



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

October is the month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and especially to Our Lady of the Rosary whose feast was celebrated on October 7th.

The rosary has a special place in the lives of the Parish Communities here at Our Lady of Grace Church and Transfiguration Church. The rosary is recited daily in both of our churches. And, whether in Church or at home or wherever we find ourselves, we can pray the rosary offering our prayers for our Holy Father as well as for particular needs, worldwide and personal.

The Rosary centers around the entire life of Jesus Christ, the passion, death, resurrection and glory and the life of Mary as well because her life is most closely united with the mysteries of Jesus Christ. No one has followed in the footsteps of the Lord more closely and with more merit than Mary. Reciting the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries, we grow in our faith. We recite the rosary so that we become more and more like Christ.

**The Joyful Mysteries:** The Annunciation, The Visitation, The Birth of Our Lord, The Presentation of Our Lord, The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple.

**The Sorrowful Mysteries:** The Agony of Our Lord in the Garden, Scourging at the Pillar, Crowning with Thorns, Carrying the Cross, The Crucifixion and Death of Our Lord.

**The Glorious Mysteries:** The Resurrection of Our Lord, The Ascension of Our Lord, The Descent of the Holy Spirit, The Assumption, The Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth.

**The Luminous Mysteries:** The Baptism of Our Lord in the Jordan, The Wedding at Cana, The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God, The Transfiguration, The Last Supper.

No form of devotion to Mary is more widely practiced among the members of God's Family, the Church, or found to be more satisfyingly than the Rosary.

-Fr. Raphael



#### The Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time (October 22nd)

Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

**OPERATING INCOME AND EXPENSES YTD AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

<b>Income</b>	<b>2023 Actual</b>	<b>2023 Budget</b>
Plate Collection/Unrestricted	393,381	393,050
Plate Collection/Restricted	3,091	2,893
Donations Unrestricted	94,198	12,500
Donations Restricted	17,460	20,634
*Fundraising Restricted/Scrip		
Edu. Programs/Ministries	12,020	9,638
Interest Income	7,747	7,824
Other Operating Income	26,948	25,917
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$554,862</b>	<b>\$472,456</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Salary Expense/Benefits	214,606	237,596
Administration	103,643	105,127
Parish Property	100,000	32,708
Priest/Rectory Living	95,024	102,313
Liturgy/Music	8,036	9,542
Faith Formation	5,418	2,754
Adult Ed/Evangelization	2,957	2,125
Fellowship/Other Ministries	6,072	2,570
*Festival/Fundraisers		
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>535,756</b>	<b>494,735</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>19,106</b>	<b>-22,279</b>

This is an overview of the financial well-being of Our Lady of Grace Parish. To all who have made contributions to Our Lady of Grace throughout this year, thank you very much indeed for your generosity and support. Your continued support signifies the love of God's grace and the stewardship we share as a parish community.

This past year we have benefitted from the generosity of parishioners who have remembered us in their wills. This is reflected in the \$94,198 in Donations Unrestricted income. We received \$82,620.10 that allowed us to spend money on some deferred property maintenance that is reflected in the \$100,000 in Parish Property expense.

Maintaining a parish requires efforts on the part of many. Many serve as catechists or at the Sunday Masses while others reach out to the homebound and marginalized to keep the bonds of our community strong. Many volunteers contribute their time and energy to the needs of the parish. Our parish is dedicated to preserving all that we are while being hopeful of the bright future ahead.

As we enter into the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2023, please consider how you are giving your Time, Talent and Treasure to Our Lady of Grace. We are most grateful for your generosity—for what you have done and what you will do.

**\*Fundraising Restricted will be reported when Festival expenses are completed**

### **MANY THANKS TO ALL FESTIVAL 2023 RESULTS**

It was a wonderful return of the Parish Fall Festival September 23-24! Good people, good weather, good entertainment and good fun for all! For almost 40 years we have gathered as a community and brought Castro Valley a weekend of family fun. We are grateful to Vince Belizario and Dawn Leo for their leadership, dedication and work in bringing back our beloved Parish Fall Festival.

