



Prayers For The Community

We are living through a time of turmoil. The fall of Kabul with desperate people falling off planes is the latest horror to be witnessed. The earthquake in Haiti with the loss of life, followed by a tropical storm, reveals the fragility of life effected by the natural processes of the planet. The drought and fires in our area shows us the limits of our plans and ingenuity to tame and control natural processes.

My parents, grandparents, and great grandparents gave me witness of how to find hope through faith. We have the intercession of the Saints, especially through Immaculate Heart of Mary and the sweet mercy of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Only love creates, protects, and endures. Sunday is the Feast Day of the Queenship of Mary. Mary is the Queen of Angels. May we ask for her intercession to move heaven and earth to protect us under her Mantle during these turbulent times so we may always have hearts of love united to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

I prayed for all of you at the location where the Blessed Mother appeared to Adele in 1859. I lit candles for all who sent petitions at this holy location. I offered Mass for all of you as I celebrated a Mass at the Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe.

Conversion Of Sinners

Adele Brice and St. Maximilian Kolbe both were given a mission from Our Lady for the conversion of souls and the evangelization of people in the faith. Adele, a simple immigrant farm girl with little education, was given a mission to educate children in the faith from our Blessed Mother in October 1859. The chapel that was built by her father and on the location of the apparition would become the miraculous sanctuary which saved the life of hundreds from the great Peshigo fire in 1871. This event for the people of the area showed the maternal protection of the Blessed Mother during this natural disaster.

St. Maximilian Kolbe in the face of political upheaval, world war, rejection and persecution of the church and faith by political leaders and ideologies, was given a mission from Our Lady to build the civilization of Love through consecration to the Immaculate Mary. The Militia of the Immaculata and consecration to her mission bringing Christ to the world, is how we fight back against evil through love and prayer for the conversion of enemies of the Church.

On August 14, 1941, St. Maximilian Kolbe (prisoner 16670) would live that love to the end as he laid down his life for Franciszek Gajowniczek (prisoner 5659). We remember how this heroic act of love 80 years ago gave witness that love could triumph in the midst of evil and give hope to humanity.

Purpose of the Militia Immaculata

To pursue the conversion to God of all people, be they sinners, or non-Catholics, or unbelievers, in particular the freemasons; and that all become saints, under the patronage and through the mediation of the Immaculate Virgin.

Conditions for Membership

1. To consecrate oneself entirely to the Immaculate Virgin, placing oneself freely as a docile and generous instrument in her hands.
2. To wear the Miraculous Medal.
3. To register with a canonically established Center.

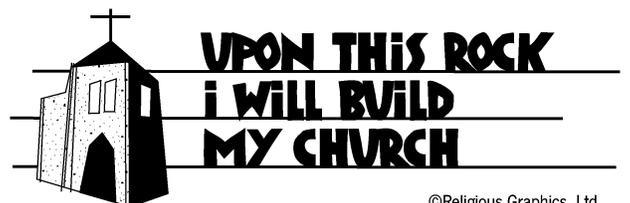
Means of the Apostolate

1. To pray, to do penance, to offer God the daily works and sufferings of life; to invoke the Immaculata, possibly every day, with this ejaculation: "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you, and for all who do not have recourse to you, especially the enemies of the Church and those recommended to you."
2. To use all other valid and legitimate means for the conversion and sanctification of men, according to one's means, in the different states and conditions of life, as the occasions present themselves, the choice of which is left to the zeal and prudence of each member. Means particularly recommended are the spreading of the Miraculous Medal and the apostolate through example, the word and the media.

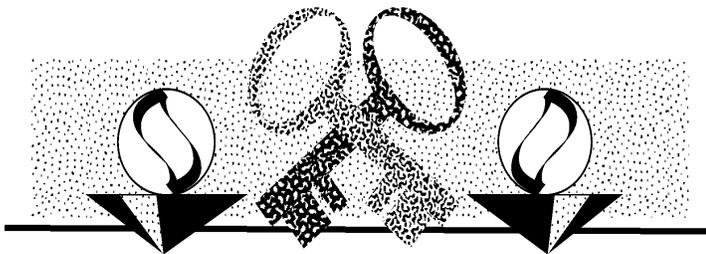
Parish Picnic—Sunday, August 29th at the School Courtyard

Plans are underway! We will supply the hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and soda. *We ask that if you bring side dishes, to please share only with members of your household.* RSVP by **August 25th** by calling the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

Peace & Love,
Fr. Tom



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**MASS SCHEDULE
In The Church**

Saturdays at 5:00PM (Vigil)

Sundays at 7:30AM 9:00AM, 11:00AM and
1:00PM (Spanish)

**MASSES AT THE HOLY FAMILY FRIARY
HAVE RETURNED**

Join us **Mondays to Fridays at 7:00AM** at the Holy Family Friary for morning Masses located at 19697 Redwood Road, Castro Valley.



