



## Welcome 2010

*From the Pastor* In some ways the holidays are almost far too busy to really step back and appreciate the wonder of what we have celebrated at Christmas, and to take the time to look ahead to the New Year that confronts us. Yet that is what we do as Christians: we look back and remember all that God has done for and with us - and we look ahead to what God has in store for us, his highly favored daughters and sons. We are people of "the already and the not yet," as we live along this unfolding story of God's love for his people. And so I pray that you have had a chance to enter into the spirit of the season, especially as it continues through to the Feast of the Epiphany.

It is always a joy to look back over the past year when doing so reminds me of all that has taken place, and of all who have contributed to the life and ministry of Our Lady of Grace parish. There was a tremendous amount of "giving" during this past year - some of which was financial and much of which came through volunteerism. I am constantly amazed at the willingness of so many to give so much to this parish in terms of time and talent, and to financially support the ongoing needs of an aging "plant." I am grateful to the members of the Pastoral Planning Council and the Finance Council who represent all of our parishioners and who work together to define and achieve the goals that best serve us. I congratulate our School Board and our Parent-Teacher Group members who kindly serve the mission of our parish school and support our Principal, Colleen Wahl, in this important way. As pastor, I am also truly grateful for a dedicated and generous staff who supports the mission of this parish and its school, and who serves all of you so well. I give thanks that your generosity enables us to continue improving the parish plant. In the past year we have made significant expenditures because things are simply wearing out - and we must replace them. We pray the improvements that have been made will serve us for many years to come. We will continue to address additional needs as this new year progresses.

I am grateful, as well, to the many organizations who provide opportunities for parishioners to come together to pray - and to play, and who also contribute to the financial support of our parish.

As we have celebrated the end of the year 2009, with all of the hills and valleys, not-so-straight roads, and occasional steps backwards, let us also look ahead in year 2010 to all the possibilities it will offer us. In the power of God's grace, let us continue to be his people, to worship and to work together to build up his kingdom on earth - especially in our little corner of that kingdom: in this time and in this place !

*May every good blessing be yours in this New Year,*  
Frs. Kevin and Paul, O.S.A. and All the Parish Staff

### Gospel for The Baptism of the Lord (January 10th):

### Gospel of Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Messiah. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire. After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."



**JANUARY CYO SIGN-UPS**

It's time for Girls Basketball (grades 2nd–8th) and Boys Volleyball (grades 5th-8th) sign-ups. The dates will be Tuesday's, **January 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th** in Augustine Center (A-1) from 7:00pm-8:30pm. All non-OLG students must bring copies of their birth certificate and a utility bill (water, PG&E, garbage) that list the property address. *These are the only sign up dates, practices begin February 1st.*

*If you are interested in coaching or helping with CYO in another position please contact Mike Martinez at [olgathletics@yahoo.com](mailto:olgathletics@yahoo.com)*



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE**

Religious Education classes will be off through Sunday, **January 3rd**. Tuesday classes resume **January 6th** and Sunday classes resume **January 10th**.



**YEARLY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

For your convenience in preparing tax returns, a contribution statement for 2009 will be prepared at your request. Please phone the Parish Office at 537-0806, with your name and envelope number. Your statement will be available for you once it has been signed.

**2010 CALENDARS AVAILABLE**

*Catholic Extension 2010 Family Appointment Calendars:* We are grateful and we extend our sincere appreciation to *Holy Angels Catholic Funeral, Cremation & Cemetery Services of the Diocese of Oakland* for again sponsoring the 2010 Family Appointment Calendars. If you have not picked up your copy in the church, you may do so in the parish office during normal office hours.



**UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

**YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION**

Our next gathering for Youth Group and Confirmation will be Sunday, **January 10th** from 9:00am-12:00Noon. Our Youth Group is open to all high school students—so bring a friend and have some fun! Contact the Faith Formation Center for more information by calling (510-582-9266) or email [olgrec@sbcglobal.net](mailto:olgrec@sbcglobal.net)

Many thanks to everyone who made our Confirmation retreat (December 11th-13th) a success. The parents and sponsors—who helped with the dinner Friday evening, drove candidates (and their stuff !) to the retreat center Friday and returned them Sunday, chaperoned Friday and Saturday evening—made the retreat possible. Thanks and many blessing to our AWESOME retreat team who worked with the candidates throughout the weekend.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION**

Please join the parish staff in welcoming and supporting the Adult Confirmation Candidates. Our Lady of Grace and St. John the Baptist have 6 candidates preparing to receive this sacrament on Saturday, **January 30th** at the Cathedral of Christ the Light. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their journey of faith.

