



Dear Friends in Christ,

In our own prayer lives, we have the opportunity to hear God speaking to us, to be attentive to the will of God and be willing to carry out God's will.

"Let it be done to me according to thy Word" are the words spoken by Mary at the Annunciation which expressed her willingness to carry out God's will. At that moment, Mary became an instrument of God's Grace. Mary was prepared "by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit" to be the mother of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Being conceived immaculately, Mary was that worthy tabernacle for the Lord in His coming to birth and as she pondered in her heart everything that took place in Jesus' life. Then, after falling asleep in the Lord, Mary was assumed into heaven. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated this week Tuesday, August 15th. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. On Holy Days of Obligation, we are required to attend Mass. Masses here at Our Lady of Grace Church are at 8:15am and 7:00pm. We look forward to seeing you on this special day in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

August 14th is the Feast Day of St. Maximilian Kolbe. Through The Militia of the Immaculate which St. Maximilian established, he encouraged consecration to Mary as a means of spiritual renewal. Enrollment in the Militia of the Immaculate (The MI) takes place through today. St. Maximilian was arrested and placed in the concentration camp at Auschwitz where he died. He offered his life in place of another prisoner, Franciszek Gajowniczek. After his release, the rest of Franciszek Gajowniczek's life was spent promoting devotion to St. Maximilian Kolbe. Today, Franciszek Gajowniczek is buried in the cemetery at Niepokalanow (City of the Immaculate), Poland.

Visiting Auschwitz and the cell where St. Maximilian died continues to be a most stirring experience. In the quiet of that place, you sense the atrocities that took place there as well as the strong faith of St. Maximilian Kolbe and so many more who died there.

Celebrating the Feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe and the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, consider enrolling in the Militia of the Immaculate. A Meeting of The Militia takes place here at Our Lady of Grace Church on the First Saturday of the Month. If you would like to find out more about the Militia, contact the Parish Office and you can be put in contact with one of the members of our local group.

St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us.

Mary, The Immaculate Virgin, Our Lady of Grace, intercede for us.

-Fr. Raphael

The Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time (August 20th)

Matthew 15:21-28

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her. Jesus' disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.



MASS OF THE ASSUMPTION Tuesday, August 15th

The Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. We welcome you to join us for Mass at **8:15am** and **7:00pm**.



FALL FESTIVAL 2023 September 23rd-24th

Aloha! Our Festival is less than two months away. Consider how you can help make this year's festival a success! Visit our homepage at www.olgcv.org, scroll down and click on the "Volunteers Needed" box and sign up for **Game Booths, Food Booths, Entertainment, Ticketing, Chili Cook-Off and Much More.** Peruse the list of positions offered and select a role that meets your availability and expertise.

If you have any questions, please contact Colleen in the Parish Office at clindberg@olgcv.org or [Vince Belizario@jackmorton.com](mailto:Vince.Belizario@jackmorton.com) and dawn.leo@ropesgray.com

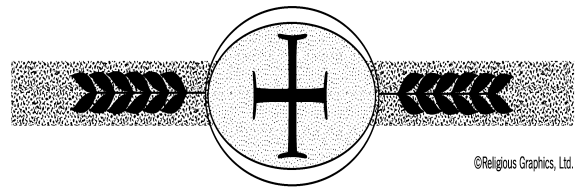
RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle tickets have been mailed! Be sure to fill out the tickets with your contact information and return them to the Parish Office by **September 23rd**. Donation is \$2 per ticket or \$20 for 12 tickets. You could win the Grand Prize of \$1000 or 2nd Prize of \$500!

More Details to Come!

AN INVITATION TO ATTEND A CURSILLO WEEKEND

Would you like to understand Christ's action in your personal life and in the lives of others? Develop a better understanding of church teachings while making new friends? During the Cursillo Weekend you will have time to discuss your faith; discover your unique gifts from God; and an opportunity for an examination of conscience that fosters new spiritual growth. Discover a way to impact your community and to bring the presence of Christ to all you meet. **Men's Cursillo dates are September 14th-17th. Women's Cursillo dates are September 21st-24th.** Both weekends will be at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church in Pleasanton. Please contact Roberta Santiago, email: csmbert@gmail.com or cell phone 510-733-5193.



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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 ARE BEGINNING

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. Please visit their website www.olgschool.org for more information.





NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

"I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS"

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

Reinvigorate your devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and deepen your formation on the Real Presence! 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.

WOMEN'S FAITH SHARING BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12th

"The Lamb of God," "The Bread of Life," "The Body and the Blood of Christ"...these are phrases we know from the Mass. But do we understand what they mean in the greater and deeper context of Scripture and Church teaching?

