Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

News From The Diocese of Oakland

60th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Diocese

The Diocese of Oakland was created out of the Archdiocese of San Francisco on January 13, 1962. On January 13th, the 60th anniversary of our founding, we ask the Lord's continued blessing and divine guidance on all our people, and we give thanks to God for all the blessings we have received as a diocese these 60 years.

World Day of the Sick

Friday, February 11th at 11:00AM at the Cathedral of Christ the Light, Bishop Barber invites all who are sick or ill, as well as family members, caregivers and healthcare providers, to observe this day with him and many priests, religious and laity from throughout the diocese. World Day of the Sick, which was initiated by Pope St. John Paul II and held annually worldwide near the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, is a ministry of the Diocese of Oakland. Join others in this special opportunity to pray for healing and hope in this fragile population. This World Day of the Sick in Oakland will include: Mass, Sacrament of anointing the sick, blessing of caregivers and healthcare providers and distribution of holy water from Lourdes, France.

The Holy Father's January 2022 Prayer Intention—For True Human Fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

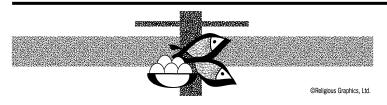
Bishop's Column In The Catholic Voice

To read Bishop Barber's January 2022 column, visit: https://oakdiocese.org/catholicvoiceoakland or click the link: https://oakdiocese.org/documents/2021/12/Bishop%20Barber%20Column%20TCV%2001-2022.pdf



The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (January 23rd)

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received. Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.* Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."



CHRISTMAS OFFERING RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Christmas Collection. Our Christmas Offering for 2021 totaled \$28,908 with a budget of \$28,000. We are most grateful for this response given all that was going on with the ongoing concern of COVID-19. As always we thank you for the generosity of your gift and ask God to bless your continuing generosity.

2021 PLATE COLLECTION RESULTS

Total Sunday Plate Offering 2021: \$487,734 Total Sunday Plate Budget 2021: \$486,000 Total Over 2021: \$1,734

We are most grateful to those who have consistently supported our Parish and have maintained their level of giving. We recognized those who responded so generously and personally committed to make a difference in our outcome for the year. For those in the Parish not using the offering envelopes or the online giving, we ask you to prayerfully consider committing your support to our ministries, liturgies, outreach and all that a Parish is expected to provide its members and the members of the larger community in which we reside. May we continue to be good stewards of so great a gift and remember that God will not be outdone in generosity.

2021 MAINTENANCE FUND RESULTS

Total Collection 2021: \$25,027 Total Budget 2021: \$25,000

Total Property Repairs/

Improvements 2021: \$28,241

We are grateful to all those who faithfully contribute to the monthly Grounds and Maintenance Offering. Your contributions allow us to make needed repairs and improvements to the property. The \$28,241 roof repairs, enhancements to our security gate, tree trimming and removal as well as some other smaller needed maintenance jobs. We also wish to acknowledge those who responded so generously to the Church Refurbishment fund for the major church refresh completed in 2021. Please consider a monthly contribution to the Grounds and Maintenance envelope as part of your monthly offering.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. FEDERAL HOLIDAY

Monday, January 17th is a federal holiday. There will be one Mass only at 8:15am in the Church. The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday and will re-open on Tuesday, January 18th at 8:30am. The entire Parish staff wishes you a safe and relaxing holiday.

ANNUAL SEMINARY COLLECTION

It's not too late to give! Our diocese asks us to help with the work of education for tomorrow's priests through our contributions to the Seminary Collection. This year is a challenging year for all of us financially but the Diocese humbly appeals to all of you to give your best effort to support our seminarians in their training and formation in your own unique and creative way. Please include the seminarians in your prayers. Prayer especially during Holy Mass is one of the most effective ways in campaigning and promoting vocations in our Church. You may make your check out to "Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland". Envelopes are in the pews for your use. Your kindness, generosity, and prayers are deeply appreciated.

FAITH FORMATION 2021-2022

Please pray for the young members of our Church.

First Communion

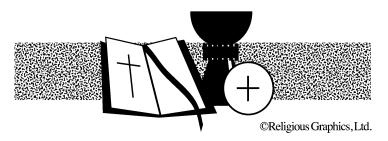
Next Class: January 23rd 10:15am—Stack Center

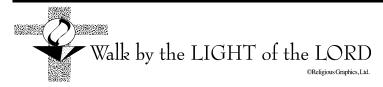
Whole Family (Pre-Communion)

Next Class: January 30th 10:15am—Stack Center

Confirmation

Retreat: January 23rd 12:00pm—Stack Center





YEARLY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

For your convenience in preparing your tax return, a contribution statement for 2021 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 to pick up once it has been signed.

9 DAYS FOR LIFE

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, *9 Days for Life*, **January 19th-27th**. Get daily intentions, brief reflections and more. Sign up at www.9daysforlife.com.

WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST 2022 Saturday, January 22nd



Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 18th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on January 22nd. There will be Mass at 9:30am celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone at St. Mary's Cathedral. The rally begins at 12:30pm in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, followed by the Walk, down Market Street. This event is truly changing the hearts and minds and has helped to revivify the pro-life movement on the West Coast! For information complete about the Walk. visit www.walkforlifewc.com or call 415-658-1793.

DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve the OLG Community on your schedule? Consider joining the Eucharistic Ministry to the Sick. We deliver the Blessed Sacrament to the sick and homebound who are unable to join us at Mass on a regular basis. Qualifications required? A faith-filled and compassionate heart! Minimal training required. If this could be your calling or you have questions, please contact Theresa at 510-581-7694 or leave your name and number at the Parish Office. Blessings!

