

**CLERGY APPOINTMENTS BY BISHOP MICHAEL C. BARBER, S.J.
JULY 17, 2023**

Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ has appointed Fr. Raphael Zwolenkiewicz, OFM Conv. as pastor of Our Lady of Grace Parish in Castro Valley, effective August 1, 2023 and as pastor of Transfiguration Parish, also in Castro Valley, effective September 1, 2023, the date on which the new diocesan cluster of those two parishes is established.

The appointments follow the nomination by Very Rev. Victor Abegg, OFM Conv, Minister Provincial of the Province of St. Joseph of Cupertino of the Conventual Franciscan Friars.

A Letter From Fr. James

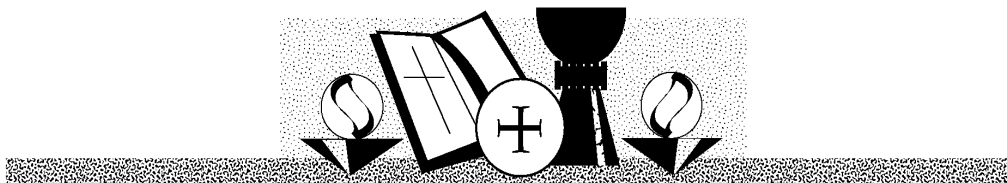
In 2013, one of the parishioners, a keen fisherman, who lived along the bank of Hong River Delta in Thai Binh province, was older than I was, came from time to time to tell me that he heard that the fish were biting in a local lake or creek. He assured me that, as soon as the weather pick up, he would be down there and catch a fish for me. His eyes were alight with joy just with the thought of it, and his joy was contagious.

His enthusiasm puts me in mind of the two people mentioned in today's parables — the man who found the *treasure* and the one who came across the precious *pearl*. They, too, came alive with joy. Jesus commented that the experience of God's Kingdom can generate a response like that. Do we know what he was talking about? Do we sometimes feel like that?

In 2017, I went back to Vietnam from the Philippines for a visit of a religious sister Thuy, joined Daughters of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary in Bui Chu--FMSR (*Filiarum Mariae a Sacrosancto Rosario de Bui Chu*), who worked with Franciscan friars in leprosarium at Van Mon, before she entered eternal glory; her doctors told her that her situation was terminal. I asked her if she was frightened of dying. She looked at me, somewhat puzzled, and gently corrected me: "Frightened of falling into the arms of God!" she whispered. Since she died, I delight that she felt so comfortable surrendering all she had and was and, even a little impatiently, looking forward to dropping into the arms of the God she loved. I am disappointed that I did not ask her to tell me what her experience of God had been.

I wonder if Jesus at times is saddened that so many of us Catholics have not yet discovered the beauty of a personal relationship with him, that not enough of us have felt, at least from time to time, the indescribable joy of real closeness to him and to God, his Father. Our Church can appear so dull, so stern, so stiff, so serious. No wonder so few seem attracted, and so many are just hanging on by the skin of their teeth.

"So happy ... he buys the field ... he buys the pearl".



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The Transfiguration of the Lord (August 6th)

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone. As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

CYO FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION

Registration for *CYO Boys Basketball & Girls Volleyball* begins **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 follow the link to CYO.** Please email olgcyocv@gmail.com if you have any questions



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. Please, 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 Until August 22nd

Bishop Barber invites adults and children to take part in this devotion to Jesus through Mary which *began on July 20th for adults and on August 5th for children*. This devotion is 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/>

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**.



REGISTER NOW FOR FAITH FORMATION 2023-2024

Registration for *1st Communion, Confirmation and Whole Family Faith Formation* 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 in the office. Please bring your payment (cash or check) when forms are completed.

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.**



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 by **August 7th**. You can sign up by going to <https://olgcv.flocknote.com/signup/127610> Questions? Please call Lisa Crudo at 510-861-9835. Hope to see you there!

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 for more information.



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.



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@olgc.org or [Vince Belizario@jackmorton.com](mailto:Vince_Belizario@jackmorton.com) and dawn.leo@ropesgray.com



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.

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! 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
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.

