

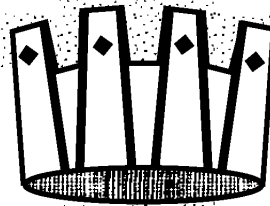


This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Christ Our King which is the last week in our Liturgical Year. Next week, we begin anew with Advent, our preparing of our hearts, minds and soul to see the Light of Christ in Christmas. But first this week, we celebrate the American Feast of Thanksgiving dating back to the time of the Pilgrims.

I love Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving is not about buying and giving of gifts but a wonderful time with family and friends to gather and give thanks. As Catholics, we give thanks to our God for all His goodness and Love that He shares with us. When we put on our eyes of Faith, we can see the goodness of God surrounding us. We can see His loving hand touching us and ever-present with us. The height of giving thanks for us, is our celebration of the Eucharist, our act of Thanksgiving. If your schedule allows you to come, consider joining in our 9:00am Eucharist on Thanksgiving Day. Take a moment to give thanks in your day for the Love and Goodness that God has created you in. To connect your Thanksgiving Dinner to our Eucharist, you can bring something that you will serve at your Thanksgiving Dinner – possibly wine or bread – and any gifts for the poor or homeless. May we ALL experience the blessing of God as we begin our Holiday Season. I encourage you, to make Thanksgiving an Act of Thanksgiving.

I mailed to our registered parishioners a letter and a schedule of coming Liturgies and Events. There are many opportunities for us to gather and to be of support as a Community of Faith, Hope and Love. May we know the blessings of God!

-Fr. Ray



# Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

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## Gospel For The First Day of Advent (November 27th)

Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

## THANKSGIVING DAY LITURGY

Our Lady of Grace Parish will celebrate a *Mass of Thanksgiving* on Thursday, **November 24th at 9:00am**. You are invited to bring the bread and wine you will be serving at your Thanksgiving meal to be blessed for your feast.

There is much to be thankful for in our lives and this is also a time to consider ways of helping those around us who are in need. The monetary collection from this Mass will benefit the work of our St. Vincent de Paul Society. St. Vincent de Paul will be taking donations of food, cash and gift cards. Many of our clients are single and have very minimal access to cooking facilities.

**Our greatest needs are:** *peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, fruit cups, canned soup, granola bars, boxed or packet fruit drinks, packages of peanut butter or cheese crackers, and individual chip snack bags.*

**We can also use:** *Safeway or Lucky cards (for families that are able to shop and prepare their own dinners), Shari's cards (for our single clients and couples who are unable to cook), and checks made out to "St. Vincent de Paul" (to help with the many calls we are getting for help with rent and utilities.)*

Food or gift cards may be placed in front of the Altar either before or after Mass. As always—we greatly appreciate your generosity. We could not do this ministry without your support. If you are interested in other ways to help, please contact Heidi at 510-881-7850. Please pray for us and for those whom we are helping.



## THANKSGIVING DAY PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, **November 24th** & Friday, **November 25th**. We will reopen on Monday, **November 28th** at 8:30am. The entire Parish staff wishes you and your family a Blessed Thanksgiving!



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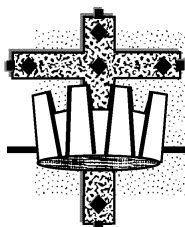


## ST. VINCENT de PAUL WARM COAT DRIVE

**"For I was naked and you clothed me"**  
(Matthew 26:36)

*We are thankful for the generosity from those who have given so far.* St. Vincent de Paul is collecting **new and gently used coats, sleeping bags and blankets**. Our main need is men's coats in larger sizes; but we will accept women's and children's sizes too. Collection barrels are located at the Somerset entrance of the church and in the Parish Office. Please do not leave other articles of clothing at this time. Items will be accepted **until December 31st**. Thank you for your generosity!

If you know someone in our community that could use help, or if you are interested in knowing more about this ministry – please call our SVdP line at 510-581-2164 and someone will get back to you.



COME  
LORD JESUS  
return in glory!

