



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Each year, we celebrate a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. It is celebrated from January 18th to January 25th. The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2024 is *"You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbor as yourself"* taken from the Gospel of St. Luke, Chapter 10, verse 27.

The lengthier passage from the Gospel of St. Luke (10:25-37) tells the story of how Jesus is asked by a lawyer, "What must I do to inherit everlasting life?" and Jesus responds, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" The lawyer responds, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." Then Jesus says to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But then in order to justify himself, the lawyer says, "And who is my neighbor?" which leads Jesus to tell the parable of the Good Samaritan.

I am sure that we are all familiar with the story of the Good Samaritan. It offers us the opportunity to reflect on who is our neighbor. We need to ask ourselves who is our neighbor in light of the Story of the Good Samaritan. Each person is brother and sister and mother to us. Each person is neighbor to us. What this week is offering us is an invitation to imitate the love of God by giving of ourselves. Reaching out to others binds us together. There is a unity created between and among us.

Let's pray for Christian Unity. I suggest to offer this prayer for Christian Unity this week: *We pray, O Gracious Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that we all may be one as you are one. In your community of complete unity, we have our beginning and our end. To You, we pray, asking for the gift of visible unity among all who believe in your Christ.*

-Fr. Raphael

OUR LADY OF GRACE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

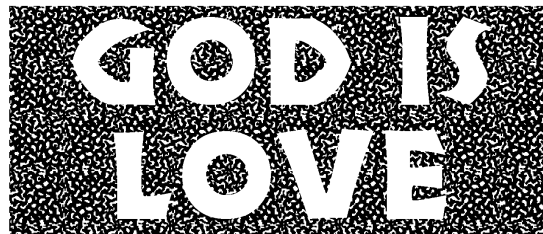
Sunday, January 28th, from 10am to 12:45pm

Our Lady of Grace School, 19920 Anita Ave, Castro Valley, CA 94546 (510-581-3155)

Our Lady of Grace School focuses on living Christ's message as we work together. By recognizing parents as the primary educators of our students, everyone works as a team providing opportunities for students to develop as critical thinkers with a strong sense of self-worth. This is exhibited by their Christ-like approach to all people.

We invite you to be part of our Catholic School Experience where a diverse community is served and our school community strives to model Christ through **Unity, Truth, and Love**. We strive to create a balance of spiritual, academic, and social growth.

Looking forward to seeing you at OLG School.



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The Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time (January 28th)

Mark 1:21-28

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.



CYO ATHLETICS CRAB FEED
February 3rd

Join us as we raise funds for
OLG's CYO Athletics
Get Your Tickets Today!

- Doors open at 5:00pm in Stack Center
- Cost is \$85 per person
- Limited Tables of 10 seats for \$800 and Tables of 12 seats for \$950
- Menu: Crab or Chicken, Pasta, Salad and Bread. *Bring your crab butter!*
- No-Host Bar
- Music, Silent Auction and Raffle!
- KidKare available for \$30 per child (space is limited).

Get your tickets online by visiting: <https://tinyurl.com/OLG-CYO>. See you there!

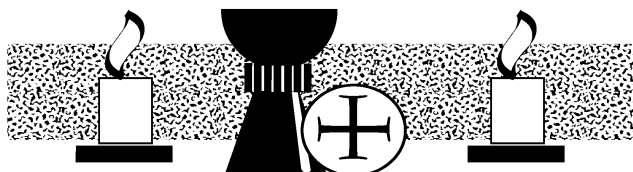
OLG SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
Catholic Schools Week Begins On
January 28th



Our Lady of Grace invites you to the 9:00am Mass followed by their annual Open House for grades TK-8 at 10:00am on **January 28th**. Tour the school, meet our principal, Dr. Gena McGowan, our teachers and school parents. Also, meet representatives from our after-school programs, CYO Board, PTG Board, Tech Coordinator, and Kid Kare Director. Applications for grades TK-8 will be available for the 2024-2025 school year. For more information, please call the OLG School Office at 510-581-3155 between 8:30am-3:00pm. Visit the school's website at: <https://www.olgschool.org/>

THANK YOU FROM FESCO

On behalf of FESCO, Castro Valley Outreach and Our Lady of Grace, St. Vincent de Paul we would like to thank all of you who took home ornaments and brought back gifts to help our families in need. Your generosity turned what would have been a bleak Christmas for many of them into a joyful celebration. There were more than a few tears as we delivered these gifts to them. May God bless all of you for your generosity and may he continue to watch over you in the New Year.



