



"The Lord is truly Risen, Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Easter is the greatest feast of the Church's liturgical year. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that "Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the *Feast of feasts*, the *Solemnity of solemnities*." This is because the Resurrection of Jesus is the basis of our faith. As Saint Paul wrote in his first letter to the Corinthians: "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain, and your faith is in vain." There would be no Christianity and the Church would not exist if Jesus had not risen from the dead.

I pray that all of you have made a good Lent, preparing your heart, mind, and soul for this great Feast. Celebrate it in your heart, celebrate with your family. Please use it as an opportunity for your family to be together. Talk with one another, eat with one another, be together and pray together. Many a family gets so busy, or some get lost in Computer games, Facetime or like sites where no real relationships are grown. Use Easter and the Easter Season to celebrate life, new-life in the Risen Lord. May we find new life in ourselves, one another, in family and here at Church.

Have a Blessed Easter!

The OLG Spring Auction is on May 6th, purchase your tickets today! Buy them directly online, see Page 2 for the link. The Parish and School stand to benefit from this wonderful event and the evening is certain to be a wonderful experience for all in attendance. The evening will kickoff with a reception and silent auction, a buffet dinner will be served, then a fun live auction followed by dancing! Here is a sneak peek at some of the LIVE auction items that are planned for the event:

Alameda County Fire: Dinner for 4 with the firefighters of Station 25 (San Miguel Ave.)

BeClinical: A fabulous skincare package including medical grade skin care products, a gift certificate for Botox (40 units) and a HydroPower Ultra Facial

Dinner with Fr. James: Dinner for 6 prepared by Fr. James and hosted by Fr. Ray and Fr. James at Casa Villanova

Quintessa Winery: Estate tasting experience for 4 guests

Raintree Westin: 7 nights stay in Cabo San Lucas in a 1-Room Suite

Susan Klas: 3 night stay at Vino Bello Resort in Napa plus Vintners' Collective for 4

Susan Klas: 7 night stay in Hawaii (Big Island) in a 1-Bedroom Suite

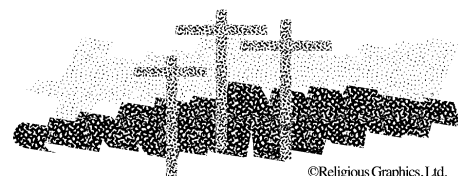
Spring Auction Gift Card Donations

Would you like to help our Spring Auction, especially if you are not able to attend in May? I am putting together a *Gift Card Tree* to be auctioned off. This tree will be decorated with unused gift cards donated to me for the Auction. If you have any unused gift cards from Christmas or would like to purchase one to contribute, you'd be making a REAL contribution to our Auction. Your generous donations may be given to me, dropped off at the Parish Office, or put in the Sunday collection. Please clearly mark your contributions with "Fr. Ray-for the Auction". Thank you and God bless!

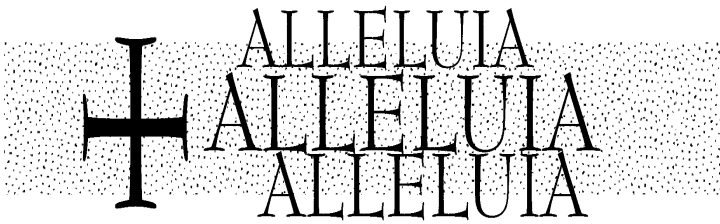
Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe—October 16th-20th

You are invited to join me and Gena McGowen (OLG School Principal, fluent in Spanish) for a Journey to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe as Pilgrims, growing in Faith. If you are interested, please email me (rmallett1@hotmail.com) or call the Parish Office (510-537-0806) to get the brochure and the registration form. Cost is \$2,249 plus tips and includes travel, Sheraton Hotel, local guide, transportation, most meals, entrance fees and most importantly, daily Liturgy and prayer.

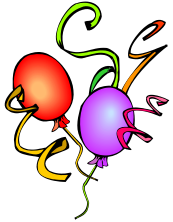
-Fr. Ray



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BELATED BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO FR. PAUL!

We warmly wish Fr. Paul a **Happy 76th Birthday** from all of us at Our Lady of Grace Church!