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## CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PARISH APPEAL

**November 19th & 20th**

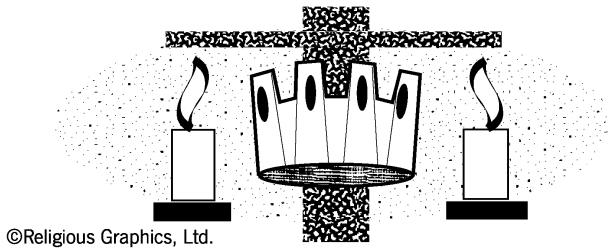


Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year. In the U.S., 1 in 8 people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. One of the organizations funded this year by CCHD is **Planting Justice**, headquartered in East Oakland, which constructs vegetable gardens and operates a large, organic nursery that provides skills training and living wage jobs to formerly incarcerated and low-income residents, providing 32 new living wage jobs and giving residents access to healthy food. Please make your checks payable to "Catholic Charities" and put "CCHD" on the memo line. Envelopes are in the pews for your use. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at [www.CCHDEastBay.org](http://www.CCHDEastBay.org).



## CHRISTMAS STORY PERFORMANCE & TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

On Saturday, **December 3rd**, all parishioners are welcome to stay after the 5:00pm Mass to see our school children perform their School Christmas Program at 6:00pm. All are welcome afterwards at 7:00pm to come to the Stack Center courtyard for the lighting of our huge Christmas tree, followed by refreshments.



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### PLEASE BE GENTLE WITH THE SOMERSET GATE

Recently, our Somerset Gate has been found to be tampered with. By bumping the gate, it effects the opening and closing process. *We kindly ask all to be patient as the gate is opening for you to enter or exit the property.* Thank you!

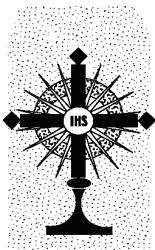


### ICF CHRISTMAS CANNOLI SALE

The ICF is selling kits of 4 cannoli shells, cannoli filling in a disposable pastry bag, mini chocolate chips and powdered sugar. Cost is \$20 for 4. *Pre-order your kits by December 8th and you may pick-up your order on December 22nd from 5:00-7:30pm in Stack Center.* The filling must be refrigerated and ideally consumed within 4 days. To place an order, please call Lisa at 510-861-9835. Grazie!

### FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT December 10th

The Knights of Columbus invites all to Family Movie Night featuring *"The Polar Express"* on Saturday, **December 10th** at 6:00pm in Stack Center. Admission is free! Delicious hamburgers and hotdogs will be available for purchase. All proceeds benefit Our Lady of Grace Church. See you there!



### ADORATION & RECONCILIATION

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

### MILITIA IMMACULATA MEETINGS

Come join us as members of the Militia Immaculata (MI) on the 1st Saturday of each month at 10:00am in Stack Center, OLG Room to follow St. Maximilian Kolbe's goal *"to win the entire world for the Immaculate Heart of Mary"*.



### 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 of for the Month of OCTOBER:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 42,685.00
<b>Month Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 45,780.00</b>
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [3,095.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [29,139.00]

*May God bless your continuing generosity.*

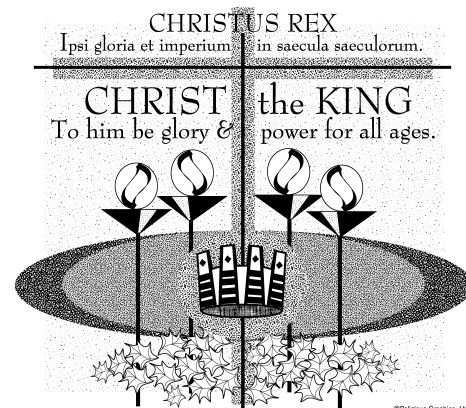


### Your Prayers Are Requested

Please lift up in your prayer those among us who are ill and those who have asked for our prayerful remembrance:

Raul Cepeda  
Peggy Deadder  
Martha Duarte  
Jim Gonzales  
Elena Harder  
Emile Lassalle  
Grace Letteer  
Brian Linney  
Sheryl Michaud  
Saied Moradi

Cec Penland  
Diana Riley  
Angela Schaaphok  
Alyssia Tortora  
James Van Wert  
Concepcion Velasco  
Mary Lou Vincent  
Arthur Williams  
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 Memorial

**ALBERTO HURTADO GARCIA**  
**FR. BRUCE LAMB, OFM CONV.**

**VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE**  
**VICTIMS OF THE UKRANIAN INVASION**  
**VICTIMS OF COVID-19**

His crown  
is thorns  
His throne  
the hearts of all people



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### SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. RAY October 2023

Fr. Ray is planning a 5-day Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico to take place the 3rd or 4th week of October 2023, flying from SFO to Mexico City. The price will hopefully be less than \$3,000 per person (flight, lodging, most meals, tour guide, bus and bus driver). If you are interested, please email Fr. Ray at: [rmallett1@hotmail.com](mailto:rmallett1@hotmail.com) or call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806. *Your name and those who are joining you will be put on a 'Priority List'.* Please include your contact information (name, address, phone number, and email address). More details to come.



