My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How fortunate we are to share Mass together as a community. Today, John's gospel teaches us that God always provides for us. Even when we think there isn't enough, our Lord Jesus Christ knows what we need. Our part is to trust in Him enough to receive what He has planned for us. This week, I ask you to find the courage to hope and dream bigger about what is possible and see how God rewards your trust in Him.

Que afortunados somos al compartir la Misa juntos como una comunidad. Hoy, el evangelio de san Juan nos enseña que Dios siempre nos cuida, aún cuando pensamos que no tenemos lo suficiente, nuestro Señor Jesucristo sabe lo que necesitamos. Lo que tenemos que hacer es confiar lo suficiente en Jesucristo para recibir lo que el ha planeado para nosotros. Les pido que encuentren el valor para esperar y soñar en grande y recibir la recompensa por confiar en El.

May God Bless you all,
Fr. Juan Manuel
Our Parish Youth Raises Funds for Youth Ministry
A team of 35 counselors from Vacation Bible Camp organized a fund-raising CAR WASH for their finale. They made cars sparkle — and Belinda Arriaga and team sold popcorn and cotton candy. Much gratitude to everyone who supported this effort. The GRAND TOTAL raised for our OLP Youth Ministry was $380 in ONE-HOUR. We caught the kids’ “car wash passions” on a video. See it and the VBC Photo Album: www.ourladyofthepillar.org/eileens-corner

Special VBC Acknowledgements
115 campers attended Vacation Bible Camp in 2012. A very special thanks to Kalei Ching, Julie Gerth, Lisa Morford, Pat Engel, Annette Hagarty, the moms who helped in the Crazy Craft Room, and Eileen Arnold. VBC was a success due to your participation in making it great once again!

Anointing of the Sick | Friday, August 3rd
This sacrament is celebrated for all those seeking the healing power of Christ. 1st Friday every month.

Blessings to the Bride and Groom
Congratulations to Dana Marie Vaz and William Gehring, who were married this weekend!

Our Oaxaca Community Celebrates their Santiago Festival — Saturday, August 4 and Sunday August 5, a special commemoration of St. James Apostle.

Leadership Training for Youth Ministry: Register for “Youth Encountering Spirit: Called and Qualified” Friday, August 10 and Saturday, August 11— 9:00 am - 5:00 pm; for 6th-8th grade and 9-12th grade. Learn more: www.ourladyofthepillar.org/youth-confirmation

A Special Way to Make a Difference Our parish has many needs. Have you thought about making a special Gift Donation? Explore ways to make your unique contribution on the OLP website: www.ourladyofthepillar.org/donate

INSIGHTS with Fr. Charlie

Jesus, the Confessor

"Confession is good for the soul," they used to say. Jesus himself preached repentance and reminded his followers that "a change of heart" was the first step towards salvation. This is not easy. It is not just an exercise of thought. Repentance is an exchange of energy that involves the entire person, body and spirit.

Jesus, ever the helper, gave us the Sacrament of Penance to assist us in turning from the sorrow of self destruction to a place of peace and calm. In confession, our physical breath is used to form and release the words that express whatever is pressing upon our soul. As we hear the words of absolution, our being is filled with Grace. This brings a sense of freedom and lightness of spirit. As a priest, I often hear, "Father, I feel so much better now!" The ritual itself brings this about.

Pope Paul VI revised the ritual in 1973 and presented three different forms to help people in this process of change. This week we will explore Rite I: The Rite for Reconciliation of Individual Penitents is similar to the way most Roman Catholics remember "confession"; however, provision is made for the reading of sacred Scripture, and the penitent is given the option of speaking to the priest face-to-face or remaining anonymous (usually behind a screen). The priest pronounces absolution and the rite concludes with a short thanksgiving.

Here at Our Lady of the Pillar, we now have both options available for our parish community in the confessional nearest the east entrance. The left door leads to a screen, and the right door gives the option for face-to-face. Thanks to Jim Wylie, who refurbished our confessional as a gift to the church at his own expense.

Confession is still good for the soul!

Peace,
Fr. Charlie

Inspired by Pope Benedict’s 2011 invitation “...to join the network of relationships, which the digital era has made possible,” our OLP parish community is now on FACEBOOK. Stop by to “Like Us” and post a comment. www.facebook.com/OLPcommunity
**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

**Saturday, July 28**
8:00 am Manuel Ferreira & Family+
5:00 pm Jose Silveira+, Belmira Vaz+, Casimer & Adelina Podwojski+

**Sunday July 29**
8:00 am Michael Rodrigues+, Jihan Abdel-Gawad+, Manuel Machado+
10:00 am Luis & Bernardette Belo+, Jose & Maria Matos+, Jonathan & Joanne Ching (living)
6:00 pm Salustiano Bettencourt+, Dennis (living)

**Monday, July 30**
8:00 am Maria Silveira+, Manuel Machado+

**Tuesday, July 31**
8:00 am Nelda Aquino+, Manuel Machado+, Joe A. Lourenc0+

**Wednesday, August 1**
8:00 am Ruth Dussai+, Salustiano Bettencourt+

**Thursday, August 2**
8:00 am Gerald Helms+

**Friday, August 3**
8:00 am Francisco Costa+, Rosanna & Clifford Holland+,
Rita Grodt+, Larry Johnson+

**Saturday, August 4**
8:00 am Virginia & Antonio Coelho+, Dolores E. McDonald+
5:00 pm Bernadette Austin+, Isabel Gregorio+, Joe Goulart+

**Pescadero - St. Anthony’s**
Saturday, July 28 6:00 pm For the Parish
Sunday, July 29 9:00 am For the Parish

**La Honda - Our Lady of Refuge**
Sunday, July 29 10:30 am For the Parish

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**Pray for Our Parish Family Who are Sick**

Pray that God's healing power will fill them with strength and hope. To add a name, please call the Church Office 726-4674. Each name is put on the prayer list for 3 weeks; to extend the time, please call us to confirm.

Joe DiVecchio  Nancy Madieros  Paul Shephard
JD Donovan      Christina Masters  Frank Swick
Betty Hernandez Josefina Villegas

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**Supporting Our Parish**

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**2nd Collection July 28-29:** St. Vincent de Paul

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**Sacrament Preparation**

**Baptism:** Pre-Baptism classes are held on 4th Thursday each month at 7pm, Rectory’s Conference Room. Learn more: www.ourladyofthepillar.org/baptism or call: 726-4674

**Bautismos en Español:** son celebrados el primer y el tercer sábado del mes a las 12:00. Las pláticas prebautismales son el jueves previo al primer Sábado del mes. Solicitar en la oficina el calendario de las fechas del año. Las pláticas son las 7:00 p.m. en el hall viejo que esta a un lado de la iglesia.

**Marriage:** Our parish marriage preparation program is required of all couples planning weddings. Learn more: www.ourladyofthepillar.org/matrimony

**Communion in the Home:** The priest and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion bring communion to the sick and elderly in their homes. Ministers to the homebound are also available.

**Anointing the Sick:** First Friday each month during the 8:00 am Mass. This sacrament is celebrated for all those seeking the healing power of Christ. Learn more: http://ourladyofthepillar.org/anointingsick

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**Parish Organizations and Services**

Our Lady of the Pillar has a wide array of organizations, committees, faith formation groups, and service organizations that serve our parish community. For a complete list and meeting times, check the new parish website at www.ourladyofthepillar.org/groups. This list is also posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

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**“Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable. Be honest and frank anyway.”**

— Mother Teresa of Calcutta