**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION
2021-2022**

Last day to register is Monday,
August 30th! Registration for Grades

1st to 12th is available for Fall 2021 (1st Communion, Confirmation and Whole Family Catechesis) **Classes begin in September/October.** The registration form is available in the Parish Office and on our website: <http://www.olgcv.org>. Scroll down the homepage and click on the Faith Formation box. Cost is \$120 for the 1st child and \$60 for each additional child in the same household.

All Children Are Welcome!

SCRIP IS AVAILABLE AGAIN

Do you get coffee at Starbucks? Buy groceries at Safeway? Use SCRIP at local stores where you already shop. SCRIP cards (at face value) help Our Lady of Grace's Evangelization Program earn 2%-17% per certificate. Orders placed on the 1st & 3rd week of the month will be ready for pick-up on the 2nd & 4th week of the month. Payment is due at the time of your order. Download a copy of the order form by visiting our website: www.olgcv.org and click on "SCRIP" at the top of the homepage. Forms are also available at the Parish Office.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Friday, August 20th**

Jay is away on vacation. The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, August 20th. If you have any business to conduct in the office, please call in advance (510-537-0806) so we may assist you.

**PARISH PICNIC
August 29th at 12:30pm
In The School Courtyard**



Join us on **Saturday, August 29th** as we gather as a community of faith! Fr. Tom will supply the hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and soda. *We ask that if you bring side dishes, to please share only with members of your household.* RSVP by **August 25th** by calling the Parish Office at 510-537-0806. See you there!

MISSION CO-OP ANNUAL APPEAL

It's not too late to give! Thank you to all who gave generously last weekend. Your donations will directly assist missionaries in efforts to share the faith in various countries around the world. All funds collected are pooled and dispersed in equal shares to participating missions. We thank you in advance for your generosity. Yellow envelopes are in the pews for your use.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus is looking for Catholic Men who are interested in putting their Catholic Faith in Action! You can join online at <https://www.kofc.org/apps/joinus/en/registration/index.html>. You can also join by contacting Grand Knight, Terence Dugan at tdugan@rocketmail.com. Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic Men's Fraternal Organization focused on protecting Catholic families.

Our next meeting will be held on **August 26th at 7:00pm** in Stack Center, OLG Room

**RCIA
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Classes will begin on **Wednesday, September 22nd**. They will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00pm in Stack Center, OLG Room. If you or someone you know is interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith or is seeking membership into the Church, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806 to register. All are welcome!



BISHOP'S APPEAL 2021
 Following is the status of our Annual Bishop's Appeal through **July 31st:**
 \$28,093.00—Actual Donations Received

Our Goal for 2021:	\$29,000.00
# of Acknowledged Donors to date:	118
Funds Raised (includes pledges)	\$32,335.00

We are currently at **111%** of our goal for this year's Bishop's Appeal! If you have not yet made your donation or pledge, please consider doing so today.

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 for the Month of JULY:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 35,612.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 33,000.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 2,612.00
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 24,868.00

May God bless your continuing generosity.



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.



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:

Pam Ahland	Dave Morris
Glen Alcorn	Ruth Picha
Peggy Burton	Diana Riley
Cristina Castellanos	Howard Songey
Romana Cristobal	Concepcion Velasco
Nancy French	Mary Lou Vincent
Mark Jerome	Rex Warren
Sandra Ketchel	Arthur Williams
Grace Letteer	Peggy Winkenbach
Arcadio Morfin	

**CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS
 LITURGY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

We are looking for volunteers to assist us. We are in need of ushers, lectors and communion ministers to facilitate safe, dignified, and reverent celebration of our liturgies. We will have a training session on **Tuesday, August 31st at 7pm.** If you can come, please register by calling the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

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

In Memoriam

VICTIMS OF COVID-19

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

VICTIMS OF WILDFIRES

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
 NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

We are excited to bring back our Sunday's Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:00am Mass but we need volunteers to help lead the sessions. Children's Liturgy of the Word is a unique opportunity to present the Sunday Gospel in a dynamic way that connects with our young children. If you can commit to one Sunday a month, either as a catechist or as an assistant, please email Jackie at jacruz@olgcv.org. *Training and materials will be provided.*



**PRE-BAPTISM CLASS
 FOR PARENTS & GODPARENTS**

If you are wishing to have your child baptized, ages infant to six years, 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. Pre-Baptism classes are held the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm via Zoom. **Our next class will be on September 1st.** Call Jay at 510-537-0806 for more information.

