



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Solemnity of Epiphany (Three Kings) which we celebrated this past Sunday celebrates the first of the ways Christ has made Himself known to all the world. The next two ways in which Jesus has made Himself known to all the world is at the Baptism of the Lord followed by the Wedding Feast at Cana in Galilee.

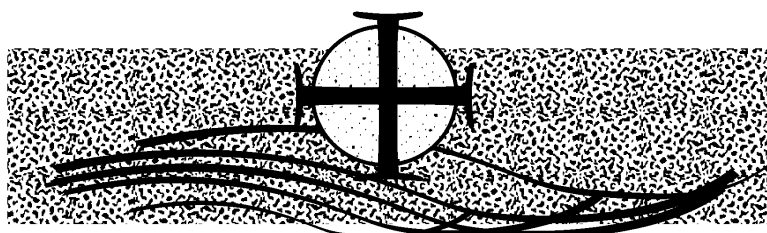
Today, we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist in the waters of the River Jordan where the Spirit descended down upon the Lord and the Father's voice spoke "This is my Son in whom my favor rests" and soon to follow we will celebrate The Wedding Feast of Cana marking the beginning of Jesus' public ministry which culminates with His suffering, death, resurrection and ascension into heaven where He is seated on the throne in glory.

My brothers and sisters, this upcoming week can offer us an excellent opportunity to reflect on our own journeys of faith and how Christ has been made an active part of our lives if we only allow it to happen. For some of us, our Baptismal Relationship with the Lord began in our infancy, for others it began when we were in our teens, for others in adulthood. In each and every scenario, we have become members of the household of God. And so, being co-heirs with the Lord to the joy of the Kingdom, it is important for us to make our relationship with the Lord stronger day by day. Our prayer life needs to be nurtured continually. We come before the Lord when we offer private, personal prayer. We come before the Lord when we are gathered together at the Table of the Lord for the Celebration of the Mass. Let us strive to come before the Lord offering all that we have and are to the Lord knowing that we are favored by the Lord and are willing to do whatever He tells us to do. We are transformed in the Lord. 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.

Experiencing for ourselves the very presence of the Lord born for us at Christmas and the impact of His life in ours, we are invited 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, as members of the household of God, we, 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



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The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (January 19th)

John 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from — although the servers who had drawn the water knew —, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Christmas collection. Our Christmas Offering for 2024 totaled \$33,483 with a budget of \$35,000. 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.

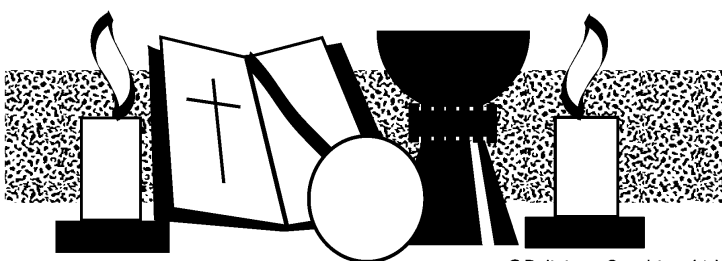
2024 PLATE COLLECTION RESULTS

Total Sunday Plate Offering 2024: \$502,992
 Total Sunday Plate Budget 2024: \$500,000
 Total Sunday Plate Over Budget 2024: \$2,992

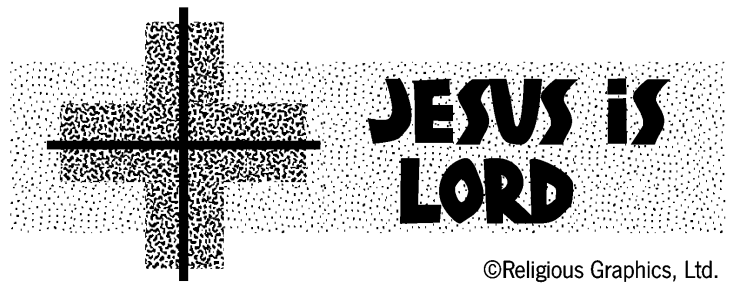
We are most grateful to those who have consistently supported our Parish and have maintained their level of giving. We recognize those who responded so generously and personally committed to make a difference in our outcome for the year. For those in the Parish who are not using the offering envelopes 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.

