



**The Festival is Coming**

Please make your plans to come to the Festival this Year. The festival is our community event where we reach out to Castro Valley to have fun show who we are and invite people to our Parish and School. This is much more than just our largest fundraiser. This is our gift to our community and our connection to the people in our neighborhoods. So please sign up to help after Mass. Buy your tickets. Invite family, friends, and neighbors to join us.

Come on Saturday after Mass and have dinner, play games, listen to our music on the Festival Stage. Come to the Outdoor Mass on the Festival Stage on Sunday Morning At 9AM. Come for our Sunday Pancake breakfast. Get your tickets and see if you can douse Fr. Tom or Kevin in the shower booth. Fr. Tom will win the Chili contest this year or at least beat the Chili Chicas. Come to the Formed.org Booth run by me and find out who the Real Super Heroes are; Saints! Learn about the Catholic NetFlicks, Formed.org and see what it has and how to access your free subscription. All who come to the Festival Can Sign up for free. Come and check out all our opportunities to strengthen your family through all the ministries to support your family.

I will see you there!

Peace,

Fr. Tom

**Transitus and Feast of St. Francis**

The friars invite you to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis. Saint Maximilian Kolbe Friary (Casa Kolbe) will have an open house on Wednesday **October 3** at 5PM to 7PM followed in the Church by the Transitus of St. Francis from life through death to eternal life. This is a very ancient prayer of the Friars and not to be missed. On Thursday **October 4** we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Francis with the School at 8:15AM in the Church. Please Join us!

On Sunday **October 7** there will be an unveiling of our new Statue of St. Francis in the Gathering Area at 10:45AM and a blessing of animals at 1PM.

**HOW TO CONNECT TO FORMED  
A CATHOLIC STREAMING SERVICE**

We have registered the Parish with FORMED. Our site is [www.olgcv.formed.org](http://www.olgcv.formed.org). Following are the instructions for you to register with our site and get started. You can also download the app from the app store for your phone or tablet. Here's how easy it is to get FORMED: Either on your computer, tablet or Smartphone go to our site [www.olgcv.formed.org](http://www.olgcv.formed.org) You should see the register now box. Now type in the parish code M2RBFP. Set up a username- whatever username you'll remember - and a password and you are all set to explore all FORMED has to offer.

*The harvest of justice  
is sown in peace for those  
who cultivate peace*



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**The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 30th)**

**Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48**

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward. "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched."



#BeAHero  
OUR LADY OF GRACE  
2018 FALL FESTIVAL  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th

**OLG FESTIVAL 2018  
SEPTEMBER 29th-30th  
#BeAHero**

**“There’s a Hero Inside You,  
Waiting to be Discovered”**

Make plans to join us for our annual Parish Festival, **September 29th-30th.**

**Family fun for all!**

*Free Admission, Live Entertainment, Carnival Games, Prizes, Gourmet Food, Beer, Wine & Margaritas Chili Cook-Off & Sunday Morning Pancake Breakfast*

**Raffle Tickets:** Tickets have been mailed! You could be the lucky winner but you have to return your tickets to the Parish Office to claim your prize.

**Cakes & Desserts are needed for the Cake Booth!** Your delicious goodies may be brought directly to the booth or dropped off at Stack Center on Saturday morning.

**LET US ENTERTAIN YOU!  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th**

11:45am	Opening Ceremonies
12:00pm	Talent Show
12:45pm	Beatles Cover Band
3:00pm	Triple Play
4:00pm	Texas Hold'em Check in
5:00pm	Texas Hold'em Tournament
6:00pm	Dave Badilla Band

**FALL FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS, T-SHIRTS,  
FOOD AND GAME TICKETS &  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST TICKETS AVAILABLE  
IN THE PARISH OFFICE**

Need additional Raffle tickets? How about a Festival T-shirt or Food and Game tickets for the Festival? All are available in the Parish Office. Stop in and get ready for the Festival!



**PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
SEPTEMBER 30th  
8:30am-11:00am**

Join us Sunday morning for a delicious Pancake Breakfast, organized by OLG’s chapter of the Knights of Columbus. Breakfast will be served in Stack Center. Tickets are \$8 for ages 11 & up, \$6 for ages 10 & under. Tickets may be purchased ahead of time in the Parish Office.



**FALL FESTIVAL  
TEXAS HOLD ‘EM TOURNAMENT  
SEPTEMBER 29th - Doors open at  
5:30pm, Cards Fly at 6:00pm**

Join in on the fun - play poker while your family enjoys the Fall Festival. All proceeds benefit OLG Church & School! 1st Place: 2 night stay at the MGM Grand, Las Vegas. 2nd Place: 2 night stay at Harveys, Lake Tahoe. 3rd Place: 1 night stay at Black Oak Casino. Tickets are \$50 & Re-buys are \$25. Contact Elena Millard-Zavala at emillardzavala@gmail.com or 510-240-2495 for more tickets, table sponsorship or information.