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There are
different gifts
but the same
SPiRiT



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WOMEN'S LENTEN
BIBLE STUDY



Lent is an important season in the Church's liturgical year, the time when we take stock of where we are in our faith and prepare for the death and Resurrection of our Savior. Often we lose sight of the point of this season because we get caught up in ourselves—how hard it is to fast, how bad we are at fasting—and we end up just waiting for the season to be over at Easter. Because of this, we sometimes arrive at Easter with our lives no different than they were on Ash Wednesday.

Please consider joining us as we prepare using a new program from Ascension – *The Lenten Companion, Walking With Jesus to Jerusalem.*

Join us every Tuesday during Lent beginning with the kickoff on **February 13th** at 7:00pm in Stack Center. The Ascension Lenten Companion program includes an inspirational journal and engaging videos by Fr. Mark Toups. Join us as we walk with Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem and encounter his love in a radically new way. If you are unable to join in person, this study can also be done independently. Cost is \$10 for the Lenten Companion Journal. If you are interested, please sign up and pay Jay in the Parish Office by Tuesday, **January 30th**.

COFFEE AND DONUTS
January 21st



Come join us! All are invited after the **9:00am** Sunday Mass to meet in the Gathering Area outside the rear entrance of the church for coffee, donuts and community.

We thank Our Lady of Grace School for this ministry of hospitality. Coffee and Donuts will be held on the 3rd Sunday of every month. See you there!

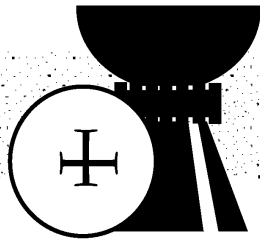


YEARLY CONTRIBUTION
STATEMENTS

For your convenience in preparing your tax return, a contribution statement for 2023 will be prepared at your request. Please phone Jay at 510-537-0806, with your name and envelope number. Your statement will be available for you to pick up once it has been signed.

The Lord is with us
**BODY, BLOOD,
 SOUL & DIVINITY**

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**PAX CHRISTI UPCOMING EVENT
 January 27th**

Save the date! Pax Christi Northern CA along with Newman Nonviolent Peacemakers is hosting Fr. John Dear, well-known teacher of peace on **January 27th** from 9:30am-Noon at Newman Hall/Holy Spirit Parish (2700 Dwight Way, Berkeley) where he will be speaking on his new book, *“The Gospel of Peace”*. At this event we will also be honoring Therese Mughannam Walrath, lifelong peace activist, the winner of our 2023 Tom Webb Memorial Peacemaker of the Year award. For more information email Dennise at denniseburgess@gmail.com.

**ICF DISTRICT CRAB FEED
 February 3rd**



Come join the ICF at their upcoming Crab Feed on **February 3rd** at 6:00pm at St. Philip Neri Parish, Msgr. O’Brien Hall, 3108 Van Buren St. in Alameda. Cost is \$80 per adult and \$20 per child (10 and under). Chicken is available be pre-order only. For reservations, please mail a list of names and choice of entrees with your check, payable to *“ICF East Bay District”*, c/o Fran LaTorre at 28887 Granada Dr., Hayward, CA 94544. **Deadline is January 27th.** Questions? Please call Fran at 510-589-8498.



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.

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.



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 DECEMBER:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 54,725.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 38,000.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 16,725.00
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 15,706.00

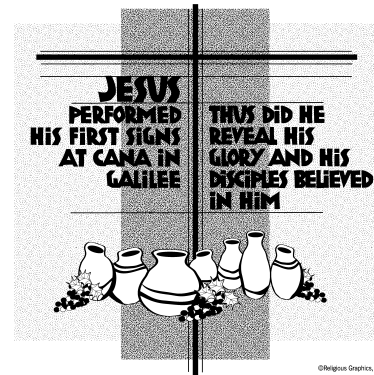
May God bless your continuing generosity.



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:

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| Jaime Arce | Mike Miraglia |
| Phyllis Barthman | Julie Richardson |
| Lois Belmessieri | Diana Riley |
| Jot Brown | Jenny Roberts |
| Raul Cepeda | Al Rojas |
| Nancy French | Alyssia Tortora |
| Joan Gabrielli | James Van Wert |
| Skeet Jennings | Arthur Williams |
| Brian Linney | Peggy Winkenbach |
| Sheila McAlinden | |



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

In Memorial

ANTONIO GONCALVES

MARIO AREVALO

TONYA MARIE FRAGUSO

**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN
 THE MIDDLE EAST**

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE



CYO TRACK & FIELD REGISTRATION



CYO Track & Field is open to grades K-8. Fee for the 2024 program year is \$100 per athlete (\$90 per athlete for families registering 2 or more). **Registration closes on February 16th. To register and for more details, please visit: www.olgcvcyo.com.** If you have questions or if you would like to coach or assist with administration, please email: olgcycv@gmail.com. Go Lions!