It would be difficult to continue to mention by name all those who contribute so overwhelmingly to the many areas –the entertainment was great, the marketing got the word out, security kept us safe, the accounting booth spent the weekend behind the scenes counting and supporting the booths, the Operations Crew oversaw the set up, take down and clean up. As Fr. Raphael said, it definitely takes a village to make it all happen. And so to all who did so much, to those who came and participated in the weekend activities, we give thanks! You are truly magnificent in your commitment to our parish and we are so very grateful to all of you! We look forward to providing the financial results as soon as we are able.



### **DINNER WITH THE FRANCISCANS November 4th**

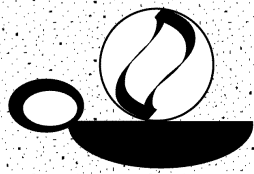
Join us as we celebrate the **42nd Year of the Province of the St. Joseph of Cupertino**. All proceeds benefit the education of Friars who will minister here in California.

- Doors open at 6:00pm in Stack Center
- Cost is \$50 per person
- Choice of Breast of Chicken Sauvignon or Vegetable Lasagna
- Beer and Wine for purchase
- Silent and 50/50 Auctions!

#### ***Get Your Tickets Today!***

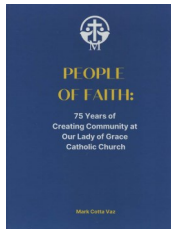
Purchase your tickets online by visiting: <https://tinyurl.com/franciscansdinner> Tickets will also be sold after all the Masses and in the Parish Office. Check or cash please. If you are not able to attend, we kindly ask for a donation supporting our Franciscan Seminarians.

*We thank the Knights of Columbus  
for organizing this yearly event.*



PRAY  
ALWAYS

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**OLG'S ANNIVERSARY BOOK**  
**"People of Faith:**  
**75 Years of Community at**  
**Our Lady of Grace Parish"**

This beautiful hard bound book written by parishioner Mark Vaz is truly a treasure! Many thanks to Mark for the countless hours he so generously put into it for our parish.

*Join us for our Book Signing Event on October 29th after the 7:30am and 9:00am Masses in Stack Center. Cost is \$14 per copy at this event and in the Parish Office. (Otherwise you may purchase copies on Amazon for \$16.95 + shipping.) Coffee and donuts will also be served after these Masses.*

Don't miss this opportunity to own this wonderful history of our parish—and who knows? Your picture might even be in it!

**BREAD FOR THE WORLD  
OFFERING OF LETTERS**

The weekend of **October 28th and 29th** is our annual Bread for the World Offering of Letters sponsored by OLG's Pax Christi/Social Justice group. You will have an opportunity to sign postcards to your senators and representative asking them to support legislation that reduces child hunger both in the U.S. and abroad. So please take a few minutes after Mass to visit our tables at the entrances to the church and sign the postcards.



**CATHOLIC VOICE  
ANNUAL APPEAL**

There's still time to give! Your donation helps our Diocese provide this important tool of communication. The Voice is the only regular source of Catholic news and information delivered to all parishioners in the Diocese. *Please be generous in your support of our Parish! Checks may be made payable to "Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland".* Envelopes are in the pews for your use.

**THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD IS THE  
HOUSE OF ISRAEL**



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**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 SEPTEMBER:**

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 35,339.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 38,000.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [2,661.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 203.00

*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  
Phyllis Barthman  
Lois Belmessieri  
Jot Brown  
Raul Cepeda  
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

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

**In Memorial**

**FRANK LANG**

**BARBARA MATULICH**

**NATHAN PEARSON**

**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN  
THE MIDDLE EAST**

**VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE**

**CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS!  
Confirmation Needs Your Help!**

Our Confirmation Instructors, are looking for five (5) individuals to assist during sessions. *No teaching experience is required only a willingness to assist the instructors with distribution of class materials and assisting students during these sessions.* Classes are held at Stack Center from 12:00pm until 2:00pm, 2 to 3 Sundays a month. If you can spare a couple of hours on a Sunday, please contact Roberta Santiago, [csmbert@gmail.com](mailto:csmbert@gmail.com) or 510-582-9266 to discuss the Confirmation Program schedule and your opportunity to get to know and support our youth!





### FESCO FALL BENEFIT SALE

Come and find wonderful deals on collectibles, housewares, vintage items, glassware, eclectic décor and so much more! All proceeds support FESCO in its efforts to end family homelessness in Alameda County.