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Stewardship of treasure involves trust in God. You have to really believe in God's Providence and trust that if you give 10% of your income to the Church and charity, for example, God will help you live on the rest.

Offerings for the Month of DECEMBER:

 Sunday Plate for the month:
 \$ 36,611.00

 Month Budgeted Goal:
 \$ 48,500.00

 Over/[Shortfall]
 \$ [11,889.00]

 Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]
 \$ 2,753.00

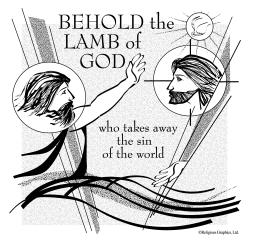
May God bless your continuing generosity



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:

Arcadio Morfin Glen Alcorn Larry Bronzini Diana Rilev Peggy Burton Angela Schaaphok Howard Songey James Czeck Ronald Staszkow Nancy French Elena Harder Concepcion Velasco Mary Lou Vincent Grace Letteer Brian Linney Arthur Williams Arcadio Morfin Peggy Winkenbach



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

In Memoriam

MELISSA FUTAGAKI
VICTIMS OF COVID-19
VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

PRE-BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS & GODPARENTS

If you are wishing to have your child baptized, ages infant to six years, parents BAPTISM and Godparents need to attend a Pre-Baptism Class. You also need to be registered members of the parish for at least three months. Pre-Baptism classes are held the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm via Zoom. Our next class will be on February 2nd. Call Jay at 510-537-0806 for more information.

ADORATION & CONFESSION IN THE CHURCH

Come on Thursdays from 6:00-7:00pm for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession and on Saturdays immediately following the 8:15am Mass, concluding at 10:00am.



DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

Candles for our candle stand are available for purchase in the Parish Office or next to the candle stand. The candles will burn for 5 days. *The cost per candle is \$4.00.* The glass globes in the candle stand must be left in the church.



MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Jesus Christ, Man-God, the true God, the second person of the Most Holy Trinity, is the true Son of, . [the Immaculata]. She is His true Mother. Keeping the fourth commandment He honors His Mother; He is her devotee."

WINGS - WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT

We invite all women to join us for 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.

We meet via Zoom

Next Meeting: **January 20th** 9:00am to 11:00am Speaker: Sharon Shipman

Topic: Wisdom Through Hannah's Pain

Please contact Peggy Maurer at pegsmail8@gmail.com for the Zoom link

THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 16th:

The Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Masses

7:30am, 9:00am (Livestream), 11:00am--Church

Spanish Mass 1:00pm--Church

Monday, January 17th:

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, January 18th:

Men's Faith Share 7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

Thursday, January 20th:

AA Serenity Group 7:30pm—Augustine Center

Adoration & Confession 6:00-7:00pm—Church

Saturday, January 22nd

Adoration & Confession 8:45-10:00pm—Church

Vigil Mass 5:00pm--Church

Sunday, January 23rd:

The Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Masses

7:30am, 9:00am (Livestream), 11:00am--Church

1st Communion Class 10:15am—Stack Center

Confirmation Retreat Noon-6:00pm—Stack Center

Spanish Mass 1:00pm--Church



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SUNDAY, January 16th

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Louis Rodrigues – D

Gonzalez & Ochoa Families – L 9:00am

11:00am OLG Community 1:00pm Franciscan Friars

MONDAY, January 17th

St. Anthony, Abbot

8:15am Cohen Sigmon – L

TUESDAY, January 18th

8:15am Wanda Perino – L

WEDNESDAY, January 19th

8:15am Marty Martin – D

THURSDAY, January 20th

St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr

St. Sebastian, Martyr

Ruth Picha – D 8:15am

FRIDAY, January 21st

St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

8:15am Caden Sigmon – L

SATURDAY, January 22nd

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

All Souls In Purgatory 8:15am Antonio O. Chocha – D 5:00pm

SUNDAY, January 23rd

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Franciscan Friars 9:00am **OLG Community** 11:00am Hilda Serpa – D

1:00pm Rosa & Ana Loza – D

Accept our gifts also, Lord



EXECUTION ALERTS

The following executions are scheduled to take place in January:

January 27th **Donald Grant** Oklahoma January 27th Matthew Reeves Alabama

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

January 17th through January 23rd

Monday: 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22 Tuesday: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28 Wednesday: 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51;

Mark 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12 Friday: 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19 Saturday: 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27;

Mark 3:20-21

Sunday: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10;

> 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

DISCERNMENT TO PRIESTHOOD ZOOM MEETING

To the young adults of our parish: have you ever wondered about a vocation in the church? This meeting is open to young men ages 18-30 years old. It is held the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:00pm and facilitated by Fr. Carl Arcosa and invited priests.

For more info and to receive access to the Zoom meeting, please email: <u>CArcosa@oakdiocese.org</u>. You may also contact one of our friars and who will assist vou in vour discernment.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Love one's enemy constitutes the nucleus of the "Christian revolution", a revolution not based on strategies of economic, political or media power: the revolution of love, a love that does not rely ultimately on human resources but is a gift of God which is obtained by trusting solely and unreservedly in his merciful goodness. Here is the newness of the Gospel which silently changes the world!"

-Pope Benedict XVI, February 2007

To join our work with Pax Christi, please contact the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

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