



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we all know, May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a custom that has taken place in the Church for centuries. As we enter into the month of May, we continue to celebrate the Easter Season, the fifty days in which we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Blessed Virgin Mary fits well with the celebrations of Easter and Pentecost because it gives us the opportunity to recall Mary's great joy in her Son's victory over death as well as her presence with the apostles in the upper room prayerfully awaiting the descent of the Holy Spirit.

Celebrating the month of May in honor of Mary, we can reflect on the faith of Mary, she who believed with all her heart and said "yes" to become the Mother of the Messiah and Son of God. She allowed herself to be led by God's grace throughout her life, a life rooted in a deep faith in God. She became her Son's first and most perfect disciple.

And so, reflecting on our own faith, we journey to the Lord with Mary at our side. She helps us with her prayers to live by faith. She teaches us to believe as she believed.

During this month, Mary is honored as the Queen of Heaven and Earth, Queen of the Whole World. Please consider how you can express your love for Mary, the Mother of God, our Queen. In honoring Mary, we are ultimately praising God for the grace He bestowed on her.

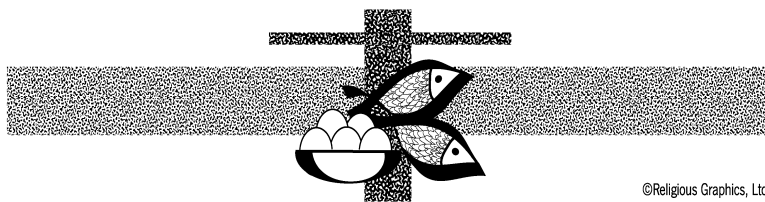
The holy rosary is always a wonderful prayer to enter more deeply into the mysteries of Christ's life with Mary. It is a Gospel prayer.

We all probably have our favorite images of Mary as well as our favorite devotions: Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Lourdes, Mother of Perpetual Help, the Miraculous Medal, Our Lady of Grace and more. The many images and devotions express various aspects of Our Lady's vocation and mission. They help us to know the virtues of Mary and remind us to turn to her for her intercession.

I invite us to pray to Mary and with Mary during this month. Let us especially commend to her our prayers for our own personal lives, our families, the Church, our Church, right here in Castro Valley. Let us learn from Mary how to love God more fervently and to love one another as her Son has loved us.

May the patroness of the Diocese of Oakland, Our Lady, Queen of the World, help us draw ever closer to Christ her Son!

-Fr. Raphael



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The Ascension of the Lord (May 12th)

Mark 16:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.



*I saw the holy city
a new Jerusalem
coming down
from God*

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**MARIAN CONCERT &
MAY CROWNING
May 10th**

Our Lady of Grace School will be holding a "Marian Concert and May Crowning" in the church on **Friday, May 10th at 2:15pm**. The program will last approximately 30 minutes and will feature hymns to honor Our Lady, a May Crowning procession, and a tribute to our school moms (and all moms). All are welcome to attend!



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

Join Fr. Tom Czeck, 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 is scheduled for **Saturday, May 11th 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 **Monday, May 13th at 7:00pm** at a Consecration Mass in the church on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima.

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 your donation. If you choose to use Online Giving, please list the names of your loved ones there. The names of those remembered will be placed at the altar for 3 days.



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**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION
May 18th at 11:00am &
May 19th at 9:00am, 11:00am & 1:00pm**

Please join us in welcoming these young members of our community to the table for the first time.

First Holy Communion Recipients

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| Charla Aloba | Valentina Leyva |
| Noelle Avila Hernandez | Abigail Lopez |
| Chelsea Avila Navarro | Khloe Lopez |
| Evan Avitia | Dylan Madej |
| Scarlett Barfield | Julian Martinelli |
| Issac Barragan | Brandon Martinez |
| Alina Becerra | Michael Martinez |
| Anthony Becerra | Camila Melero |
| Elena Bonilla | Isabel Mendoza |
| Ethan Chong | Zoe Muniz |
| Elijan Chong | Benjamin Nguyen |
| Dominic Del Mundo | William Nguyen |
| Mateo Ecalne Dessus | Mateo Herta Perez |
| Juliana Elias | Sophia Philipos |
| Alessandra Elias | Erik Ramirez |
| Zaiven Esquierdo | Julian Ramos Takamoto |
| Sofia Perez Estrada | Vincenzo Ruggiero |
| Romero Guzman | Lucas Ruggiero |
| Arya Heggli | Alexa Topete |
| Leilani Hirata | Mai Vinh |
| Eliana Acosta Jimenez | Aivy Vinh |
| Kate Kanbar | Anthony Zarich |
| Sadie Le | |



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES
SPECIAL COLLECTION
Next Weekend-May 11th & 12th**

Catholic Charities of the East Bay helps vulnerable communities in Alameda and Contra Costa counties such as people facing difficult circumstances including children facing homelessness and people fleeing violence from their homelands.

Please make your checks out to "Catholic Charities". Envelopes will be in the pews for your use. Or you may scan the QR code to make your donation. We thank you for your generosity!



