



The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

The one symbol most often identified with Jesus and his Church is the cross.

This week Thursday, September 14th, we celebrate The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

For many, the cross is seen as a sign of suffering, but by Christ's love shown in the Paschal Mystery, the cross has become for us a sign of triumph and victory, the sign of God, who is love itself.

Believers have always looked to the cross in times of suffering. People who are suffering and their caregivers have been known to draw, trace, or form crosses and focus their eyes and hearts on these crosses. The cross does not explain pain and misery. It does not give us any easy answers. But it does help us to see our lives united with Christ's.

We often make the Sign of the Cross over ourselves. We make it before prayer to help fix our minds and hearts on God. We make it after prayer, hoping to stay close to God. In trials and temptations, the cross is a sign of strength and protection. The cross is the sign of the fullness of life that is ours. At Baptism, too, the Sign of the Cross is used; the priest, parents and godparents make the sign on the forehead of the child. A sign made on the forehead is a sign of belonging. By the Sign of the Cross in Baptism, Jesus takes us as his own in a unique way. Especially this Thursday, let us look to the cross often. Let us make the Sign of the Cross and realize we bring our whole selves to God—our minds, souls, bodies, wills, thoughts, hearts—everything we are and will become.

Looking to the cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ, let us hear the echoing of these words...

Behold the wood of the cross upon which hung the savior of the world.

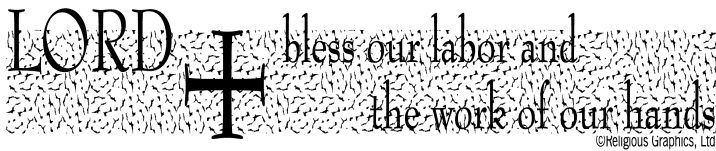
Come let us worship.

-Fr. Raphael

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time (September 17th)

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."



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...

Come to the Parish Office to purchase your Festival tickets. Check or cash please.

Knights of Columbus-Breakfast in Paradise September 24th at 8:30am

Join us for a delicious breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit, coffee, tea and OJ. Cost is \$10 per adult and \$7 per child (10 and under). Scan the QR code to purchase your tickets online or stop by the Parish Office to purchase in-person.



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 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.

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 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 still available for children in 1st-12th grades.

Register Online 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 September 30th to avoid the \$20 late fee.**

All Children Are Welcome!

DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT BENEFIT TRUST September 9th & 10th

This collection allows us to express gratitude and support for our retired and soon-to-be retired priests. They now face retirement with minimal government assistance. Please prayerfully consider how you can match their generosity to the Church by contributing to the Retirement Fund. Please make your check out to "Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland". Envelopes will be in the pews for your use. You may also drop your donation off at the Parish Office mail slot. Thank you and God bless.



LION'S DINEOUT DAY September 15th

Mark your calendar and support OLG School! Head over to Canyons BBQ at 3341 Castro Valley Boulevard for the Lion's Dineout Day fundraiser. Canyons BBQ will give back 15% of the sales collected through the following ways to support OLG School:

- Guests who show the flyer on their phone or in print (you may download the flyer from the www.olgcv.org homepage)
- Guests who mention on the phone or in person that they are supporting OLG
- Guests who order online at <https://canyonsbbq.com> for in store pick up, delivery, or curbside with the promo code: **OLG**. Please note you can preorder up to ONE week in advance online to reserve your BBQ!



Owe no debt to anyone
except the debt that
binds each of us to
love one another

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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 this 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.



ICF DINNER & MEETING

The ICF invites the ICF members and parishioners to their next dinner/meeting on Thursday, **September 14th**. They will be serving Chicken Marsala. The cost is \$20 per person. Doors open at 5:30pm and dinner is at 6:00pm. For reservations please call Juanita Madrid at 510-582-7242. Mangia! Mangia!

FUNERAL MASS FOR LONGTIME PARISHIONER

Kathleen Dowling

September 14th at 10:15am at St. Raymond Church (11555 Shannon Avenue in Dublin). If you have any questions, please call Chris Dowling at 510-301-5487.



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!



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.

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 AUGUST:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 36,316.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 37,000.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [684.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 3,108.00

May God bless your continuing generosity.

