Come, Lord Jesus! Come and visit your people.  
We await your coming. Come, O Lord.

“As we begin Advent, we light one candle in the midst of all the darkness in our lives and in the world. It symbolizes our longing, our desire, our hope. Three “advents” or “comings” shape our desire. We want to be renewed in a sense that Jesus came to save us from our sin and death. We want to experience his coming to us now, in our everyday lives, to help us live our lives with meaning and purpose. And we want to prepare for his coming to meet us at the end of our lives on this earth.

“So, we begin with our longing, our desire and our hope.

“When we wake up, each day this week, we could light that candle, just by taking a few moments to focus. We could pause for a minute at the side of our bed, or while putting on our slippers or our robe, and light an inner candle. Who among us doesn't have time to pause for a moment? We could each find our own way to pray something like this:

“Lord, the light I choose to let into my life today is based on my trust in you. It is a weak flame, but I so much desire that it dispel a bit more darkness today. Today, I just want to taste the longing I have for you as I go to the meeting this morning, carry out the responsibilities of my work, face the frustration of some difficult relationships. Let this candle be my reminder today of my hope in your coming.”

(from Creighton University’s Online Ministries)

Dear OLG Families,

This morning our 3rd through 8th graders had the wonderful opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. As one of the teachers commented, “Seeing their faces before going to confession and seeing the faces when they returned brought tears to my eyes.” Truly the light of Christ was present during Reconciliation today and that Light continues to shine through each of us as we strive to be our best!

Next Wednesday, December 11 at 7:00PM, Bishop Michael Barber will celebrate the Vigil of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe in our Church. Before Mass, he will dedicate the new statue of OLG and then our dancersDivine will lead the Congregation in the Call to Prayer. The following day, on the actual Feast, we will have a Prayer Service in the Parish Center at 9:50AM. Then at 7:00PM the Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated at our Church. Please join us for at least one of these opportunities to praise our Blessed Mother who guides and protects us daily and to thank her for her YES to birthing our Savior!

In God’s Peace,
S. Janice Therese, O.P.
Apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe - Sunday, December 8th

The Faith Formation confirmation candidates will be presenting a re-enactment of the apparition of the Virgin Mary to St. Juan Diego 15 minutes prior to the 10:30 English Mass and 15 minutes prior to the 12:15 Spanish Mass on Sunday December 8th.

We are inviting all children in attendance at either Mass to bring a rose to be placed near the image of Mary in the church’s sanctuary at the beginning of Mass.

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Auditions for the Spring Musical

The OLG Spring Musical Production for 2020 will be “Seussical Jr.”

**SAVE THE DATES:** Performances will be on Friday, April 3 and Saturday, April 4, 2020.

For those students interested in participating, permission forms were sent home last week and are due back to the teachers by Friday, December 6th. Auditions for speaking and singing parts for the 4th – 8th graders will take place on **Tuesday, December 10th** from 3-4pm.
Special Feast Day Celebrations of Our Lady of Guadalupe
At OLG Church
41933 Blacow Rd, Fremont

**Wednesday, December 11**
6:00pm Rosary followed by Blessing of the Statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Juan Diego and the Baptismal Font
7:00pm Vigil Mass – Call to Prayer by *dancersDivine*
   Bishop Michael Barber presiding
8:00 – 10:00pm Serenata with Mariachi

**Thursday, December 12**
4:00am Mañanitas with Mariachi
6:00am Spanish Mass
9:00am English Mass
9:50am Prayer Service with OLG School at the Parish Center (40382 Fremont Blvd)
7:00pm Multilingual Festive Mass followed by fellowship

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**The Christmas Story II – The Animals’ First Christmas**
(a ballet set to Tchaikovsky’s Nutcracker Suite)
and excerpts from Beyond Happily Ever After

Presented by
Soaring Spirit Dance Ensemble (including Ms. Traci Colon)
   Dance for Joy and Young Sounds of Praise
   Choreographed by Susan Lee Olsen

**Saturday, December 7 ~ 2:00pm**
Location: Holy Family Community Center
   Holy Family Parish, 4848 Pearl Ave, San Jose

**Sunday, December 15 ~ 2:00pm**
Location: Seton School Auditorium
   St. Albert the Great, 1095 Channing, Palo Alto

Suggested Donation: $10 adults ~ $5 children
All proceeds go to the Renovation at Holy Family or St. Vincent de Paul at St. Thomas Aquinas.
You are also invited to bring canned food (pop-tops preferred) and/or a toy or children’s book.

Tickets available at the door.
Contact Susan Olsen (650-494-2496, ext. 25 or suolsen@dsj.org) for information.
Service Hour Opportunities

Please contact the school office if you are able to help with any of the following tasks:

- Volunteers needed to help with the Crab Feed Solicitation Committee. Involves email and in-person requests for prize donations.
- Several bags of recycling (cans and plastic bottles) need to be taken to a facility for redemption.
- The olive pits in the staff parking lot and across from the Parish Center need to be cleared away to prevent anyone from slipping.

Thank you to all those who took orders for our See’s Candies Fundraiser. We expect to have the orders delivered to school by Friday, December 13th. Notification will be sent out when the See’s orders are available for pickup.
A food drive is currently under way at OLG School. We are collecting non-perishable food items, **from now until Thursday, December 19th**, that will be given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society so they can distribute the items to those in need in the local community. **We ask that each family bring an item to contribute when attending the OLG School Christmas program on Thursday, December 19th.** St. Vincent’s can use our help in collecting the following most-needed items:

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**Please check expiration dates before donating your items.**

Collection bins are located in Preschool, in the main school building and in the foyer of the Parish Center on 12/19/19.
SAVE THE DATE FOR THE OLG CHRISTMAS PROGRAM!!

Thursday, December 19 at 7pm
OLG Parish Center

We are so grateful that we will be able to use our new stage for this program, to enhance the audience experience.

Attire: Students should wear nice, holiday clothes in Christmas colors of red or green. If red or green is not available, then black or white is acceptable. Boys should wear black pants or navy school pants. Please no blue jeans or sneakers (black school shoes are okay). Girls should keep in mind the possibility of standing on risers when choosing shoes and heel height.

“Admissions Fee”: Bring an item to contribute to our holiday food drive (see previous page for suggestions).

OLG Spiritwear

We have several hoodies in stock now.

Youth Hoodie Sweatshirts: $20
Adult Hoodie Sweatshirts: $25

The OLG youth hoodie may be worn to school and in the classroom except on days we have Mass when students need to be in Full uniform.

Call the school office to check on size availability.

Shop for everyone on your gift list this holiday at smile.amazon.com/ch/94-2988962 and Amazon donates to Our Lady of Guadalupe School.
Early Bird Registration
Ends December 31

Fremont National Youth Baseball,
A Division of Cal Ripken Inc.
IS LOOKING FOR YOU!!

Register online before prices go up! Prices will increase by $25 in each division (T-ball excluded) on 1/1/20.

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A Sibling Discount is available too! The oldest sibling pays full registration, and each additional sibling receives a $35 discount on the current registration fee.

Fundraiser Buy Out : $100 (or participate in the 2 fundraisers TBD)
Volunteer Buy Out: $100 (or volunteer 3 hours to the league in a variety of ways: snack bar shift, shopping, repairing equipment, field maintenance, website, grant writing, etc.)

Please visit our website for more information.
https://fnybcalripken.sportssignup.com/site/