



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

**October 4th is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.** It provides an opportunity for Our Lady of Grace and Transfiguration to celebrate with the Conventual Franciscan Friars administering our parishes. Please look at the various celebrations in honor of St. Francis of Assisi taking place at Transfiguration and Our Lady of Grace. Honoring St. Francis of Assisi, everyone is invited to join together at any and all of these special celebrations.

### **The Blessing of Animals**

**Saturday, September 30th, 2:00 PM at Transfiguration Church**

**Saturday, October 7th, 11:00 AM at Our Lady of Grace Church (Gathering Area)**

People of all ages, bring your pets to the church to be blessed on a day near the Feast Day of St. Francis because of his love for animals as expressed in his Canticle of Creatures.

### **Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi**

**Tuesday, October 3rd, at 7:00 PM at Transfiguration Church**

The Transitus is an annual celebration by Franciscans throughout the world of the passing of St. Francis from this life to life with God. It is celebrated on the night of October 3rd, the eve of his feast day. The word "transitus" comes from the Latin, meaning passage or crossing. The Transitus specifically remembers the Poor Man of Assisi at his holiness moment — the moment in which he met His God.

### **The Solemnity of St. Francis of Assisi, Wednesday, October 4th**

**8:00 AM at Transfiguration Church / 8:15 AM at Our Lady of Grace Church**

**7:00 PM Mass Honoring St. Francis of Assisi at Our Lady of Grace Church**

St. Francis of Assisi was poor only that he might be Christ-like. He recognized creation as another manifestation of the beauty of God. He did great penance that he might be totally disciplined for the will of God. Francis' poverty meant a total dependence on the good God. All this was preliminary to the heart of his spirituality: living the gospel life, summed up in the charity of Jesus and perfectly expressed in the Eucharist.

In Christ and St. Francis,  
Fr. Raphael



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### **The Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time (September 17th)**

**Matthew 21:28-32**

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

**OLG FESTIVAL 2023****Aloha!****Family Fun For All!**

Join us on September 24th at 9:00am for the Outdoor Mass at the St. Francis Garden Chapel.

**Let Us Entertain You!**  
**Sunday, September 24th**

10:30-11:45am	Jesse Manibusan Performance
11:45-12:00pm	Break
12:00-12:45pm	Bishop O'Dowd Band
12:45-1:00pm	Break
1:00-2:30pm	CV Performing Arts Dance
2:30-2:45pm	Break
2:45-3:30pm	Ballet Folklorico de Carlos Moreno
3:30-3:45pm	Break
3:45-4:30pm	Kumu Hula Association of No. Cal.
4:30-5:30pm	Dance Live Dream Center
5:30-6:00pm	Raffle Drawing, Chili Cook-Off Winners Announced & Closing

**BREAKFAST IN PARADISE****September 24th****8:30-11:30am**

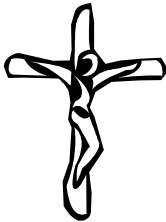
Join us for a delicious breakfast prepared by the Knights of Columbus.

Cost is \$10 per adult and \$7 per child (10 and under).

**OUTDOOR MASS**

**St. Francis Garden Chapel**  
**September 24th at 9:00am**

All are invited to our Outdoor Mass. This Mass will take the place of the 9:00am Mass in the Church. Please bring your lawn chairs or blankets.



**JESSE MANIBUSAN**  
**PERFORMANCE**

**September 24th at 10:30am**

After the 9:00am Outdoor Mass, join us at the Festival Main Stage for an exciting performance by this renowned musician and composer.



**FESTIVAL CHILI COOK-OFF**  
**September 24th at 12:00pm**

Don't miss the *5th Annual Chili Cook-Off!* Tasting begins at Noon and voting closes at 4:30pm. Winner to be announced at 6:00pm. Top voted chili wins a trophy, gift card and bragging rights!



**JESUS**  
**is LORD**

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**FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS**

The Friars invite you to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis!



**Tuesday, October 3rd**  
**Transfiguration**

Join them at 7:00pm for the *Transitus of St. Francis*, from life through death to eternal life. This is a very ancient prayer of the Friars and not to be missed.