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 \$20,000. We are grateful for your help in accomplishing this goal. May God bless you and your generosity!



FESCO SHUFFLE

The 26th Annual Shuffle is scheduled for **Saturday, May 6th** from 8:00am to 12:00pm 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).** Please join this event which raises funds to support FESCO's programs that support homeless families with children. Go to fescoshuffle.org 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.



1ST HOLY EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION

Please pray for our Sacrament students as they prepare to receive 1st Holy Eucharist on **May 20th**



at 11:00am and May 21st at 9:00am, 11:00am and 1:00pm at Our Lady of Grace Church.

Also, pray for our Confirmation candidates as they prepare for the Rite of Confirmation on **May 13th** at 2:00pm at the Cathedral of Christ the Light.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, **April 10th** and will reopen on Tuesday, **April 11th** at 8:30am. *Have a safe and blessed Easter!*



I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS
BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL 2023

2023 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL

By embracing *I Am With You Always*—you are contributing greatly to building up the Kingdom of God here in the East Bay. We are asked to pray for our fellow parishioners, clergy, leadership, and those served by the ministries offered by the Church, and for the success of the 2023 Diocese Bishop's Ministries Appeal. All gifts to the Appeal are equally important. As stewards of our faith we are asked to make a sacrificial, proportionate and thoughtful gift. Those who are blessed with more are challenged to give more, but everyone is asked to respond.

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>.

HAVANA NIGHTS SPRING AUCTION Four Weeks To Go!



Join us on **May 6th at 5:30pm** in Stack Center for an exciting evening of Delicious Bites, Cocktails, Raffle, Live Music, Dancing & the Auction!

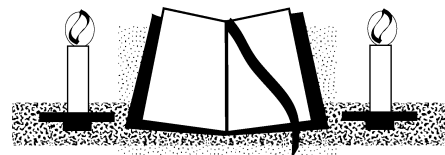
Tickets costs \$65 per person
Sponsor an 8-person table for \$520 or
a 10-person table for \$650

Child Care will be offered on-site. Must be purchased by April 24th.

Get your tickets today!

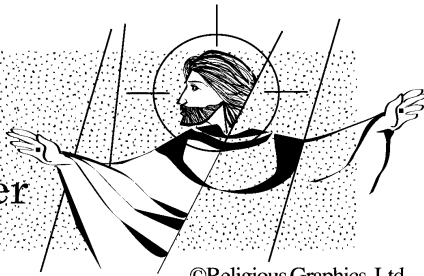
Purchase your dinner and raffle tickets and childcare online by visiting: zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/9dbbc6d7-4cda-400e-a700-7a5b471ec49d

All proceeds will benefit OLG Parish and School



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I know that
my Redeemer
lives!



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FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Please pray for the young members of our Church.

Whole Family

Next Class: April 23rd
10:15am—Augustine Center

First Communion-Year 1

Next Class: April 23rd
10:15am—Stack Center

Confirmation

Next Class: April 16th
12:15pm—Stack Center



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. *Due to Holy Week last week, the next Pre-Baptism Class will be held in Stack Center, OLG Room at 7:00pm on April 12th.*

THE CATHOLIC VOICE ONLINE

The April 2023 issue of The Catholic Voice is available online at:

<https://www.oakdiocese.org/catholicvoiceoakland>

THE Catholic
VOICE

EXECUTION ALERTS

The following executions are scheduled to take place in April:

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| April 6th | Aaron Gunches | Arizona |
| April 12th | Louis Gaskin | Florida |
| April 26th | Ivan Cantu | Texas |

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

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:

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| Sunday Plate for the month: | \$ 36,016.00 |
| Month Budgeted Goal: | \$ 37,000.00 |
| Over/[Shortfall] | \$ [984.00] |
| Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall] | \$ [2,952.00] |

May God bless your continuing generosity.

