



**The Bishop's Ministries Appeal – Goal for Our Lady of Grace Church \$29,000
Many Ministries, One Church**

The Bishop's Ministries Appeal supports over 70 ministries that serve the Church Communities of the Oakland Diocese as well as the greater communities where our parishes are located. This includes faith formation and evangelization, CYO sports, formation of priests to serve parishioners, care of the retired priests, parishes in action programs, and meeting the unexpected needs of schools and parishes.

Your prayers for the success of the Appeal are important. So please consider the particular way that you personally can assist our Church and the Diocese in reaching and even surpassing our goal. You can assist our parish efforts by praying for and donating to the appeal. Support the Bishop's Ministries Appeal by using one of the envelopes sent to you or found in the Church. You can make a cash donation or by writing a check to Our Lady of Grace Church and writing "Bishop's Appeal" in the memo field or contributing online. Contributions to the Appeal can be made as a one-time donation or made monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually. Any amount raised above our Parish Goal is returned back to our Church. Your donation to the Appeal is greatly appreciated. Thank You so very much.

Our Lady of Grace Church was truly blessed to have achieved its goal for the 2023 Bishop's Ministries Appeal and looks forward to achieving this year's goal of \$29,000. Your generous donation to the Appeal assists in providing needed funds for programs and projects throughout the Diocese to continue and flourish. Thank You so very much.

HOLY HOUR FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday, April 7, 2024



Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Today, the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday. It was five days after the Canonization of St. Faustina, May 5, 2000, that the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter, this Sunday, be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

Repeatedly, The Lord requested of St. Faustina that a Feast of Mercy, Divine Mercy Sunday, be observed. On 14 occasions the Lord requested of St. Faustina: My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a

whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me. ... It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.

Celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday, this afternoon at 3:00 PM at Our Lady of Grace Church, a Holy Hour for Divine Mercy will be taking place. Everyone is invited to attend.

Fr. Raphael

Third Sunday of Easter (April 14th)

Luke 24:35-48

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Beginning in April, Jay our Parish Secretary will be away on vacation. The office will be closed on the following Fridays: **April 5th, 12th and 19th**. We thank you for your understanding.

**BISHOPS MINISTRIES APPEAL
MANY MINISTRIES, ONE CHURCH**

Bishop Barber has selected the theme for the Appeal —*Many Ministries, One Church*—as a reminder that each of us is an essential member of the Body of Christ that is our Church. Our charitable works are strengthened when we work together and when we work toward heaven. Our parish achieved 127.75% of our goal last year with a small member participation—imagine what we can do with greater participation. While OLG is your spiritual home, we are also part of a much larger, universal family and we have responsibilities to them as well. Let us act together to accomplish great things !

To make your donation, please use the envelopes provided in the pews or make your donation online by visiting: <https://www.oakdiocese.org/bishops-ministries-appeal>

**WOMEN’S FAITH SHARE GROUP
EXPLORING THE FOUR GOSPELS**

The Women’s Tuesday Faith Share Group begins a foundational Bible study, with Dr. Brant Pitre on Tuesday, **April 16** at 7:00pm in Stack Center. This video series will take us on a tour of the Four Gospels answering such questions about the origins of the Gospels, such as:

- Who wrote the Gospels? Are they really anonymous?
- When were the Gospels written?
- What did the Church Fathers believe?
- What do modern scholars believe? Why?

This 6 week series meets every Tuesday thru **May 21st** in Stack Center and all women of the Parish are invited to join in watching the video and discussion each week. Questions—contact Heidi at heidimdh106@gmail.com.



ROSARY BEFORE MASS

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

PEACE

Be with you



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THANK YOU TO OUR DECORATORS....

We are most grateful to all the volunteers under the direction of Claudia who worked hard on Holy Saturday morning to beautify our worship space for our Easter liturgies. May God Bless your all for your time and talents !

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Confirmation

Next Class: April 14th
12:15pm—Stack Center

Whole Family-Year 1

Next Class: April 21st
10:15am—Stack Center

First Communion-Year 2

Rehearsal: May 4th
10:45am—Church

Whole Family Program

Next Class: May 19th
10:15am—Augustine Center

1ST COMMUNION RETREAT

Please pray for our 1st Communion - Year 2 students as they attend their Retreat on **April 14th** in preparation for they 1st Holy Eucharist in May.



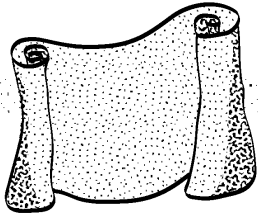
CONFIRMATION

Please pray for our Confirmation candidates as they prepare for the Rite of Confirmation on **May 4th** at 11:00am at the Cathedral of Christ the Light.



MEN’S FAITH SHARE

The OLG’s Men Faith Share Group meets on Tuesdays at 7:00pm in Stack Center, OLG Room. All men of the Parish are invited to come. This group meets each week to read and discuss the upcoming Sunday’s readings for the Mass. If you are looking for a small group setting to pray with and explore the Word each week, plan on joining us!



Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever, therefore, **John,** write on the scroll what you see.

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We deeply thank the following donors who have given generously towards sponsoring our Altar Candle Memorial.

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FESCO SPRING BENEFIT SALE

Come and find wonderful deals on collectibles, housewares, succulents, sports memorabilia, costume jewelry, electronics, vintage items, eclectic décor, toys and much more! All proceeds will support FESCO, the Family Shelter in its efforts to end family homelessness in Alameda County and beyond!

2918 Hidden Lane in Hayward

Friday, May 3rd: 10:00am-5:00pm
Saturday & Sunday, May 4th & 5th: 9:00am-5:00pm

Thank you for your support!