**Wednesday, October 4th****Our Lady of Grace**

We celebrate the *Solemnity of St. Francis* at 8:15am (School Liturgy) and at 7:00pm.

**Saturday, October 7th****Our Lady of Grace**

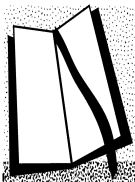
Bring your well socialized pet and join us for *Blessing of the Animals* at the Gathering Area at 11:00am. Please keep dogs on leashes, cats in carriers and other animals in appropriate tether. Thank you!

**RCIA****Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Classes begin on *September 27th*. The 1st class will be held at the Parish Office from 8:30-9:30pm. 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!

**YEARLY MASS ATTENDANCE COUNTING**

October is a very important month for our Church. Beginning on October 8th at each of the weekend Masses, there will be ushers walking down the side aisles counting the number of parishioners present at the Masses. These numbers will be submitted to the Diocese of Oakland. Let us take this opportunity to invite friends and to bring your entire family to OLG to worship.



Conduct yourselves in a manner  
worthy of the gospel

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### ICF POLENTA FEED

Branch #343 of the Italian Catholic Federation will host a polenta dinner on **October 12th** at Stack Center. Doors open at 5:30pm and dinner is at 6:00pm. Dinner will include Polenta, Sauce, Italian Sausage, Salad, Bread, Dessert, Wine and Soft Drinks. Tickets are \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members and can be purchased by **October 5th**. To purchase your tickets online, visit:

<https://www.tinyurl.com/icfpolentafeed> or in person at the Parish Office. Hope you can join us!

### 1ST FRIDAY TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

Join us for Traditional Latin Mass on **October 6th** at 7:00pm, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



### 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 **October 7th**.

### THE ALTAR SOCIETY CAN USE YOUR HELP

We are in need of 1 or 2 women to take turns doing the Holy Laundry. Rotation is about once every 5 or 6 weeks. If you can help in this ministry, please contact Jay at the Parish Office at 537-0806. Thank you!

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DINNER WITH THE FRANCISCANS Save the Date - November 4th

Planning for the celebration of the *42nd Year of the Province of the St. Joseph of Cupertino* is underway. Make plans to dine and enjoy an evening with our Franciscans as we raise funds supporting the Franciscan Seminarians. Cost is \$50 per person. More details to come!



### 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
<b>Month Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 37,000.00</b>
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [684.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	<b>\$ 3,108.00</b>

*May God bless your continuing generosity.*

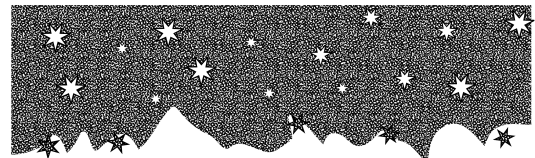


### Your Prayers Are Requested

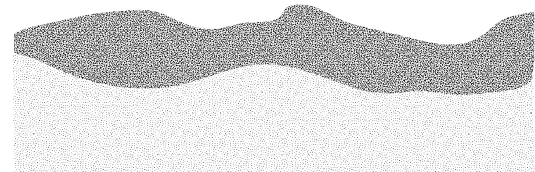
Please lift up in your prayer those among us who are ill and those who have asked for our prayerful remembrance:

Jaime Arce  
Lois Belmessieri  
Chuck Bohn  
Jot Brown  
Raul Cepeda  
Peggy Deadder  
Nancy French  
Joan Gabrielli  
Grace Letteer  
Brian Linney

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



As high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so high are my ways above your ways  
and my thoughts above your thoughts.



