
 In preparation for this weekend's column I took a look at last year's column for the same weekend. 364 days later, here's what was current news then...

From the Pastor

Deacon Jim Garcia and his wife, Barbara, were preparing to move to their new home in Pine Grove, California. Can it really be a year already? I've recently spoken with Deacon Jim - and he and Barbara are very much enjoying their retirements, and are fully engaged in the local church. They are also anticipating the marriage of their daughter in August of this year. Jim asked to have their best wishes extended to all of you!

A year ago I was preparing for the Great Hike and inviting your participation in that. This year instead of taking a hike I'm going to take a walk! The annual FESCO Shelter Shuffle will take place on Saturday, May 15th (see details on page 4), and I again extend an invitation to you to join others and me from OLG in the fundraising event. Our FESCO liaison, Chris, Ippolito, is happy to provide any information you might need and to tell you about all the wonderful things FESCO is accomplishing with your help. By the way, the Great Hike took place on one of the hottest days of last year (May 17th) but all had a fun time. Let's hope this year's event will bring a little cooler walking-weather!

Now for the current news: I am going to be in Racine, Wisconsin next weekend for a meeting of the Augustinian Conference on Formation and Vocations. At the same time, I will be able to find out about the parish and what awaits me in my new home and ministries. When I worked for the travel agency we would call this a "Fam-Trip" on account of because we would 'familiarize' ourselves with destinations, facilities, etc. Who knew a Fam Trip would be taking this direction in my life? It will be the first time that the three friars comprising the new community will get together. So I am really looking forward to this opportunity to meet and plan as our official beginning date of August 1st draws closer.

Some of you have asked when Fr. Tom Verber will be coming to OLG. He will be visiting us in mid-May for his Fam-Trip, and he also is scheduled to begin as pastor on August 1st. Fr. Tom has been to OLG a couple of times before and so is not totally unfamiliar with us.

Our principal search committee (7 members) continues to interview for the opening and we are re-interviewing a couple of candidates. I am so very grateful to the members of the committee for the amount of time they have given over to this search, and for their strong commitment to Catholic Education - particularly here at Our Lady of Grace. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, I believe we will find a most worthy candidate - and I will look forward to sharing that news in a timely manner.

Finally, we again congratulate our young members who are celebrating their first Holy Communion and now join us at the Eucharistic table of the Lord. A special word of thanks goes to Robyn Lang, Janis Lococo, and all those who helped prepare them for this wonderful sacrament. May all of us always give thanks and praise to God for the great gift of the body and blood of Christ given us - and the sharing in the divine life that God offers us.

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

Gospel for The Fifth Sunday of Easter (May 2nd):

Gospel of John 13:31-35

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and he will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. You will look for me, and as I told the Jews, 'Where I go you cannot come,' so now I say it to you I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.



FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS

Please join us in welcoming these young members of our community to the table for the first time.

<i>Brianna Baxter</i>	<i>Nadia Morando-</i>
<i>Joseph Buckley</i>	<i>Hernandez</i>
<i>Gabriel Contreras</i>	<i>Alexander Nguyen</i>
<i>Jonathan DeMiguel</i>	<i>Patrick O' Farrell</i>
<i>Connor Diaz</i>	<i>Juliana Ottria</i>
<i>Chase Dilling</i>	<i>Makenzie Parajon</i>
<i>Mark Erickson</i>	<i>Phoebe Poole</i>
<i>Gabriela Fernandes</i>	<i>Alyssa Posadas</i>
<i>Cameron Forsyth</i>	<i>Selena Quick</i>
<i>Trent Glaze</i>	<i>Logan Ramirez</i>
<i>Kylie Guzman</i>	<i>Isabella Salas</i>
<i>Dean Hannaford</i>	<i>Nohelia Torres</i>
<i>Seth Hill</i>	<i>Joel Torres</i>
<i>Lindsey Homen</i>	<i>Kennedy Vargo</i>
<i>Adam Ilmberger</i>	<i>Sydney Vaughn</i>
<i>Orson Jiang</i>	<i>Leila Velasquez</i>
<i>Justin Kinsella</i>	<i>Rachel Westerhoff</i>
<i>Katie Martinez</i>	<i>Cecilia Wolfcale</i>
<i>Scott McManus</i>	

A WORD OF PRAISE

We're into the Easter season, but before Lent recedes much further in time, I want to praise the Pax Christi Social Justice Group's Lenten Reflection Series, "Voices of Peace." The thought-provoking presentations of local leaders from various faith traditions was only the most recent of these marvelous Social Justice speaker's programs. For me personally, a speaker at one past program was a life-changing experience that deepened my own faith journey. I urge Our Lady of Grace parishioners to avail themselves of not only such speaker programs, but other parish activities—they're the stuff that community is made of.

—Mark Vaz, Secular Augustinians

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The last days of Religious Education (grades K - 8) for this school year will be Tuesday, **April 27th** and **Sunday, May 2nd**. Registration of continuing students has already begun. Please contact the Faith Formation Center if you have not received your forms (either email or USPS).

New families, please contact the Faith Formation Center for information on registering for the 2010-2011 school year. Information can also be found online at www.olgcv.org. For all registration information and questions, please contact us at olgrec@sbcglobal.net or 582-9266.