### PRE-BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS & GODPARENTS

If you are wishing to have your child, ages infant to six years baptized, parents and Godparents need to attend a Pre-Baptism Class. You also need to be registered members of the parish for at least three months. Call Jay at 510-537-0806 to register. The next Pre-Baptism Class will be held in Stack Center, OLG Room at 7:00pm on **December 7th**.

### EXECUTION ALERTS

The following execution is scheduled to take place in **November**:

November 29th    Kevin Johnson    Missouri

We ask your prayers for this person for the victims of his crimes, and for their families.



### ROSARY BEFORE MASS

Come join in prayer of the Rosary 30 minutes before each of the weekend liturgies. Pray for our Parish. All are welcome!

### DID YOU KNOW???

Our church has wonderful, hardworking volunteers who clean and set up our pews each week with missalettes, song books and envelopes each week for our Masses. We are grateful for their years of service in doing this!



## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, November 20th:

#### *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

Masses

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

Coffee & Donuts

After 7:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am Masses—  
Gathering Area

1st Communion Class – Year 2

10:15am—Stack Center

Whole Family Class

10:15am—School Courtyard

Spanish Mass

1:00pm—Church

### Tuesday, November 22nd:

Women's Advent Study

7:00pm—Stack Center

Men's Faith Share

7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

### Thursday, November 24th:

#### **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

**Parish Office Closed**

Mass of Thanksgiving

9:00am—Church

AA Serenity Group

7:30pm—Augustine Center

### Friday, November 25th:

**Parish Office Closed**

### Saturday, November 26th:

Adoration & Reconciliation

8:45-10:00am—Church

Confirmation Retreat

1:00-7:30pm—Stack Center

Vigil Mass

5:00pm—Church

### Sunday, November 27th:

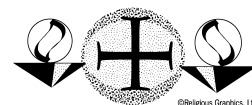
#### **First Sunday of Advent**

Masses

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

Spanish Mass

1:00pm—Church





# Mass for the Intentions for the Week

**SUNDAY, November 20th****OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

7:30am Franciscan Friars  
 9:00am OLG Community  
 11:00am Louis Rodrigues – D  
 1:00pm M. Luisa Ferrario – D

**MONDAY, November 21st****The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:15am Eileen Sevilla McNeil – D

**TUESDAY, November 22nd****St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr**

8:15am Howard Songey – D

**WEDNESDAY, November 23rd****St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr****St. Columban, Abbot****Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest & Martyr**

8:15am Aristotle Fernandez – D

**THURSDAY, November 24th****St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs**

9:00am Mass of Thanksgiving

**FRIDAY, November 25th****St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr**

8:15am Melissa Capote – L

**SATURDAY, November 26th**

8:15am Martha Olvera – L

5:00pm Jerome Gann – D

**SUNDAY, November 27th****FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

7:30am Doris Santana – D

9:00am Jeanne Ilag-Hughes – D

11:00am OLG Community

1:00pm Franciscan Friars

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:****November 21st through November 27th**

Monday: Revelations 14:1-5; Luke 21:1-4  
 Tuesday: Revelations 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11  
 Wednesday: Revelations 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19  
 Thursday: Revelations 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9;  
 Luke 21:20-28  
 Friday: Revelations 20:1-4, 11-21-2;  
 Luke 21:29-33  
 Saturday: Revelations 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36  
 Sunday: Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14;  
 Matthew 24:37-44

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Next Meeting: **December 1st**

9:00am to 11:30am

Speaker: Fr. Mark Wiesner

Topic: "Mercy Alive"

For further information or if you would like to attend, please contact: Carolyn Willkie at [willkiecarolyn@gmail.com](mailto:willkiecarolyn@gmail.com) or 510-410-7223.

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