



Last weekend, Our Lady of Grace was at the Cathedral for Confirmation with our Bishop. We had 17 young people receive the Sacrament. They had been preparing for two years through prayer, instruction, and service. As a parish, we owe a debt of gratitude to Matt and Leeanne Thomas for their dedication in preparing them for Confirmation. Matt is a Scripture Scholar who teaches at the Dominican School of Theology. Thank you both and thank you to the many others who served as catechists and helpers in this program. OLG, please be grateful and proud of this Blessed Program. This program is a work of OLG's hands.

Recently, I attended a meeting for the clergy of the Diocese. At that meeting we were told of the Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Protection filing. Everyone finds this to be very unfortunate and uncomfortable but necessary given the reality of lawsuits. There are stages involved in bankruptcy that have begun. During these first few months the Judge and lawyers will be making motions and the Judge will be making rulings. I am not an expert on bankruptcy, so I cannot tell you more. The clergy were told that all parishes will function normally. Everything is in the hands of the Bankruptcy Court and our Judge. We have already sent to you, through our weekly Flocknote, a communication concerning common questions and answers. Please read it and you will know as much as I know.

But there are a few important facts I want to call to your attention:

- 1) The Diocese of Oakland is two legal corporations: a) The Diocese and all the parishes and b) the Catholic Schools. It is the corporation of the Diocese and Parishes that is being sued. To be clear: The Catholic Schools are not involved in the bankruptcy.
- 2) All parish restricted funds, Bishop Appeal, Sunday plate collections will not be affected by the Bankruptcy filing.
- 3) Later, the Bankruptcy Court will determine what sources of funds may be exposed to the settlements, e.g. Diocesan insurance, unutilized properties, and unrestricted funds.
- 4) I want to clearly call to your attention, once again, the ongoing Bishop's Appeal. This is an example of funds that may NOT be touched. So, please support Appeal. By the way OLG, you're doing great in your support. Thank you!!

A word of caution. News can be biased. Newspapers, TV news and the internet are where we get much of our news but is it true or fake news? Not everything on the internet, in the papers and on TV is an unbiased approach. Please realize this as reporters are writing or speaking about happenings in the Catholic Church. What bias are they leading you to?

A portion of our clergy meeting concerned the Mission Alignment Program. MAP was initiated two years ago to mitigate a dire financial need of the Diocese. Since that time, however, the finances were addressed, thanks to improvements in the stock market and our nation's economy.

Due to the imminent retirement of Fr. Mario, the long and beloved Pastor of Transfiguration, a decision was made by the Bishop to cluster Our Lady of Grace and Transfiguration Parishes. About a week ago, Fr. Victor, our Provincial, was called by the Bishop and asked if the Conventual Franciscans would take on the Pastoral responsibilities for Transfiguration, in addition to Our Lady of Grace. Fr. Mario will retire as of August 31st and the Friars will assume the Pastoral responsibilities beginning September 1st. In a cluster, two parishes remain separate and retain their names but share one or more priests and one administration.

The Provincial will need time to consult with his Definitors at their monthly meetings. When it happens, this will only be the beginning of the discussion. Let's pray for the movement of the Holy Spirit to lead and direct all these decisions.

I do know this, ministry at both parishes will continue. Most of you will not even notice a change. As with bankruptcy, now is the time to wait and see. The Church will continue. Mass will be celebrated and Sacraments will be received. It will be on the organizational level where things in time will change. But isn't that life? Life is never static.

Blessings and let us pray.

-Fr. Ray

### **Pentecost Sunday (May 28th)**

**John 20:19-23**

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."



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**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 20th at 11:00am &**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 21st**  
**at 9:00am, 11:00am & 1:00pm**

Please join us in welcoming these young members of our community to the table for the first time.

**First Holy Communion Recipients**

Cadalina Alvarez-Barragan	Christian Mora
Zeno Balbo	Alyana Navarro Datu
Reyes Bonilla	Laila Ocampo Resurreccion
Zacheus Brontonel	Justin Ornelas Diaz
Micaela Castellanos	Giovanni Perry
Caelene Catap	Connor Quintero
Dylan Cimmiyotti	Xiamary Rangel-Mejia
Pablo Cimmiyotti	Matias Rivera
Lucas Decker	Carlos Rivera
Alina Delatorre	Isela Rodriguez
Isabella Fajardo	Adrian Saavedra
Hamilton Fortich	James Solis
Gavin Galea	Lennox Sundita
Julia Garcia	Camille Thomas
Liliana Garcia	Marcus Tibbets
Savanna Gual	Ayla Truong
Julien Haro	Lucas Venegas-Sanchez
Zoey Joanino	Marco VirgenTorres
Grace Madruga	Mia VirgenTorres
Abigail Mangundayao	Paul Wesela Jr.
Arina Manrique	Lauren Wilhite
Daniel Mansourou	Diana Zambrano
Savannah Marin Perez	Mattias Zanini