**ADORATION & CONFESSION
 In The Church**

Join us on Thursdays at 6:00-7:00pm and Saturdays at 8:45-10:00am





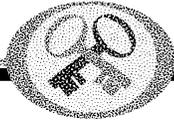
**THANK YOU FOR USING
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Parishioners who use this service are pleased with how easy it is to set up and manage.

To sign up, visit our website at www.olgcv.org and click on "Online Giving" at the top of the homepage. If you need help with signing up, please contact Colleen at clindberg@olgcv.org.

DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve the OLG Community on your schedule? Consider joining the Eucharistic Ministry to the Sick. We deliver the Blessed Sacrament to the sick and homebound who are unable to join us at Mass on a regular basis. Qualifications required? A faith-filled and compassionate heart! Minimal training required. If this could be your calling or you have questions, please contact Theresa at 510-581-7694 or leave your name and number at the Parish Office. Blessings!



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MEN'S FAITH SHARE

The OLG Men's Faith Share Group meets on **Tuesdays at 7:00pm** in Stack Center, Room 7. All men in the Parish are invited to come. This group meets each week to read and discuss the upcoming Sunday's readings for the Mass. If you are looking for a small group setting to pray with and explore the Word each week, plan on joining us!

FORMED

Become a member of FORMED.org for free and get easy access to daily Mass, thousands of movies, podcasts and ebooks. New ones are added frequently! Don't miss out! If you don't have an account yet, just follow these instructions: visit: www.olgcv.formed.org Type in "Our Lady of Grace, Castro Valley CA" to become a member.

RELEVANT RADIO - 1260 AM

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THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 22nd

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses
7:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am--Church
Spanish Mass
1:00pm--Church

Monday, August 23rd:

Mass
8:15am—Church

Tuesday, August 24th:

Mass
8:15am—Church

Men's Faith Share
7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

Wednesday, August 25th:

Mass
8:15am—Church

Thursday, August 26th:

Mass
8:15am—Church

Adoration & Confession
6:00-7:00pm—Church

Knights of Columbus Meeting
7:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Friday, August 27th:

Mass
8:15am—Church

Saturday, August 28th

Mass
8:15am—Church

Adoration & Confession
8:45-10:00am—Church

Vigil Mass
5:00pm—Church

Sunday, August 29th

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses
7:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am--Church

Parish Picnic
12:30pm—School Courtyard

Spanish Mass
1:00pm--Church

Mass for the Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, August 22nd
 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 7:30am OLG Community
 9:00am Victims of Covid-19
 11:00am Thomas Ferrario – D
 1:00pm Imelda Sanchez-Mendoza – D

MONDAY, August 23rd
 St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
 8:15am Rita & Mario Venturini – D

TUESDAY, August 24th
 St. Bartholomew, Apostle
 8:15am C.W. Bud Pence – D

WEDNESDAY, August 25th
 St. Louis
 St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
 8:15am Teresa Ramos – D

THURSDAY, August 26th
 8:15am Byron Griffith – D

FRIDAY, August 27th
 St. Monica
 8:15am Monico Gonzalez – D

SATURDAY, August 28th
 St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 8:15am Rita & Mario Venturini – D
 5:00pm Franciscan Friars

SUNDAY, August 29th
 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 7:30am OLG Community
 9:00am David Ruiz – D
 11:00am Victims of Covid-19
 1:00pm Demecio Mendoza – D



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For More Information, Please Contact:

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SPACE IS LIMITED - SIGN UP TODAY!!!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

August 23rd through August 29th

Monday: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10;
 Matthew 23:13-22
 Tuesday: Revelations 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51
 Wednesday: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13;
 Matthew 23:27-32
 Thursday: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13;
 Matthew 24:42-51
 Friday: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8;
 Matthew 25:1-13
 Saturday: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11;
 Matthew 25:14-30
 Sunday: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8;
 James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

JOIN BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA - PACK 722

We welcome boys and girls from all CV schools, ages 5-10 (Kindergarten through 4th grade). Cub Scouts is a worldwide program with a long tradition in the U.S. centered around youth leadership, service, fun, and the outdoors. Our events include local field trips to beaches and hiking trails, skill building meetings, service projects, collecting donations for food banks, and so much more. Scouting follows the educational principle of "Fun with a Purpose" and our Scouts love the activities while simultaneously earning ranks and awards as they develop skills in leadership and life. *For more information and to register, please contact cvpack722@gmail.com.*

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Peace involves work, it is not about staying calm and doing nothing. No! True peace means working so that everyone has a solution to the problems, to the needs, that they have in their land, in their homeland, in their family, in their society."

-Pope Francis, 2015

To join our work with Pax Christi, please contact the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

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