**OUR LADY OF GRACE GUILD**

*A New Year, New Beginnings and a Lovely Lunch!* What more can we ask for than to enjoy the friendship of one another. Our Lady of Grace Guild Luncheon **January 15th** at 12:00Noon. Group I will be serving lunch. Hope to see you there, bring a friend!



**PLEASE NOTE**

Due to the holiday's our bulletin publisher requires our bulletins be sent for publishing further in advance than usual. Therefore the financial information will be updated in the **January 10th** bulletin to reflect the Christmas and **December 27th** offerings.

**PARISH ESCRIP UPDATE**

***We have 72 Parishioners who have not updated their escrip***

Safeway cards must be renewed with eScrip every year. Your valuable contributions will stop unless you renew. This is not necessary for your other cards, (PW Market, Visa, etc.). Families must renew by November 1st, 2009. You can renew your Safeway card in one of the following ways. Please, have your card number ready:

1. Call 1-800-400-7878, or
2. Visit [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and click on "Yes Renew".

Note: If you have not yet signed up with Religious Education – eScrip, stop by the Parish Office and we will assist you in doing so!

**ST. MARY'S CENTER  
WINTER SHELTER**

St. Mary's Winter Shelter has opened. The Winter Shelter is the only shelter in Alameda County solely serving adults 55 or older. The program relies heavily on volunteer support. Volunteers are needed to provide the evening meal for 28 adults Tuesday –**now through April 30th.**

Gather your friends, family, SCC or other group together check your calendars and let us know when you would like to help with this very worthwhile ministry. Our Lady of Grace has been a huge supporter of St. Mary's for several years and we are most grateful to everyone who has helped in the past. Please call Colleen Lindberg at the parish office (537-0806) or email at [olgcv@sbcglobal.net](mailto:olgcv@sbcglobal.net) with the dates you would be interested in providing and serving dinner to the Winter Shelter clients.

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

Stewardship of treasure involves trust in God. You have to really believe in God's Providence and trust that if you give ten percent of your income to the Church and charity, for example, God will help you live on the rest.

In gratitude for God's gifts of "Treasure" to us, we gratefully returned to God's church in the **Offerings of December 20th :**

Envelopes/Loose Checks (258)	\$ 7,240.00
Loose cash:	760.00
Total Offering:	\$ 7,773.00
Year-to-date (51weeks)	\$421,526.00

(Weekly average: \$8,270.00)

*May God bless your continuing generosity.*



**Your Prayers Are Requested**

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

<i>Let us pray for:</i>	Laura Hill
Lloyd Bauerly	Janis Lococo
Lucy Bruni	Pat Lopez
Carol De Cruz	Maria Ortega
Doug Foxworthy	Sylvia Pettit
Paul Freres	Mary Schenone
Rita Freres	Tula Rough
Liz Griffith	Debbie Telles
D'Riece Gundred	Clara Walters

*As we pray for an end to war and violence in our world, let us remember in prayer those family members of our parish community serving on active duty, including:*

DAVID BANTA	KEVIN DIAS
DAVID SANCHEZ	LINDA SAUNDERS

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

**Manuel Mello  
Mary Zile**

**CHARISMATIC MASS  
WITH BISHOP SALVATORE CORDILEONE**

To usher in the New Year with praise and thanksgiving, the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Office, Diocese of Oakland, is sponsoring a charismatic Mass of the Holy Spirit at the Cathedral of Christ the Light with Bishop Salvatore presiding. It will be Saturday, **January 9th**, from 2:00-4:00pm.

This is a joyful new year's Celebration you won't want to miss. For a tour of the new Cathedral prior to Mass, meet at the front door of the Cathedral at 12:15pm. After Mass, there will be a **POTLUCK** in the Parish Hall (no desserts please).

**AN INVITATION FROM  
CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE EAST BY**

Bishop Salvatore Cordileone and Solomon Belette, CEO of Catholic Charities of the East Bay extend an invitation to a Mass at Christ the Light Cathedral in Oakland to celebrate the Anniversary of Catholic Charities of the East Bay's 75 years of service to the community. Sunday, **January 10th** with a reception to follow. Please join us as we reach out to all of you with heart, help and hope.

