
 This weekend we begin our parish celebrations of First Eucharist for many of the children in our Religious Education program and in our school's Second Grade class. This has always proven to be a joyous time for us as a parish community – even in the midst of the high energy that oftentimes accompanies such celebrations – because these children are now able to participate more fully and in a hopefully more meaningful way at our Eucharistic liturgies. These are celebrations for the entire parish community because they include members of our parish family who now join us at the table of the Lord's banquet feast ! It is good for us to be reminded, in fact, how special is the gift that we have so easily grown used to in our lives, one that some might even take for granted. The anticipation and the excitement of the children and their families and friends should be a nudge of sorts to remind us what it is that we receive: the very gift of God's life, presence, and power given freely to us. Indeed it is a time for us to "rejoice and be glad" as we celebrate with all those in our parish family who newly join us at the Table of the Lord's Supper.

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As news stories constantly remind us, the universal church is in the throes of yet another crisis as we confront the reality of the sexual abuse issues past and present. One fact about history is that we are not going to change it, bitter as it might be to raise up again. But we can change as a result of that history – and this Easter season most appropriately invites us to do so. In that vein, I find the following quotation from an Easter Vigil homily by Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin and Primate of Ireland to speak profoundly to us at this time:

"The resurrection of Jesus Christ has changed human history. It enters history... as an explosion of light, light which illuminates the darkness, light which allows us to see reality as it is, light which enables us to discern the good from what is evil. Darkness already begins to be dispelled even when only one single flicker of light appears. Even one single flicker of light can be the beginning of hope within any darkness.

We remember in our prayers this evening all those for whom darkness seems impossible to overcome, for whom darkness seems unbearable and without hope. We remember those for whom the darkness of their past still haunts them. We remember those whose torment and anxiety tears away at their will to live....

As a Christian community we are called to be light in the world. We are called to be with those for whom darkness is excruciating and who see no future, no hope. Woe to a Church which hides and destroys light in people's hearts. Woe to a Church which prevents the light of Christ from appearing as it should.

Resurrection means that death has been definitively conquered. Jesus Christ entered into his passion and death freely out of love for us. His death was the ultimate expression of his giving of himself. Christ's death lovingly opens the door which leads to resurrection and new life. It is love that transforms death definitively. That explosion of light which is the Resurrection tells us and reminds us even in the darkest days that there is always a future beyond darkness....

The message of the Resurrection comes to us at a moment of darkness. The message of the Resurrection comes to us as a message of hope that the darkness will not prevail. Christ is truly risen. Let us go out into life filled with joyful hope."

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As your pastor and as one of many leaders in our church, I continue to invite your prayers that we may indeed be bearers and proclaimers of the light of Christ !

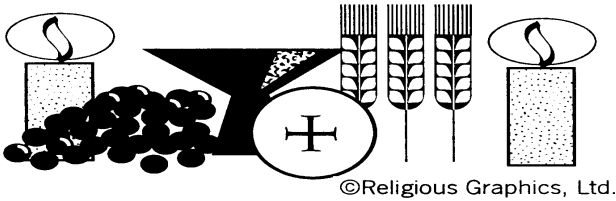
Wishing you God's richest blessings, Fr. Kevin, O.S.A.

Gospel for The Fourth Sunday of Easter (April 25th):

Gospel of John 10:27-30

Jesus said:

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."



FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS

Please join us in welcoming these 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**.

<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>	

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.

**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!*

**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.

**YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS
YOUTH GROUP RETREAT**

Attention all members of OLG Youth Group: **Our annual retreat will take place on Sunday, April 18th** from 9:00 – 2:00 here at OLG. We begin with 9:00 Mass and continue in the gym at 10:30. Lunch will be provided. This retreat is open to all high school students (grade 9-12). All students who have been active participants in this year’s group and are interested in applying to the Confirmation program next year **MUST** attend this retreat as one of the steps in the process.



**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!

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 11th:**

Envelopes/Loose Checks (221)	\$ 7,959.00
Loose cash:	560.00
Total Offering:	\$ 8,519.00
Year-to-date (15weeks)	\$124,583.00

(Weekly average: \$8,305.00)

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.
Victims of the Polish airline crash in Russia

EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

**ALL SAINTS YOUNG LADIES INSTITUTE
SPRING FASHION SHOW & TEA**

The annual Spring Fashion Show & Tea, sponsored by All Saints YLI takes place at 12noon, **April 24th**, at the Kenneth Aitken Senior Center, 17800 Redwood Rd., Castro Valley. Cost: \$25.00, Fashions by Coldwater Creek. For reservations or more information please call Joanne Muniz at 886-3329.

**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.fescofamilysshelter.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.

THANK THEM WITH YOUR SUPPORT

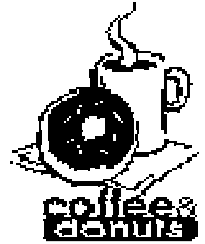
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This week we extend our gratitude to:

**BUD ADAMS
AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR**

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!



NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL

OLG School students and staff wish to extend their sincere thanks to the many members of the parish community who supported our efforts to raise \$25,000.00 towards our matching grant. With your support, we were able to not only make our goal, but exceed it! The Atol Charitable Trust has been very complimentary about the support we received from the entire community and, as a result, has offered to match an additional \$10,000.00. We are hopeful that we will be able to realize those most welcome funds. We have already ordered the next two interactive whiteboards and will have them installed shortly. Please come visit us anytime and see what you have helped us do.

*With our thanks, Colleen Wahl, Principal,
Our Lady of Grace School*

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 19th (Church)

8:30am Rosario Castellanos (D)

TUESDAY, APRIL 20th

Martin I, pope, martyr

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21st

Anselm, bishop, doctor

7:00am William & Mericia Gonsalves (D)

THURSDAY, APRIL 22nd

7:00am Jose Daniel Tellez (D)

FRIDAY, APRIL 23rd

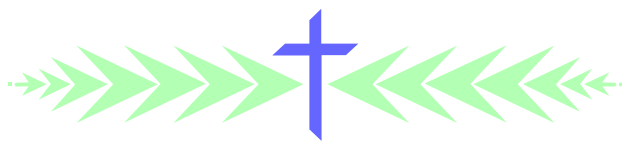
*Blessed Helen of Udine, O.S.A., secular;
George, martyr; Adalbert, bishop, martyr*

7:00am Teresa Parenti (D)

SATURDAY, APRIL 24th

Conversion of Our Holy Father Augustine

8:30am Capt. Randy Guzman (D)



EXECUTION ALERTS

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

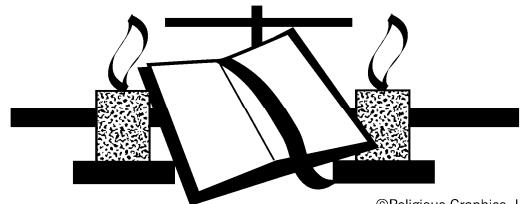
April 20th Daryl Durr OH
April 22nd William Berkley TX

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

April 19th through April 25th

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1; John 6:30-35
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1-8; John 6:35-40
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69
 Sunday: Acts 13:14,43-52;
 Revelations 7:9,14-17; John 10:27-30



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THIS WEEK

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

Tuesday, April 20th:

Bible Study
9:30am—Parish Office

Wednesday, April 21st:

Nursing Home Mass
10:30am—Life House

Thursday, April 22nd:

Serenity Group
8:15pm—Stack Center

Saturday, April 24th:

ICF Dinner Dance
6:30pm—Stack Center

Sunday, April 25th:

First Communion