

*"As they came down the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead'." So we are dealing with a vision, which is not less real, but more real—an insight into a whole other level of reality, a more significant level of reality, which we can access only through faith.*

The disciples saw another dimension of Jesus—*"Transfigured"*, *"his face shining like the sun"*. What message was that conveying? Their Scriptures spoke of Moses like that whenever he went off alone to converse with God.

I would like to thank God for helping me to understand the meaning of *"Transfiguration"* in a sense of transitional pastor in our Lady of Grace parish. We have a new pastor, Fr. Raphael Zwolenkiewicz, OFM Conv., who nominated by Very Rev. Victor Abegg, OFM Conv. and appointed by Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ. Positively, he has a clear and loud voice, and pastoral thoughts. He may not need a microphone for himself at Mass.

Then came *"a bright cloud"*, paradoxically covering them *"in shadow"*. Again, their Scriptures spoke of God taking up residence among their fleeing ancestors in the desert of Sinai by filling the Tent of Meeting with dense cloud.

Mathew went on, *"Then from the cloud came a voice..."* No prize for guessing whose voice—God's voice. And the voice said to them, *"This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favor. Listen to him."* Or as we might say, we've got the same genes. I love him. (or something like that—we usually do the same to one another).

Then, the voice from the cloud added a final message, *"Listen to him"*. In the preceding chapter of the Gospel, containing the series of parables about the Kingdom, Jesus had lamented about the crowds, *"their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and be converted and be healed by me."*

I love the way of the event winds up, *"Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said, 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus."* Only Jesus! Jesus went on, *"Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead."* Would that help much? According to the resurrection stories, the risen Jesus still appeared pretty much *"only Jesus"*.

Welcome Fr. Raphael to OLG parish. Fr. Raphael is a new pastor who is essentially a "shepherd" entrusted with the care of souls for those in two parishes. With the help of the Holy Spirit, he will take his responsibilities to minister OLG and TFG parishioners to get closer to God the Father, as said to parishioners at 11:00 AM Mass on the seventeenth Sunday in ordinary time: We come to worship God and we come to work together in serving God and one another.

For me, the significant issue is God's recommendation, *"Listen to him"*. But listen so as *"to hear with my ears, see with my eyes, understand with my heart, and be converted and be healed"*. The catch is that God's voice too often comes across like Elijah's *"sound of silence"*; and even God's presence is too often like a *"cloud that covers with shadow"*. There seems to be no alternative but to learn the language of silence, and to be content to sit surrounded in cloud. If they lead to conversion and to healing, the time spent is worth it.

In a conclusion, allow me to share with all of us one of the verses of the hymn *"We are one in the Spirit"* wrote by Peter Scholtes:

We are one in the Spirit. We are one in the Lord. And we pray that all unity.

May one day be restored. And they'll know we are Christians by Our Love, by our love;

Yes, they'll know we are Christians.

By our Love!

Fr. James

## The Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time (August 13th)

## Matthew 14:22-23

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

**COME EXPERIENCE THE  
EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBIT!  
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AUGUST 5TH - 9TH**

This traveling exhibit has been created to assist those who will experience it to affirm their belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. It is based upon the web site created by Blessed Carlos Acutis to catalog all of the Eucharistic miracles that have taken place worldwide.

**Saturday, August 5:** 11:00 am - 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**Sunday, August 6:** 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, August 7th, 8th & 9th:** 8:45 am - 10:00 am

A full collection will be available at the Cathedral of Christ the Light during the Diocesan Eucharistic Revival Congress in September.

**MISSION APPEAL THANK YOU**

Rev. Frederick K. Byaruhanga of Kabale-Uganda who spoke at the masses July 23rd sends his heartfelt gratitude for the gracious hospitality and generosity extended to him. He writes: "The prayers and generous contributions of your faith community will go a long way in helping us to provide healthcare for the rural poor, help with training/formation of our seminarians and catechists, and support the most disadvantages Uganda children.....May our wonderful Lord abundantly bless you and your parish family that so generously gave in prayers, love and financial support."

**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!**



**NOTICE OF BAR DATE FILING BY RCBO**

The Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland ("RCBO") is pleased 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.



**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://olgcv.flocknote.com/signup/127610> Questions? Please call Lisa Crudo at 510-861-9835. Hope to see you there!

