



My Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

In 2017, Pope Francis suggested the Catholic Church set aside one day each year when communities can “reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel.” He designated this Sunday, November 17th, as the World Day of the Poor. It is the Eighth World Day of Prayer with the theme: “The prayer of the poor rises up to God.”

In his message for this World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis acknowledges yet again that “the poor hold a privileged place in God’s heart” and so Pope Francis invites us all to pray for the poor, and to pray together with the poor.

It is so important to have examples to follow in today’s world as we strive to offer service to the poor. Pope Francis offers Mother Teresa of Calcutta as that example. She spent her life working for the poor, describing herself as “only a poor sister who prays.” A question that we need to ask ourselves is..... how do we personally reach out the poor around us?

My friends, Pope Francis, in his message this year’s World Sunday for the Poor, shares with us that “We are called in every circumstance to be friends of the poor, following in the footsteps of Jesus who always began by showing solidarity when dealing with the least among us”. Today, and in truth every day, we are invited to offer friendship, solidarity and welcome to the poorest of our sisters and brothers. Reaching out with love and support, let us hold all members of our global family in our prayers.

Let us not forget to keep the little details alive.... giving a little attention, a smile, a word of comfort. None of these actions are automatic. A daily commitment is required. These efforts need to be strengthened by prayer. Pray for the greatest and the least among us. Pray for those most in need: the poor, the marginalized, the suffering and forgotten. Let us pray for each other because as Pope Francis shared in his message: No one is excluded from his (God’s) heart, for in His eyes, we are all poor in the Lord. Each and every day, may our prayers rise up to God.

-Fr. Raphael

“The prayer of the poor rises up to God” (Sirach 21:5)



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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (November 24th)

John 18:33-37

Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

THANKSGIVING DAY LITURGY

Our Lady of Grace Parish will celebrate a *Mass of Thanksgiving* on Thursday, **November 28th 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 23rd & 24th)**, 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 chicken, canned fruit or vegetables, boxed fruit drinks, fruit cups, individual bags of chips or cookies, Safeway 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. Please pray for us and for those whom we are helping.

Do you know someone that could use help for the holidays? Please have them call our help line at 510-581-2164. From our Conference to you—Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed holiday season.

REMEMBERING OUR DECEASED FAMILY AND FRIENDS

The envelopes for All Saints and All Souls’ are 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.

CHRIST THE KING EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION
November 24th



Join us at 2:00pm at Transfiguration Church for Exposition of the Holy Eucharist followed by a Procession from Transfiguration to OLG Church, where Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will take place. *Walk in unity with parishioners from both parishes, supporting with reverence the real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.* The Procession will take about an hour. Wear comfortable shoes and bring water along. Be sure to arrange for transportation between the churches.



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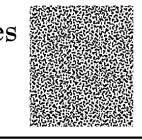
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WARM COAT DRIVE
Until December 31st

St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting **coats** (men’s, women’s and children’s - new and gently used), **blankets** and **socks**. As winter approaches, many that we serve do not have the resources necessary to purchase these items. This is true not only for those who are unhoused, but also for families who can not afford to keep their homes heated. We all know what PG&E bills look like during the winter. You will find collection barrels at the Somerset and parking lot sides of the church along with one in the office. *May God bless you for your continued generosity.*

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PARISH APPEAL
November 16th & 17th

This weekend 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 <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development>

The LORD comes
to rule the earth
with JUSTICE.



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**WOMEN'S FAITH SHARING
ADVENT INVITATION**
**Rejoice! An Advent Pilgrimage
Into the Heart of Scripture**

Advent is a special season for the Church. It is the time when Christians prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ. We often lose sight of the point of this season because we get so caught up in the festive busyness, and we find ourselves no more transformed on Christmas Day than we were at the start of Advent.

Join us on Tuesdays **beginning November 26th** as we prepare for Jesus' birth with a special program called *Rejoice! An Advent Pilgrimage in the Heart of Scripture, Year C*. This program features daily reflections, prayer, and opportunities for journaling. Each participant will receive a *Rejoice!* journal, filled with beautiful art and meaningful meditations, to use throughout the Advent season.

Rejoice! is an opportunity to enter the season of Advent intentionally to receive the grace God is waiting to give in this sacred time of preparation for Christmas. **We will meet on Tuesdays, November 26th - December 17th at 7:00pm in Stack Center.** This study can be done independently if you are unable to meet in person. Cost is \$10 for the materials. Please call the Parish Office (510-537-0806) or stop by to sign up.



**RAFFLE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE
CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE!**

OLG'S Hispanic Community will be holding an exciting Raffle to raise funds for the Celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. You could be the winner of a beautiful 13" statue of the Virgin of Perpetual Help! Drawing will take place on December 1st after the 1:00pm Spanish Mass. *Raffle Tickets are \$5 each and are available after the 1:00pm Spanish Masses as well as at the Parish Office.*

**Rifa para recaudar fondos para
la Fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe**

Se Rificará: 1 Estatua de la Virgen del Perpetuo Socorro de 13". Precio por boleto: \$5. Boleto de venta después de Misa, y en la Oficina de la Parroquia. Rifa se llevará a cabo el 1 de Diciembre 2024 después de Misa de 1:00 pm en español.