**CONGRATULATIONS TO**  
**OUR LADY OF GRACE**  
**CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
**Saturday, May 27th**



**CLASS OF 2023**

Rychelle Aguilar	Jeevan Padda
Ydalia Aguilar	Andrew Perry
Jackson Archibald	Serena Philippos
Kalea Ashley	Amelie Ruiz
Taylor Avila	Anteneh Tadesse
Julian Gual	Elyse Villavicencio
Alvin Ho	Claire Wall
Benicio Huizar	Belle Wong
Iliana Nierengarten	Isabella Zizzo
Isaac Ovalle	

We congratulate our 8th Grade Graduates and their families as they complete their education pursuits at OLG and now prepare to move on to their various new high schools. We can be rightly proud of the many accomplishments of this year's graduation class—it is a clear indication of the talents of our students and of the commitment and support they received from family and teachers along the way. We wish them well and we offer profound thanks to our school's wonderful interim principal, faculty and staff who have done so much to prepare them for this new adventure!

**CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM**

Recently, we welcomed

**Abigail Lucia Calderon**

**Liam Park**

**Juliet Michelle Malpica**

**Audrey Tingzon**

into Our Lady of Grace Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. May God Bless you!



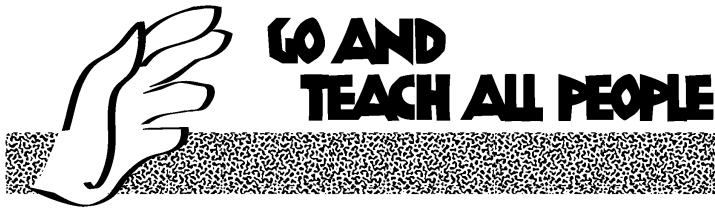
**FALL FESTIVAL 2023**  
**September 23rd-24th**

We are still in need of volunteers! Sign up and offer your time and talents for one of these positions: **Carnival Manager, Volunteer Coordinator, Food Manager, Entertainment Coordinator, Marketing Coordinator and Ticket Sales.** Help the Parish and School bring our long-standing and successful Fall Festival back in FULL SWING AGAIN!

It takes a village or in this case, a Parish Community to make the Festival happen, so please consider how you can be of service for our fun Parish tradition. Contact Colleen in the Parish Office at [clindberg@olgcv.org](mailto:clindberg@olgcv.org) or [Vince\\_Belizario@jackmorton.com](mailto:Vince_Belizario@jackmorton.com)

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS**  
**SPECIAL COLLECTION**  
**This Weekend-May 20th & 21st**

This special collection connects people locally and around the world with Christ through the internet, television, radio and print media. 50% of the funds we collect stay in our diocese to support local communication efforts as well as projects in developing countries. Envelopes are in the pews for your use. May God bless you for your generosity!



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## 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 APRIL:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 43,179.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 35,000.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 8,179.00
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 4,805.00

*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:



Virginia Cabardo  
Raul Cepeda  
Peggy Deadder  
Anna Rose Esteban  
Nancy French  
Don Giles  
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



### 2023 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL

*Many thanks to those parishioners who have already generously contributed towards our Bishop's Ministries Appeal.* Following is the status of this appeal through **April 30th:**

Actual Donations Received:	<b>\$16,129.00</b>
Overall Goal for 2023:	<b>\$29,000.00</b>
# of Acknowledged Donors to date:	<b>76</b>
Funds Raised (includes pledges):	<b>\$23,187.00</b>

We are currently at **80%** of our goal! 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>.

**I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS**  
BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL 2023



### OLG EVANGELIZATION COORDINATOR JOB POSTING

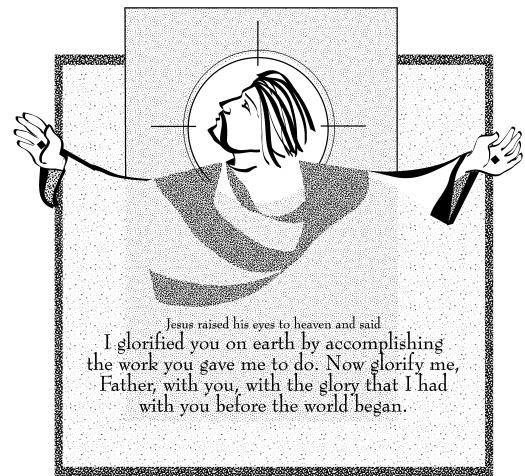
Our Lady of Grace Parish is seeking a Coordinator to manage the K-5 Whole Family Programs. The Coordinator is responsible for developing curriculum consistent with the Diocesan guidelines. The Coordinator maintains the calendar of the program, recruits and supervises catechists and other volunteers, 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](mailto:clindberg@olgcv.org).

