



**PLEASE SUPPORT THE BISHOP'S MINISTRIES
Appeal As Generously As You Can**

*If we act together as members of one family united in Christ's love,
we can realize and accomplish great things.*

The Bishop's Ministries Appeal is a yearly campaign that raises funds for a variety of ministries, services, and programs that benefit many throughout the East Bay.

**MANY MINISTRIES
ONE CHURCH**
BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL 2024

There are five specific areas that receive funds from the Appeal: *Religious Education & Formation; Clergy Formation & Support; Pastoral Ministries & Services; Priest Retirement & Care; and Support for Catholic Schools & Parishes* in need.

Funds raised are never directed to any other use.

This year, 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.

In 2023, Our Lady of Grace parish raised \$36,157 for the Appeal. Our overall parish goal is \$29,000. Together, we can reach that goal, and when we exceed it, our parish will receive 100% of all funds over goal to address some of our own needs. A gift to the Appeal truly extends to both the local and larger community.

Thank you for your time and response as faithful stewards of God's Church. **God Bless you!**

Bishop's Ministries Appeal Prayer

*Loving and merciful God, we are your family, brothers and sisters entrusted with
the mission of your Church in the Diocese of Oakland.*

Thank you for the precious gift of Your Most Holy Eucharist.

*Thank you for transforming us by it, and for filling us with your Divine Love so we can help bring Your Presence to
our families, friends, neighborhoods, and the world.*

*May our Blessed Mother, Queen of the World and patroness of our Diocese,
lead us to You and walk with us in our challenges and struggles.*

*May our work, through the Bishop's Ministries Appeal, bring You joy
and bring Your gentle mercy and care to all we serve.*



Fourth Sunday of Easter (April 21st)

John 10:11-18

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father."



**2024 BISHOP'S
MINISTRIES APPEAL**
Many Ministries, One Church

How was the Bishop's Appeal goal of \$3 million determined? How are parish goals determined? In 2023 the amount raised was \$2.73 million. Considering the needs and costs of diocesan programs and ministries, the diocese decided to keep the 2024 goal at \$3 million. Parish goals are determined by unrestricted parish revenue over a given period.

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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 16th** 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.



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PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Jay our Parish Secretary is away on vacation. The office will be closed on Friday, **April 19th**. We thank you for your understanding.



**FUNERAL MASS
FOR MIKE MIRAGLIA**

Mike Miraglia's funeral Mass is scheduled for **Saturday, May 4th at 1:00pm** at Our Lady of Grace Church. A reception in Stack Center will immediately follow. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked for donations to be given to the San Leandro Boys and Girls Club Foundation at 250 Juana Avenue, #201, San Leandro, CA 94577.

1ST COMMUNION RETREAT

Please pray for our 1st Communion - Year 2 students as they attend their Retreat today, **April 14th** in preparation for their 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.

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!





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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

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Confirmation

Next Class: April 21st
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

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 **May 1st** in Stack Center, OLG Room at 7:00pm. Please call Jay at 510-537-0806 to register.



COLUMBIETTES

Attention Ladies! Are you interested in becoming active in our parish? Come see what the Columbiettes are all about. This week, we will meet on **April 17th**, 6:30-7:30pm in Stack Center, OLG Room. For additional information, please visit:

<https://www.californiacolumbiettes.com>

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 MARCH:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 57,136.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 36,283.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 20,853.00
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 3,878.00

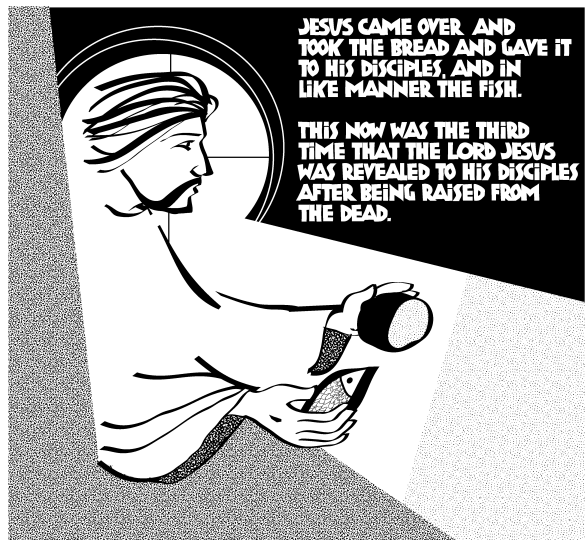
May God bless your continuing generosity.



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 |



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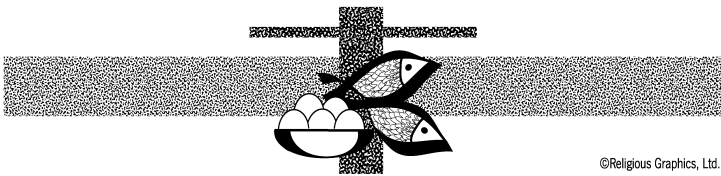
Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of a loved one.

In Memorial

JULIE RICHARDSON

VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE



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**COFFEE AND DONUTS
April 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 is held on the 3rd Sunday of every month. See you there!



**OLG LIONS AT THE LINKS
Charity Golf Tournament
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



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.

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The more unhappy or mired in guilt the soul is, the more that Refuge of us poor sinners surrounds it with caring protection. But never grieve if you do not ever feel such love. If you want to love, that is already a sure sign that you are loving; but it is only a love that stems from the will. Even exterior feeling is the fruit of grace, but it does not always follow the will immediately.”

THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 14th:

Third Sunday of Easter

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

Confirmation Class
12:15pm—Stack Center

Monday, April 15th:

Women’s Cursillo Meeting
6:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Tuesday, April 16th:

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

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

Wednesday, April 17th:

RCIA
6:00pm—Parish Office

Columbiette’s Meeting
6:30pm—Stack Center

Thursday, April 18th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

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

AA Serenity Group
7:30pm—Augustine Center

Friday, April 19th:

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, April 20th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

Sunday, April 21st:

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Coffee & Donuts
After the 9:00am Mass—Gathering Area

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

Confirmation Class
12:15pm—Stack Center

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY, April 15th

- 8:15am Jose, Rose Maria & Filomena Freitas – D

TUESDAY, April 16th

- 8:15am Alejandro Porcuna Jr. – D

WEDNESDAY, April 17th

- 8:15am Viet & Thuy Nguyen – L

THURSDAY, April 18th

- 8:15am Jose & Manuel Farea – D

FRIDAY, April 19th

- 8:15am Ruth Picha – D

SATURDAY, April 20th

- 8:15am Louis Rodrigues – D
- 5:00pm Antonio O. Chocha – D

SUNDAY, April 21st

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 7:30am Fred Dillon – L
- 9:00am Cindy Maria Jardim – D
- 11:00am OLG Community
- 1:00pm Saul & Esdeyve Chavez

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

April 15th through April 21st

- Monday: Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29
- Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1; John 6:30-35
- Wednesday: Acts 8:1-8; John 6:35-40
- Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51
- Friday: Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59
- Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69
- Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

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.



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.

Next Meeting: **April 18th**, 9:00am to 11:15am

Speaker: Fr. Luke Vu, OFM Conv.

Topic: To Be Announced

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



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.

MILITIA IMMACULATA MEETINGS

Come join us as members of the Militia Immaculata (MI) on the 1st Saturday of each month at 10:00am in Stack Center, OLG Room. Our next meeting will be on **May 4th**.



PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Those who remain silent are responsible.”

-St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

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

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