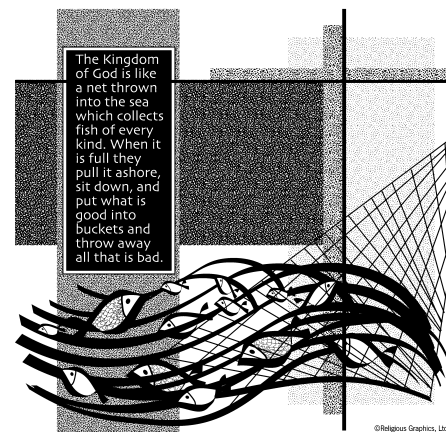


Your Prayers Are Requested

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

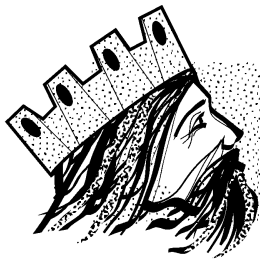
Sheila McAlinden
Maria del Consuelo Ortega
Diana Riley
Jenny Roberts
Al Rojas
Angela Schaaphok
Alyssia Tortora
Mary Lou Vincent
Arthur Williams
Peggy Winkenbach



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

In Memorial

**VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE
VICTIMS OF THE UKRANIAN INVASION**



Solomon prayed,
"LORD, give me
an understanding
heart."

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1ST FRIDAY TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

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

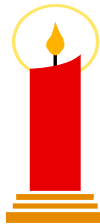


FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

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.

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 pay-
ment in the pouch, located at the candle stand.



MEN'S FAITH SHARE

The OLG's Men Faith Share Group meets on Tues-
days 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!

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"We wish to belong ever more to [the Immaculata]
and become her 'knights', willing to embrace total sacri-
fice 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 pos-
sible."*

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 30th:

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses

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

Spanish Mass

1:00pm—Church

Tuesday, August 1st:

Men's Faith Share

7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

Wednesday, August 2nd:

Pre-Baptism Class

7:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Thursday, August 3rd:

Adoration & Reconciliation

6:00pm—Church

AA Serenity Group

7:30pm—Augustine Center

Friday, August 4th:

1st Friday Latin Mass

7:00pm—Church

Saturday, August 5th:

Adoration & Reconciliation

8:45am—Church

Militia Immaculata Meeting

10:00am—Stack Center, OLG Room

Vigil Mass

5:00pm—Church

Sunday, August 6th:

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Masses

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

Spanish Mass

1:00pm—Church

ADORATION & RECONCILIATION

Join us on Thursdays, 6:00-7:00pm for
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and
Reconciliation and on Saturdays, immedi-
ately following the 8:15am Mass, conclud-
ing at 10:00am.



Mass for the Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, July 30th

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Anna Rose Esteban – D

9:00am OLG Community

11:00am Christopher Nunes – L

1:00pm Alfonso Vazquez – D

MONDAY, July 31st

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

8:15am Martha White – D

TUESDAY, August 1st

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Esperanza Ortega – D

WEDNESDAY, August 2nd

St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

8:15am Debi Telles – D

THURSDAY, August 3rd

8:15am Joel Tejeda – D

FRIDAY, August 4th

St. John Vianney, Priest

8:15am Jesusa Perdido – D

SATURDAY, August 5th

The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

8:15am Manuel & Dorothy Callier – D

5:00pm Mary Tavares – D

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

July 31st through August 6th

Monday: Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34;

Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday: Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5-9, 28;

Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday: Exodus 34:29-35; Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday: Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38;

Matthew 13:47-53

Friday: Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34, 37;

Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday: Leviticus 25:1, 8-17; Matthew 14:1-12

Sunday: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14;

2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9



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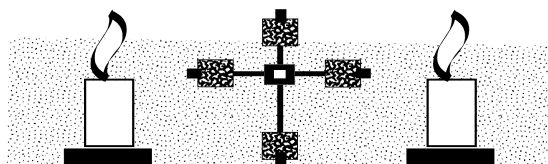
Do you shop at Amazon and Safeway or get coffee at Starbucks? Simplify your shopping and support OLG's Evangelization Program at the same time by purchasing SCRIP gift cards! With each gift card purchase, our Evangelization Program earns 2%-17% of the gift card value. Stop by the Parish Office and take a look at our list of gift cards are offered. *Orders placed on the 1st and 3rd week of the month will be ready for pickup on the 2nd and 4th week of the month.* Payment is due at the time of purchase, cash or check please. Questions? Call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"True peace is not merely the absence of tension: it is the presence of justice."

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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



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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!

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