



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Special word of thanks to Dr. Gena McGowen, the principal of OLG School, for speaking to us about Our Lady of Grace Catholic School as Our Lady of Grace School and Catholic Schools from throughout the Diocese of Oakland are ready to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Our Lady of Grace School will be open this **Sunday, January 28th**, from 10:00am until 12:45pm for an Open House. Everyone is invited to come and tour the school, bringing back some memories for alumni of the school while encouraging one and another to make OLG Catholic School the school of choice for Grammar School Education.

### **Open House Begins a Week of Special Activities:**

Tomorrow Evening, **Monday, January 29th**, the School Board will host a Town Hall Meeting for all interested present and future families. It will provide a great opportunity to have questions answered about the “goings on” at OLG as well as to meet the members of the Board. If there are particular questions that you would like to ask, please send them in before the meeting begins.

**Tuesday, January 30th** is a “theme” day, and each class is encouraged to come to school dressed according to the theme chosen by their class and/or teacher. Look out for news of what each class theme is!

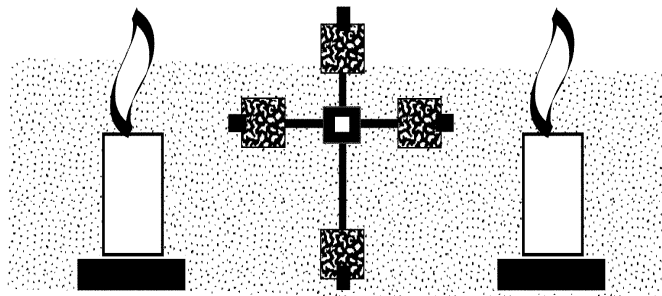
**Wednesday, January 31st**, the school community will gather for their weekly school Mass at 8:15am. There’s a special invitation to grandparents and special friends to participate in the Mass. Let the School know if you will be attending. There will be a reception to follow. The children will be preparing a special song/skit for the occasion.

**Thursday, February 1st**, is Day 100 and a special surprise will occur on the 100th minute of the school day. Students are invited to dress up as if they are 100 years old or as if it is 100 years into the future.

**Friday, February 2nd**, is “Class Color Day,” each class is asked to dress in the color selected for their class. At 1:15pm in Stack Center, come and enjoy performances by our students in the School’s Annual Talent Show. It is always a fun event, so plan on being there.

As the only Catholic Grammar School in Castro Valley, let’s pray for the continued success of OLG School. There is much to be proud of in our parishes of Our Lady of Grace and Transfiguration. This week it’s OLG School.

-Fr. Raphael

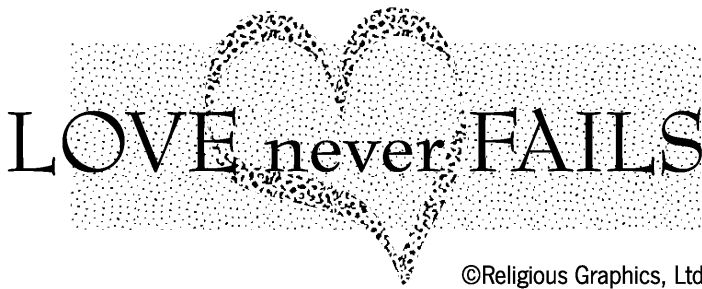


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### **The Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time (February 4th)**

**Mark 1:29-39**

On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them. When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.



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**OLG SCHOOL  
OPEN HOUSE TODAY!**



Our Lady of Grace School will host its annual Open House for grades TK-8 followed by the 9:00am Mass today. 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/>



**CYO ATHLETICS CRAB FEED  
February 3rd  
5:00pm in Stack Center**

*Today, January 28th, is the last day to purchase your tickets!*

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

- 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).



**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.

**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!

**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 13<sup>th</sup>** 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. ***The deadline to sign up is coming soon! If you are interested, please sign up and pay Jay in the Parish Office by Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.***



**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.olgevcyo.com](http://www.olgevcyo.com).** If you have questions or if you would like to coach or assist with administration, please email: [olgyocv@gmail.com](mailto:olgyocv@gmail.com). Go Lions!

# GOD is LOVE



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## 1ST FRIDAY TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

Join us for Traditional Latin Mass on **February 2nd** at 7:00pm, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

## 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.



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## 75th ANNIVERSARY BOOKS

OLG's 75th Anniversary books are available for purchase in the Parish Office. Cost is \$14 per copy. Beautifully written by long time parishioner Mark Vaz, these keepsakes may be autographed upon request.