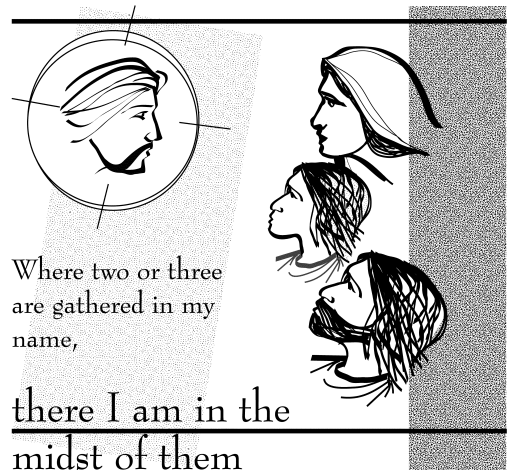


Your Prayers Are Requested

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
Jot Brown
Raul Cepeda
Peggy Deadder
Nancy French
Joan Gabrielli
Grace Letteer
Brian Linney

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



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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

JOANNE MILLER

KATHLEEN DOWLING

VICTIMS OF MAUI FIRE

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE



FAITH FORMATION CLASSES ARE BEGINNING

Please pray for the young members of our Church.

Whole Family Program

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

First Communion-Year 2

September 10th
10:15am—Stack Center

Confirmation

September 10th
12:15pm—Stack Center

Whole Family-Year 1

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



The **September 2023** issue of The Catholic Voice is available online at: <https://www.oakdiocese.org/catholicvoiceoakland>

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 Wednesday of every month from 6:30-7:30pm in Stack Center, OLG Room. Come to our next meeting on **September 20th**. For additional information, please visit: <https://www.californiacolumbiettes.com>



EXECUTION ALERTS

The following execution is scheduled to take place in **September**:

September 21st Anthony Sanchez Oklahoma

We ask for your prayers for this person for the victims of his crimes, and for their family.

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Do you know that: St. Therese of the Child Jesus hands the palm of martyrdom to a missionary for the simple fact that he has become a missionary?"

THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 10th:

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses

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

1st Communion-Year 2 Class

10:15am—Stack Center

Whole Family Program

10:15am—Augustine Center

Confirmation Class

12:15pm—Stack Center

Spanish Mass

1:00pm—Church

Tuesday, September 12th:

Women's Faith Sharing

7:00pm—Stack Center

Men's Faith Share

7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

Thursday, September 14th:

Adoration & Reconciliation

6:00pm—Church

AA Serenity Group

7:30pm—Augustine Center

Saturday, September 16th:

Adoration & Reconciliation

8:45am—Church

Vigil Mass

5:00pm—Church

Sunday, September 17th:

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses

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

Confirmation Class

12:15pm—Stack Center

Spanish Mass

1:00pm—Church



Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, September 10th

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Geraldine Bargiacchi – D
 9:00am OLG Community
 11:00am Debbie & Doug Reetz – L
 1:00pm Rosa Martinez Reyes – D

MONDAY, September 11th

8:15am Lilia Sousa – D

TUESDAY, September 12th

The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:15am Mathias Lee – D

WEDNESDAY, September 13th

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Xavier Ramos – D

THURSDAY, September 14th

The Exaltation of the Cross

8:15am Kelly Jean Joanino – D

FRIDAY, September 15th

Our Lady of Sorrows

8:15am Matteo Kim – D

SATURDAY, September 16th

Sts. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

8:15am Rodney Rafael Flormata – L
 5:00pm Maria Jacinta Fraga – D

SUNDAY, September 17th

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Amor Guerrero – D
 9:00am Matteo Kim – D
 11:00am Antonio O. Chocha – D
 1:00pm Esperanzo Ortega – D
 Raul Mario Ortega – D



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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

September 10th through September 17th

Monday: Colossians 1:24-2:3; Luke 6:6-11
 Tuesday: Colossians 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19
 Wednesday: Colossians 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26
 Thursday: Numbers 21:4-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17
 Friday: 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; John 19:25-27
 Saturday: 1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 6:43-49
 Sunday: Sirach 27:30-28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

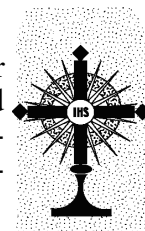


Create for me
 a clean heart,
 O God

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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.



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.



PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"For Christians, non-violence is not merely tactical behavior but a person's way of being, the attitude of one who is so convinced of God's love and power that he is not afraid to tackle evil with the weapons of love and truth alone."

-Pope Benedict XVI, February 2007

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

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