triduum of Masses will be celebrated on May 13th, 14th and 15th. Cards and Spiritual Bouquet Forms are available in the Parish Office.



Forms are also available in the Church. Please pick one up if you would like to honor your loved one and return it to the Parish Office with you donation. If you choose to use Online Giving, please list the names of vour loved ones there. The names of those remembered will be placed at the altar for 3 days.



#### PASSING OF LONG-TIME PARISHIONER JACK DEXTER

OLG's long-time parishioner, Jack Dexter, passed away after a brief illness on April 9th at Carefield with his family

at this side. More information of Jack's burial will be announced at a later date.

#### **CONFIRMATION 2024**

Please pray for the Confirmation Candidates of our Parish Community who will be Confirmed in Faith.

#### **Cathedral of Christ the Light Bishop Michael C. Barber** May 4th at 11:00am

#### **Youth Confirmation**

Rogelio Alejandre Caitlin Lucett Lourdes Aquino Junior Martinez Joziah Becerra Kimberly Navarro Antonio Bonuan Erick Nunez Roy Cardenas Jorge Ochoa Rohan Punnoose Felicita Castillo

Theresa Aline Doan Andrea Quintanilla Barrios

Gabriel Tonel Carlos Fernandez

Isaac Venegas-Sanchez Cody Fulgencio

Noah Wallkvist Angie Hernandez Jena Wong Kevin Hoang

Ricardo Leyva

## **Adult Holy Communion & Confirmation**

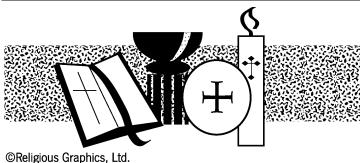
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#### **Adult Confirmation**

Maria Avila Joel Padilla Michelle Dominguez Vanessa Perez Isabel Duarte Oscar M. Rodriguez Angeles Ferrer Justine Schier

Jacob Kinsella Adalberto Villalobos

Beatriz Grijalva Lamas Ouintana



#### **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

#### Whole Family-Year 1

Next Class: May 5th 10:15am—Stack Center

#### Whole Family Program

Next Class: May 19th 10:15am—Augustine Center

#### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayer shawls are universal and embracing, they comfort and enfold, wrap and warm, shelter and embrace. Our prayer shawls are knit with love and are blessed. If you have a loved one who is in need and would like to give them this gift of prayer,

## **FESCO SPRING BENEFIT SALE**

Come and find wonderful deals on collectibles, housewares, succulents, sports FESCO memorabilia, costume jewelry, electronics, vintage items, eclectic décor, toys and much more! All proceeds will support

FESCO, the Family Shelter in its efforts to end family homelessness in Alameda County and beyond.

you are welcome to pick one up at the Parish Office.

## 2918 Hidden Lane in Hayward

Friday, May 3rd: 10:00am-5:00pm

**Saturday & Sunday, May 4th & 5th:** 9:00am-5:00pm

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#### **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

#### Offerings of for the Month of MARCH:

\$ 57,136.00 Sunday Plate for the month: **Month Budgeted Goal:** \$ 36,283.00 \$ 20,853.00 Over/[Shortfall] Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall] \$ 3,878.00

May God bless your continuing generosity.



Praver Shawl

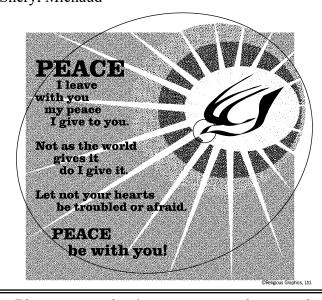
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#### Your Prayers Are Requested

Please lift up in your prayer those among us who are ill and those who have asked for our prayerful remembrance:

Jaime Arce Lois Belmessieri Al Bronzini Jot Brown Raul Cepeda Nancy French Joan Gabrielli Brian Linnev Sheryl Michaud

Diana Riley Jenny Roberts Al Rojas Helen Star Alvssia Tortora James Van Wert 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

JACK DEXTER

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#### **ALTAR CANDLE MEMORIALS**

We are looking to have 6 monthly sponsors for our Altar Candles and ask for a donation of \$20 to cover the cost of the candles for the month. Our do-

nors will be recognized in the 1st bulletin of the month and there will be a monthly Mass offered for the intention of our Candle Memorial. Many blessed thanks for those who have donated. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

#### **MEN'S FAITH SHARE**

The OLG's Men Faith Share Group meets on Tuesdays at 7:00pm in Stack Center, OLG Room. 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!

#### 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.



#### **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.

#### **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 **May 4th**.



#### **MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"Glory to her for everything. The Immaculata will turn everything to greater good."

## THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 28th:

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Confirmation Class 12:15pm—Stack Center

#### Tuesday, April 30th:

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

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

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

#### Wednesday, May 1st:

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

#### Thursday, May 2nd:

Adoration & Reconciliation 6:00pm—Church

AA Serenity Group 7:30pm—Stack Center

#### Friday, May 3rd:

1st Friday Latin Mass 7:00pm—Church

#### Saturday, May 4th:

Adoration & Reconciliation 8:45am—Church

Mike Miraglia's Funeral Mass 1:00pm—Church

#### Sunday, May 5th:

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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





## 1ST FRIDAY TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

Join us for Traditional Latin Mass on **May 3rd** at 7:00pm, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

# Mass for the Intentions Week

#### SUNDAY, April 28th

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30am OLG Community 9:00am Cindy Jardim – D 11:00am Gary Rodriguez – D 1:00pm Alfredo de la Torre – D

#### MONDAY, April 29th

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Manuel Silva & Family — L

#### TUESDAY, April 30th

St. Pius V, Pope

8:15am Bruce Jaussaud – D

#### WEDNESDAY, May 1st

St. Joseph the Worker

8:15am Luis Rodrigues – D

#### THURSDAY, May 2nd

St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Augusto & Edwina Silva – D

#### FRIDAY, May 3rd

Sts. Philip & James, Apostles

8:15am Tim & Jean Ginsbach – L

#### SATURDAY, May 4th

8:15am Roberta Shomon – D

5:00pm Aaron Alcorn – D

#### SUNDAY, May 5th

#### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30am OLG Community 9:00am Cindy Jardim – D 11:00am Sabina Cerdena – D

1:00pm Raul & Esperanza Ortega – D



#### **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.



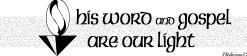
#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

#### April 29th through May 5th

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11

Friday: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21 Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17



#### **ROSARY BEFORE MASS**

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



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#### PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"There is no wilderness so terrible, so beautiful, so arid and so fruitful as the wilderness of compassion. It is the only desert that shall truly flourish like the lily."

-Thomas Merton, 1953

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