

From the Pastor

We are in the midst of our annual Octave of Easter – the weeklong celebration of Easter Sunday – as we celebrate the new life won for us in the life giving death of Jesus and the glorious event of his resurrection. In a sense this is the holiest week of our church year (even holier than Holy Week ?) because it truly is the fulfillment of God’s promise to his beloved daughters and sons. We also are early into the 50 days of the Easter season, and it is our challenge to continue to celebrate and rejoice

in our transformed and resurrected life.

On Easter Sunday Pope Benedict XVI made his address to “the City and the World” in his fifth “Urbi et Orbi” proclamation, assessing the state of our world, our church, and many areas of concern. As the vicar of Peter and chief Shepherd of the universal church, the Pope is charged with promoting and protecting the faith – and preaching the Good News of the risen Christ, especially to a world steeped in the darkness of war, poverty, sickness, and disregard for the human condition in which so many find themselves. So too is the **Ordinary** of every Archdiocese or Diocese charged with the responsibility of addressing more regional issues - as they lead the local church and shepherd God’s holy people. Let us in a special way during this Easter season raise up in prayer all those given the vocation of leading and ministering to the great flock of God’s people – giving thanks to God for their faithful, loving, and committed service to us.

Today the church throughout the world concludes the Octave of Easter and celebrates **Divine Mercy Sunday**. The essential celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday consists in the celebration of the liturgy of the Second Sunday of Easter. It should be noted that the three cycles of scriptural readings and liturgical prayers are all centered on the forgiveness of sins and God’s infinite mercy, which endures forever. In his Regina Caeli address on Divine Mercy Sunday, 2001, the Holy Father (then Pope John Paul II) thanked God that he was able “to proclaim the Second Sunday of Easter as the feast of Divine Mercy for the entire Church.” He stated: “It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called ‘Divine Mercy Sunday.’ ”

Since ‘Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy’ (Mt. 5:7), priests should gently encourage the faithful to practice works of charity or mercy as often as they can, following the example of, and in obeying the commandment of Jesus Christ.

Taken from “Understanding Divine Mercy Sunday” by the John Paul II Institute of Divine Mercy 2003

I have also many wonderful comments and compliments with regard to the church decorations and liturgies throughout the whole of Holy Week. I am rightfully proud of our liturgical efforts at Our Lady of Grace and I am deeply appreciative of all that went into accomplishing all that took place through the Lenten season, the Triduum, and Easter itself. I again want to extend a special word of thanks to our Deacon, Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and all the ministers of hospitality for their excellent service to the parish community during these festive days. Thanks are very much in order for those who gave of their time and talent to make the transitions from one liturgy to the next, and especially to those who helped prepare the church and the newly initiated for the Great Easter Vigil. We were blessed by the absence of rain to be able to gather outside for the lighting of the Easter Fire and Candle – always one of the highlights of the Vigil ! There were also many “behind-the-scenes” players who facilitated very smooth transitions from one celebration to the next, playing an integral (sometimes unseen) role on our behalf. Kathleen Cande is to be commended for scheduling ministers for all the liturgies and for doing so in such an efficient (and patient) way ! Finally, I extend a very congratulatory Thank You to all our musicians for a job MOST well done. It was truly an uplifting and joyous celebration for all of us, befitting the great gift of our salvation in the risen Christ.

Wishing you God’s richest blessings, Fr. Kevin, O.S.A.

Gospel for The Third Sunday of Easter (April 18th):

Gospel of John 21:1-14

At that time, Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead.

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS

Please join us in welcoming the young members of our community to the table for the first time. First Eucharist (Communion) Masses are 5:00 p.m. Saturday **April 17th & 24th**, Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Mass on **April 18th & 25th**.

**OUR LADY OF GRACE SCHOOL
ALUMNI EVENT
50 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

Please reserve your place for the
Reunion Celebrations !