### RCIA

#### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Our RCIA program invites all who are interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith or is seeking membership into the Church. To register, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806. All are welcome!





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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**

**RUDOLPH GUZMAN**

**VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE**

**VICTIMS OF THE UKRANIAN INVASION**

**VICTIMS OF COVID-19**

*His presence among us continues forever*

## APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED AT OUR LADY OF GRACE SCHOOL

Our Lady of Grace Catholic School is currently accepting applications for new students for the 2023-2024 school year. OLG is accredited by the Western Catholic Educational Association and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. We offer rigorous academics as well as art, Spanish, physical education, motor development, small advanced classes in math for grades 6-8 and small group reading for grades 1-4. Please visit our website [www.olgschool.org](http://www.olgschool.org) or call the School Office at 510-581-3155 for more information. Come see what OLG is all about!



## SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PILGRIMAGE October 16th-20th

Price: \$2,249 plus tips

Price includes:

- RT travel from SFO to Mexico with United Airlines
- Deluxe rooms at the Sheraton Maria Hotel --5 star hotel, very safe
- Private motor coach, local guide and bus driver
- Food – most breakfasts and dinners provided at the hotel, lunch on your own
- Entrance fees
- Daily Mass

If you are interested in the Pilgrimage, please contact Fr. Ray at [rmallett1@hotmail.com](mailto:rmallett1@hotmail.com) or call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.



## ADORATION & RECONCILIATION

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.



## MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Jesus, the Son of God and the Son of Man, the God-Man, the Mediator between God and Man, is the fruit of love of God and of the Immaculata. As the Son from eternity is, so to speak, the mediator between the Father and the Spirit, so Jesus, the Incarnate Son, has become the direct mediator between the Father and the Holy Spirit - quasi [quasi incarnatus] - [that is,] the Immaculata, Representative, Spiritual Mother of all humanity."*

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, May 21st:

#### *The Ascension of the Lord*

Masses

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

1st Holy Communion Masses

9:00am, 11:00am & 1:00pm—Church

1st Communion Class (Year 1)

10:15am—Stack Center

Spanish Mass

1:00pm—Church

### Tuesday, May 23rd:

Men's Faith Share

7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

### Thursday, May 25th:

Adoration & Reconciliation

6:00pm—Church

Knights of Columbus Meeting

6:30pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

AA Serenity Group

7:30pm—Augustine Center

### Saturday, May 27th:

Adoration & Reconciliation

8:45am—Church

8th Grade Graduation

11:00am—Church

Vigil Mass

5:00pm—Church

### Sunday, May 28th:

#### *Pentecost Sunday*

Masses

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

Spanish Mass

1:00pm—Church

## 1ST FRIDAY TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

Join us for Traditional Latin Mass on **June 2nd** at 7:00pm, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.





# Mass Intentions for the Week

**SUNDAY, May 21st**

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

7:30am OLG Community  
 9:00am Sue Klas – L  
 11:00am Martha Sanchez – D  
 1:00pm Imelda Sanchez Mendoza – D

**MONDAY, May 22nd**

St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

8:15am Manuel &amp; Maria Costa &amp; Family

**TUESDAY, May 23rd**

8:15am Manuel Silva &amp; Family – L

**WEDNESDAY, May 24th**

8:15am Angel De Vega – D

**THURSDAY, May 25th**

St. Bede the Venerable, Priest &amp; Doctor of the Church

St. Gregory VII, Pope

St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin

8:15am Mario &amp; Rita Venturini – D

**FRIDAY, May 26th**

St. Philip Neri, Priest

8:15am Christina Nunes – L

**SATURDAY, May 27th**

St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

8:15am Mary Borges – D

5:00pm Joni, Ted &amp; Kathleen Linney – D

**SUNDAY, May 28th**

PENTECOST SUNDAY

7:30am Joseph Kien – D

9:00am OLG Community

11:00am Mary Fatima Chocha – L

1:00pm Bob &amp; Clara Perino – D



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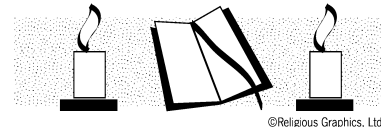
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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 them at their next meeting on May 25th.

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:****May 22nd through May 28th**

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33  
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11  
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11-19  
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26  
 Friday: Acts 25:13-21; John 21:15-19  
 Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25  
 Sunday: Acts 2:1-11;  
 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13;  
 John 20:19-23



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**BAPTISM****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. Our next class will be held in Stack Center, OLG Room at 7:00pm on **June 7th**. Please call Jay at 510-537-0806 to register.

**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.

**PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*"Christians must become active in every possible way, mobilizing all their resources for the fight against war...Peace is to be preached, non-violence is to be explained as a practical method and not left to be mocked..."*

—Thomas Merton, 1961

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

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