



Fr. James and I were with the families who were beginning their Journey to Reconciliation and Eucharist. I'm very happy to see this program as it continues to develop here at Our Lady of Grace. This program and our other family programs attempt to integrate students, parents and sponsors into the Parish preparation for the Sacraments. We are growing in taking seriously the words of Baptism, "Parents, you are the first and the best teachers of our Faith to your children." In order to pass along our Faith, Hope and Love, one must live these values. Children imitate what they see and hear.

Reflect upon where and through whom you have received your gift of Faith. For most of us, the answer will be found in our family life. Some may say it was through 'my mother', others will say, through 'my father'. While still others may say, it was through 'my family'. One thing for certain is that Faith is a Gift, freely given to us by God. But it must be nurtured through others and through the living of the Gospel values.

Our Preparation Program for Confirmation was delayed. Covid struck again. Hopefully we will get started on September 11th at 12:15pm. The program is well planned, and our Candidates for Confirmation should benefit greatly from it. Confirmation is a parish centered program. It is not a function of the Catholic High Schools.

You are invited as well as all who are seeking membership in the Catholic Church to our Parish RCIA Program. For many, this program can serve as a vehicle to grow in our Catholic Faith. I highly recommend this program to you and encourage you to invite others to join you.

-Fr. Ray

### **World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation:**

The Vatican has released Pope Francis' message for this year's World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, which is celebrated every year on September 1st. The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation marks the beginning of the Season of Creation, which lasts until October 4th, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

The theme for this year's Season of Creation is "Listen to the Voice of Creation."

### **Link to Pope Francis' message for the 2022 Season of Creation:**

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2022/07/21/220721c.html>

### **Prayer from the USCCB's website for the Season of Creation:**

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/prayer-care-our-common-home>

## **Gospel For The Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time (September 11th)**

**Luke 15:1-32**

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them he addressed this parable. "What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and, upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance. "Or what woman having ten coins and losing one would not light a lamp and sweep the house, searching carefully until she finds it? And when she does find it, she calls together her friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found the coin that I lost.' In just the same way, I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Then he said, "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."' So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns, who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'"

**OLG'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY  
UPCOMING EVENTS****Join Us For  
Our Celebration!****September 17th Anniversary Dinner**  
Provided by the Italian Catholic Federation

Join us at 6:15pm in Stack Center, following the 5:00pm Mass for a delicious Anniversary Dinner. Cost is \$18 per adult and \$12 per child. Tickets may be purchased after all the Masses and at the Parish Office (cash or check).

**September 18th Anniversary Lunch**  
Provided by the Hispanic Community

Join us at 1:15pm in Stack Center, following the 12:00pm Bilingual Mass for a delicious Anniversary Lunch and Live Music. Cost is \$12.50 per adult and \$10.50 per child. Tickets may be purchased after all the Masses and at the Parish Office (cash or check).

**September 24th  
Concert & Classic Car Show**  
Organized by the Knights of Columbus

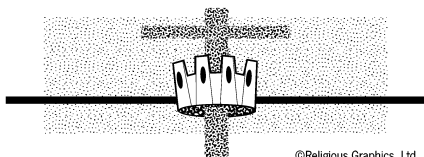
Join us from 10:00am to 5:00pm at the Rear Parking Lot for Classic Cars, Live Music featuring The Rev Tones & Night Owls, Tasty Food and Family Fun! This is a FREE event! Food is available for purchase. All proceeds support Our Lady of Grace Church. If you have a classic car to register, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806 or email Jay at jay@olgcv.org and provide the following information: Your Name, Make and Model of your car.

**September 25th  
Family Fun Day**  
Organized by Our Lady of Grace School

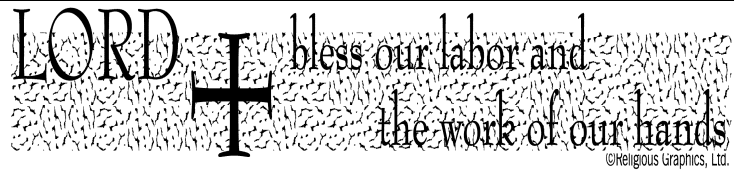
Join us from 10:00am to 3:00pm as we continue our celebration with Family Fun for all: Carnival Games, Delicious Food and Fantastic Prizes! Admission is free!

**SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE  
FOR SEPTEMBER 18TH**

Due to the 75th Anniversary Events scheduled on September 18th, our Sunday Mass Schedule will be as follows:

**7:30am, 9:00am and 12 Noon (Bilingual)**

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**LABOR DAY WEEKEND**

The Parish Office will be closed on Labor Day, **September 5th** and will reopen on **September 6th** at 8:30am. There will only be one Mass at 8:15am in the Church. Have a safe and restful Labor Day weekend!