OLG SCHOOL LION'S DINEOUT FUNDRAISER

Take a day off from cooking and support Our Lady of Grace School on **January 26th, 11:00am-7:00pm** at Portales Taqueria at 3153 Castro Valley Boulevard. Portales will give back 20% of sales to our school. Happy Dining and thank you for your support of OLG and Portales!

CELEBRATE CHILDREN!

Dear Parents,
Our parish enthusiastically welcomes your growing family to fully celebrate with us. May we suggest:

- ***Relax.** God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house.
- ***Sit** towards the front or aisle where it is easier for little ones to see & hear.
- ***Quietly** explain the parts of the Mass.
- ***Sing** the hymns and **pray** the prayers together.
Children learn from your actions.
- *If necessary, the Family Room located at the right side of the Church is available for your use.

To all Parishioners:
The presence of children is a gift to your Church. Like all of us, they are members of the Body of Christ and a reminder of the growth and future of our Church. Please welcome our children and their parents, and give them a big smile of encouragement!

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Leaving aside the fact that it was [the Immaculata] who gave birth and fed Jesus for us, getting closer to Jesus is no doubt a grace and all graces come to us passing through her."

THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 21st:

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Coffee & Donuts
10:00am—Gathering Area
- 1st Communion Class -Year 2
10:15am—Stack Center
- Confirmation Class
12:15pm—Stack Center

Tuesday, January 23rd:

- Men's Cursillo Meeting
6:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room
- Men's Faith Share
7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

Wednesday, January 24th:

- RCIA
7:00pm—Parish Office

Thursday, January 25th:

- Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church
- Knights of Columbus Meeting
6:30pm—Stack Center, OLG Room
- AA Serenity Group
7:30pm—Augustine Center

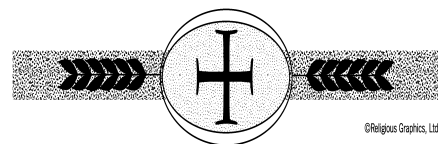
Saturday, January 27th:

- Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

Sunday, January 28th:

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 1st Communion Class -Year 1
10:15am—Stack Center
- OLG School Open House
10:00am-12:45pm
- Confirmation Class
12:15pm—Stack Center



ROSARY BEFORE MASS

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, January 21st

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Ryan Delucchi – D

9:00am Caden Sigmon – L

11:00am OLG Community

1:00pm Jose Avila Lopez – D

MONDAY, January 22nd

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:15am Frank Lang – D

TUESDAY, January 23rd

St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr

St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

8:15am Godofredo Divinagracia Manuel – D

WEDNESDAY, January 24th

St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Mary Guzman – L

THURSDAY, January 25th

The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

8:15am Visitacion Perdido

FRIDAY, January 26th

Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops

8:15am Erlinda P. Barroso – L

SATURDAY, January 27th

St. Angela Merici, Virgin

8:15am Taylor & Felicity Hill – L

5:00pm Juan Avina Morales – D

SUNDAY, January 28th

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Manuel & Dorothy Callier – D

9:00am Frank Lang – D

11:00am Antonio Goncalves – D

1:00pm Selia Avina Valencia – D



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus monthly meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of every month at 6:30pm in Stack Center, OLG Room. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, visit <https://www.kofc.org> or join them at their next meeting on **January 25th.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

January 22nd through January 28th

Monday: 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10; Mark 3:22-30
 Tuesday: 2 Samuel 6:12-15, 17-19; Mark 3:31-35
 Wednesday: 2 Samuel 7:4-17; Mark 4:1-20
 Thursday: Acts 22:3-16; Mark 16:15-18
 Friday: 2 Timothy 1:1-8; Mark 4:26-34
 Saturday: 2 Samuel 12:1-7, 10-17; Mark 4:35-41
 Sunday: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28



FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

In Memory of

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.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Peace in our homes, our families, our schools and communities. Peace in all those places where war never seems to end. Peace for those faces which have known nothing but pain.”

-Pope Francis, 2015

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

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