Saturday, May 15th

Evening Social, in Stack Center, 6:00pm

\$25.00 per person or \$45.00 per couple

Includes: Hor'dourves – Desserts –

No Host Wine & Beer

Sunday, May 16th

Alumni Mass at 11:00am & Family Event

Stack Center, \$6.00 per adult

& \$4.00 kids 10 and under

Picnic includes: Sandwich, Chips, Cookies,

Drink – Games & Prizes for the kids

Just print out the Reunion Form that's on the Alumni page of the school web site (olgschool.org) or on the pdf that is in the resources , attach your check and drop by or mail to the school office, 3427 Somerset Ave. Castro Valley. Space is limited.

Additionally we need volunteers for both events and hoping some of our parents of Alumni might be interested. I'm sure they would like to know how everyone is doing as well. Volunteers can respond by email with questions or to volunteer for either event at alumni@olgschool.org.

HELLO OLG ALUMNI

The Reunion Committee has opened a Shutterfly account for you to submit your old OLG Student photos. We'll be making scrapbooks for the Reunion Event in May 2010. If you have OLG school photos you would like to submit you will need to go to the Shutterfly account <http://olgalumni.shutterfly.com/> the password is Father Stack

**THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION
31st ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE
APRIL 24th, STACK CENTER**

Cocktails 6:00pm Dinner 7:00pm

Dancing to the music of "In Full Swing"

A 20 piece Big Band 8:00-11:00pm

Cost \$35.00 per person

Please come and enjoy great food and music while supporting the ICF in our charitable works. For reservations call Leroy Taddei (510) 581-5863, or Rosalind Crudo (510) 537-6657. *Get a group together and come have fun!*



**OLG SPRING AUCTION
SATURDAY, MAY 22nd
Silent and Live Auction
Dinner, & Dancing**

Planning has begun for the OLG Spring Auction. This is the biggest one night fundraiser of the year for the school and parish. If you attended last year, you know it was the social event of the season! Help raise funds for the Parish and School and have fun at the same time.

DONATIONS NEEDED: All of our auction items are donated from the community. Do you have a vacation cabin? Connection with a local sports team? Friends in the restaurant business? In the past, we have received donations for vacation rentals, automobiles, fine wines and spirits, spa days and sports and concert tickets. Be creative and consider what you can donate. If you can't donate an item, can you host a dinner?

WE NEED YOUR HELF VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR: Promotions, Donations and Sponsors; Decorations/Set-Up; Food/Beverage; Entertainment; Registration & Check-Out. Parent hours are available for school parents.

If you have been involved in the auction in the past, or better yet, if you haven't but you would like to help in any way please call Joan or Roger Sisneros at 538-7775 or email roger@laub.com We need your support!

OUR LADY OF GRACE GUILD

Group I has a delicious luncheon planned for **April 16th** at 11:30am in Stack Center. It is still *"Easter Time"* so bring a friend and come celebrate with Our Lady of Grace Guild.



**BECAUSE WE CARE
OUTREACH SUNDAY:**

Next Sunday, **April 18th** 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 **April 18th**. 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, **April 18th**, 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.

**FAITH FORMATION CENTER
BAKE SALE**

The Faith Formation Center will sponsor a bake sale after all Masses next Sunday, **April 18th**. All proceeds will help with costs for student retreats and catechist formation. Thank you for your continued support of the young members of our community and the Faith Formation programs! For information, please contact Robyn Lang, 582-9266 or email Robyn olgrec@sbcglobal.net

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 March 28th:**

Envelopes/Loose Checks (289)	\$ 8,117.00
Loose cash:	1064.00
Total Offering:	\$ 9,181.00
Year-to-date (13weeks)	\$112,190.00

(Weekly average: \$8,630.00)

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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| Viki Ardito | Rita Freres |
| Lloyd Bauerly | D'Riece Gundred |
| Shirley Blake | Cindy Kathain |
| Lucy Bruni | Pat Lopez |
| Grace Chan | Maria Ortega |
| Carol De Cruz | Sylvia Pettit |
| Dianne Fisher | Ashley Rollins |
| Doug Foxworthy | Mary Schenone |
| Paul Freres | Tula Rough |

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 |
| DOMINIC ROSSI | 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.

EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

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:
April 15th, 9:15 – 11:15am

*"Faith In Action" –
Transfiguration Church
Presenter: Julie Gallagher*

**FESCO'S ANNUAL SHELTER SHUFFLE
WALK-A-THON
SATURDAY, MAY 15th
JOIN FR. KEVIN ON THE WALK!
HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR FESCO**

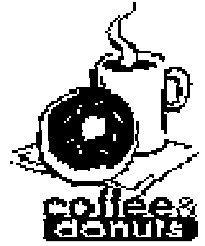
FESCO, the Family Emergency Shelter, located in Hayward, will be holding its 13th Annual Shelter Shuffle Walk-a-Thon. The one–three mile walk will take place on the morning of Saturday, **May 16th** at the San Leandro Marina alongside the San Francisco Bay. Participants and their pets are encouraged to join our team and help by raising pledges. Our Lady of Grace is part of the Coalition that makes up FESCO and this community event is a great way for us to have a large presence and show our support for one of the highest impacting non-profits in the East Bay.

You can register for free online at www.fescofamilyshelter.org or call 886-5473 for more information. When registering please make sure you sign up as part of Our Lady of Grace Team so fellow parishioners can see who is on our team and how much money we are raising.

PEACE 
be with you!

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!

CATHOLICS @ WORK

Catholics @ Work is proud to announce Ms. Mary Cunningham Agee, President and Chief Executive Officer of The Nurturing Network will be the featured speaker at the breakfast event on **April 13th**. Ms Agee is one of the first women in America to “break the glass ceiling” by serving in the Senior Management of two Fortune 100 Companies as Vice President of Strategic Planning. As always, the meeting will be ehld at the Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. Mass is offered at 6:30am followed by a full buffet breakfast starting at 7:00am. Cost is \$20.00 for members and \$25.00 for non-members. For more information and to register for the event visit, www.catholicsatwork.org

**ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL:
TO MAKE CHRIST BETTER KNOWN**

Following is the status of our Annual Bishops
Appeal through **March 31st, 2010**

Our Goal for 2010:	\$25,276.
# of Registered Families	1,860
# of Active Donors	850
# of Donors to date:	98

*Please complete and return your pledge/
donations as soon as possible.*

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, APRIL 12th (Church)

8:30am Linda Baker (D)

TUESDAY, APRIL 13th

Martin I, pope, martyr

7:00am Roch Numa (D)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14th

7:00am Fr. Manuel Gonsalves (D)

THURSDAY, APRIL 15th

7:00am Eve Brito (D)

FRIDAY, APRIL 16th

7:00am Irvin Drafke (L)

SATURDAY, APRIL 17th

8:30am Tom Hayes (D)

EXECUTION ALERTS

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

April 12th Don Davis AK

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

THANK THEM WITH YOUR SUPPORT

Please support our advertisers who make our weekly bulletin possible and so generously support our parish. We are grateful to them!

This week we extend our gratitude to:

**Brad Lavern Plumbing
Jay Thosen**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

April 12th through April 18th

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21
 Sunday: Acts 5:27-32,40-41;
 Revelations 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

My LORD and
My GOD!



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THIS WEEK

Tuesday, April 13th:

Bible Study
 9:30am—Parish Office
 Nursing Home Mass
 10:00am—Valley Pointe

Thursday, April 15th:

Serenity Group
 8:15pm—Stack Center

Friday, April 16th:

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

Sunday, April 18th:

First Communion

Outreach Sunday

Faith Formation Center Bake Sale
 8:30am —Stack Center
 REC Classes
 10:30—Stack Center
 Confirmation Gathering
 10:30am—Gym