**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Dear Our Lady of Grace Family,

I am writing to report that your parish Catholic school is up and running! It is good to see all the students back on campus, as well as to welcome many new colleagues to O.L.G. God's grace could be felt all around, and Our Blessed Mother's gentle smile was almost discernable!

I would like to extend a very special invitation to all parish members to join the school community at our weekly Eucharistic liturgy. It takes place on Wednesdays at 8:15 a.m. and features the students in the roles of lectors and servers, and faculty and staff serve as Eucharistic ministers. I know that we would all love to see parish members become more involved in the activities of the school and Mass is a great place to start.

I also wanted you to know that we are still looking for a part time classroom aide for our lower elementary grades. If you are a retired teacher or a person who loves being around children and helping out our busy teachers, please give me a call at the School Office (510.581.3155).

On Sunday, September 25th, our families are encouraged to attend the 9:00 a.m. Mass and then come onto the grounds for a celebration of our school and parish family. Food, games, and various student performances will be among the highlights of this important day. Let's continue to spread the positive and loving spirit that has already marked this academic year as we "return full force" to in person instruction and celebrations.

Have a wonderful week and weekend ahead.

In Our Lady's Name and Love,  
Dr. McGowan, Principal



Owe no debt to anyone  
except the debt that  
binds each of us to  
love one another

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### DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT BENEFIT TRUST

**Next Weekend—September 10th & 11th**

This special collection for the Diocesan Priest Retirement Benefit Trust is next weekend, **September 10th and 11th**. This collection allows us to express gratitude and support for our retired and soon-to-be retired priests. They now face retirement with minimal government assistance. Please prayerfully consider how you can match their generosity to the Church by contributing to the Retirement Fund. Please make your check out to "Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland". Envelopes are in the pews for your use. You may also drop your donation off at the Parish Office mail slot. Thank you and God bless.

### FAMILY FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION 2022-2023



Registration for 1st Communion, Confirmation and Whole Family Catechesis for Fall 2022 is available. **Registration forms are available in the Parish Office and on our website at [www.olgcv.org](http://www.olgcv.org)**. Scroll down the homepage and click on the Faith Formation box. You may register online or download the form and return it to the Parish Office with your payment (cash or check). Cost is \$120 for the 1st child and \$60 for each additional child in the same household. After October 1st, there will be a late fee of \$20.

**All Children Are Welcome!**

### FAITH FORMATION CLASSES ARE BEGINNING!

Please pray for the young members of our Church.

#### Confirmation

1st Day of Class: September 11th  
12:15pm—Stack Center

#### Whole Family

1st Day of Class: September 11th  
10:15am—Gym

#### First Communion-Year 1

1st Day of Class: October 9th  
10:15am—Stack Center

#### First Communion-Year 2

Next Class: September 11th  
10:15am—Stack Center

### 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 AUGUST:**

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 36,523.00
<b>Month Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 37,106.00</b>
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [583.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [17,824.00]

*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:

Peggy Burton  
James Czeck  
Peggy Deadder  
Mary Elizabeth  
Goncalves  
Jim Gonzales  
Elena Harder  
Grace Letteer  
Brian Linney  
Rick Reid

Diana Riley  
Angela Schaaphok  
Peggy Silva  
Jim Taylor  
Alyssia Tortora  
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Mary Lou Vincent  
Arthur Williams  
Peggy Winkenbach

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

**In Memorial**

**YVONNE BARROS**

**JESUS SAN NICOLAS**

**VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE**

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### THANK YOU TO OUR \$75 FOR 75 YEARS DONORS

We are most grateful to our Parishioners, members and businesses who donated to our \$75 for 74 Years Campaign. These funds from donors and sponsors are helping with the costs of all the events so we can offer the events at a price everyone can afford. Our Donors and Sponsors will be honored with Reserved Seating at the meals and listed on our 'Thank You Donors' boards. With our thanks, may God's riches and fullest blessings be upon you!



## ALTAR CANDLE MEMORIAL DONORS

We deeply thank the following donors who have given generously towards sponsoring our Altar Candle Memorial.

Given By:	In Memory of / In Honor of:
Kaye McCann	John McCann
Ernestine Moir	All Souls in Purgatory
Maria Zambrano	Jose & Gloria Areas

## BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER!

If you are a student in grades 5th-12th, we would like to invite you to become Altar Servers at the weekend Masses. If you have served in the past or a first-timer, please let us know of your interest. There are forms available for you to pick up after Mass--they are at the front of the church on the organ console--just take one out of the basket and follow the instructions. Thanks so much for volunteering.



