



My Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

This weekend, with Memorial Day this Monday, May 27, we are all invited and encouraged to pay our respects to all those men and women who have given their all for our nation. Along with being a civic holiday, we can also place it in the context of our faith. From the beginning of the celebration of Memorial Day, Memorial Day has embodied core aspects of faith: sacrifice, love, and rebirth and it is no different today. In Jesus' life death and resurrection, we experience His Sacrifice, His Love and Our Rebirth. So, as we celebrate Trinity Sunday, let us reflect upon the Lord and all He has done for us. The Lord gave Himself completely for us and our salvation. As we celebrate Memorial Day, remember the lives lost so that we might live in freedom. In a true sense, we are able to walk in freedom. So, as we celebrate Trinity Sunday, this weekend, let pray for all those who have served and offered their lives completely for our freedom. Let us begin and end our prayers in memory of them ... in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Memorial Day is deeply rooted with sacrifices which embody the willingness of so many to die for a cause It is reminiscent of religious martyrdom. Throughout our history, the image of the fallen soldier as a martyr has been solidified. Consider Jesus Christ who died upon the cross and after being taken down was placed in the arms of His loving Mother.

Taking a spiritual approach to Memorial Day, we focus on the selflessness that soldiers demonstrate by sacrificing everything, even their lives, for their comrades and their country. Our focus is to honor the suffering of those who served and died. Our focus as a people of faith is the cross and Jesus Christ who in dying, rose from the dead. The Paschal Mystery is ever present.

And so, it makes remembering and honoring fallen soldiers more important as they remain alive in our collective civic memory. In celebrating Memorial Day, we can learn from the life of the Lord and the examples of the lives of so many who have served and died for our nation. Memorial Day honors all lives lost. By doing this, we recognize the value of each and every life and for peace to reign in our nation and throughout the world. With all the unrest throughout the world let us pray ... in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit That God's hand is at work to bring about harmony and peace among nations. This experience is so important today.

Once again, as we focus on our faith and celebrate Memorial Day, we look to our Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to help us to understand more profoundly the sacrifice, love, and rebirth that the lives and deaths of those who have served embody.

To honor those who gave their lives for our country we must protect the freedom which gave meaning to their lives and which gives meaning to ours. In doing so, may God, Father, Son, and Spirit, be praised today, tomorrow and always.

Have a Blessed Trinity Sunday and Memorial Day. Enjoy!

-Fr. Raphael

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (June 2nd)

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water. Follow him. Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Make the preparations for us there." The disciples then went off, entered the city, and found it just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover. While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.



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

What types of gifts will be accepted?
Gifts are gratefully accepted via check, credit card or direct debit of a checking account. Parishioners may give online by visiting the Bishop's Ministries Appeal website shown below. Other gifts of stock or securities, easily liquidated property, and bequests are also most appreciated!

Our charitable works are strengthened when we work together and when we work toward heaven. 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>



27th ANNUAL FESCO SHUFFLE
June 8th–10:00am to 2:00pm
Moreau Catholic High School

Fight Family Homelessness! The Shuffle is a free-fun, and family-oriented community event where the proceeds benefit the FESCO program. The community is invited to sponsor the event, and walk or run that day. Businesses can also get involved in the event by sponsoring the FESCO Shuffle. Participants will enjoy a fun-filled day for all ages with music provided by a popular Bay Area band, a Kids-Zone with fun games and prizes, food, and much more!

All are invited to join Team OLG or donate at www.fescoshuffle.org or by scanning the QR code.

For more information please visit: www.fescofamilysHELTER.org



GENEROUS THANK YOU!

We thank Knights of Columbus members **Bret Sanford** and **Tim Schantin** for the beautification and cleaning of the Prayer Garden between the Church and Parish Office. We are most grateful for their time and talent!



Come visit our Prayer Garden! We welcome all parishioners who seek a bit of time away from our busy lives for prayer and spiritual reflection. Come to the Parish Office during our business hours so Jay may let you in.



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MEMORIAL DAY

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, **May 27th**. We will reopen on Tuesday, **May 28th** at 8:30am. We wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday!





**CONGRATULATIONS TO
OUR LADY OF GRACE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**Saturday, June 1st
10:30am**

CLASS OF 2024

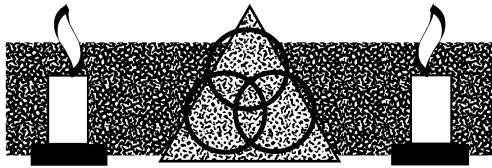
Michael Arthur	Philip Killenberg
John Baker	Ethan Kwok
Cayden Belizario	Maceo Lucero
Ethan Buonopane	Mahal McBride
Emma Dessus	Grace Montoya
Yaretzi Garcia	Elissa Mora
Brooklynn Hill	Madeline Moran
Eleanor Hollis	Lucas Peters
Adrian Huang	Aashna Raj
Marianne Igrobay	Alexander Rayo
Matthew Jayasuriya	Victoria Sandoval
Addison Joe	Savannah Socher
John Tyler Kennedy	Colin Wallace



We congratulate our 8th Grade Graduates and their families as they complete their education pursuits at OLG and now prepare to move on to their various new high schools. We can be rightly proud of the many accomplishments of this year's graduation class—it is a clear indication of the talents of our students and of the commitment and support they received from family and teachers along the way. We wish them well and we offer profound thanks to our school's wonderful interim principal, faculty and staff who have done so much to prepare them for this new adventure!

