



Before you read this, either listen to the Gospel at Mass or read the parable of the Sower:

**Matthew 13:1-9.**

*From the Pastor*

Say you bring this home and you read the whole thing about the seeds etc. and you're sitting there all by yourself in the living room. And then, if you're wise like the old Jewish scholars were wise, you would know that Jesus is sitting with you and that God is in the room.

And, suddenly, the field is not this vast place that is being filled with the seed of God just for the whole world, but another interpretation is that the field is your own heart. Your heart, that is what the field is. And Jesus invites you to come with him and to ready the field for the ordinary work of the field. And then you're to join as he sows the seed.

And He sows it through you, even more than through Himself. And you are to shower your own heart with the seed of God and recognize that it can change you and it can change the whole world, if you recognize that the seed is God Himself.

Nice story, eh? It's more than that. It's the meaning of why Jesus came. It's the meaning and understanding of what role God plays in our world, the meaning and understanding that we have a central part which begins in our own hearts, for to go out and save the world is not necessarily a good thing, but to go out filled with God's love and knowing that to just walk and be with the people that you meet is like a light.

Remember, Jesus says this: Do good when the good that you do you must do, because the people will see the wonderful, lovely things you do. And what will they do? They will turn to God in heaven and praise Him.

This is what you can do with a couple of seeds in a very poor country and by a few words. And it can do all this, and it can change the world.

And this is why we treasure these words that have been handed down by half-illiterate men two thousand years ago to poor people who somehow or other remember that, yes, the seed must die, but it is dying that creates new life, and in the new life the world is healed and saved.

Approach these parables on your knees and don't be afraid of them. It's not telling you what Matthew thinks or what someone else thinks. It means that you read them, each one, and say, "Yes, this is a mystery to be discovered, and I walk with Jesus into this mystery, and if I pray over it and if I listen to it again and again and I see different ways that it's teaching me, it will give me a whole library of understanding."

And Jesus said, "I have come to save the world."

*-A Reflection by Fr. Michael Hanly*



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**The Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time (July 23rd)**

**Matthew 13:23-43**

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, 'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.''" He proposed another parable to them. "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.'" He spoke to them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened." All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: *I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world.* Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." He said in reply, "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

## REGISTER NOW FOR FAITH FORMATION 2023-2024

Registration for 1st Communion, Confirmation and Whole Family Catechesis for Fall 2023 is available for children in 1st-12th grades.



**Online Registration** is available on our website at [www.olgcv.org](http://www.olgcv.org). Scroll down the homepage and click on the 'Faith Formation' or the 'Confirmation' box. Once your Online Registration form is submitted, you may make your online payment.

**In-Person Registration** is also available in the Parish Office. You may complete the forms here. Please bring your payment (cash or check) for payment.

Cost is \$120 for the 1st child and \$60 for each additional child in the same household. **Register before October 15th to avoid the \$20 late fee.**

**All Children Are Welcome!**



## 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, Sound Booth Chairperson, 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) and [dawn.leo@ropesgray.com](mailto:dawn.leo@ropesgray.com)

## MISSION CO-OP APPEAL FOR THE KABALE DIOCESE IN UGANDA Next Weekend-July 22nd & 23rd

We will welcome Fr. Frederick Byaruhanga of the Diocese of Kabale! The Diocese of Kabale has a population of 1.8 million and 800,000 of those people are Roman Catholic. Many of those the Diocese serves live in rural areas and are underserved. Fr. Frederick will make his appeal, seeking financial support for the much needed development of a hospital-Our Lady of Good Health Hospital Rushoroza and support for their long-term Kabale Diocese Orphaned and Vulnerable Children Program. Your donations will be greatly appreciated. Yellow envelopes are in the pews for your use. Please make your check out to "Propagation of the Faith for MCP". Thank you and God Bless!



## NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

**"I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS"**

**September 8th-9th in Spanish &  
September 15th-16th in English**

*Reaffirm your call to be a people nourished, fed, and renewed by the Eucharist itself!* Adults and youth are invited to participate in the Eucharistic Revival Congress at the Cathedral of Christ the Light, offered in English and Spanish. Register online by **August 25th.**

Cost is \$20 per session per adult and \$5 per session per youth. Please visit: <https://oakdiocese.org/eucharisticrevival2023> to register and for more details.

## Prepare Yourself for the Eucharistic Congress by Participating in the 33-Day Preparation for Total Consecration July 20th-August 22nd

Bishop Barber invites adults and children to take part in this devotion to Jesus through Mary which *begins on July 20th for adults and on August 5th for children.* This devotion will be offered in English and Spanish. On **August 22nd**, the Total Consecration Day and the Feast of the Queenship of Mary, all are invited to gather at the Cathedral of Christ the Light. Register online by visiting: <https://www.consecrationgroup.org/>

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE "Works of Mercy"

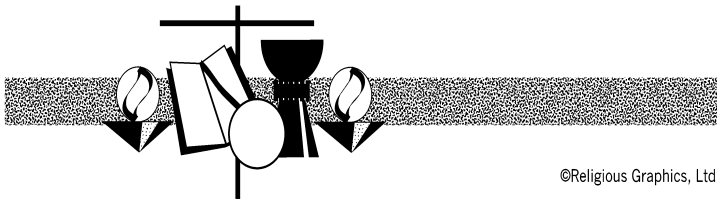
### Ministry to the Sick

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!

### Lectors

Lectors are men and women who proclaim the first and second scripture readings at Mass. All lectors receive training and are provided a lector workbook to assist in background and points to be emphasized in each reading. Assignments are made on a rotating basis based on individual availability and Mass preference.

If these ministries could be your calling or you have questions, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806. Blessings!



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## APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED AT OLG SCHOOL

Our Lady of Grace Catholic School is accepting applications for new students for the 2023-2024 school year. Please visit our website [www.olgschool.org](http://www.olgschool.org) for more information.



## 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 July 27th.

## 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 August 5th.



## ICF BINGO LUNCHEON August 12th

ICF Branch #343 invites all Parishioners to their Pasta and Meatball Lunch followed by Bingo and a Raffle in Stack Center, 11:30am-2:30pm. Menu includes pasta, meatballs, salad, dessert and drinks. Cost is \$25 per adult and includes a Bingo card for 5 games. For reservations, please sign up below by August 7th. Visit: <https://olgcvflocknote.com/signup/127610> Questions? Please call Lisa Crudo at 510-861-9835. Hope to see you there!

## COLUMBIETTES

Attention Ladies! The Columbiette's monthly meetings have been changed to the 3rd Wednesday of every month. As always we'll meet from 6:30-7:30pm in Stack Center, OLG Room. Come to our next meeting on August 16th. For additional information, please visit: <https://www.californiacolumbiettes.com>



## 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 JUNE:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 38,856.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 37,000.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 1,856.00
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 1,198.00

*May God bless your continuing generosity.*

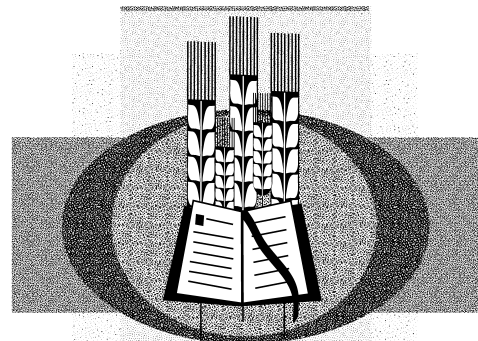


## Your Prayers Are Requested

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

Jaime Arce  
Chuck Bohn  
Raul Cepeda  
Peggy Deadder  
Nancy French  
Don Giles  
Mark Jerome  
Emile Lassalle  
Grace Letteer  
Brian Linney  
Pete Matulich

Sheila McAlinden  
Maria del Consuelo Ortega  
Diana Riley  
Jenny Roberts  
Al Rojas  
Angela Schaaphok  
Alyssia Tortora  
Mary Lou Vincent  
Arthur Williams  
Peggy Winkenbach



*The seed is the Word of God  
and Christ is the sower.*

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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**

**BARBARA MATULICH**

**VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE**

**VICTIMS OF THE UKRANIAN INVASION**



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### 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 **August 2nd**. Please call Jay at 510-537-0806 to register.

