

Lent is a time to fine tune our Christian Hope. But what is Hope? In English when we use the word hope, it often is connected to the thought of maybe. For example, I hope that it does not rain tomorrow or I hope I get all A's in school. "Maybe" infers that you are uncertain in your hope.

Christian Hope, as used in the Bible, does not have a "maybe" in meaning. What can we learn from Scripture, especially St. Paul?

Christian Hope:

God is the source of all Hope

Hope is never Lost – it cries out to be heard, seen and experienced

With Hope we can be confident – there is no "maybe"

Hope is a Gift from God, given by the Holy Spirit

Hope always endures – it never leads to despair

May this Lenten Season be a renewal to your Christian Hope. We Hope in a confidence in all that we believe in, especially in our Creed, will be true for each us.

Thank you for your prayers as I celebrated my Anniversary of Ordination. Thank you for your support that you give me, in my life and in my vocation as a priest/friar. May God bless you for all you do for others.

Thank you also for all who supported our School Fun Run. The funds gained in this run will be used for the continued growth and development of our School. Over the years, our Catholic School has been a blessing to many, many families and your people. Our OLG School is built on the ministry of many dedicated principals, teachers, staff, and volunteers. We are blessed once again with well-experienced leadership, teachers, staff and an army of concerned parents and families. We are blessed. If you don't know this already in the time of a teacher shortage, our principal and staff each have indicated that they will be returning next year.

Thank you for your continued support of our School. No school is perfect, but we strive for excellence for each student, both humanly and educationally while supporting their continued growth as Catholic students. Thank you for your support of Catholic Education.

-Fr. Ray



The Gospel for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (April 2nd)

Matthew 26:14-27:66

Due to the length of the Gospel, it could not be printed. We thank you for your understanding.



I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS
BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL 2023

2023 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL

It is time for the Bishop's Ministries Appeal here at OLG and throughout the Diocese of Oakland. This yearly appeal assists our diocese in funding a variety of ministries, services, and programs that benefit many throughout the East Bay. There are 5 specific areas' that receive funds from the appeal.

- * Religious Education & Formation
- * Clergy Formation & Support
- * Pastoral Ministries & Services
- * Priest Retirement & Care
- * Support for Catholic Schools & Parishes in need

Be assured that none of the funds are ever redirected to any other causes.

This year, the Bishop has selected the theme *I Am With You Always*. There are many exciting and positive things happening around the diocese and the services it provides. There are active ministries and programs that serve all the faithful within all parishes in one way or another. Our parish achieved **104.68%** of our goal last year with a small member participation. Imagine what we can do with greater participation! While OLG is your spiritual home, we are also part of a much larger, universal family and we have responsibilities to them as well. Let us act together to accomplish great things!

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>.

BISHOP BARBER'S RESPONSE TO THE HARM BY CLERGY SEXUAL ABUSE

To read the Bishop's letter in detail, please visit the Diocese of Oakland's website by visiting: <https://www.oakdiocese.org/ab218-response>.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN MASS & SOUP MEAL



Join us for our Lenten Masses held on Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm, followed by a simple meal of soup and bread in Stack Center. It will be a time for fellowship and families coming together. Our next Lenten Soup Meal on **March 29th** is sponsored by Our Lady of Grace School. We thank them for their ministry of hospitality for this meal. Financial donations will be accepted for CRS Rice Bowl.



LENTEN FISH FRY Knights of Columbus

Join us on **March 31st** for our Fish Fry in Stack Center from 5:00-7:00pm. Cost is \$10 per person, payable at the door. Enjoy a delicious fish dinner prepared by the Knights of Columbus and enjoy the company of fellow parishioners. See you there!



PALM SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP & HOT CROSS BUNS April 2nd

Join us on Palm Sunday after the 9:00am, 11:00am and 1:00pm Masses in the Gathering Area. We will enjoy fellowship and delicious Hot Cross Buns.

HAVANA NIGHTS SPRING AUCTION Saturday, May 6th 5:30pm-10:30pm Stack Center



Join us for an exciting evening of Delicious Bites, Cocktails, Raffle, Live Music, Dancing & the Auction! *Wear Your Cuban Attire!*

Tickets costs \$65 per person
Sponsor a 8-person table for \$520 or
a 10-person table for \$650

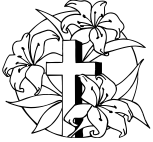
Child Care will be offered on-site. Kids will enjoy a movie (as available), crafts snacks and dinner. Dress in jammies and bring your sleeping bag for cozy comfort! Must be purchased by April 24th.

