



Easter Blessing

We have been so blessed this last year to gather again as a community of faith in our church. As we celebrate the Resurrection, we are overjoyed to gather in faith and share the real presence of Jesus. He is alive and with us through our trials, giving us hope. We give thanks for the Love which we participate in, every time we gather as a community of faith and partake in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. The Church has been gathered on the day of the Resurrection ever since Jesus rose.

We support each other at Our Lady of Grace and I invite you to join in the many gatherings this year as we celebrate our 75th year. Invite family, neighbors, and friends to come celebrate the many years of Grace here in Castro Valley. Generations have come here to celebrate the Sacraments and live the life of faith. Come join us this Easter to celebrate-He is alive! May we share our stories of how we have encountered the Love of Jesus at Our Lady of Grace!

We gather on the day of the Resurrection in awe and wonder like the disciples encountering the risen Lord. In amazement of what God has done, we gather and are invited into the mystery of Love victorious. *“Today the Angels leap with joy and all of the Heavenly Powers rejoice, elated because of the salvation of mankind. If because of the repentance of a single person there is joy in Heaven and earth, more so is this true because of the salvation of the world. Today did Christ liberate the nature of man from the tyranny of the devil and restored it to its previous nobility.”* St. John Chrysostom

We Franciscans and the entire parish and school staff pray for blessings on your family this Easter. In worship we move from death to life as we celebrate the dying and rising of Christ and are nourished in word and sacrament. May every blessing of this sacred time be yours—and at Easter let us gather together and Rejoice! *“You come to me and unite Yourself intimately to me under the form of nourishment. Your Blood now runs in mine, Your Soul, Incarnate God, co-penetrates mine, giving courage and support. What miracles! Who would have ever imagined such!”* St. Maximilian Kolbe OFM, Conv.

Divine Mercy Novena

The Chaplet can be said anytime, but the Lord specifically asked that it be recited as a novena. He promised, *“By this Novena (of Chaplets), I will grant every possible grace to souls.”*

The Novena and Chaplet should be said beginning on Good Friday until Divine Mercy Sunday. The Chaplet and Novena prayers will be available on our website at www.olgcv.org and in the Flocknotes.

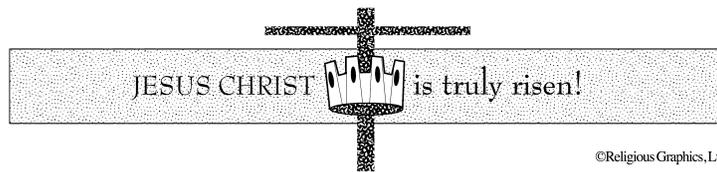
Divine Mercy Sunday

Join us on **April 24th** at 3:00pm for the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, Adoration, and Confession.

Consecration to the Immaculate Virgin Mary in May

Join us **May 1st** at 3:00pm in Stack Center to learn about Consecration to the Immaculate Virgin Mary. We will prepare you for consecration on Friday, **May 13th** at 7:00pm. May 13th is the day Our Lady began to appear to the children at Fatima. On March 25th, Pope Francis consecrated Russia and Ukraine and invited all people to consecrate themselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We will introduce you to the Consecration to the Immaculate Virgin Mary as formulated by Maximilian Kolbe.

*Peace be with you this Easter! Thank you for your generosity that has supported us over the years.
Our Lady of Grace Church celebrating 75 years in Castro Valley*



Peace & Love,
Fr. Tom

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy (April 24th))

John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.” Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

HE IS RISEN alleluia

EASTER OFFERING

Please know our gratitude for the ongoing and faithful financial support to our Parish. Your special Easter and Sunday offering help us meet our operating expenses. Our Easter Offering Budget this year is \$23,000. We are grateful for your help in accomplishing this goal. May God Bless you for your generosity!

