In these trying times, Our Lady of Guadalupe is a beacon of hope for the littlest members of our society.

The feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, celebrated each year on Dec. 12, commemorates the apparition of the Blessed Mother to Juan Diego, a 57-year-old Aztec Indian peasant. Our Lady appeared to Juan as an indigenous woman and spoke to him in his own indigenous language. She appeared to Juan Diego four times between Dec. 9 and 12 in 1531 on Tepeyac Hill located just north of Mexico City. Juan Diego, whose feast day is Dec. 9, was canonized by St. Pope John Paul II in 2002.

This is the only apparition where Our Lady left a miraculous image of herself, on the tilma (cloak) given to Juan Diego. The apparition is also unique in that Mary appeared pregnant instead of holding the infant Jesus. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the patron of all the Americas and of Mexico in particular. St. Juan Diego is the first indigenous saint from the Americas. Mary’s apparition as an indigenous woman to the peasant Juan Diego indicates that God cares for those who are marginalized and struggling everywhere in the world, including those in our own city.

From the message of Our Lady to Juan Diego in 1531: “Listen, put it into your heart, my youngest and dearest son, that the thing that frightens you, the thing that afflicts you, is nothing: do not let it disturb you. Am I not here, I who am your Mother?”

(by Todd Carpenter, OFM, adapted)

Dear OLG Families,

How blessed we are to have Jesus’ Mother, our Mother, Our Lady of Guadalupe as our Patroness! During these rushed, damp, cold days, know that we do live in the light of hope that our Patroness provides. That light shines brightly each day in our classrooms and on the playground. To see the light bulb go on for a student, be it an 8th grader or a Preschooler; to see the older students step out of their comfort zone and reach out to help a classmate or a younger person; to see and hear the laughter of both children and adults, enjoying a moment of lightness in the midst of lessons; to witness the parents busily preparing for snack sales while enjoying each others’ company – all these are what keep the light shining brightly at OLG. Thank you, OLG families for embracing the example of Our Lady of Guadalupe by being the beacon of light each of us needs.

Tonight our dancersDivine will be that beacon of light as they lead our Parish Community in the Call to Prayer at the Vigil Mass. Bishop Michael Barber will be presiding at the Mass and will be blessing the new statues of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego, as well as our new baptismal font (see details on next pages). Tomorrow, on the Feast, we will have a prayer service for the school at 9:50AM. Tomorrow evening, Mass for the Feast will be at 7:00PM. Please join us if you can, to celebrate our Patroness!

Next Thursday, December 19 at 7:00PM, is our Christmas Pageant. We want to invite you to bring something for the Food Drive that evening. Containers will be in the foyer at the main entrance to the Parish Center. This is such a good opportunity to share our abundance with others in need and a wonderful way to honor our Patroness, the “beacon of hope for the littlest members of our society.”

God bless all of us during this Advent time.

In God’s Peace,
S. Janice Therese, O.P.
### CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Day</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| WED | Dec 11 | 6pm Rosary at OLG Church  
7pm Feast Day Vigil Mass, dancersDivine will be ministering the Call to Prayer and Bishop Michael Barber will be presiding at this Mass |
| THUR | Dec 12 | OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST DAY  
4am – Mañanitas with Mariachi at OLG Church  
6am – Spanish Mass at OLG Church  
9am – English Mass at OLG Church  
9:50am - Prayer Service with OLG School at Parish Center  
7pm – Multilingual Festive Mass at OLG Church followed by fellowship |
| SUN | Dec 15 | 3rd Sunday of Advent |
| WED | Dec 18 | 2pm Dismissal  
7pm School Board Meeting |
| THUR | Dec 19 | No dancersDivine and No Chess Club today  
7pm Christmas Program in the Parish Center |
| FRI | Dec 20 | Advent Retreat – Noon Dismissal – No PM Extended Care  
Christmas break begins at noon today! |
| WED | Dec 25 | Christmas Blessings! |
| MON | Jan 6 | School Resumes |

### Let us Pray…

♥ With thanksgiving for the birth on 12/6/19 of Raymond Li, brother to Giles Li, 3rd grade.

♥ That we will share Christ’s peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most.

---

Thank you to all the families who supported the See’s Candies fundraiser.

See’s Candy has arrived!  
If you ordered any candy, please come to the school office to pick up your order. If you would like us to have it for you at Extended Care, please call the office to let us know.

$1,358 was raised toward the field renovation!
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

**THE OLG CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**
Family and Friends are invited to attend this all-school performance

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.
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 at the Smith Center Theater on the Ohlone College campus.

---

**Service Hour Opportunities**

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

- 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.
- Save the Date for our next Beautification Day on Saturday, January 25, 2020, from 9am - 12pm. Let’s spruce up the school for Open House! This is a good opportunity for 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students to also earn service hours toward the President’s Volunteer Service Award. Please RSVP to Karen Murray at kmurray@csdo.org.