**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 14-17 September 2023. Women's Cursillo dates are 21-24 September. Both weekends will be at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, Pleasanton, CA. Please contact Roberta Santiago, email: [csmbert@gmail.com](mailto:csmbert@gmail.com) or cell phone (510) 733-5193.





## 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/>



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#### 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! Minimal training required.



#### 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!

### 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
<b>Month Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 37,000.00</b>
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 1,856.00
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*May God bless your continuing generosity.*

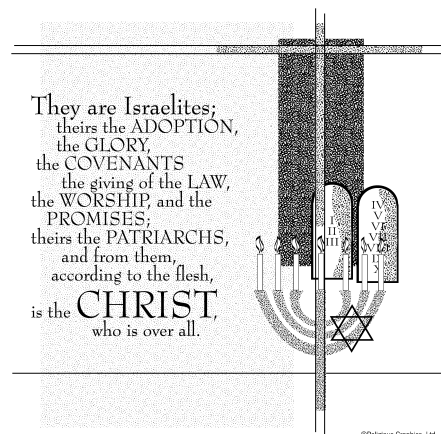


### Your Prayers Are Requested

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



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

#### In Memorial

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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 Susan Klas in memory of Lee Shilts. 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.

**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!

**CYO FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION**

Registration for *CYO Boys Basketball & Girls Volleyball* began July 31st. at 9:00am 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](http://www.olgcv.org) follow the link to CYO. Please email [olgcyocv@gmail.com](mailto:olgcyocv@gmail.com) if you have any questions

**THIS WEEK****Sunday, August 6th:*****The Transfiguration of the Lord***

Masses

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

Spanish Mass

1:00pm—Church

**Tuesday, August 8th:**

Men's Faith Share

7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

**Thursday, August 10th:**

Adoration &amp; Reconciliation

6:00pm—Church

AA Serenity Group

7:30pm—Augustine Center

**Saturday, August 12th:**

Adoration &amp; Reconciliation

8:45am—Church

ICF Bingo Luncheon

11:30am—Stack Center

Vigil Mass

5:00pm—Church

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

Masses

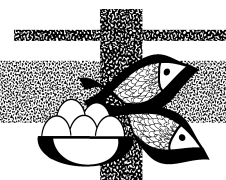
7:30am, 9:00am (Livestream), 11:00am—Church

Spanish Mass

1:00pm—Church

**MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*"We wish to belong ever more to [the Immaculata] and become her 'knights', willing to embrace total sacrifice for her till our last drop of blood in the conquest of the entire world and every single soul for her, and that as soon as possible, as soon as possible, as soon as possible."*



# Mass for the Intentions Week

**SUNDAY, August 6th**

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

7:30am OLG Community  
 9:00am Helen Maes – D  
 11:00am Anthony Solis – L  
 1:00pm Yolanda Reveles – D

**MONDAY, August 7th**

St. Sixtus II, Pope, & Companions, Martyrs  
 St. Cajetan, Priest

8:15am Joni, Ted &amp; Kathleen Linney – D

**TUESDAY, August 8th**

St. Dominic, Priest

8:15am Martha White – D

**WEDNESDAY, August 9th**

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin &amp; Martyr

8:15am Evelia Gil – D

**THURSDAY, August 10th**

St. Lawrence, Deacon &amp; Martyr

8:15am Wayne Haberman – D

**FRIDAY, August 11th**

St. Clare, Virgin

8:15am Lilia Sousa – D

**SATURDAY, August 12th**

St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

8:15am Rosa Martinez Reyes – D

5:00pm Antonio O. Chocha – D

**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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

August 7th through August 13th

Monday: Numbers 11:4-15; Matthew 14:13-21  
 Tuesday: Numbers 12:1-13; Matthew 14:22-36  
 Wednesday: Numbers 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29, 34-35;  
 Matthew 15:21-28  
 Thursday: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26  
 Friday: Deuteronomy 4:32-40;  
 Matthew 16:24-28  
 Saturday: Deuteronomy 6:4-13;  
 Matthew 17:14-20  
 Sunday: 1 Kings 19:9,11-13; Romans 9:1-5;  
 Matthew 14:22-23

**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)

**PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*"Peace is a gift of God, but requires our efforts. Let us be people of peace in prayer and deed."*

-Pope Francis, June 2014

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.

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