### 1ST FRIDAY TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

Join us for Traditional Latin Mass on **August 4th** at 7:00pm, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



### 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.

### EXECUTION ALERTS

The following execution is scheduled to take place in **July**:

July 20th	James Barber	Alabama
July 20th	Jemaine Cannon	Oklahoma

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

### MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Whole multitudes shall follow the voice of the Immaculata and become instruments in her hand. Through them the Immaculata shall influence other souls, and so more and more forward, until the conquest of the whole world, of all souls and each individually."*

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, July 16th:

#### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses

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

Spanish Mass

1:00pm—Church

### Tuesday, July 18th:

Men's Faith Share

7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

### Thursday, July 20th:

Adoration & Reconciliation

6:00pm—Church

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

7:00pm—Parish Office

AA Serenity Group

7:30pm—Augustine Center

### Saturday, July 22nd:

Adoration & Reconciliation

8:45am—Church

Vigil Mass

5:00pm—Church

### Sunday, July 23rd:

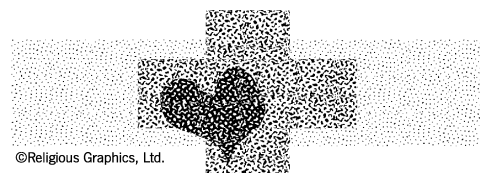
#### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses

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

Spanish Mass

1:00pm—Church



### 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!



# Mass for the Intentions Week

**SUNDAY, July 16th**

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Linda Pigeon – D  
 9:00am Olga Oelschlaegel – D  
 11:00am OLG Community  
 1:00pm The Navarro-Sanchez Family – D

**MONDAY, July 17th**

8:15am David Blair – D

**TUESDAY, July 18th**

St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

8:15am Margarita Ramos – L

**WEDNESDAY, July 19th**

8:15am Gilberto C. Marquez – D

**THURSDAY, July 20th**

St. Apollinaris, Bishop &amp; Martyr

8:15am Louis Rodrigues – D

**FRIDAY, July 21st**

St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest &amp; Doctor of the Church

8:15am Bob Kucer – L

**SATURDAY, July 22nd**

St. Mary Magdalene

8:15am Michael Faryabi – L  
 5:00pm Modesta Lachica – D

**SUNDAY, July 23rd**

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Virginia M. Marcelo – D  
 9:00am Rhett Sigmon – L  
 11:00am Bambino Madamba – D  
 1:00pm OLG Community

**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.

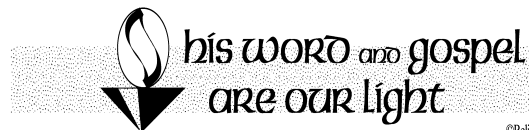
**MEN'S FAITH SHARE**

The OLG's Men Faith Share Group meets on Tuesdays at 7:00pm in Stack Center, Room 7. All men of 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!

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

July 17th through July 23rd

Monday: Exodus 1:8-14, 22;  
 Matthew 10:34-11:1  
 Tuesday: Exodus 2:1-15; Matthew 11:20-24  
 Wednesday: Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12; Matthew 11:25-27  
 Thursday: Exodus 3:13-20; Matthew 11:28-30  
 Friday: Exodus 11:10-12:14; Matthew 12:1-8  
 Saturday: Song of Songs 3:1-4;  
 John 20:1-2, 11-18  
 Sunday: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19  
 Romans 8:26-27;  
 Matthew 13:23-43



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**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 at 510-537-0806.

**ROSARY BEFORE MASS**

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

**PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*"Let us not tire of preaching love; it is the force that will overcome the world. Let us not tire of preaching love. Though we see that waves of violence succeed in drowning the fire of Christian love, love must win out; it is the only thing that can."*

St. Oscar Romero, 1980

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

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