**OLG SCHOOL'S FUN RUN
April 26th**

OLG School's Annual Healthy Kids Fun Run is scheduled for April 26th! The Fun Run is one of the most important fundraising activities OLG brings to our community all year.

Consider being a Sponsor to show your support and make an impact. With the funds raised, OLG will invest in OLG students with the school's needs-based scholarships and financial aid. Logo Sponsorship is \$600. Family, Business Name and Class Sponsorship is \$300.

Click the QR code to become a Sponsor and help OLG School achieve their \$56,500 goal!



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 FEBRUARY:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 38,099.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 49,608.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [11,509.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [16,975.00]

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 | Diana Riley |
| Lois Belmessieri | Jenny Roberts |
| Jot Brown | Al Rojas |
| Raul Cepeda | Helen Star |
| Nancy French | Alyssia Tortora |
| Joan Gabrielli | James Van Wert |
| Brian Linney | Arthur Williams |
| Sheryl Michaud | Peggy Winkenbach |
| Julie Richardson | |

And Jesus said to Thomas,

PUT YOUR FINGER HERE AND SEE MY HANDS AND BRING YOUR HAND AND PUT IT INTO MY SIDE, AND DO NOT BE UNBELIEVING, BUT BELIEVE.



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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

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



COFFEE AND DONUTS
April 19th

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!

OUR LADY OF GRACE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS
Did You Know??



- We welcome Friar Joseph Martin, OFM Conv. to next year's faculty. Friar Joseph will provide support in mathematics to our students in the higher grades, joining our current teacher, Mr. Stone, who works with grades 3-5. Just another way of ensuring that our curriculum is robust and individualized.
- Latin is taught as part of our Language Arts curriculum in order to strengthen grammatical and memorization skills and to reinforce our Catholic identity.
- Individualized tours are available by contacting the Principal at our website: www.olgschool.org.

Blessings to all!



OLG LIONS AT THE LINKS
Charity Golf Tournament
Save the Date-May 13th

Our Lady of Grace School will be hosting a golf tournament on Monday, **May 13th**. We invite you to support OLG, Castro Valley's top performing school, as part of *OLG Lions at the Links* and receive great visibility for your business—help close the gap with our needs-based scholarship fund for our outstanding and deserving scholars! We would also love our Parish Community to join us out at the links—so register to play today!

For more details, to sponsor and to register, please scan the QR code. Register today before prices increase after April 15th.



Questions? Please email: ptg@olgschool.org

THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 7th:

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

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

Whole Family Program
 10:15am—Augustine Center

Tuesday, April 9th:

Men's Cursillo Meeting
 6:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Men's Faith Share
 7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

Wednesday, April 10th:

RCIA
 6:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Thursday, April 11th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
 6:00pm—Church

AA Serenity Group
 7:30pm—Augustine Center

Friday, April 12th:

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, April 13th:

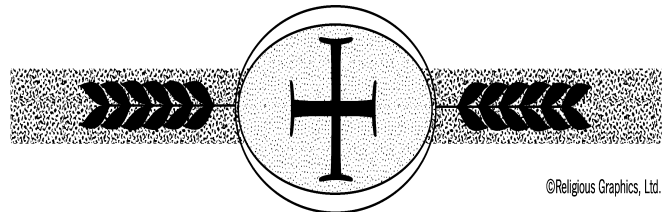
Adoration & Reconciliation
 8:45am—Church

Sunday, April 14th:

Third Sunday of Easter

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

Confirmation Class
 12:15pm—Stack Center



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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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, April 7th

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

- 7:30am OLG Community
- 9:00am Anty Zaldivar – D
- 11:00am Maria Ha Vo – D
- 1:00pm Ricardo Preciado – D

MONDAY, April 8th

- 8:15am Glen & Abby Wright – L

TUESDAY, April 9th

- 8:15am Manuel & Dorothy Callier – D

WEDNESDAY, April 10th

- 8:15am Cristavao O. Chocha – L

THURSDAY, April 11th

- 8:15am Lilia Sousa – D

FRIDAY, April 12th

- 8:15am Rafael Ibarra – L

SATURDAY, April 13th

- 8:15am Hilda Manuel – D
- 5:00pm Fr. Paul Fazio, OFM Conv. – L

SUNDAY, April 14th

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 7:30am OLG Community
- 9:00am Maria Aguiar Gomes – D
- 11:00am Chuck & Zennie Bohn & Family – L
- 1:00pm Rosa Martinez Reyes – D

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

April 8th through April 14th

- Monday: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21
- Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48



*Be doers of the Word
and not hearers only*

UNBOUND—FREEDOM IN CHRIST CONFERENCE

Respond to the good news of the gospel and apply truth to your life. Take hold of the freedom Christ won for you! All are invited on **April 20th (9:00am-4:30pm)** to participate in this one-day conference held at St. Raymond’s Church in Dublin at 11555 Shannon Avenue. Early bird registration is \$35 and includes lunch.

Scan the QR code for early bird registration by April 10th.



After April 10th, registration is \$45.

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.



EXECUTION ALERTS

The following execution is scheduled to take place in April:

- April 4th** Michael Smith OK
- April 9th** Brian Dorsey MO

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

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“It is only by leaning on the steadfast rock [of obedience] that we can be steadfast as God, because we are sure of His will through the Immaculata. Oh, Immaculata, I renew my consecration to you. May I always cling to obedience in order to fulfill God’s will through you.”

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Everything that is in the heavens, on earth, and under the earth is penetrated with connectedness, penetrated with relatedness.”

-St. Hildegard of Bengen, 1152

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