



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend, the Church celebrates *World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life*. This Day of Prayer was instituted by Pope John Paul II in 1997. To emphasize the need for vocations to Consecrated Life, the Church has transferred World Day of Prayer for Consecrated life to this Sunday in order that the gift of consecrated persons can be recognized by the whole Church.

The actual date for World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life is February 2nd. This is the day the Church celebrates The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. It is the day when Jesus was presented in the Temple by Mary and Joseph. It is also the day which has come to be known as Candlemas Day. On this day, candles are blessed. As they are lit and burnt, they remind us of the Easter Candle blessed during the Easter Vigil which breaks the darkness of churches with the words "Christ Our Light". Let burning candles, whether at home or in Church, remind us that Christ is the Light of the World and all those who live a Consecrated Life are called to reflect Christ's Light to all in the world.

This weekend, we celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life. Think for a moment about those Religious Sisters, Brothers, and Priests who have made an impression upon us. Say a prayer for these men and women in consecrated life who have touched our lives, living and deceased. Say a prayer for them.

We all know that there continues to be a decline to consecrated life as well as priesthood. Pray for an increase of vocations.

And finally, I ask that you remember in your prayers the Franciscan Friars Conventual in particular. Pray for the friars who serve here in Castro Valley at Our Lady of Grace and Transfiguration Churches.

Pray For the Friars Who Have Professed Vows in Franciscan Life.....

Friar Paul Fazio, OFM Conv. celebrating 57 years of Consecrated Life

Friar Raphael Zwolenkiewicz, OFM Conv. celebrating 54 years of Consecrated Life

Friar Kevin Schindler-McGraw, OFM Conv. celebrating 43 years of Consecrated Life

Friar Francisco Nahoe, OFM Conv. celebrating 39 years of Consecrated Life

Friar Luke Vu, OFM Conv. celebrating 26 years of Consecrated Life

Friar Joseph Martin Hoang, OFM Conv. celebrating 11 years of Consecrated Life

.....and please invite someone to discern their vocation to consecrated life!

-Fr. Raphael



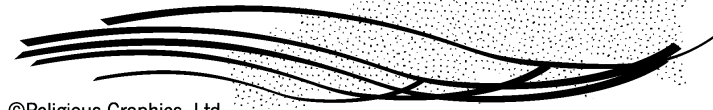
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The Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time (February 11th)

Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once. He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

All the earth
is filled with
the glory of God



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ASH WEDNESDAY
February 14th

Join us for Ash Wednesday in the Church. Our schedule is as follows:



- 7:00am Friary at 19697 Redwood Road
- 8:00am Transfiguration Church
- 8:15am School Mass with Ashes
- 12 Noon Ashes only, no Mass
- 6:00pm Mass with Ashes

Ash Wednesday Soup Meal

Join us in Stack Center following the 6:00pm Mass as we share a simple meal of soup and bread with fellow parishioners. We thank our Whole Family and 1st Communion families for their hospitality.



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.olgcyo.com.** If you have questions or if you would like to coach or assist with administration, please email: olgcyocv@gmail.com. Go Lions!

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2024
February 10th at 11:00am
Cathedral of Christ the Light

World Day of the Sick, initiated by Pope St. John Paul II and held annually worldwide near the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, is celebrated in our diocese this year on Saturday, **February 10th**.

All who are sick or ill, as well as family members, caregivers and healthcare providers, are invited to observe this day together. In addition to Mass, there will also be offered: the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, blessing of caregivers and healthcare providers and distribution of holy water from Lourdes, France. Join us in this special opportunity to pray for healing and hope!

SEEKING EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Participating in a liturgical ministry is an excellent opportunity to fulfill your baptismal call of service to one another. Our liturgies should utilize the talents and gifts that God has given this community to the fullest extent. Please consider offering your time as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Assignments are made on a rotating basis based on individual availability and Mass preference. Training is minimal. Please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806 and leave your contact information. Someone will get back to you. God Bless!