**ANNUAL SEMINARY COLLECTION
 January 11th & 12th**

Our Diocese asks us to help with the work of education for tomorrow’s priests through our contributions for the Seminary Collection. This year is another challenging year for all of us financially but the Diocese humbly appeals to all of you to give your best effort to support our seminarians in their training and formation in your own unique and creative way. Please include the seminarians in your prayers. Prayer especially during Holy Mass is one of the most effective ways in campaigning and promoting vocations in our Church. You may make your check out to “*Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland*”. Envelopes will be in the pews for your use. Your kindness, generosity and prayers are deeply appreciated.



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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.

**“A VIEW OF THE BORDER” PRESENTATION
 January 19th**

Learn about what’s really going on at the US/Mexico border from parishioner Dennise Burgess, who recently attended a week-long Maryknoll “immersion program” in El Paso, Texas and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. She will present what she learned from asylum attorneys, border patrol agents, nuns, priests, and lay volunteers as well as from migrants. She will also discuss questions and concerns about past and present US immigration policies from the perspective of Catholic social teaching. The presentation will be on Sunday, **January 19th**, from 2:30-3:30pm in Stack Center. Please come and feel free to bring your family and friends. Light refreshments will be provided.



**CYO ATHLETICS CRAB FEED
 February 8th**

**Join us as we raise funds for
 OLG’s CYO Athletics**

Get Your Tickets Today!

- Doors open at 4:30pm in Stack Center
- Cost is \$85 per person
- Limited tables of 10 seats for \$800 and tables of 12 seats for \$950
- Menu includes Crab or Chicken, Pasta, Salad and Bread
- No-Host Bar
- Music, Silent Auction and Raffle!
- Kid Kare available: \$40 per child (space is limited)

Get your tickets online by visiting:
<https://tinyurl.com/OLG-CYO-crab>
 or scan the QR code. Tickets are also sold at the Parish Office (cash or check)





*You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased.*

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YEARLY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

For your convenience in preparing your tax return, a contribution statement for 2024 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.

**PRAYER GARDEN CLEAN-UP
January 25th**



Help Wanted! The Knights are looking for volunteers to assist with sprucing up our Prayer Garden after all the rain and wind we've had. Join us on **January 25th** at 10:00am and bring your gloves, hat and water. The Prayer Garden is located next to the rear entrance of the church. Tools will be provided but you may also bring your own from home. See you there!



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 **February 1st**.

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.

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 DECEMBER:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 51,615.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 55,750.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [4,135.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 2,992.00

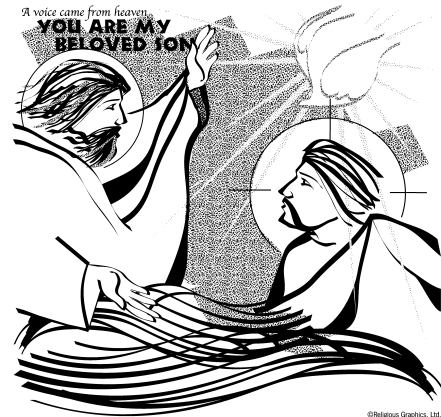
May God bless your continuing generosity.



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 | Maria C. Gallegos |
| Susan Anderson | Joan Gabrielli |
| Jeff Brown | Brian Linney |
| Jot Brown | Maria Mella |
| Maria Corazon Ocampo | Hector Paez |
| Sean Deorsey | Lisa Tortora |
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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

PHYLLIS HUNT

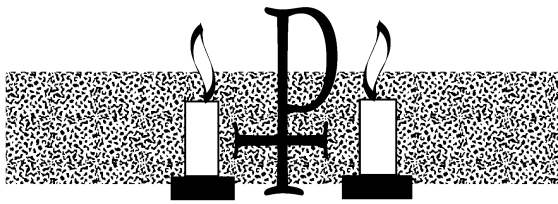
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**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN
THE MIDDLE EAST**

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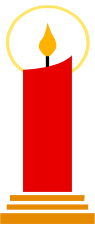


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**TRANSFIGURATION PARISH'S
"UNDER THE SEA" CRAB FEED
January 25th**

Support your sister Church Crab feed event!

