

From the Pastor

Having been recently asked about plans for Festival 2010, I knew the holidays must truly be behind us. Indeed, it is time to get back to the usual work at hand... As you are all too well aware, our work is often "in the works" well before the "product" is ever seen. For example, in any given week there might be meetings for the Confirmation candidates and parents, the Pastoral Planning Council, the School Board, the Parent-Teacher Group, Scouting Groups, CYO, etc. Each group is working both on current events and toward a future goal or event, and as do most things in life – this takes planning! Our Catechumens and Candidates have been "on the way" since this past September and are drawing nearer to reality of being fully initiated into the faith life of the church and this parish community at our Easter Vigil liturgy. We are especially indebted to the many excellent volunteers who contribute to our RCIA Team and so generously accompany our candidates and Catechumen on their faith journey during this formative period. Many other groups, organizations, and committees are involved in the same kinds of ways and all of this, collectively, defines life in Our Lady of Grace parish.

As we begin a new year of activity, I look back at the past year and once again express the appreciation of our parish community to the wonderful volunteers who make so much of this possible. At the same time, however, I must make a plea to all of those who may have not yet had an opportunity to share in our enterprise. We very much need the support of all our members, as you are able to do, in order to continue the various ministries and activities that contribute to a vibrant parish life. Some of our long-serving volunteers tell me they are getting a little tired – and they'll get no argument from me! They have done "yeoman's work" for many years and are more than deserving of some respite from their labors. So we more than welcome the youth and energy of others who are more able to step up and assume some of the 'reins.' In a particular way I want to emphasize the need for greater participation in the Religious Education area and in our CYO program.

Once again I would like to express a most personal thank you to those many who comprise our Helping Hands ministry. We have received so many gracious comments and compliments about this group and their efforts, and they are most deserved. I also thank all those who have gone beyond the call to make things run a bit more smoothly – especially the "behind-the-scenes" work that happens almost magically (and results in sore backs and very dirty hands!). And most gratefully I again express my and our collective thanks to all our musicians for their gift of music and song that so enhances our liturgical gatherings. St. Augustine would be quite proud of you! For those who are named and for the many who are not, let us never take for granted the gift they are to all the Our Lady of Grace community!

*Wishing you God's richest and fullest blessings,
Fr. Kevin, O.S.A.*

Gospel for The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (January 17th): Gospel of John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in 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 in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.



JANUARY CYO SIGN-UPS

It's time for Girls Basketball (grades 2nd–8th) and Boys Volleyball (grades 4th–8th) sign-ups. The dates will be Tuesday's, **January 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

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!



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.



BECAUSE WE CARE OUTREACH SUNDAY:

Next Sunday, **January 17th** is the third Sunday of the month, and therefore *Outreach Sunday at Our Lady of Grace*. Please consider making donations of non-perishable food items to St. Vincent de Paul, signing up to serve at Portuguese Park, St. Mary's Winter Shelter, or exploring one of the many ways you can better serve those in need in our greater community. For additional information contact Colleen Lindberg at the Parish office, 537-0806.

PORTUGUESE PARK OUTREACH BECAUSE WE CARE

Our next Sunday for serving our needy brothers and sisters at Portuguese Park in Hayward will be **January 17th**. If you, your group, Small Christian Community or family would be interested in making donations of prepared food or paper products, or to volunteer your time in service on Sunday, **January 17th**, please call Colleen Lindberg at the parish office 537-0806. We prepare the meal in Stack Center after the 9:00am mass and leave for the Park at 11:30am.

AUGUSTINIAN GUILD APPEAL

Dave Olds, a pre-novice candidate, will make the annual appeal, on behalf of the Augustinian Guild the weekend of **January 23rd–24th**. The appeal seeks support for the religious and theological formation of brothers and priest, who have dedicated their lives to serving God's people, here at Our Lady of Grace, and throughout California and Oregon. The Guild also serves other apostolates such as funding for our retired Augustinians, the orphanage in Tijuana, and missionary activities in Peru. In advance, thank you for your continuing support of our annual Appeal.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Thanks you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Collection. We collected \$23,936.00 in the Christmas Envelopes as of January 3rd, 2010. As always we thank you for the generosity of your gift and ask God to bless your continuing generosity.

**OUR LADY OF GRACE SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE**

Our Lady of Grace School will host its annual Open House for grades K - 8 on Sunday, **January 31st, 2010**. Open House will begin following the 9:00 a.m. mass. Visitors are invited to join us for coffee and donuts in Stack Center, tour the school, meet teachers, the principal and other parents. Kindergarten presentation will be at 11:00 a.m. in the Kindergarten classroom.

Applications for grades 1-8 will be available for the 2010-2011 school year. Come and meet our principal, Mrs. Wahl and our faculty. Also view the various displays in the school classrooms, science lab, school garden, technology lab and more. For further information, please call Our Lady of Grace School office, 581-3155 between the hours of 8:30am-3:00pm.