GOD is LOVE

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2024 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL Many Ministries, One Church

Does my parish have to achieve its goal to receive the parish rebate? *Yes.* Since rebates are given for all funds received over and above the goal, your parish must exceed its goal in order to receive a rebate. Rebates are based on cash received, not pledges made. The diocese cannot make payments on incomplete pledges.

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. 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 by visiting: <https://www.oakdiocese.org/bishops-ministries-appeal>

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

Recently, we welcomed

Jasmin Renderos Rivera

into Our Lady of Grace Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. May God Bless you!



ALTAR CANDLE MEMORIAL DONORS

We deeply thank the following donor who has given generously towards sponsoring our Altar Candle Memorial.

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DID YOU KNOW???

Our church has wonderful, hardworking volunteers who clean and set up our pews each week with missalettes, song books and envelopes each week for our Masses. We are grateful for their years of service in doing this!



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 APRIL:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 37,036.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 43,500.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [6,464.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [2,586.00]

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:

Susan Anderson
Jaime Arce
Lois Belmessieri
Al Bronzini
Jot Brown
Raul Cepeda
Nancy French
Joan Gabrielli
Brian Linney

Sheryl Michaud
Diana Riley
Jenny Roberts
Al Rojas
Helen Star
Alyssia Tortora
James Van Wert
Arthur Williams
Peggy Winkenbach

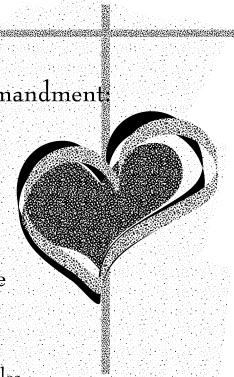
I will be with you only
a little while longer.

I give you a new commandment

LOVE
ONE
ANOTHER

As I have loved you,
so you should love
one another

This is how all will know
that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another.



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

In Memorial

RICARDO SOLIS

JACK DEXTER

**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN
THE MIDDLE EAST**

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

LOVE one another, says the LORD

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THE Catholic VOICE

The May 2024 issue of The Catholic Voice is available. See pages 8 & 9 of this issue—*Fr. Kevin Schindler-McGraw has written a wonderful article about OLG’s Christ the King Eucharistic Procession last November!* Visit: <https://www.oakdiocese.org/catholicvoiceoakland>



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.

PRE-BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS & GODPARENTS

If you are wishing to have your child baptized, ages infant to six years, parents and Godparents need to attend a Pre-Baptism Class. You also need to be registered members of the parish for at least three months. Our next class will be held on **June 5th** in Stack Center, OLG Room at 7:00pm. Please call Jay at 510-537-0806 to register.



PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. RAY MALLET
December 5th-14th, 2024

Join Fr. Ray Mallett, OFM Conv. on a 10-day pilgrimage of Hope to Assisi and Rome on the eve of the Jubilee Holy Year. Departure is from LAX. Cost is \$4999 (cash payment) and \$5298 (credit or debit card). The deadline to register is **June 1st**.

For a copy of the color brochure, including pricing details and registration, please visit: www.GoCatholicTravel.com/24060 or email Fr. Ray at rmallett@hotmail.com.

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Yes, it is true, the Immaculata is only a work of God’s, and like every other work, incomparably inferior to her Creator and she depends on Him in all. At the same time, though, she is the most perfect and holiest work, since God - as St. Bonaventure says - can create a greater and more perfect world, but cannot elevate any other creature to a dignity higher than the one to which He elevated Mary.”

THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 5th:

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Monday, May 6th:

Women’s Cursillo Meeting
6:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Tuesday, May 7th:

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

Thursday, May 9th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

AA Serenity Group
7:30pm—Stack Center

Friday, May 10th:

Marian Concert & May Crowning
2:15pm—Church

Saturday, May 11th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

Mary & the Holy Spirit Presentation
9:00am—Stack Center

Sunday, May 12th:

The Ascension of the Lord

Happy Mother’s Day!



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Mass Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY, May 6th

- 8:15am Alberto Reveles & Crucita Covarrubias – D

TUESDAY, May 7th

- 8:15am Manuel & Dorothy Callier – D

WEDNESDAY, May 8th

- 8:15am Linda Guzman – D

THURSDAY, May 9th

- 8:15am Adelaide Martin – D

FRIDAY, May 10th

St. John of Avila, Priest & Doctor of the Church

St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

- 8:15am Antonio S. Barroso – D

SATURDAY, May 11th

- 8:15am Jose, Rose Maria & Filomena Freitas – D
- 5:00pm Lilia Sousa – D

SUNDAY, May 12th

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

- 7:30am Maria Ha Vo – D
- 9:00am OLG Community
- 11:00am Grace Gonsalves – D
- 1:00pm Henriqueta Gomes – D

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

May 6th through May 12th

- Monday: Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15,22-18:1; John 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 18:1-8 ; John 16:16-20
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23-28
- Sunday: Acts 1:1-11, 20-26; Ephesians 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20



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



PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"A Peace that is not the result of true respect for man is not true Peace. And what do we call this sincere feeling for man? We call it Justice."

-Pope Paul VI, 1972

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