HOLY LAND SALES APRIL 30TH-MAY 1ST

A group from the Holy Land (Bethlehem & Jerusalem) will be selling religious articles after masses to support the Catholic Christian minorities in Bethlehem. As a tradition, many of the Catholic families in the Holy Land work in small workshops to produce religious articles from olive wood. These articles represent the Christian art of the Holy Land. In the past, they used to sell their artwork to pilgrims who visit the Holy Land. However, these days they are facing an economic hardship, as there are no tourists at all are visiting the Holy Land due to pandemic. Many of the Catholic families immigrated and left the Holy Land. The percentage of Christians in the Holy Land has dropped from 20% to less than 1%. Therefore, if this hardship continues as it is now, we believe that in a few years, there will be no Catholics in Bethlehem or Jerusalem. The struggle to preserve the Catholic identity of the birthplace of our savior; Jesus Christ is a serious concern for Catholics around the world. Sales will be used to help and support the Catholics in the Holy Land and to encourage them not to immigrate.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

All children are invited to Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) on **May 1st**, during the 9:00am Mass. Before the Readings, the priest will invite the children up to the altar for a blessing. Children will then be escorted by catechists to Augustine Center. They will be escorted back to the Church before the Liturgy of the Eucharist. All children are welcome!



BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL

2022 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL

How will my parish receive credit for parishioner gifts? On the direct mail pledge card, a person's registered parish will be pre-printed. Please encourage your parishioners to double-check their registry on this card when it is received in the mail. Also, for

gifts made through the in-pew envelope or the newspaper insert response, a space is provided for a parish listing. It is important that your parishioners indicate which parish should receive credit, and specify the correct city/location of the parish.

To make your donation, please use the envelopes provided in the pews or make your donation online by visiting: <https://oakdiocese.org/bishops-appeal-donation-page>

1ST HOLY EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION

Please pray for our Sacrament students as they prepare to receive 1st Holy Eucharist on **May 14th, May 21st and June 4th at 11:00am and June 5th at 1:00pm.**

Also, pray for our Confirmation candidates as they prepare for the Rite of Confirmation on **June 5th at 11:00am** at Our Lady of Grace.



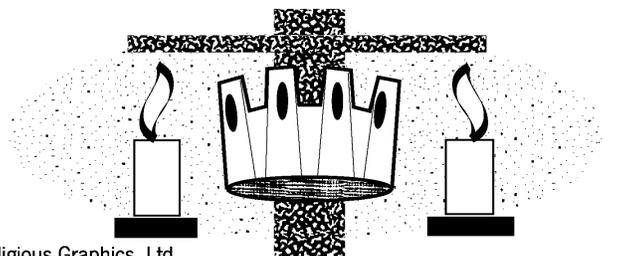
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus monthly meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of every month at 6:30pm in Stack Center-OLG Room. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, visit <https://www.kofc.org> or join us at our next meeting on **April 28th.**



ADORATION & RECONCILIATION

After Easter, 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



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**FAITH FORMATION
2021-2022**

Please pray for the young members of our Church.

First Communion Rehearsal

April 30th
10:45am—Church

Whole Family

Next Class: May 1st
10:15am—Stack Center

Confirmation

Discipleship Conferences: April 24th
Beginning at 12:15pm—Stack Center



STAY IN TOUCH!

Don't miss out. Flocknote is the most important way for OLG to inform you of our latest announcements. It's easy and free! Text keyword **OLGCV** to 84576 or visit: <https://OLGCV.flocknote.com>.



ALTAR CANDLE MEMORIALS

We are looking to have 6 monthly sponsors for our Altar Candles and ask for a donation of \$20 to cover the cost of the candles for the month. Our donors will be recognized in the 1st bulletin of the month and there will be a monthly Mass offered for the intention of our Candle Memorial. Many blessed thanks for those who have donated. For more information, please call the Parish Office.

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

Candles for our candle stand are available for purchase at the candle stand. The candles will burn for 5 days. The cost per candle is \$4.00. The glass globes must be left in the church.



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 MARCH:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 38,155.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 40,579.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [2,424.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [5004.00]

May God bless your continuing generosity.

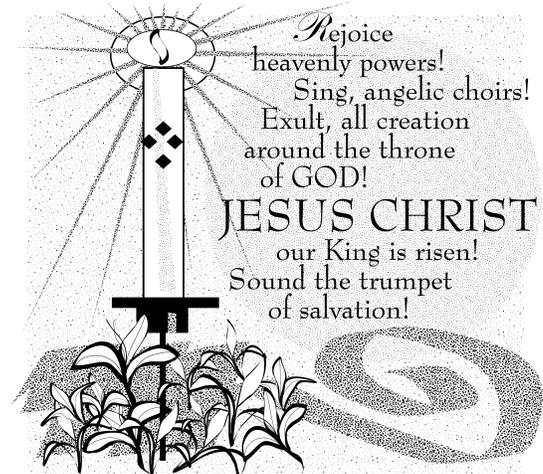


Your Prayers Are Requested

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

Peter Bodas
Peggy Burton
James Czeck
Peggy Deadder
Trish Ferrari
Elena Harder
Grace Letteer
Brian Linney
Arcadio Morfin
Diana Riley

