



Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Here at our cluster, we would like to give special attention to the Eucharist beginning today. To celebrate The Solemnity of Christ the King, there will be a Eucharistic Procession beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:00 PM at Transfiguration Church, carrying the Blessed Sacrament in procession (it will take more than an hour) to Our Lady of Grace Church where Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will take place. Everyone is invited to participate. Please be aware that arrangements need to be made to have transportation between our two churches.

It is our prayer that as we venerate the Blessed Sacrament on the Solemnity of Christ the King, this Sunday, it prepares us to more appropriately celebrate Thanksgiving in our homes and here in our Church.

There are many images that express the intense mystery that is the Eucharist, but the Eucharist as thanksgiving is the most appropriate for November. In the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we read that Eucharist means first of all “thanksgiving”. A simple connection that we can make is that every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we share a Thanksgiving meal. As we celebrate the Eucharist, we are united as one body, one family sharing in the one bread and one cup of Christ.

Many people assume that here in the United States we have celebrating Thanksgiving Day since the time of the pilgrims as a sign of thanksgiving for the harvest season. It was Abraham Lincoln who instituted the holiday in 1863 during the Civil War. He wanted Americans to celebrate the holiday as a sign of unity and thanksgiving to God. As time progressed, the idea of the harvest became part of the experience of Thanksgiving.

Our celebration of Thanksgiving then resembles the meaning of the Sacrament of the Eucharist. My friends, may our Thanksgiving Celebration bring our family and friends together. May our Thanksgiving Celebration be a time of thanksgiving to God who has given us an abundance of gifts for our personal lives and the lives we live as part of a family, our family, and the Church. We celebrate Thanksgiving as a sign of unity and thanksgiving to God who has given us great gifts.

***Celebrate Christ The King! Join in Our Eucharistic Procession!  
Enjoy Thanksgiving Day here in our Church and with your family!***

-Fr. Raphael



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**First Sunday of Advent (December 1st)**

**Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

Jesus said to his disciples: “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. “Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.”

**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 this 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 and someone will get back to them. From our Conference to you—Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed holiday season.**



**SVdP Warm Coat Drive  
Until December 31st**

*We are thankful for the generosity from the those who have given so far!* 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 un-housed, 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.*

**Adopt a Family This Christmas!**

St. Vincent de Paul is bringing Christmas to 12 families this year. Among these 12 families, there are about 40 children. We are asking for donations of Walmart gift cards. These gift cards can be turned in to the Parish Office or put in an envelope marked *St. Vincent de Paul* and dropped in the Sunday collection. **We would like to receive these gift cards by December 8<sup>th</sup>.** We also have families who have a difficult time doing their own shopping. For these families we would like to try something different. If you and your family, book club, small faith community or organization would like to adopt one of these families, please contact us at 510-581-2164. We will match you with a family and give you their wish list. **Gifts should be returned (unwrapped) by Monday December 9<sup>th</sup>.** If you have any questions, please contact Heidi at 510-581-2164 or email at [svdp@olgcv.org](mailto:svdp@olgcv.org). *Thank you for your continued support and we wish you all a blessed Advent and Christmas.*



**FESCO ADOPT-A-FAMILY**

Our Lady of Grace will be participating in the *FESCO Adopt-a-Family* event again this year. Beginning on Saturday, **November 30th**, there will be ornaments on the trees located at the back of the church. When you take an ornament, be sure to write your name and phone number on one half—tear it off and place it in the basket. The portion you keep will list a first name, age and gift idea for a FESCO client. *Please return your wrapped gifts or gift cards to the Parish Office by Thursday, December 12th.* If you have any question, please contact the OLG FESCO representative, Chris Ippolito at [chriseippolito@comcast.net](mailto:chriseippolito@comcast.net)

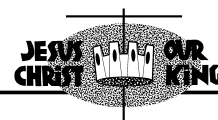
**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE  
CELEBRATION  
December 12th**

*The Hispanic Group invites the entire Parish community to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe!*



Beginning at 5:00am, join us as we pray the Rosary, followed by Mañanitas (joyous Mexican Folk Music) from 5:30am. Immediately following, Mexican hot chocolate and bread will be served in Stack Center. At 8:15am we will celebrate Mass in English. At 7:00pm we will celebrate Mass in Spanish.

**Celebraciones En Honor a al Virgen de Guadalupe**  
Rosario a la 5:00 am. Mañanitas a la 5:30 am en la Iglesia. Se servirá inmediatamente después chocolate y pan mexicano en el Stack Center. Misas a la 8:15 am en inglés y a la 7:00 pm en español.



**THANKSGIVING DAY  
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**



The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, **November 28th** and Friday, **November 29th**. We will reopen on Monday, **December 2nd** at 8:30am. The entire Parish Staff wishes you and your family a Blessed Thanksgiving!

On Thanksgiving Day, November 28th, there will be no 8:15am Mass and no Adoration and Reconciliation. We thank you for your understanding.