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 their website www.olgschool.org for more information.



FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

First Communion-Year 2
Next Class: February 4th
10:15am—Stack Center

Whole Family Program
Next Class: February 11th
10:15am—Augustine Center

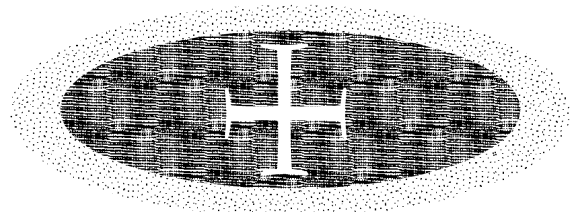
Whole Family-Year 1
Next Class: February 11th
10:15am—Stack Center

Confirmation
Next Class: February 4th
12:15pm—Stack Center

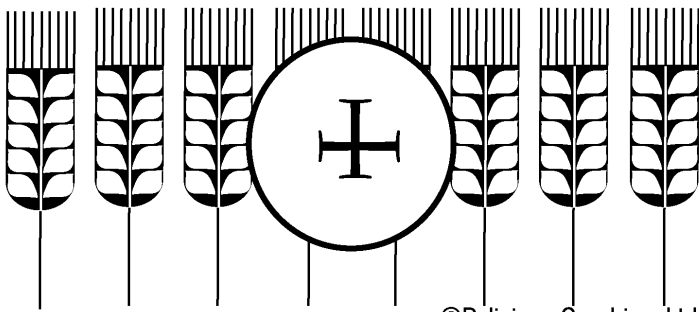


YEARLY CONTRIBUTION
STATEMENTS

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.



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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 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 |
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PRE-BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS & GODPARENTS

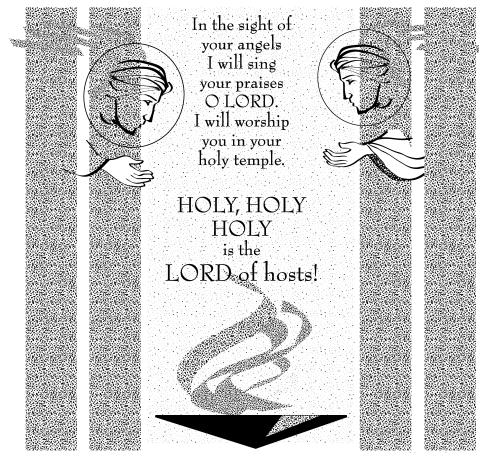
If you are wishing to have your child, ages infant to six years baptized, parents and Godparents need to attend a Pre-Baptism Class. You also need to be registered members of the parish for at least three months. Our next class will be held on **February 7th** in Stack Center, OLG Room at 7:00pm. Please call Jay at 510-537-0806 to register.



The **February 2024** issue of The Catholic Voice is available online at: <https://www.oakdiocese.org/catholicvoiceoakland>

ADORATION & RECONCILIATION

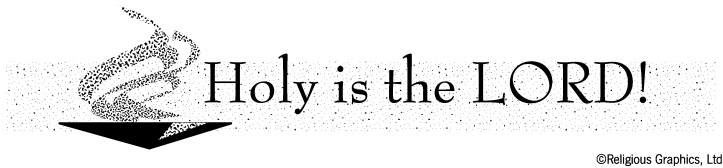
Join us on Thursdays, 6:00-7:00pm for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation and on Saturdays, immediately following the 8:15am Mass, concluding at 10:00am.



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

**In Memorial
PETER CAIN**

**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN
THE MIDDLE EAST
VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE**



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**ICF BAKED POTATO & SALAD BAR DINNER
February 8th**



Come join the ICF in Stack Center for their Baked Potato and Salad Bar Dinner on February 8th. Doors open at 5:30pm and Dinner is at 6:00pm with meeting to follow. Cost is \$15 per person and includes baked potato, salad, all the “fixins”, drinks and dessert. See you there!