**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 HELP, 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!

JOIN US FOR THE ROWELL RANCH RODEO PARADE

On Saturday, **May 8th**, OLG School will be participating in the Rowell Ranch Rodeo Parade. The parade theme this year is "Growing our Community". In an effort to grow and support OUR school community, We look forward to a large turnout for this Community Event. Parade participants **MUST** be at the staging area no later than 9AM on **May 8th** (Student participants will be eligible for a free dress pass.)

SPECIAL REQUEST: We are looking to enter a "float" this year and invite anyone and everyone with ideas, resources, and "skills" to help us out! Please feel free to contact me by phone at 510.677.4433 or via email at olg2016@comcast.net if you'd like to help out with the float, or if you have any questions at all. Thanks. And we look forward to seeing everyone on May 8th!!

Catalina Garcia-Quick
OLG Parent Volunteer

**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, Mary 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.

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 April 18th:**

Envelopes/Loose Checks (308)	\$ 6,396.00
Loose cash:	1,174.00
Total Offering:	\$ 7,570.00
Year-to-date (16weeks)	\$132,153.00

(Weekly average: \$8,259.00)

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.

**Mr. Jay Amaro
Mrs. Branca McDonald**

EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The Diocese of Oakland is beginning a strategic planning process to ensure that our Catholic schools are vital and viable for generations to come. Help re-imagine the future of our schools. All parishioners are invited to share their perspectives and ideas about Catholic schools in an anonymous Community On-Line Survey that can be accessed through the following link from now through **April 30th**, 2010: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/dioceseofoaklandcatholicschools>

The Community On-Line Survey is also available on the Diocese of Oakland website, www.oakdiocese.org. Your participation will help create a stronger and more financially viable Catholic school system. Thank you for sharing your perspectives.

CASTRO VALLEY QUILT SHOW

Castro Valley United Methodist Women are having their bi-annual quilt show and tea on Saturday, **May 15th** from 10:00am—4:00pm. There will be over 100 quilts on display and many hand made items for sale. Admission is \$5.00. English tea and crumpets will be available during the show at the Tea Corner for \$7.00. United Methodist Church is located at 19806 Wisteria Street.

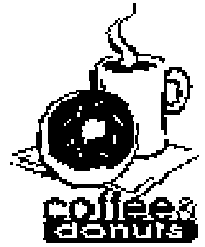
CURSILLO

This is your invitation to make a Cursillo weekend, which is a three day learning, sharing experience of living in a Christian Community. The word "Cursillo" in Spanish, means a little course. During the three days of the weekend, a person not only hears what it really means to be a Christian but actually gets to experience the joy of building and being part of a genuine Christina community.

The next Women's Weekend will start the evening of Thursday, **May 13th through Sunday, May 16th** at Holy Redeemer Center in Oakland. For more information or to sign up contact Ruth Picha 538-9063 or Colleen Lindberg 537-0806.

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!

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.fescofamilyshester.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.

LETTER CARRIER ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

How easy is it to participate in the biggest single-day food drive in the nation? Drop your non-perishable food in a bag and your postal carrier will take it away when s/he drops off the mail on Saturday, **May 8th**. This food drive benefits the work of the Alameda County Community Food Bank. Please be generous.

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 26th (Church)

Our Lady of Good Counsel

8:30am Antonio & Linda Barroso (L)

TUESDAY, APRIL 27th

7:00am Gaitano Fillari (D)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28th

*Peter Chanel, priest, martyr;
Louis Mary de Montfort, priest*

7:00am Henry Maravella (D)

THURSDAY, APRIL 29th

*Catherine of Siena, virgin,
doctor of the Church*

7:00am Duane A. Jones (D)

FRIDAY, APRIL 30th

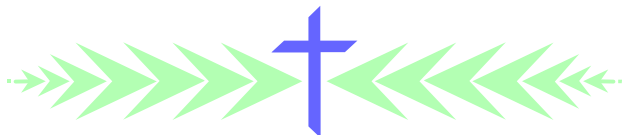
Pius V, pope

7:00am Gloria Maravella (D)

SATURDAY, MAY 1st

Joseph the Worker

8:30am Russ Morris (D)



EXECUTION ALERTS

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

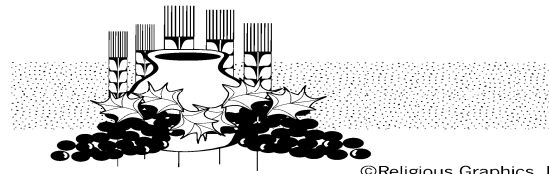
April 27th Samuel Bustamante TX

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

April 26th through May 2nd

- Monday: Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10
- Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30
- Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5; John 12:44-50
- Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14
- Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Revelations 21:1-5; John 13:31-35



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THIS WEEK

Saturday, April 24th:

ICF Dinner Dance
6:30pm—Stack Center

Sunday, April 25th:

First Communion
REC Classes
10:30—Stack Center

Tuesday, April 27th:

Bible Study
9:30am—Parish Office

Thursday, April 29th:

Serenity Group
8:15pm—Stack Center

Sunday, May 2nd:

REC Classes
10:30—Stack Center
Confirmation Candidate Gathering
9:00—Mass

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