**2918 Hidden Lane in Hayward**

**Friday, October 20th—10:00am-5:00pm**

**Saturday, October 21st —9:00am-5:00pm**



### ST. VINCENT de PAUL THANK YOU!

St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank all of you who support us with your prayers and monthly financial contributions. Who are we helping? (names have been changed)

*Wanda and her 3 children recently moved from out of state to escape an abusive situation. She was able to get into Section 8 housing but is struggling as she works to get them all settled. Fortunately, she has a brother close by who has been helping. We helped with some of her deposit and are also bringing the family food from our pantry and gas cards. We are working to get her hooked up to other services – especially for Thanksgiving and Christmas.*

We are grateful for all the support given to us by the OLG community. If you or someone you know needs help, please contact us at 510-581-2164. Please keep us and those we help in your prayers.

### EXECUTION ALERTS

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

October 26th      William Speer      Texas

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

### MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"What matters in the spiritual life is less an unsettling into speculation than trustful surrender to God and loyal obedience. Do not dwell examining how the Immaculata can possibly be pleased with you, but believe that it is a fact, for you were told so. Rely not on reason, but on obedience only."*

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, October 15th:

#### Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Spanish Mass  
1:00pm—Church

### Tuesday, October 17th:

Men's 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, October 18th:

Columbette's Meeting  
6:30pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

RCIA Class  
7:00pm—Parish Office

### Thursday, October 19th:

Adoration & Reconciliation  
6:00pm—Church

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting  
7:00pm—Parish Office

AA Serenity Group  
7:30pm—Augustine Center

### Saturday, October 21st:

Adoration & Reconciliation  
8:45am—Church

Vigil Mass  
5:00pm—Church

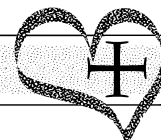
### Sunday, October 22nd:

#### Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Confirmation Class  
12:15pm—Stack Center

Spanish Mass  
1:00pm—Church





# Mass for the Intentions for the Week

**SUNDAY, October 15th**

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Amor Guerrero – D

9:00am Marty Martin – D

11:00am Maria Lau Chan – D

1:00pm OLG Community

**MONDAY, October 16th**

St. Hedwig, Religious

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

8:15am Stephanie Sigmon – L

**TUESDAY, October 17th**

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop &amp; Martyr

8:15am Martha White – D

**WEDNESDAY, October 18th**

St. Luke, Evangelist

8:15am Aaron Mark Melius – L

**THURSDAY, October 19th**

Sts. John de Brébeuf &amp; Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

8:15am Louis Rodrigues – D

**FRIDAY, October 20th**

St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

8:15am Camille Barroso – L

**SATURDAY, October 21st**

8:15am Steve Penland – D

5:00pm Madelaine Martell Pagni – D

**SUNDAY, October 22nd**

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Fagalde Family – L

9:00am Natalie Ingram – L

Aaron Alcorn – D

11:00am Andrew John Burbridge – D

1:00pm OLG Community

## TRANSFIGURATION CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Transfiguration Church will be holding their 1st Christmas Holiday Boutique on **October 28th and 29th**. Come and shop early for the holidays. Lots of wonderful items to peruse and buy. All are welcome!

**Saturday, October 28th from 2:30-5:30pm**

**Sunday, October 29th from 8:15am-1:00pm**

Transfiguration Church is located at 4000 E. Castro Valley Boulevard.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

October 16th through October 22nd

Monday: Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday: Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17; Luke 10:1-9

Thursday: Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54

Friday: Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7

Saturday: Romans 4:13,16-18; Luke 12:8-12

Sunday: Isaiah 45:1,4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21

**ROSARY BEFORE MASS**

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

**WINGS - WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT**

WINGS is a faith enhancement group that encourages spiritual growth through prayer, scripture study, Catechesis, life sharing and community. Our theme this year is *"Joy for the Journey: Rejoice in the Lord Always, Again I Say Rejoice."*

Our meeting will be at the Transfiguration Church Hall. Please follow Covid-19 safety protocols.

Next Meeting: **October 19th**, 9:00am to 11:15am

Speaker: Fr. Raphael Zwolenkiewicz, OFM Conv.

Topic: TBA

For further information or if you would like to attend, please contact: Carolyn Willkie at [willkiecarolyn@gmail.com](mailto:willkiecarolyn@gmail.com).

**PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*"Keep alive within us the flame of hope so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words 'division', 'hatred' and 'war' be banished from the heart of every man and woman."*

-Pope Francis, 2014

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

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