**FALL FESTIVAL ANNUAL GREAT  
BALLS OF FIRE CHILI COOK-OFF  
SEPTEMBER 30th  
Noon-4:00pm**

Time to cook up your best batch of Chili and enter the *Annual Chili Cook-Off!* Top voted chili gets a prize and bragging rights! Please bring your chili in a one-gallon crock pot and an extension cord. Judging will be from Noon to 4:00 pm on Sunday, **September 30th.**



**FALL FESTIVAL PASTA DINNER!  
SEPTEMBER 30th  
5:00pm**

Join us for a delicious Pasta Dinner on Sunday, **September 30th** at 5:00pm. The menu includes penne pasta with meat or vegetarian sauce, garlic bread, salad & biscotti for dessert. Tickets are \$9 per person & \$16 for 2 people. Tickets are available in the Parish Office.

**FIESTA MEXICANA - MUCHAS GRACIAS!**

WE SINCERELY THANK ALL THE VOLUNTEERS for all their hard work & effort. Thank you to all the people that came to the party for your support and happiness. A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Fr. Tom & Fr. Kevin for all your support as well as to Colleen & Bonnie. WE THANK YOU FOR ALL THE GENEROUS DONATIONS from: Carmen Tortallani, Mr. Pantoja, Loard’s Ice Cream in San Leandro, Safeway, Mary Groves, Antonia de la Torre, Olivia Gutierrez, Alfonso de la Torre, Al Rojas, Lucy Villanueva, Rosy Martinez, Los Molcajetes Mexican Restaurant, El Rancho Supermercado in Castro Valley & all the other donations (you know who you are). !!Viva la Virgen de Guadalupe!!



**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION  
2018-2019**

There is still time to register for Confirmation. Registration Packets are available in the Parish Office. You may also register online at our website, [www.olgcv.org](http://www.olgcv.org). Click on Registration for Faith Formation and click the link to register online at the bottom of the page. For Spanish, select from the pull-down on the right-hand corner of the homepage.

**Confirmation**

Orientation w/ Parents: **October 7th**  
6:00pm-8:00pm

**Cost is \$100 for the 1st child  
\$45 for each additional child**

**All children are welcome!**



**LITURGY OF THE WORD  
NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

Children's Liturgy of the Word is an age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word offered for children ages 3 to 10 (preschool through 5th grade) at the 9:30am Mass. Catechists help the children explore the meaning of the Gospel message through activity & discussion. Volunteers are needed to facilitate the lessons each week, as well as to assist with the supervision of the children. This is a great opportunity for adults & middle school/high school youth to help these eager youngsters learn to apply the Word of the Lord to their everyday life. We hope you will consider joining the wonderful group of volunteers who support this ministry. For more information or to get involved, contact Jackie Cruz by email: [jcruz@olgcv.org](mailto:jcruz@olgcv.org) or contact the Parish Office at 510-582-9266.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR  
WHOLE FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY**

We are looking for adult volunteers to assist with our Whole Family Evangelization program one to two Sundays a month from 10:50am-12:30pm in Stack Center. We are also in need of volunteers to assist with our Youth Ministry program on Sunday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm. If you are interested, please call the Whole Evangelization office at 510-582-9266. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

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

**Offerings of September 16th:**

Sunday Plate:	\$ 8,905.00
Last Year this week	\$ 7,186.00
<b>Weekly Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 8,920.00</b>
Year-to-date this year:	\$ 321,636.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$ 322,131.00

*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:

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| Cindy Abraham     | Maxine Kruzel      |
| Glen Alcorn       | Laura Martell      |
| Kathleen Andrews  | Rose Montalban     |
| Antonio O. Chocha | Florence Sharp     |
| Claudia Dobbs     | Rosemary Slater    |
| Lynn Franks       | Howard Songey      |
| Anna Friedeberg   | Lurdes Sousa       |
| Byron Griffith    | Mercedes Tellez    |
| Don Jordan        | Baby Jackson Tyler |
|                   | Bishop             |

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

**GENE ALGA  
PAT WHELAN**



**ICHTHUS - YOUNG ADULT  
GROUP**

Join us Wednesday, **October 3rd** for the kick-off of Our Lady of Grace's young adult group. Open to all young adults, ages 21-35. If this is you or someone you know, please invite them to join us! We will meet at 7:00pm and start our bible study at 7:30pm, wrapping up around 9:00pm. We are dedicated to helping build good solid friendships, to deepening our understanding of the faith, and to grow closer to Christ.

**ATTENTION OLG VOLUNTEERS**

All those who VOLUNTEER in the Diocese of Oakland (Our Lady of Grace) are to be educated about the nature of child sexual abuse, how it is perpetrated, how to report it & strategies for prevention. Training is **MANDATORY** & must be done before starting volunteering. Every volunteer who participates in **ANY** ministry here at OLG, must complete the VIRTUS Safe Environment Training & renew every 3 years. If you have NOT registered for the online training, you must do so **before November 1st**. Visit: <https://www.oakdiocese.org/offices/safe-environment> & register online, then email your certificate of completion to [jcruz@olgcv.org](mailto:jcruz@olgcv.org). Please include your name & the name of the ministry you volunteer with. Thank you!

