Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

July and August, the summer months, have given everyone the opportunity to have a change from the Pastor in schedules. Many have been able to pause, take in some sun, and maybe even get away for a while. It all gives us the opportunity for us to be rejuvenated, reinvigorated, to do the best we can with the gifts and talents God has given to us.

For us, as brothers and sisters in Christ, we are called to be active participating members of God's Family, the Church and we do this right here at Our Lady of Grace Church. I would like to thank you for joining this faith community and making this faith community, Our Lady of Grace Parish, your home. For you who have children of grammar school age and have them enrolled in Our Lady of Grace School I thank you for your sacrifices to provide a Catholic School education.

Here at Our Lady of Grace there are many opportunities offered to our community to share in the life of the Church. For many years, the Church has been inviting us to live a life of stewardship in the Church, to offer time, talent and treasure for the growth of the Church. Stewardship is so important for the vitality of the Church, for the vitality of our Church, Our Lady of Grace.

Today, I am asking you to invest yourself in the life of Our Lady of Grace Church. There are various ministries offered here at the Parish from ministering at Sunday Mass or participating in our Religious Formation Program to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Bible Study and so much more. Take a look at them and if there is one or another that would seem to be a good fit, see what they are all about and maybe even join. If your talent fits even better. From time the Parish reaches out to the entire faith community for help. When that happens consider offering your help. The biggest venture as we speak is the Parish Festival. It's a major event so the more of us who are involved the better. Finally, when we speak of treasure, we are asked to support the Church. According to your means, I ask you to consider what you can do to support Our Lady of Grace Parish.

My sisters and brothers in Christ, we are called to be full participating members of the Church. Thank You for your participation in the life of the faith community here at Our Lady of Grace Church.

Peace and All Good! Fr. Raphael

#### Thank You and Farewell to Father Ray

We leave Father Ray with this paraphrase of Scripture "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful and trustworthy ..... share in the joy of the Master.

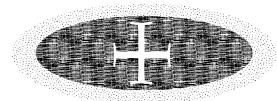
Father Ray, thank you for your direction and guidance over this past year. We're praying that your future assignment will be personally enriching for you as well for the Church Community where you will serve.

May the Good Lord grant you many graces and blessings!

#### The Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time (September 3rd)

Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."



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#### **OLG FESTIVAL 2023**

Aloha!

Our Parish Festival is Back! Make plans to join us on September 23rd & 24th

#### Family fun for all!

Free Admission, Live Entertainment, Carnival Games, Prizes, Sunday Morning Mass, Pancake Breakfast and More...

#### Seeking All Kids For Our "Kids Talent Show" September 23rd at 11:15am

**Kids—do you love to perform?** Come and share your talents and bring joy to our OLG School families, parishioners and community! Open to kids ages 5-18. Acts are limited to 1-3 minutes. Visit our website at <a href="https://www.olgev.org">www.olgev.org</a> and scroll down to the *OLG Festival Talent Show* box to download the permission slip.

#### Special Performance by Jesse Manibusan September 24th at 10:30am

Join us at the Festival Main Stage for an exciting performance by this renowned musician and composer.

#### **Volunteers Needed**

Slots are being filled but we need more volunteers! Visit our homepage at <a href="www.olgcv.org">www.olgcv.org</a>, 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.

#### Raffle Tickets

Be sure to fill out the tickets with your contact information and return them to the Parish Office by **September 22nd**. Donation is \$2 per ticket or \$20 for 12 tickets. You could win the Grand Prize of \$1000 or 2nd Prize of \$500!

If you have any questions, please contact Colleen in the Parish Office at <u>clindberg@olgcv.org</u> or <u>Vince\_Belizario@jackmorton.com</u> and dawn.leo@ropesgray.com

#### **FAREWELL FROM FR. RAY MALLETT**

This is my last weekend with you. The Provincial has asked me to go to Pismo Beach to be their Pastor. Fr. Raphael is now your new Pastor. He is a well experienced Pastor and up to task of being the Pastor of two Parishes and a Catholic School. I know you will find him to be a great addition to the ministry of the friars here at OLG. He is very welcoming and friendly person.

My year with you has been quick and rewarding. We have seen together OLG parish come back to life. Covid certainly hurt the very fabric of our Church – our sense of Sacrament and the importance of the Eucharist and Reconciliation. Many became accustomed to watching Mass on TV, without the Eucharist, and being slow to a return to the experience of Community found in a parish. Please keep calling your friends and neighbors back to the Church, back to the Sacraments.

During this year, I witnessed a real growth in our Spanish Mass. Many new faces and many families with young children. Personally, I am grateful to the fine ministry of all the friars, but especially Fr. Francisco, Fr. John and recently Fr. Luke. This segment of our parish will continue to grow, with the help of God. But I would be remiss if I did not list also one of the greatest challenges for the parish, Our Lady of Grace School. The school is the largest ministry of the parish. We have an excellent faculty, and the curriculum is unlike any other school in our area with both Spanish and Latin being taught, which are proven ways of expanding the use of our brain. Our school has become more expensive every year and out of reach for many of our parishioners. The school needs students and financial help. Please note that through common testing, our school ranks one of the best in our area.

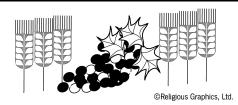
My new address is: St. Paul the Apostle 800 Bello Street Pismo Beach, CA 93449-2398

May God Bless this parish and may the fine work of all the friars continue. Thank you for the many blessings you have shared with me.