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

Join us on Tuesdays **beginning November 26<sup>th</sup>** 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. Boletos 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
<b>Month Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 44,522.00</b>
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [3,949.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ <b>2,942.00</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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| Esperanza Ortega Alarcón | Brian Linney     |
| Susan Anderson           | Louisa Hokanson  |
| Lois Belmessieri         | Maria Mella      |
| Frank Broker             | Cheryl Miraglia  |
| Jeff Brown               | Carmen Navarro   |
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| Joan Gabrielli           | Peggy Winkenbach |
| 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**

**BARNABAS HOANG**

**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN  
THE MIDDLE EAST**

**VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE**

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR  
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PARISH APPEAL**

*There's still time to give!* More than thirty-eight million people in the United States live in poverty. *25% of your contribution stays in our diocese to support the organizations addressing your community's needs for housing, jobs, and educational opportunities.* Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and assist to make this year's collection a success! Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development>

**WHAT HAVE YOU PLANNED FOR ADVENT?**



Let us make the most of this Advent season by deepening our faith and drawing closer to God. Each Monday beginning **November 25th** we will share Advent videos from Fr. Mark Toups to help you experience an Advent filled with peace and a Christmas filled with joy. We have *Rejoice! An Advent Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture* journals available for purchase in the Parish office. Drawing from the Sunday readings for Advent these journals lead you through daily meditations, prayer, and prompts to enrich your experience of this blessed time of preparation and anticipation. The cost of the journal is \$10 --give yourself the gift of prayer and learning to hear God's voice. Wishing you a blessed and reflective weeks leading up to Advent. *May the light of Christ shine brightly in your hearts.*



**CHRISTMAS SHOW  
NO TICKETS NEEDED!  
The Devil Mountain  
Barber Shop Chorus**

You are invited for an evening filled with Christmas music and delicious cookies! Join us on **December 15th** at 5:00pm in Stack Center. We will also have a *Cookie Exchange!* Bring a cookie, take a cookie! Bring some of your favorite cookies plus a second container to take cookies home in.



**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.



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



**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, November 24th:**

***Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe***

Christ the King Procession  
2:00pm—Transfiguration Church

**Tuesday, November 26th:**

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, OLG Room

**Wednesday, November 27th:**

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6:30pm—Stack Center, Room 7

**Thursday, November 28th:**

***HAPPY THANKSGIVING!***  
***Parish Office Closed***  
**No 8:15am Mass**  
**No Adoration & Reconciliation**

Mass of Thanksgiving  
9:30am—Church

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

**Friday, November 29th:**

***Parish Office Closed***

**Saturday, November 30th:**

Adoration & Reconciliation  
8:45am—Church

**Sunday, December 1st:**

***First Sunday of Advent***

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

Confirmation Class  
11:15am—Stack Center

**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.





# Mass Intentions for the Week

**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

**MONDAY, November 25th**  
 St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr  
 8:15am Hunter Antonio Capote – L

**TUESDAY, November 26th**  
 8:15am Joyce Steiner – D

**WEDNESDAY, November 27th**  
 8:15am Fernando & Erica Wolsey Gallegos – L

**THURSDAY, November 28th**  
 9:30am Mass of Thanksgiving

**FRIDAY, November 29th**  
 8:15am Ernie Selmeczki – D  
 Jeanne Ilag Hughes – D

**SATURDAY, November 30th**  
 St. Andrew, Apostle  
 8:15am All Souls in Purgatory  
 5:00pm Joyce Steiner – D

**SUNDAY, December 1st**  
 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
 7:30am Manuel Silva & Family – L  
 9:00am OLG Community  
 11:00am Henrietta G. Silva – D  
 1:00pm Imelda Sanchez Mendoza &  
 Ramiro Navarro Ramirez – D

## HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please have items for the Bulletin to the Parish Office no later than the deadlines shown below:

December 15th Bulletin: **Due December 6th**  
 December 22nd Bulletin: **Due December 11th**  
 December 29th Bulletin: **Due December 16th**  
 January 5th Bulletin: **Due December 19th**



## 1ST FRIDAY TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

Join us for Traditional Latin Mass on **December 6th** at 7:00pm, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

November 25th through December 1st

Monday: Revelations 14:1-5; Luke 21:1-4  
 Tuesday: Revelations 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11  
 Wednesday: Revelations 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19  
 Thursday: Revelations 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9; Luke 21:20-28  
 Friday: Revelations 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Luke 21:29-33  
 Saturday: Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22  
 Sunday: Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



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## 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: **December 5th**, 9:00am to 11:15am

Speaker: Kathleen O'Brien, Maryknoll

Topic: *"Faith in Action: Using Catholic Social Teachings as a Guide to Living Our Faith"*

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

## PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Prayer and sacrifice must be used as the most effective spiritual weapons in the war against war, and like all weapons, they must be used with deliberate aim: not just with a vague aspiration for peace and security but against violence and war."*

-Thomas Merton, 1961

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

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