**Servers must have received the first three Sacraments of the Church** which are: Baptism, First Reconciliation, and First Holy Eucharist.

You will be required to attend **FIVE of six** 75 minute Training Sessions starting at 3:15pm as follows:

**Thursdays—Sept 8th, 15th, 22nd**  
**Mondays—Sept 12th, 19th, 26th**

Students who commute will train the same days, from 4:00—5:15pm.



## ICF POLENTA FEED

Per favore come and join the ICF, East Bay District, on **October 8th** in Stack Center as we raise money to support these charities: Scholarships, Cooley's Anemia and others. Happy Hour is at 6:00pm and dinner will be served at 7:00pm. Price is \$35 per adult and \$20 per child and includes: Salad, Polenta, Chicken, Bread, Dessert, Wine, Beer, Soft Drinks and Coffee. Reservation deadline is **September 27th**. Mail your reservation and check (payable to ICF East Bay District) to Fran La Torre at 28887 Granada Dr., Hayward, CA 94544. We hope to see many old friends and to meet some new ones! Mangia! Mangia! Grazie.

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, September 4th:

#### Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Masses  
7:30am, 9:00am (Livestream), 11:00am--Church  
  
Spanish Mass  
1:00pm--Church

### Monday, September 5th:

**Happy Labor Day!**  
**Parish Office Closed**

### Tuesday, September 6th:

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

### Thursday, September 8th:

Altar Serving Training  
3:15pm & 4:00pm—Church  
  
Adoration & Reconciliation  
6:00-7:00pm—Church  
  
AA Serenity Group  
7:30pm—Augustine Center

### Saturday, September 10th:

Adoration & Reconciliation  
8:45-10:00am—Church  
  
Vigil Mass  
5:00pm—Church

### Sunday, September 11th:

#### Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Masses  
7:30am, 9:00am (Livestream), 11:00am--Church  
  
Whole Family Class  
10:15am--Stack Center  
  
Confirmation Class  
12:15pm--Stack Center  
  
Spanish Mass  
1:00pm--Church

## MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Do you want [the Immaculata] to come often to visit you? Do you want her to dwell permanently in your soul? Do you desire that she, she alone, may direct your thoughts, take possession of all your heart? Do you wish to entirely love her? If you desire all of this, open your heart completely before her and give yourself to her forever, even if only with the yearning of your soul."*



**if today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts**



# Mass for the Intentions Week

**SUNDAY, September 4th**

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am OLG Community  
 9:00am Barbara Ginley – D  
 Datu Family – L  
 11:00am Marques Family – D  
 1:00pm Franciscan Friars

**MONDAY, September 5th**

8:15am Jaime &amp; Martha Gonzalez – L

**TUESDAY, September 6th**

8:15am Burt Richards – D

**WEDNESDAY, September 7th**

8:15am Elvira Vazques &amp; Gilberto Ramos – L

**THURSDAY, September 8th**

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15am Debi Telles-D

**FRIDAY, September 9th**

St. Peter Claver, Priest

8:15am Ruth Picha – D

**SATURDAY, September 10th**

8:15am Rosa Martinez Reyes – D

5:00pm Jerome Gann – D

**SUNDAY, September 11th**

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Geraldine Bargiacchi – D  
 9:00am OLG Community  
 11:00am Franciscan Friars  
 1:00pm Gerard Deiparine – D

**FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND**

We are very grateful for the generous donation from The Nguyen Family in remembrance of Maria Que Nguyen. Flower donation envelopes may be found at the entrances of the church to make a donation in memory of or in honor of a loved one or other occasion. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jay at 510-537-0806. Your donation in honor of your loved one will be mentioned in the bulletin.



LOVE is the fulfillment  
 of the LAW

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:****September 5th through September 11th**

Monday: 1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11  
 Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 6:6-11; Luke 6:12-19  
 Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26  
 Thursday: Micah 5:1-4; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23  
 Friday: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-27;  
 Luke 6:39-42  
 Saturday: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Luke 6:43-49  
 Sunday: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14;  
 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32

**RCIA****Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Our 1st class is scheduled for Wednesday, **September 21st** 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 for details at 510-537-0806. All are welcome!

**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 in Stack Center, OLG Room at 7:00pm on **September 7th**.

**GRIEF SUPPORT**

The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Grief Support meetings are held at St. Elizabeth Seton at 4001 Stoneridge Drive in Pleasanton. The next meetings will be held on Thursday, **September 8th and 22nd** at 7:00pm. They are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. There is no need to register in advance but please arrive early for check in. If you have additional questions, please call Barbara at 925-846-3904.

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