-Friar Ray Mallett

#### BEST WISHES FOR FR. RAY! This Weekend-August 26th & 27th

After all the Masses, we invite parishioners to join us in the Gathering Area to bid farewell to Fr. Ray and to thank him for his service at OLG. Refreshments will be served. We thank our various ministries for organizing this farewell event.



## ICF MEATBALLS & BINGO Great Turnout!

The ICF would like to thank the members and parishioners who attended our Bingo and Meatballs on August 12th. We hope that you had as much fun as we had. The prizes were spread out and we had many winners. Hopefully we can do it again during the schoolyear.

## REGISTER NOW FOR FAITH FORMATION 2023-2024

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

Register Online on our website at <a href="www.olgcv.org">www.olgcv.org</a>. 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!

## WOMEN'S FAITH SHARING BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12th

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 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.

# RCIA

## 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!

#### **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 JULY:

Sunday Plate for the month: \$ 43,574.00

Month Budgeted Goal: \$ 42,000.00

Over/[Shortfall] \$ 1,574.00

Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall] \$ 2,792.00

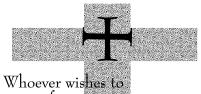
May God bless your continuing generosity.



#### **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 Pete Matulich Chuck Bohn Sheila McAlinden Raul Cepeda Maria del Consuelo Ortega Peggy Deadder Diana Riley Nancy French Jenny Roberts Joan Gabrielli Al Rojas Angela Schaaphok Mark Jerome Alyssia Tortora Emile Lassalle Arthur Williams Grace Letteer Brian Linney Peggy Winkenbach



come after me must deny himself take up his CROSS and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

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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

MARY LOU VINCENT

DON GILES
VICTOR PAMIROYAN, JR.

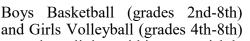
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### JESUS IS LORD

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## CYO FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION



is open for students living within our parish boundaries. Registration closes on **September 1st**. Information is available on our website at <a href="www.olgcv.org">www.olgcv.org</a>, follow the link to CYO. Please email <a href="olgcyocv@gmail.com">olgcyocv@gmail.com</a> if you have any questions.

## FAITH FORMATION CLASSES ARE BEGINNING

Please pray for the young members of our Church.

#### Confirmation

August 27th 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

## 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: <a href="mailto:csmbert@gmail.com">csmbert@gmail.com</a> or cell phone 510-733-5193.

#### MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"May [The immaculata's] life develop in the same way in every soul that exists and will exist in any time: this is our cherished ideal."

## THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 27th:

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Ray Farewell After all Masses—Gathering Area

Masses

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

1st Communion-Year 2 Class 10:15am—Stack Center

Confirmation Class 12:15pm—Stack Center

Spanish Mass 1:00pm—Church

#### Tuesday, August 29th:

Men's Faith Share 7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

#### Thursday, August 31st:

Adoration & Reconciliation 6:00pm—Church

AA Serenity Group 7:30pm—Augustine Center

#### Friday, September 1st:

1st Friday Latin Mass 7:00pm—Church

#### Saturday, September 2nd:

Adoration & Reconciliation 8:45am—Church

Militia Immaculata Meeting 10:00am—Stack Center, OLG Room

Vigil Mass 5:00pm—Church

#### Sunday, September 3rd:

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses

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

Spanish Mass 1:00pm—Church

#### **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**.



## Mass for the Intentions Week

#### SUNDAY, August 27th

#### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Karine & Fred Weiller – L

9:00am Randy, Larry & Garry Lawrence – D

11:00am OLG Community

1:00pm Martin Flores Martinez – D

#### MONDAY, August 28th

St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Agustin Ramos – D

#### TUESDAY, August 29th

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:15am Henrigueta Gomes – D

#### WEDNESDAY, August 30th

8:15am Julie Villarreal Dillon – D

#### THURSDAY, August 31st

8:15am Matteo Kim – D

Eric Sicam – L

#### FRIDAY, September 1st

8:15am Manuel & Dorothy Callier – D

#### SATURDAY, September 2nd

8:15am Rosa Martinez Reyes – D

5:00pm Mary Wilson – D

#### SUNDAY, September 3rd

#### TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am OLG Community

9:00am Bob & Lisa Rosenbusch – L

11:00am Helen Maes – D 1:00pm Erick Nunes – L

## PRE-BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS & GODPARENTS

If you are wishing to have your child, ages infant to six years baptized, parents BAPTISM and Godparents need to attend a Pre-Baptism Class. You also need to be regis-

tered members of the parish for at least three months. Our next class will be held in Stack Center, OLG Room at 7:00pm on **September 6th.** Please call Jay at 510-537-0806 to register.



#### **ROSARY BEFORE MASS**

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

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

#### August 28th through September 3rd

Monday: 1 Thessalonions 1:1-5, 8-10;

Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thessalonions 2:1-8; Mark 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 Thessalonions 2:9-13;

Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thessalonions 3:7-13;

Matthew 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thessalonions 4:1-8;

Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thessalonions 4:9-11;

Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday: Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2;

Matthew 16:21-27



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#### **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.



#### PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The basic problem is not political, it is a-political and human. One of the most important things to do is to keep cutting deliberately through political lines and barriers and emphasizing the fact that these are largely fabrications and that there is another dimension, a genuine reality, totally opposed to the fictions of politics: the human dimension which politics pretend to arrogate entirely to themselves."

-Thomas Merton, 1983

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