## 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
<b>Month Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 38,000.00</b>
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 16,725.00
<b>Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]</b>	<b>\$ 15,706.00</b>

*May God bless your continuing generosity.*

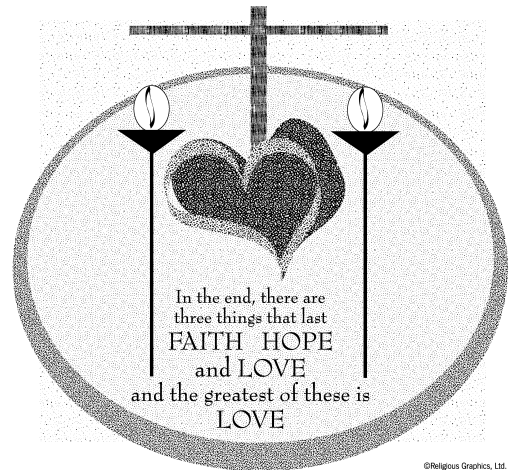


## Your Prayers Are Requested

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

Jaime Arce  
Phyllis Barthman  
Lois Belmessieri  
Jot Brown  
Raul Cepeda  
Nancy French  
Joan Gabrielli  
Skeet Jennings  
Brian Linney  
Sheila McAlinden

Mike Miraglia  
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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

**ANTONIO GONCALVES**

**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN  
THE MIDDLE EAST**

**VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE**



Receive the LORD JESUS

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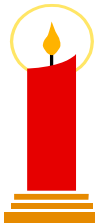
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**DEVOTIONAL CANDLES**

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 express on our part the ardent desire that the ranks of souls consecrated to the Immaculata grow day by day, so that all Catholics may offer themselves spontaneously to her and her absolute property."*

**THIS WEEK**

**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

**Tuesday, January 30th:**

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

**Wednesday, January 31st:**

- RCIA  
7:00pm—Parish Office

**Thursday, February 1st:**

- Adoration & Reconciliation  
6:00pm—Church
- St. Vincent de Paul Meeting  
7:00pm—Parish Office
- AA Serenity Group  
7:30pm—Augustine Center

**Friday, February 2nd:**

- 1st Friday Latin Mass  
7:00pm—Church

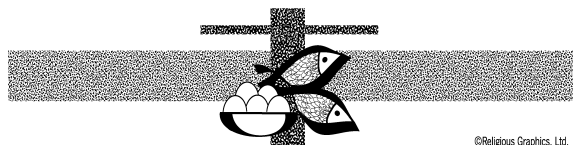
**Saturday, February 3rd:**

- Adoration & Reconciliation  
8:45am—Church
- Militia Immaculata Meeting  
10:00am—Stack Center, OLG Room
- CYO Crab Feed  
5:00pm—Stack Center

**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



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# Mass Intentions for the Week

**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

**MONDAY, January 29th**

8:15am Antonio & Melissa Capote – L

**TUESDAY, January 30th**

8:15am Carmelita Brioso – D

**WEDNESDAY, January 31st**

St. John Bosco, Priest

8:15am Francisco Conde – D

**THURSDAY, February 1st**

8:15am Augusto & Edwina Silva – D

**FRIDAY, February 2nd**

The Presentation of the Lord

8:15am Rebecca Conde – D

**SATURDAY, February 3rd**

St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr

St. Ansgar, Bishop

8:15am Maryann & Howard Harrington – L

5:00pm Mario Arevalo – D

**SUNDAY, February 4th**

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME


7:30am OLG Community

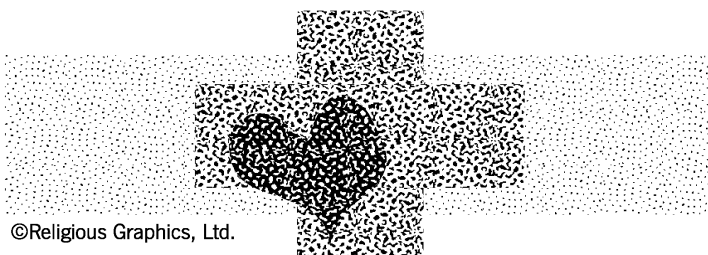
9:00am Dulcidia Chocha Chaveial – D

11:00am Adelaide Martin – D

1:00pm Rosa Martinez Reyes – D

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

January 29th through February 4th

- Monday: 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mark 5:1-20
- Tuesday: 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30-19:3; Mark 5:21-43
- Wednesday: 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Mark 6:1-6
- Thursday: 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Mark 6:7-13
- Friday: Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40
- Saturday: 1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34
- Sunday: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39

**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: **February 1st**, 9:00am to 11:15am

Speaker: Sr. Joann Heinritz, CSJ

Topic: *“Your Faith Will Be Like Gold That Is Tested In Fire! Are You Ready?”*

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**

*“We all have the great duty to realize the deep need for purity of soul, that is, the deep need to possess in us the Holy Spirit, to be possessed by Him. This has to take precedence over everything else. If He lives and works in us, then our activity will be true, and our witness will generate love of truth, even though we may be persecuted and beaten down in apparent incomprehension.”*

-Thomas Merton, 1983

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