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

We are currently coordinating the efforts of the Our Lady of Grace Parish Community to provide meals for the St. Mary's Winter Shelter Program in Oakland. So gather your friends, family, Scout Troop, SCC or other group together, check your calendars, and let us know when you would like to help with this very worthwhile ministry.

As of this bulletin writing the following dates are open; **January 26th, February 16th and 23rd, March 2nd, 16th, 17th, 23rd, 24th and 25th**. Please call Colleen Lindberg in the parish office (537-0806) if there is a date that works for you. Thanks to those who have already stepped forward to assist !

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 January 3rd :**

Envelopes/Loose Checks (239)	\$ 8,074.00
Loose cash:	957.00
Total Offering:	\$ 9,031.00
Year-to-date (1weeks)	\$ 9,031.00

(Weekly average: \$9,031.00)

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:

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| <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 |
| D'Riece Gundred | Debbie Telles |
| | 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:

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| 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.

SALAD BAR LUNCHEON AND BINGO

Saturday, **January 16th**, Salad Bar Luncheon and Bingo ! Beginning at 12:00Noon at All Saints Church 22824 Second Street, Hayward, in the gym. The cost is \$15.00 and includes lunch and 2 Bingo Cards. Sponsored by the All Saints Young Ladies Institute #166. All funds raised go to charitable causes. For reservations please phone Eugenia (510) 785-4680. Bingo Pot split 50/50, Raffle and Door Prizes !

Cursillo Gathering Mass with Bishop Salvatore Cordileone

Sunday, **January 17th**, 10:00 a.m. at The Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland. All Cursillo communities (English-speaking, Filipino, Korean, Hispanic, Vietnamese, and Chinese) of the Diocese of Oakland are invited. Docent-led cathedral tours are also offered at 1:00 p.m. For more information, email David Grubbs at drgrubbs@pacbell.net.

English Speaking Cursillo Annual Meeting - Mark and Ultreya at Holy Redeemer Center, Sunday, **February 7th**. Program starts at 2:15 p.m. to 4:00 in the Upper Chapel. Fellowship and afternoon snacks, Holy Spirit potluck style.

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 next meeting:

January 21st, 9:15 – 11:15am

"Sharing and Study on Scripture"

Transfiguration Church

Presenter: Fr. Tom Binachi

**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 or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

**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 !

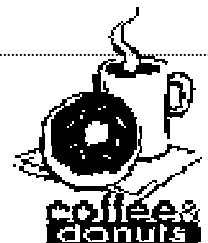
AUGUSTINIAN VOLUNTEERS

Augustinian Volunteers is a full-time volunteer program for recent college graduates between the ages of 21 and 29. Augustinian Volunteers are Catholic men and women who wish to serve God's people in partnership with the Augustinians and others. The work of the Volunteers is with established educational, social and health service programs and varies according to the needs of the sponsoring site and the individual Volunteer. Volunteers serve for 10 months domestically or 11 months internationally (Peru or South Africa). Volunteers live in community with other Volunteers and will be provided with room and board, transportation and health insurance. For more information about the Augustinian Volunteers, please check out our website at www.osavol.org

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 11th (Church)

8:30am Connie Rosas (D)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12th

7:00am Lee, Yaka & Frank Music (D)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13th

Hilary, bishop, doctor of the Church

7:00am Monique H. Markoff (L)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14th

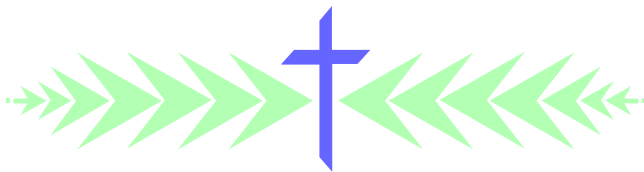
7:00am Deceased Members & Benefactors of the Augustinian Order

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15th

7:00am Tom Hayes (D)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16th

8:30am Deceased Relatives of the Augustinian Order



EXECUTION ALERTS

The following executions are scheduled to take place in **January**:

- January 12th Gary Johnson TX
- January 14th Julius Young OK

We ask your prayers for these persons, for the victims of their crimes, and for their families.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

January 11th through January 17th

- Monday: 1 Samuel 1:1-8; Mark 1:14-20
- Tuesday: 1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28
- Wednesday: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39
- Thursday: 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-25
- Friday: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22; Mark 2:1-12
- Saturday: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Mark 2:13-17
- Sunday: Isaiah 62:1-5; John 2:1-11



THIS WEEK

Tuesday, January 12th:

- Bible Study
- 9:00am—Parish Office
- REC Classes
- 3:45pm—Stack Center
- CYO Spring Sign-ups
- 7:00pm—Augustine Center A-2

Thursday, January 7th:

- ICF Meeting
- 6:30pm—Stack Center
- Serenity Group
- 8:15pm—Stack Center

Friday, January 15th:

- Our Lady of Grace Guild
- 11:30am—Stack Center

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