Angela Schaaphok
Peggy Silva
Howard Songey
Jim Taylor
Alyssia Tortora
Concepcion Velasco
Mary Lou Vincent
Arthur Williams
Peggy Winkenbach



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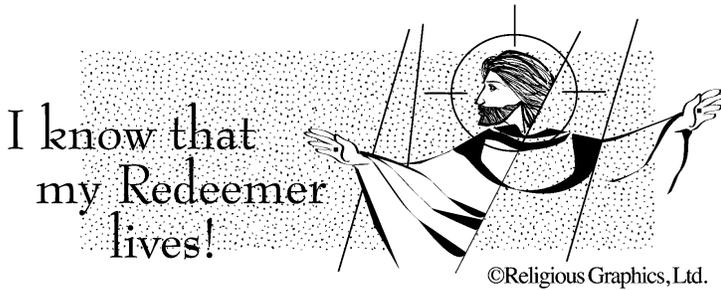
Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of a loved one.

In Memoriam

ORENTHAL PHILIP

VICTIMS OF THE UKRANIAN INVASION

VICTIMS OF COVID-19



**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 for more information. The next Pre-Baptism Class will be held via Zoom on **May 4th**.



DID YOU KNOW???

Our church has wonderful, hardworking volunteers who clean & 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!

RELEVANT RADIO - 1260 AM



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WINGS - WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT

WINGS is a faith enhancement group that encourages spiritual growth through prayer, scripture study, Catechesis, life sharing and community. Our meetings are held at the Transfiguration Church Hall & during this time, we will be following Covid-19 safety protocols: social distancing & wearing masks.

Next Meeting: **April 21st**

9:00am to 11:00am

Speaker: Stephanie Luna

Topic: "Embodying the Love of God"

For further information or if you would like to attend, please contact: Peggy Maurer at pegsmail8@gmail.com

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"With full confidence with boundless trust in [the Immaculata's] special protection, let us be guided by her in an ever more perfect manner."

THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 17th:

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Masses

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

Spanish Mass

1:00pm--Church

Monday, April 18th:

Bible Study w/ Fr. Francisco—English

7:00pm—Zoom

Tuesday, April 19th:

Men's Faith Share

7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

Wednesday, April 20th:

RCIA

7:00pm—Stack Center

Thursday, April 21st:

AA Serenity Group

7:30pm—Augustine Center

Saturday, April 23rd:

Vigil Mass

5:00pm—Church

ICF Anniversary Dinner

6:00pm—Stack Center

Sunday, April 24th:

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Masses

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

Spanish Mass

1:00pm--Church



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!



Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, April 17th
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

7:30am – 9:00am – 11:00am – 1:00pm (Spanish)

MONDAY, April 18th

8:15am Eira Lindberg – D

TUESDAY, April 19th

8:15am Ruth Picha – D

WEDNESDAY, April 20th

8:15am Louis Rodrigues – D

THURSDAY, April 21st

8:15am Israel, David & Emiliano Islas – L

FRIDAY, April 22nd

8:15am Raiford Lawver – L

SATURDAY, April 23rd

8:15am Martin Flores Martinez – D

5:00pm Antonio O. Chocha – D

SUNDAY, April 24th

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

7:30am OLG Community

9:00am Tom Miraglia – D

11:00am Brian O’Leary – D

1:00pm Franciscan Friars



EXECUTION ALERTS

The following executions are scheduled to take place in April:

April 21st	Carl Buntion	Texas
April 21st	Oscar Smith	Tennessee
April 27th	Melissa Lucio	Texas

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

April 18th through April 24th

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15
 Sunday: Acts 5:12-16;
 Revelations 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19;
 John 20:19-31



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BEWARE OF EMAIL SCAMS!

There have been fraudulent emails circulating through our parish, using Fr. Tom's name and a fake email address. For your safety, please do not open these emails and report these to Jay in the Parish Office at 537-0806. God Bless and be safe.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“There is urgent need to work for a world free of nuclear weapons, in full application of non-proliferation treaty, in letter and spirit, with the goal of a complete prohibition of these weapons.”

–Pope Francis, 2015

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