**COFFEE AND DONUTS
February 18th**

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 is held on the 3rd Sunday of every month. See you there!

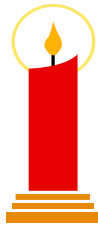
DID YOU KNOW???

Our church has wonderful, hardworking volunteers who clean and set up our pews each week with missalettes, song books and envelopes each week for our Masses. We are grateful for their years of service in doing this!



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.



MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“We are servants, children, slaves, knights, and everything, everything, everything to the Immaculata. In a word, we belong to her, we are hers in every way, hers every day more!”

THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 4th:

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Communion Class -Year 2

10:15am—Stack Center

Confirmation Discipleship Conferences

12:15pm—Stack Center

Monday, February 5th:

Women’s Cursillo Meeting

6:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Tuesday, February 6th:

Men’s Cursillo Meeting

6:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Men’s Faith Share

7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

Wednesday, February 7th:

Pre-Baptism Class

7:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

RCIA

7:00pm—Parish Office

Thursday, February 8th:

Adoration & Reconciliation

6:00pm—Church

ICF Dinner & Meeting

6:00pm—Stack Center

AA Serenity Group

7:30pm—Augustine Center

Saturday, February 10th:

Adoration & Reconciliation

8:45am—Church

Sunday, February 11th:

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Communion Class -Year 1

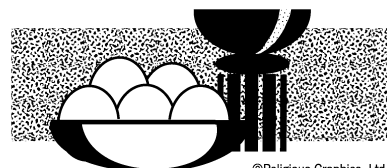
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Whole Family Faith Class

10:15am—Augustine Center

Confirmation Class

12:15pm—Stack Center



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Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, February 4th

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:30am OLG Community
- 9:00am Dulcidia Chocha Chaveial – D
- 11:00am Adelaide Martin – D
- 1:00pm Rosa Martinez Reyes – D

MONDAY, February 5th

St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

- 8:15am Manuel & Dorothy Callier – D

TUESDAY, February 6th

St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

- 8:15am Kimberly Hinkson – L

WEDNESDAY, February 7th

- 8:15am Hilda Manuel – D

THURSDAY, February 8th

St. Jerome Emiliani

St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

- 8:15am George Delima – D

FRIDAY, February 9th

- 8:15am Exequiel Albano – D

SATURDAY, February 10th

St. Scholastica, Virgin

- 8:15am Elisa Romillo – D
- 5:00pm Jardim Family – L

SUNDAY, February 11th

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:30am Grace Gonsalves – D
- 9:00am OLG Community
- 11:00am Cristovao Chocha – L
- 1:00pm Navarro & Sanchez Families – D

RELEVANT RADIO - 1260 AM

Relevant Radio brings you the best in Catholic Radio 24/7! Playing on 1260AM and dedicated to sharing the heart of the Catholic Faith and changing lives.



CHRIST our SAVIOR

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

February 5th through February 11th

- Monday: 1 Kings 8:1-7,9-13; Mark 6:53-56
- Tuesday: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Mark 7:1-13
- Wednesday: 1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23
- Thursday: 1 Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30
- Friday: 1 Kings 11:29-32;12:19; Mark 7:31-37
- Saturday: 1 Kings 12:26-32;13:33-34; Mark 8:1-10
- Sunday: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45

DRESS-A-GIRL MINISTRY

If you like to sew, please consider volunteering with the *Dress-A-Girl Ministry* at Transfiguration Church. They are in need of assistance with sewing simple sundresses for girls in need. Supplies will be provided. Please bring scissors and pinking shears. For more information, please contact Yolanda Arredondo at 510-303-4023 or email: yarredondo747@gmail.com



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!



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.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If everyone were capable of discovering the image of God in their neighbors, do you think that we would still need tanks and generals?"

-Mother Theresa, 1997

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

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