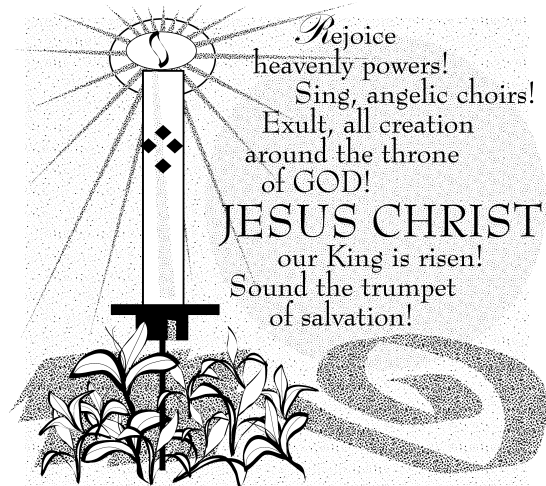


Your Prayers Are Requested

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
Anna Rose Esteban
Nancy French
Cindy Jardin
Grace Letteer
Brian Linney
Sheila McAlinden

Diana Riley
Jenny Roberts
Angela Schaaphok
Alyssia Tortora
James Van Wert
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 Memorial

HECTOR EFRAIN RICO

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

VICTIMS OF THE UKRANIAN INVASION

VICTIMS OF COVID-19

JESUS CHRIST is truly risen!

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THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 9th:

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Masses

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

Easter Egg Hunt

After 9:00am Mass—Lawn

Spanish Mass

1:00pm—Church

Monday, April 10th:

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, April 11th:

Men's Faith Share

7:00pm—Stack Center

Wednesday, April 12th:

RCIA

7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

Pre-Baptism Class

7:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Thursday, April 13th:

Adoration & Reconciliation

6:00pm—Church

AA Serenity Group

7:30pm—Augustine Center

Saturday, April 15th:

Adoration & Reconciliation

8:45—Church

Vigil Mass

5:00pm—Church

Sunday, April 16th:

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Masses

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

Spanish Mass

1:00pm—Church

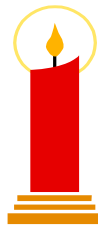
YEARLY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS



For your convenience in preparing your tax return, a contribution statement for 2022 will be prepared at your request. Please phone the Parish Office at 510-537-0806, with your name and envelope number. Your statement will be available for you to pick up once it has been signed.

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

Candles for our candle stand are available for purchase. The candles will burn for 5 days and *are only intended for use in the church*. Please do not remove the glass globes from the stand. **The cost per candle is \$5.00.** You may put your payment in the pouch, located at the candle stand.



RELEVANT RADIO - 1260 AM



Relevant 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.

FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

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.



ROSARY BEFORE MASS



Come join in prayer of the Rosary 30 minutes before each of the weekend liturgies. Pray for our Parish!

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"How shall I know the will of our Queen and leader? On this earth, there is only one safe way: holy obedience to the representatives of God, whose will is all the Immaculata desires."

†I am the
RESURRECTION
and the LIFE

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Mass for the Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, April 9th

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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

MONDAY, April 10th

8:15am Debi Telles – D

TUESDAY, April 11th

8:15am Lilia Sousa – D

WEDNESDAY, April 12th

8:15am All Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, April 13th

8:15am Augusto & Edwina Silva & Family

FRIDAY, April 14th

8:15am Rafael Ibarra – L

SATURDAY, April 15th

8:15am Annalisa Lura Poirel – L

5:00pm Helen Maes – D

SUNDAY, April 16th

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

7:30am Mario & Rita Venturini – D

9:00am Maria Que Nguyen – D

11:00am OLG Community

1:00pm Cristovao Chocha – L

OLG EVANGELIZATION COORDINATOR JOB POSTING

Our Lady of Grace Parish is seeking a Coordinator to manage the K-5 Whole Family Programs. The Coordinator is responsible for developing curriculum consistent with the Diocesan guidelines. The Coordinator maintains the calendar of the program, recruits and supervises catechists and other volunteers, and communicates regularly with students, families, catechists and other volunteers. This is currently a part time position (18 hours per week) for 10 months of the year, starting August thru May. Qualifications include a Bachelor's Degree or equivalent, current Basic Catechist and at least two years of experience as a catechist in the area of responsibility. Please contact Colleen Lindberg in the Parish Office at clindberg@olgcv.org.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: April 10th through April 16th

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| 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 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31 |



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

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PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"All the good that you will do will come not from you but from the fact that you have allowed yourself, in the obedience of faith, to be used by God's love."

—Thomas Merton, 1966

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

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