**CATHOLIC TEACHING ON THE EUCHARIST**  
**Stack Center — October Mondays**  
**7:00 PM to 8:15 PM**

- OCT 1** The Eucharist: Sacrifice and Sacred Banquet  
**OCT 8** What Do We Mean by Transubstantiation?  
**OCT 15** The Eucharistic Prayer of the Mass  
**OCT 22** Eucharist and Communion  
**OCT 29** The Eucharistic Piety of the Church

Christ our Lord declares Himself to be the Bread come down from heaven. "Unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink of His Blood," He tells His disciples, "you shall not have life within you" (John 6:53). Catholic teaching on the Eucharist, therefore, is a matter of central concern for all those who long to be made holy by God's grace poured out upon the faithful in the sacraments of the Church.

Each Monday of October, Fr Francisco Nahoe OFMConv will offer scriptural and theological reflections on the Eucharistic faith and spirituality of the Church. Each session presents and explains the traditional Catholic doctrine and assesses the challenges presented by contemporary attitudes and practices in liturgy, faith formation, evangelization and preaching.

**WINGS (WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT)**

We invite all women to join us for WINGS. WINGS is a faith enhancement group that encourages spiritual growth through prayer, scripture study, Catechesis, life sharing and community.

Transfiguration Church  
 Next Meeting: **October 4, 2018**  
 9:15am to 11:15am  
 Speaker: Sr. Joann Heinritz, CSJ  
 Topic: Unleashing the Spirit's Wisdom

**THIS WEEK****Sunday, September 23rd:****Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Liturgy of the Word  
 9:30am--Augustine Center  
 Coffee & Donuts  
 After 9:30am Mass--Stack Center

**Monday, September 24th:**

Women's Evening Bible Study  
 7:00pm--Stack Center

**Tuesday, September 25th:**

Tuesday Morning Bible Study  
 9:30am--Parish Office, McGarvey Room  
 Men's Faith Share  
 7:00pm--Stack Center, Room 7

**Wednesday, September 26th:**

SVdP Soup & Sandwich Meal  
 3:30-4:30pm--Outside Parish Office  
 Knights of Columbus  
 6:00pm--Stack Center, Room 7

**Thursday, September 27th:**

Adoration  
 7:00pm--Church  
 AA Serenity Group  
 7:30pm--Augustine Center, Room A2

**Saturday, September 29th:**

**OLG #BeAHero Festival**  
**Noon - 10:00pm**

**Sunday, September 30th:****Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**OLG #BeAHero Festival**  
**9:00am-7:00pm**

**Mass**  
 9:00am--Stage  
**Pancake Breakfast**  
 8:30am--Stack Center

**Chili Cook-Off**  
 Noon--In Front of Stack Center

**Pasta Dinner**  
 5:00pm-- Stack Center

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

All Masses are celebrated in the Church

**SUNDAY, September 23rd**

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 9:30am Leonard Albright--D
- 11:30am Stephanie Rosevear--D
- 1:30pm Jose Duarte--D

**MONDAY, September 24th**

- 8:15am Steven Antonio--L

**TUESDAY, September 25th**

- 8:15am Socorro Castillo--L

**WEDNESDAY, September 26th**

*Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs*

- 8:15am Paul Parenti--D

**THURSDAY, September 27th**

*St. Vincent de Paul, Priest*

- 8:15am James Dewitt--D

**FRIDAY, September 28th**

*St. Wenceslaus, Martyr*

*St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs*

- 8:15am Dulcidia Chaviel Chocha--D

**SATURDAY, September 29th**

**STS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL ARCHANGELS**

- 8:15am Paul Parenti--D
- 5:00pm Julsandra Calalo--D

**SUNDAY, September 30th**

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 9:30am Maria Godinez--D
- 11:30am Lisa & Bob Rosenbusch & Family--L
- 1:30pm Jose Martinez--D



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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**September 24th through September 30th**

- Monday: Proverbs 3:27-34; Luke 8:16-18
- Tuesday: Proverbs 21:1-6,10-13; Luke 8:19-21
- Wednesday: Proverbs 30:5-9; Luke 9:1-6
- Thursday: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9
- Friday: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22
- Saturday: Daniel 7:9-10,13-14; John 1:47-51
- Sunday: Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



*Be doers of the Word and not hearers only*

**DIOCESE OF OAKLAND  
THANKSGIVING MASS  
FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS**

The annual Thanksgiving Mass for Healthcare Providers will be celebrated on **September 29th** at 10:00am at the Cathedral of Christ the Light at 2121 Harrison St., Oakland. We encourage all who provide healthcare services, direct and administrative, to attend this multicultural Mass as we celebrate your energy, dedication and generosity. A reception and mental health resources fair will follow the Mass.



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**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!

**RELEVANT HEART RADIO**

Relevant Heart Radio brings you the best in Catholic Radio 24/7! Playing on 1260AM and dedicated to sharing the heart of the Catholic Faith and changing lives.

**EXECUTION ALERTS**

The following executions are scheduled to take place in **September**:

- September 26th Troy Clark Texas
- September 27th Daniel Acker Texas

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