Purchase your dinner and raffle tickets and childcare online by visiting: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/9dbbc6d7-4cda-400e-a700-7a5b471ec49d>

All proceeds will benefit OLG Parish and School

2022 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

We thank God for the generosity of our community which has sustained us and are pleased to report on the Parish Operating Income and Expenses for the fiscal year 2022. For details, please visit: <https://olgcgv.org/2022-operating-income-expenses-report/>

**EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS
OUR LADY OF GRACE TRADITION**

Once again, this year we are inviting you to remember family members and friends through a Flower Offering which will help us to purchase the plants and other decorations we need to beautify our sanctuary. You may list the names of loved ones you wish to remember or memorialize by using the special Easter Flower Offering envelopes available in the pews. A list of names of all who are remembered will be available after Easter.

**ICF 44TH ANNIVERSARY
DINNER CELEBRATION
April 22nd**

You are invited to celebrate the ICF Branch #343's 44th Anniversary at Terra Mia Restaurant at 4040 East Avenue in Livermore at 5:30pm. Join us for No-Host Cocktails, Dinner with choice of Salmone alla Piccata or Pollo Saltimbocca. Cost is \$65 per person. To reserve your seats by **April 3rd**, please visit: <https://olgcgv.org/icf-branch-343-anniversary-dinner/> and print the flyer and complete the bottom portion. Grazie!

**FESCO SHUFFLE
Sign Up This Weekend**

The 26th Annual Shuffle is scheduled for **Saturday, May 6th** at Moreau Catholic High School at 27170 Mission Blvd. in Hayward. *New this year – a 5K timed run at the Moreau Track 7:00 to 8:00am.* **Registration is \$50 for adults and \$25 for youth (16+ with school ID).** The Shuffle from 8:00am to 12:00pm is a free event which includes a walk, morning refreshments, lunch, entertainment, a drawing for door prizes and a "Kidz Zone" with bouncy houses, games and prizes. Please join this event which raises funds to support FESCO's programs that support homeless families with children. Go to <https://lafamilia.securesweet.com/> to join a team or donate. For more information, call volunteer, Chris Ippolito at 510-343-4876 or Stephanie Miller at the FESCO office at 510-886-5473.

Be sure to sign up this weekend! FESCO representatives will be outside the entrances of the Church to take sign ups on March 25th, after the 5:00pm Mass and on March 26th, after the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses.

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 FEBRUARY:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 49,243.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 48,000.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 1,243.00
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [2,787.00]

May God bless your continuing generosity.

**Your Prayers Are Requested**

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

Raul Cepeda
Peggy Deadder
Nancy French
Grace Letteer
Brian Linney
Sheila McAlinden
Diana Riley

Jenny Roberts
Angela Schaaphok
Alyssia Tortora
James Van Wert
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

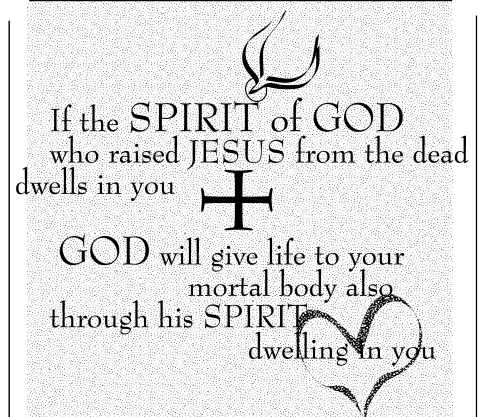
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VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

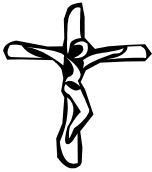
VICTIMS OF THE UKRANIAN INVASION

VICTIMS OF COVID-19



LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation will be available every Thursday at 6:00pm during Adoration and on Saturdays at 9:00am after the 8:15am Mass.


STATIONS OF THE CROSS
English & Spanish

Stations of the Cross in English, led by our school students are offered at Our Lady of Grace on Fridays at 2:15pm. Evening Stations in English begins at 6:00pm and in Spanish at 6:30pm. *There will be no evening Stations on April 7th (Good Friday).*

40 DAYS OF LENT WITH FORMED.ORG***Lent & New Life in Christ***

<https://watch.formed.org/lent/videos/lent-and-new-life-in-christ-the-gift-of-grace-almsgiving>

Join Dr. Michael Barber as he discusses the transformative power of grace and almsgiving.