Join the Women's Faith Sharing Group (formerly Women's Bible Study) to discover firsthand how Christ's Body and Blood are an integral and wondrous part of God's plan for our salvation. This 10 week study begins on Tuesday, **September 12th** in Stack Center, OLG Room at 7:00pm. Cost is \$10 per person. Please contact the Parish Office to sign up so we can order supplies for all those interested.

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!



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.

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
Joan Gabrielli
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



*you must
be a light
to the world*

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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

JUANITA FERNANDEZ

SEAN SULLIVAN

SOPHIE HALLORAN

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

VICTIMS OF THE UKRANIAN INVASION



JESUS CHRIST SON of GOD SAVIOR

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FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

We are very grateful for the generous donation from Laureen Barthman-Thompson in remembrance of James Barthman. 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.

**NOTICE OF BAR DATE FILING BY RCBO**

The Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland ("RCBO") is pleased that the court has set a definitive deadline of **September 11, 2023**, for survivors of sexual abuse to file claims in RCBO's Chapter 11 case. This deadline, known as a "Bar Date," is the date set for all claims to be filed in the Chapter 11 case. To ensure potential claimants are aware of the Bar Date, the Court has ordered RCBO to post the Notice of Deadline for Filing Sexual Abuse Claims on its digital and physical properties in all its churches, schools, and social media accounts. These notices are posted at the bulletin boards located in the church and available in the Parish Office.

CYO FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION

Registration for CYO Boys Basketball & Girls Volleyball began July 31st for OLG school students and students registered in the Parish Faith Formation programs. *All others interested in playing CYO sports can begin registration on August 14th at 9:00am.*

Boys Basketball is open for grades 2nd-8th and Girls Volleyball is open for grades 4th-8th. **Information is available on our website at www.olgcv.org, follow the link to CYO.** Please email olgcyocv@gmail.com if you have any questions

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"May our spirit of self-offering to the Immaculata be regenerated.....till we commit ourselves worthy of true knights, with the intent of conquering for her all the souls living now and those who will in the future."

THIS WEEK**Sunday, August 13th:****Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Masses

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

Spanish Mass

1:00pm—Church

Tuesday, August 15th:

Men's Faith Share

7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

Wednesday, August 16th:

Columbiette's Meeting

6:30pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Thursday, August 17th:

Adoration & Reconciliation

6:00pm—Church

St. Vincent de Paul

7:00pm—Parish Office

AA Serenity Group

7:30pm—Augustine Center

Saturday, August 19th:

Adoration & Reconciliation

8:45am—Church

Vigil Mass

5:00pm—Church

Sunday, August 20th:**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Masses

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

Confirmation Class

12:15pm—Church

Spanish Mass

1:00pm—Church

**ROSARY BEFORE MASS**

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, August 13th

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am OLG Community
9:00am John Ferrari – D
11:00am Jesus San Nicolas – D
1:00pm Fernando Flores Martinez – D

MONDAY, August 14th

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

8:15am Daniel Patrick Green – D

TUESDAY, August 15th

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:15am Paul Harrison Davis – D

WEDNESDAY, August 16th

St. Stephen of Hungary

8:15am Mario & Rita Venturini – D

THURSDAY, August 17th

8:15am Sean Sullivan – D

FRIDAY, August 18th

8:15am Connie Linney – L

SATURDAY, August 19th

St. John Eudes, Priest

8:15am Roela J. Gomez – D
5:00pm Arcadio Morfin – D

SUNDAY, August 20th

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Louis Rodrigues – D
9:00am Jay Barroso – L
11:00am OLG Community
1:00pm Isaias Salgado – D

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

August 14th through August 20th

Monday: Deuteronomy 10:12-22;
Matthew 17:22-27
Tuesday: Revelations 11:19;12:1-6,10;
1 Corinthians 15:20-27;
Luke 1:39-56
Wednesday: Deuteronomy 34:1-12;
Matthew 18:15-20
Thursday: Joshua 3:7-11,13-17;
Matthew 18:21-19:1
Friday: Joshua 24:1-13;
Matthew 19:3-12
Saturday: Joshua 24:14-29; Matthew 19:13-15
Sunday: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7;
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32;
Matthew 15:21-28



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

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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.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"A serious threat to peace is posed by intolerance, which manifests itself in the denial of freedom of conscience to others. The excesses to which intolerance can lead has been one of history's most painful lessons."

-Pope John Paul II, January 1971

To join our work with Pax Christi, please contact 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.



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 **September 2nd**.



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