Join us in Transfiguration Hall after the 4pm Vigil Mass. Price is \$70 per person. 50/50 raffle tickets are \$5 each. You don't have to be present to win. Cash or in-kind donations for raffle baskets are also very welcome. Please note that in-kind donations have to be new (unused). Tickets are sold after all the Transfiguration Sunday Masses and at their Parish Office, Mondays-Wednesdays, 8:00-4:30pm.



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.



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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MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The Immaculata, however, cannot possibly offer God anything that is stained by sin. Thus, in her immaculate hands, our own imperfect actions are made pure as well, without stain, and therefore in comparably more valuable."

THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 12th:

The Baptism of the Lord

- Coffee and Donuts
After the 9:00am Mass—Gathering Area
- Whole Family Class – Year 1
10:15am—Stack Center
- Whole Family Faith Class
10:15am—Stack Center, Resource Room

Tuesday, January 14th:

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

Wednesday, January 15th:

- OCIA
6:30pm—Stack Center, Room 7
- St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
7:15pm—Parish Office

Thursday, January 16th:

- Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church
- AA Serenity Group
7:30pm—Stack Center, Room 9

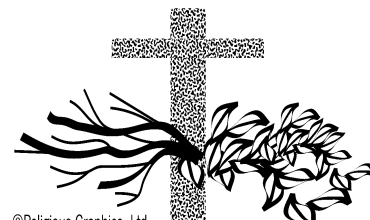
Saturday, January 18th:

- Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

Sunday, January 19th:

The Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

- 1st Communion Class – Year 2
10:15am—Stack Center
- Confirmation Class
11:15am—Stack Center
- A View of the Border* Presentation
2:30pm—Stack Center



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Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, January 12th

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

- 7:30am Luis Mello – D
- 9:00am Geoffrey Wren – D
- 11:00am Manuel Jardim – D
- 1:00pm OLG Community

MONDAY, January 13th

St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

- 8:15am Antonio Oliveira Chocha – D

TUESDAY, January 14th

- 8:15am Phyllis Hunt – D

WEDNESDAY, January 15th

- 8:15am Avalina Garcia – D

THURSDAY, January 16th

- 8:15am Lasalette & Andrew Capote – L

FRIDAY, January 17th

St. Anthony, Abbot

- 8:15am Cohen Sigmon – L

SATURDAY, January 18th

- 8:15am Michael Seltzer – D
- 5:00pm Leo Lombardo – D

SUNDAY, January 19th

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:30am Marty Martin – D
- 9:00am Kip & Debbie Russell – L
- 11:00am OLG Community
- 1:00pm Duarte & Ortega Families – L



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.

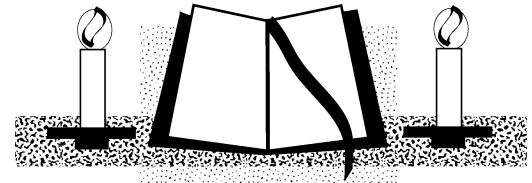
PRE-BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS & GODPARENTS

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 **February 5th** in Stack Center, OLG Room at 7:00pm. Please call Jay at 510-537-0806 to register.



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:
January 13th through January 19th**

- Monday: Hebrews 1:1-6; Mark 1:14-20
- Tuesday: Hebrews 2:5-12; Mark 1:21-28
- Wednesday: Hebrews 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39
- Thursday: Hebrews 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45
- Friday: Hebrews 4:1-5,11; Mark 2:1-12
- Saturday: Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 2:13-17
- Sunday: Isaiah 62:1-5;
1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11



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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: **January 16th**, 9:00am to 11:15am

Speaker: Sr. Patricia Bruno OP

Topic: *"Voices of Ukraine"*

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

"Memory is the horizon of hope. Many times, in darkness of wars and conflicts, the remembrance of even a small gesture of solidarity received can lead to courageous and even heroic decisions."

-Pope Francis

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

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