Signs of Grace-For Children: How to Make a Great Confession

<https://watch.formed.org/signs-of-grace/season:1/videos/for-children-how-to-make-a-great-confession>

Kids will learn how to make a good Confession and will know that God always forgives us and gives us grace to be better in this sacrament.

If you are not a member, **register for free**, visit: www.olgcv.formed.org and type in "Our Lady of Grace, Castro Valley CA" to become a member.

DIOCESE OF OAKLAND
EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL CONGRESS

Bishop Barber invites you to take part in renewing your personal encounters with Christ Himself in September.

Spanish

September 8th (5:00pm-11:00pm) - Youth ages 11-17

September 9th (7:00am-3:00pm) - Adults

English

September 15th (5:00pm-11:00pm) - Youth ages 11-17

September 16th (7:00am-3:00pm) - Adults

Cost is \$20 per Adult, per session and \$5 per Youth, per session and includes a t-shirt. Financial assistance is available. To register online and for details, visit: <https://www.oakdiocese.org/eucharisticrevival2023>

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Listen with serenity, humility and love to the voice of the Immaculata's will. and act."

THIS WEEK***Sunday, March 26th:******Fifth Sunday of Lent***

Masses

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

1st Communion Class (Year 1)

10:15am—Stack Center

Confirmation Class

12:15pm—Church

Spanish Mass

1:00pm—Church

Tuesday, March 28th:

Men's Faith Share

7:00pm—Stack Center

Women's Lenten Bible Study

7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

Wednesday, March 29th:

Lenten Mass

6:00pm—Church

Lenten Soup Meal

7:00pm—Stack Center

RCIA

7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

Thursday, March 30th:

Adoration & Reconciliation

6:00pm—Church

AA Serenity Group

7:30pm—Augustine Center

Friday, March 31st:

Stations of the Cross

2:15pm (School)—Church

Fish Fry

5:00pm—Stack Center

Stations of the Cross

6:00pm in English—Church

Estaciones de la Cruz

6:30pm en español—Iglesia

Saturday, April 1st:

Adoration & Reconciliation

9:00am—Church

Vigil Mass

5:00pm—Church

Mass for the Intentions Week

SUNDAY, March 26th

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30am Dewey Bargiacchi – D

9:00am BettyLu Vaz – D

11:00am Guillermo Nazareno – D

1:00pm OLG Community

MONDAY, March 27th

8:15am Antonio O. Chocha – D

TUESDAY, March 28th

8:15am Joni, Ted & Kathleen Linney – D

WEDNESDAY, March 29th

8:15am Jenny & Pat Roberts – L

THURSDAY, March 30th

8:15am Frank Tavalacci – D

FRIDAY, March 31st

8:15am Anecia Leary – L

SATURDAY, April 1st

8:15am Jack Simons – D

5:00pm Jenny & Pat Roberts – L

SUNDAY, April 2nd

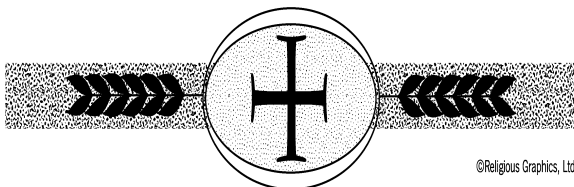
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

7:30am Maria Ha Vo – D

9:00am Marcelino Perdido – D

11:00am OLG Community

1:00pm Ricardo Preciado – D

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:****March 27th through April 2nd**

Monday: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62;
John 8:1-11
Tuesday: Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30
Wednesday: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42
Thursday: Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59
Friday: Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42
Saturday: Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56
Sunday: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11;
Matthew 26:14-27:66

**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 to register. The next Pre-Baptism Class will be held in Stack Center, OLG Room at 7:00pm on **April 5th**.

MILITIA IMMACULATA MEETINGS

Come join us as members of the Militia Immaculata (MI) on the 1st Saturday of each month at 10:00am in Stack Center, OLG Room. Our next meeting will be on **April 1st**.

**PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"For every fundamental human right draws its indestructible moral force from the natural law, which in granting, it imposes a corresponding obligation. Those, therefore, who claim their own rights, yet altogether forget or neglect to carry out their respective duties, are people who build with one hand and destroy with the other."

—Pope John XXIII, 1963

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

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Please support our advertisers who make our weekly bulletin possible and so generously support our Parish. We are grateful to them! This week we extend our gratitude to:

COMMUNICATION LINKS**THIS WEEK--Continued****Sunday, April 2nd:****Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Masses

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

1st Communion Retreat

10:15am—Stack Center

Spanish Mass

1:00pm—Church