---

**Don’t miss the 8th Grade Raffle for a Fit Bit Versa**

Drawing will be held at the OLG Christmas Program on 12/19

See flyer for details in this bulletin
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:

- Soups
- Carrots
- Peas
- Apple Sauce
- Fruit Cocktail
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Crackers
- Peanut Butter
- Hot Chocolate
- Chili Beans
- Corn
- Beans
- Spaghetti/Alfredo Sauce
- Pasta
- Tuna
- Cereal
- Canned Meat
- Jelly
- Canned Milk
- Rice

**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.
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

**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.
This will make a great Christmas Gift!

$1.00/ticket or $5.00 for 6 tickets

The winning ticket will be picked before the start of the Christmas Performance on December 19, 2020

Thank you for supporting the 8th Grade Class.

You can purchase your raffle tickets in the following ways

1) At the Christmas Performance at the front entrance; or

2) Email your order to purchase to coreneabrego@gmail.com; ckashima@yahoo.com; or christinagm7794@gmail.com no later than Monday, December 16th.
Financial Aid

The BASIC Fund 2020 Applications

New Applications
Starting January 1, 2020 BASIC Fund applications for the 2020-2021 School Year will be available online at www.basicfund.org. Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first served basis. Applications must be complete to be considered. Complete applications submitted after the deadline will be awarded periodically through the summer of 2020, if funds become available.

Renewals
Renewals will also be processed online. Families, as well as schools, will be notified early March with instructions on how to renew their scholarship for the 2020-2021 School Year online. Deadline for renewals will be mid-April.

FACE Applications
Beginning Jan 1, 2020, you can apply for a FACE grant. Families who currently receive financial assistance from FACE must re-apply every year. Please contact school for more information.

SAVE THE DATE for the annual OLG School Crab Feed!

Saturday, February 22, 2020
at Holy Spirit Parish Center

This event includes an all-you-can-eat Crab Feed Dinner, Silent and Live Auctions, Raffle Baskets, Balloon Pop game, Bar, DJ, Photo Corner and Dancing!

The event theme is Mardi Gras!

If you are interested in chairing one of our Crab Feed committees please see future bulletins for announcements of available opportunities and upcoming planning meetings.
During our last two Faith Family activities Our Lady of Guadalupe students have been focused on reaching out to the greater community.

Last month, we learned about Veterans and all those who serve our country and created dog tag appreciation cards for a local military group.

The students also made placemats and centerpieces for LOV Newark’s Thanksgiving feast.

Front row, far left is Kathleen Abejuela (mother of Malia, grade 5)
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.

T-Ball (3-4)  $50  
Pee Wee (5-6)  $100  
Rookie (7-8)  $125  
Minor (9-10)  $150  
Major (11-2)  $150

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/
EAST BAY AUDITIONS for 
The San Francisco Boys Chorus

January 11, 2020
at
Lake Merritt United Methodist Church
1125 First Ave, Oakland

To sign up or for more information: www.sfbc.org/auditions or 415-861-7464

Why San Francisco Boys Chorus?
The Boys Chorus offers exceptional musical training and amazing performance opportunities. The boys in the Chorus tell us how much they enjoy singing and making friends. Parents appreciate the positive effects the Chorus has – building their sons’ self-confidence, making them feel special and being part of the Chorus team.

Who Should Sign Up?
Boys in Preschool to age 12: Sign up online. We will contact you to schedule an appointment so that we can determine the right training level, based on a boy’s age and skills.

Boys in K or Pre-K do not need an audition. Boys under 7 are automatically accepted into the Preparatory or Junior Chorus level, SFBC’s exploratory music program. No experience is required!

CHOOSE YOUR WEEKLY REHEARSAL LOCATION: Oakland, San Francisco, San Mateo or San Rafael
Not available on January 11th? – Call 415-861-7464 for an appointment.

OLG CYO TRACK & FIELD TEAM SIGN-UPS
Track and Field is more than just running – it’s team relays, jumping, throwing, tossing, confidence building, and running. It’s also a lot of fun!
Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish CYO Track and Field Team is now accepting registrations for the 2020 season for athletes in Kinder – 8th grade.

** Practices begin February 3rd at Irvington High School **

Contact Winny for more information: wrotsidis@gmail.com or 510.364.0839

Track and Field is more than just running – it’s team relays, jumping, throwing, tossing, confidence building, and running. It’s also a lot of fun!
Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish CYO Track and Field Team is now accepting registrations for the 2020 season for athletes in Kinder – 8th grade.

** Practices begin February 3rd at Irvington High School **

Contact Winny for more information: wrotsidis@gmail.com or 510.364.0839