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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**

**MICAELA SONG**

**ANGELA SCHAAPHOK**

**VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE**

**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES****Confirmation**

Next Class: October 1st  
12:15pm—Stack Center

**First Communion-Year 2**

Next Class: October 1st  
10:15am—Stack Center

**Whole Family Program**

Next Class: October 8th  
10:15am—Augustine Center

**Whole Family-Year 1**

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

**OLG SCHOOL NEWS**

- OLG School is very proud of the fact that ten of our sixth graders scored in the top 9% of the *national* ranks this past week. The rigorous STEM curriculum is paying off! We are very proud of them and of all our scholars.
- All our 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders have memorized the first conjugation in Latin, have mastered about twenty new vocabulary words and have begun to seriously look at derivatives! We are very proud of them, and of all of our scholars.
- OLG TK'rs spend 90% of their time speaking Spanish in their classroom. They are quickly becoming proficient and know all of the basic prayers in both English and Spanish.
- All students completed the first round of STAR testing during the first weeks of school.
- The school celebrated its first Exposition, Adoration and Benediction on September 13. Please feel free to join us on the second Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. for the rosary followed by Benediction.
- The school/parish had a great turn out for the first "Castro Valley Fall Festival" since COVID. We are a strong community, united in our faith and love of learning.
- All teachers and staff attended the Diocesan Eucharistic revival at the Cathedral of Christ the Light on September 15. All came away with a renewed love and appreciation for this treasure of the Catholic Faith.

**THIS WEEK*****Sunday, September 24th:***

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Outdoor Mass**

9:00am—St. Francis Garden Chapel

**Parish Festival**

10:30am—Rear Parking Lot

**Masses**

7:30am & 11:00am—Church

**Spanish Mass**

1:00pm—Church

***Tuesday, September 26th:*****Cursillo Meeting**

6:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

**Women's Faith Sharing**

7:00pm—Stack Center

**Men's Faith Share**

7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

***Wednesday, September 27th:*****RCIA Class**

7:00pm—Parish Office

***Thursday, September 28th:*****Adoration & Reconciliation**

6:00pm—Church

**Knights of Columbus Meeting**

6:30pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

**AA Serenity Group**

7:30pm—Augustine Center

***Saturday, September 30th:*****Adoration & Reconciliation**

8:45am—Church

**Vigil Mass**

5:00pm—Church

***Sunday, October 1st:***

*Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Masses**

7:30am & 11:00am—Church

**1st Communion-Year 2 Class**

10:15am—Stack Center

**Confirmation Class**

12:15pm—Stack Center

**Spanish Mass**

1:00pm—Church



# Mass for the Intentions for the Week

**SUNDAY, September 24th**

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Antonio O. Chocha – D

9:00am Colleen Durkin – D

11:00am OLG Community

1:00pm Socorro Castillo – D

**MONDAY, September 25th**

8:15am Jose Duarte – D

**TUESDAY, September 26th**

Sts. Cosmas &amp; Damian, Martyrs

8:15am Bambino Madamba – D

**WEDNESDAY, September 27th**

St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:15am Socorro Castillo – D

**THURSDAY, September 28th**

St. Wenceslaus, Martyr

St. Lawrence Ruiz &amp; Companions, Martyrs

8:15am Dianne Padilla – D

**FRIDAY, September 29th**

Sts. Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael, Archangels

8:15am Jardim Family – L

**SATURDAY, September 30th**

St. Jerome, Priest &amp; Doctor of the Church

8:15am Rosa Martinez Reyes – D

5:00pm Ron Joseph Flormata – L

**SUNDAY, October 1st**

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am OLG Community

9:00am Madge Basuino – D

11:00am Helen Maes – D

1:00pm Rosa Martinez Reyes – D

**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.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

September 25th through October 1st

Monday: Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezra 6:7-8,12, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21

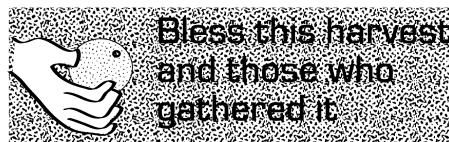
Wednesday: Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6

Thursday: Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9

Friday: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; John 1:47-51

Saturday: Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15; Luke 9:43-45

Sunday: Ezra 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

**ROSARY BEFORE MASS**

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

**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**

*"No one walks so safely as one who walks humbly and harmlessly with great love and great faith. For such a person gets through to the good in others (and there is good in everyone), and therefore cannot be harmed. This works between individuals, it works between groups and it would work between nations if nations had the courage to try it."*

-Peace Pilgrim

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

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