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 for the Month of OCTOBER:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 40,573.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 44,522.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [3,949.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 2,942.00

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:

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| Esperanza Ortega Alarcón | Brian Linney |
| Susan Anderson | Louisa Hokanson |
| Lois Belmessieri | Maria Mella |
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| Adie Gonzales | |

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

In Memorial

**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN
THE MIDDLE EAST**

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

**OLG SCHOOL'S
SEE'S CANDIES FUNDRAISER**

Thru December 6th

Proceeds will go to the PTG (Parent-Teacher Group) for field trips and school beautifications projects. Get your orders shipped directly to you. Free shipping on orders over \$70!

OLG 6th Graders will be selling See's Candy Bars after all the Masses this weekend—November 16th and 17th. Proceeds will help our 6th graders attend Caritas Environmental Camp.

Scan the QR code to place your order online. Order forms are also available at the Parish Office.





FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

We are grateful for the generous donation from Olga Johnson in remembrance of Veronica Johnson-Farias. 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.



**SNOWFLAKE SOIRÉE
You're Invited!**

Please join us for an unforgettable evening of food, dancing and giving at our holiday gala and auction which will be held on Friday, **December 6th** at 6:00pm at Redwood Canyons Golf Course. *Proceeds will benefit Our Lady of Grace School.* Child care is available. Ticket sales are now open!

Scan the QR code and get your tickets today.



**FR. TOM CZECK'S PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND
Fall 2025**

Fr. Tom will be leading a pilgrimage to Poland from **September 13th-23rd**. For more details and to enroll, please scan the QR code.



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, Room 7. Our next meeting will be on **December 7th**.

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Immaculata, Queen and Mother of the Church, I renew my consecration to you this day and for always, so that you may use me for the coming of the kingdom of Jesus in the whole world. To this end, I offer you all my prayers, actions, and sacrifices this day."

THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 17th:

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Whole Family -Year 2 Class
10:15am—Stack Center

Confirmation Class
11:15am—Stack Center

Tuesday, November 19th:

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

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

Wednesday, November 20th:

OCIA
6:30pm—Stack Center, Room 7

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

Thursday, November 21st:

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

Knights of Columbus Meeting
6:30pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

AA Serenity Group
7:30pm—Stack Center, Room 9

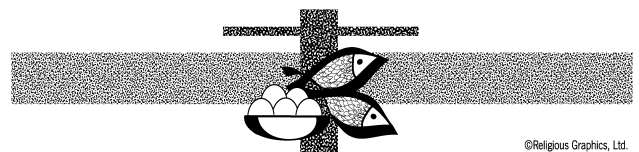
Saturday, November 23rd:

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

Sunday, November 24th:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Christ the King Procession
2:00pm—Transfiguration Church



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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 slot, located at the candle stand.



Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, November 17th
 THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 7:30am OLG Community
 9:00am Leopoldo Muñoz – D
 11:00am Rachel, Parker & Josephine Trewet
 1:00pm Duarte & Ortega Families

MONDAY, November 18th
 The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles
 St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
 8:15am Alice Theresa Goncalves – L

TUESDAY, November 19th
 8:15am All Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, November 20th
 8:15am Louis Rodrigues – D

THURSDAY, November 21st
 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 8:15am All Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, November 22nd
 St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr
 8:15am Lasalette Marie Capote – L

SATURDAY, November 23rd
 8:15am All Souls in Purgatory
 5:00pm Mary Fatima Chocha – L

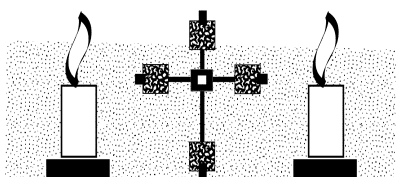
SUNDAY, November 24th
 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
 7:30am Willy Wang – L
 9:00am Frank Lang – D
 11:00am OLG Community
 1:00pm Rosa Martinez Reyes – D

EXECUTION ALERTS

The following execution is scheduled to take place in **November:**

November 21st Carey Dale Grayson Alabama

We ask for your prayers for this person for the victims of his crimes, and for their families.



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

November 18th through November 24th

Monday: Revelations 1:1-4; 2:1-5;
 Luke 18:35-43
 Tuesday: Revelations 3:1-6,14-22; Luke 19:1-10
 Wednesday: Revelations 4:1-11; Luke 19:11-28
 Thursday: Revelations 5:1-10; Luke 19:41-44
 Friday: Revelations 10:8-11; Luke 19:45-48
 Saturday: Revelations 11:4-12; Luke 20:27-40
 Sunday: Daniel 7:13-14; Revelations 1:5-8;
 John 18:33-37

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 *"Cultivating Peace in a Chaotic World...And Let It Begin With Me"*

Our meetings are held at the Transfiguration Church Hall.

Next Meeting: **November 21st**, 9:00am to 11:15am

Speakers: Sr. Pat Nagel IHM &
 Sr. Sharon Joyer SNDdeN

Topic: *"Reflection on Laudato Si"*

For further information or if you would like to attend, please contact: Rose Anne Ryken at raryken39@gmail.com.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If our poor die of hunger, it is not because God does not care for them. Rather it is because neither you nor I are generous enough. It is because we are not instruments of love in the hands of God. We do not recognize Christ when once again He appears to us in the hungry man, in the lonely woman, in the child who is looking for a place to get warm.

-St. Teresa of Calcutta, 1997

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

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