



Today's Gospel is from Matthew where we hear the words, "*My Yoke is Easy and My Burden Light*". Being raised in a city, I don't remember seeing a yoke. It was something that I might have seen in a museum, without a lot of understanding. The first time I got up and personal with a yoke was when I was in Honduras. Another friar and I went to visit a village in the mountains for their yearly Mass. It was a wonderful Liturgy filled with many Baptisms. Being in the mountains, life was very simple, with small gardens and one room adobe homes. There were no phones, electricity, running water, doctors nor medicine and little education. The average Honduran has four years of education. Life was very simple. The road there was more like a path in which we drove our Jeep, forging the rivers (no bridges).

On our way home, while crossing a river, I made a fatal error in judging the river, and we were stuck in mud. What do you do? Call AAA? It was getting late in the afternoon, and we needed to get back before dark. I was very ill-prepared for this moment. The friar I was with grew up in El Salvador in a poor farming family. After many failures in trying to get some traction in various ways, we were in trouble. We were only going deeper into the mud. Next thing I knew, the friar left and went into the mountain area to find a farmer. Time passed and the water was getting deeper. This brought my introduction, to a farmer who brought two oxen (huge animals) on a yoke. I'm not into physics, but the power of those animals on a yoke can move mountains. They moved us and our Jeep back on land. The power of the Yoke to save! God is Good!

When Jesus says "My yoke is easy and my burden light" remember what he is promising. He is saying to us – I will always be with you. The yoke is made for two, you and me. I am not asking you to do anything that I have not done for you. I will make your burden light.

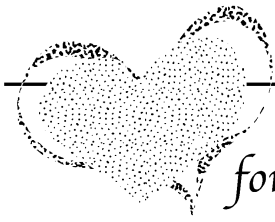
Another way to look at these words is to consider that the yoke is that of sin. Sin ways us down and is heavy. St. Paul speaks of sin as being in slavery. When we live in the burden of sin, we are not living in freedom. We are called by Baptism, to live in Christ, to live in the Freedom of God's children. The yoke becomes light, and we are without burden. We are truly Free.

It was through this very memorable experience that I learned much about Yokes and the power of Christ to set us free. Our journeys continue.

-Fr. Ray

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for he is humble of heart*

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NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

"I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS"

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

Reflect upon the centrality of the Eucharist in your lives! 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/>



**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 or Vince_Belizario@jackmorton.com and dawn.leo@ropesgray.com

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. 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!

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Please pray for the young members of our Church.

Confirmation

First Day of Class: August 20th
12:15pm—Stack Center

First Communion-Year 2

First Day of Class: August 27th
10:15am—Stack Center

Whole Family Program

First Day of Class: September 10th
10:15am—Augustine Center

Whole Family-Year 1 of 1st Communion

First Day of Class: October 8th
10:15am—Stack Center

APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED AT OLG SCHOOL

Our Lady of Grace Catholic School is 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 or call the School Office at 510-581-3155 for more information.





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PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED July 14th

Our Parish Secretary, Jay, is on vacation. The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, **July 14th**. If you have any business to be taken care of, please call the Parish Office in advance (510-537-0806). We thank you for your understanding.

ICF DINNER & MEETING July 13th

Please join the ICF on **July 13th** for our Hot Dog Dinner. Menu includes hot dogs, chili, potato salad, watermelon and drinks. We will dine outdoors at the School Courtyard, behind Stack Center. Doors open at 5:30pm and dinner begins at 6:00pm. Cost is \$15 per person. For reservations call Juanita at 510-582-7242 by Monday, **July 10th**.



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!

COLUMBIETTES

Attention Ladies! Are you interested in becoming active in our parish? Come see what the Columbiette's are all about. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 6:30-7:30pm in Stack Center, OLG Room. Come to our next meeting on **July 18th**. 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
Barbara & 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

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

In Memorial

VERONICA JOHNSON

PETER SCHAAPHOK

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

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FESCO BACKPACK DRIVE

Backpack season is here again! FESCO's member churches will be collecting backpack supplies during the month of July. *Volunteers will be available outside, after the Masses today on July 9th* with supply lists for grades kindergarten through high school. Thank you for your continued support of FESCO families!

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
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- 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 or call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.



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.

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.



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!

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Undoubtedly, the Immaculata will greatly appreciate the effort to win over one more soul to her more specifically: she, strongly wishes to love her Jesus with our hearts.”

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 9th:

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FESCO Backpack Drive
After all the Masses—Church Entrances

Masses

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

Spanish Mass

1:00pm—Church

Tuesday, July 11th:

Men's Faith Share

7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

Thursday, July 13th:

ICF Dinner & Meeting

5:30pm—School Courtyard

Adoration & Reconciliation

6:00pm—Church

AA Serenity Group

7:30pm—Augustine Center

Saturday, July 15th:

Adoration & Reconciliation

8:45am—Church

Vigil Mass

5:00pm—Church

Sunday, July 16th:

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses

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

Spanish Mass

1:00pm—Church

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.



RELEVANT RADIO - 1260 AM



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Mass for the Intentions Week

SUNDAY, July 9th

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am OLG Community
 9:00am Luis Martinez – D
 11:00am Roberta Rogers – D
 1:00pm The Aquino Family – L

MONDAY, July 10th

8:15am Bambino Madamba – D

TUESDAY, July 11th

St. Benedict, Abbot

8:15am Lilia Sousa – D

WEDNESDAY, July 12th

8:15am Charles Gerow – D

THURSDAY, July 13th

8:15am Norma Wardle – D

FRIDAY, July 14th

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

8:15am Mary Ferrer – D

SATURDAY, July 15th

St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:15am George Reppas – D
 5:00pm Francisco Jardim – D

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

**ROSARY BEFORE MASS**

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



Don't miss out. Flocknote is the most important way for OLG to inform you of our latest announcements. It's easy and free! Text keyword **OLGCV** to 84576 or visit: <https://OLGCV.flocknote.com> to sign up.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**July 10th through July 16th**

Monday: Genesis 28:10-22; Matthew 9:18-26
 Tuesday: Genesis 32:23-33; Matthew 9:32-38
 Wednesday: Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7, 17-24; Matthew 10:1-7
 Thursday: Genesis 44:18-21, 23-29; 45:1-5; Matthew 10:7-15
 Friday: Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Matthew 10:16-23
 Saturday: Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26; Matthew 10:24-33
 Sunday: Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23



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

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PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Movements like Pax Christi are precious. They draw people's attention to violence which shatters the harmony between human beings which is at the heart of creation. You help to develop conscience, so that justice and the search for the common good can prevail in the relations between individuals and peoples."

—Pope John Paul II, 1995

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

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