**RETROUVAILLE  
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGES**

For confidential information about or to register for the February program beginning with a weekend on **February 26th-28th**, call (510) 648-6874 or email: [Oakland@RetroCA.com](mailto:Oakland@RetroCA.com) or visit the website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

**SCRIP NEWS**

Did you know scrip is available year round in the Parish Office? Buy gift card (at face value) for various retailers through the Parish office, helping the school earn 2%-17% per certificate. Stop by the Parish office and look over the list. Special orders of additional retailers can also be made. Thank you for your support!

**FACILITIES & GROUNDS DRIVE  
As of September 2009**

Income thru August 2009:	452,377.00
Contributions Oct.-Dec.	8,153.00
Gross Income:	460,530.00
Expenses Thru October, 2009	(474,578.00)
Revised Net Income	(\$14,048.00)

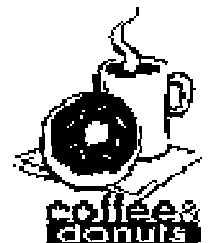
**Thank you for your continuing support  
of our Facilities and Grounds Drive !**

**WORLD CLASS MARRIAGE WORKSHOP  
JANUARY 16th-17th, 2010**

Make your marriage a World Class Marriage! Come to this free workshop in January and start the new year out right! The next World Class Marriage Workshop will be held on the weekend of **January 16th-17th** at St. Vincent School for Boys in San Rafael. Be sure to plan ahead to block off the weekend for you and your spouse. To register for this FREE workshop go to our website ([www.sffamilylife.com](http://www.sffamilylife.com)) contact page and fill out the form and hit "send"! If you have any questions you can call 707-552-3394 or email [sfcath@gmail.com](mailto:sfcath@gmail.com)

**COME JOIN US**

All are invited after the  
7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 AM  
Sunday Masses to  
Gather in Stack Center for  
coffee and donuts.



This is a great opportunity to  
visit and to meet **new** friends!  
Plan to stop in - we look forward  
to seeing you there!

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



Please note: During the school year, our 8:30am Monday mass will be celebrated in the church. Unless otherwise noted all other weekday masses will be held in the Chapel.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 4th (Church)**

8:30am Lucy Cervone (D)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 5th**

*John Neumann, bishop*

7:00am

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6th**

*Blessed Andre Bessette, religious*

7:00am Helene Berloz-Cavey (D)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 7th**

*Raymond of Penafort, priest*

7:00am Dorothy & Manuel Callier (D)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 8th**

7:00am Joe & Marie Silveria (D)

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 9th**

8:30am Gene & Jim Clark (D)



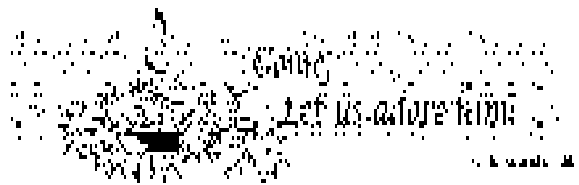
**NOTE CARDS TO BENEFIT HOGAR INFANTIL - LA GLORIA**

Fr. Bob Gavotto, O.S.A., has selected eight of his paintings and turned them into a set of note cards being offered through the Augustinian Guild for \$15.00 a set. All proceeds to benefit Hogar Infantil. The cards are available for viewing in the Parish Office. You may purchase sets by emailing or calling **Kathy Walker** at [osawest@sbcglobal.net](mailto:osawest@sbcglobal.net) (619-235-0247).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

January 4th through January 10th

- Monday: 1 John 3:22-4:6; Matthew 4:12-17,23-25
- Tuesday: 1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44
- Wednesday: 1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52
- Thursday: 1 John 4:19-5:4; Luke 4:14-22
- Friday: 1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16
- Saturday: 1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30
- Sunday: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Luke 3:15-16,21-22



**THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday, January 5th:**

- Bible Study
- 9:00am—Parish Office
- St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
- 3:30pm—Parish Office
- REC Classes Resume
- 3:45pm—Stack Center
- CYO Spring Sign-ups
- 7:00pm—Augustine Center A-2

**Wednesday, January 6th:**

- Nursing Home Mass
- 11:00am—Eden Villa

**Thursday, January 7th:**

- Serenity Group
- 8:15pm—Stack Center

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