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS
SPECIAL COLLECTION**
May 25th & 26th

This special collection connects people locally and around the world with Christ through the internet, television, radio and print media. 50% of the funds we collect stay in our diocese to support local communication efforts as well as projects in developing countries. Envelopes will be in the pews for your use. May God bless you for your generosity!



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ST. VINCENT de PAUL NEWS



Thank You For Your Contributions

St. Vincent de Paul is grateful for the support of the Our Lady of Grace community. We rely on your donations to continue this ministry. Please keep us in your prayers as we work to help our less fortunate neighbors. Here are a couple of examples of what your support allows us to do:

Terri lives in her car. She is currently enrolled in a truck driving course and hopes to find a job in long-haul trucking. This job would allow her to live in her truck and save money. We have been helping her for the past several months with gas and food cards. Please pray that she passes her test.

SVdP has been helping Lacey for the past 18 months. She had to leave her Teamster job due to a number of serious health issues. It took many months for the right doctors to sign off on her disability claims. By that time, she had run through all her money. She is currently living in a tent on the patio of a friend who lives in a trailer park. It is a dismal situation. We've given her a new tent, clothing and occasionally food and gas cards. We are praying that her application to Section 8 housing is accepted and that she finds a more humane place to live.

If you are interested in knowing more about this ministry or ways that you might help, please contact Heidi Denzler-Halsey at 510-581-2164.



1ST FRIDAYS EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION

All are invited to join us on **June 7th** after the 8:15am Mass on the 1st Friday of each month for Exposition and Benediction of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

MEN'S FAITH SHARE

The OLG's Men Faith Share Group meets on Tuesdays at 7:00pm in Stack Center, Room 7. 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!

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 APRIL:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 37,036.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 43,500.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [6,464.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [2,586.00]

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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| Esperanza Ortega Alarcón | Jennifer Mabini |
| Susan Anderson | Sheryl Michaud |
| Lois Belmessieri | Diana Riley |
| Al Bronzini | Jenny Roberts |
| Jot Brown | Al Rojas |
| Raul Cepeda | Helen Star |
| Nancy French | Lisa Tortora |
| Joan Gabrielli | James Van Wert |
| Maria C. Gallegos | Arthur Williams |
| Adie Gonzales | Peggy Winkenbach |
| Brian Linney | |



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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

LEROY TADDEI

VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE



**FAITH FORMATION
REGISTRATION 2024-2025**

*Registration for 1st Communion,
Confirmation and Whole Family 2024-2025 is now
open for children entering grades 1st–12th.*

Online Registration and payment is available on our website at www.olgcv.org. On the homepage, scroll down and click on the 'Faith Formation' or 'Confirmation' boxes.

Registration forms are also available in the Parish Office. Please bring your payment of check or cash.

Cost is \$120 per child and \$60 for each additional child in the same household. **If you register by June 15th, you will receive an early bird discount of \$20 for the 1st child.** If you are in need of financial assistance, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

All Children Are Welcome!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayer shawls are universal and embracing, they comfort and enfold, wrap and warm, shelter and embrace. Our prayer shawls are knit with love and are blessed. If you have a loved one who is in need and would like to give them this gift of prayer, you are welcome to pick one up at the Parish Office.



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MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"No one converts or is sanctified without the grace of God...provided that the soul wishes to collaborate with such grace. For this reason, therefore, one can speak neither of conversion nor of sanctification without the help of the Immaculata, the Mother of grace. Indeed, the closer one comes to this Dispenser of divine graces, the more graces one obtains, the more easily one is made holy and contributes to the sanctification of others."

THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 26th:

The Most Holy Trinity

Monday, May 27th:

**Memorial Day
Parish Office Closed**

Tuesday, May 28th:

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

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

Thursday, May 30th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

AA Serenity Group
7:30pm—Stack Center

Friday, May 31st:

8th Grade Baccalaureate Mass
9:30am—Church

Saturday, June 1st:

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

Militia Immaculata Meeting
10:00am—Stack Center, Room 7

8th Grade Graduation Ceremony
10:30am—Church

Sunday, June 2nd:

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

**KATHERINE VAZ BOOK TALK
"Above the Salt"**

Renowned author and OLG School graduate, Katherine Vaz invites all to celebrate the publication of her latest novel "Above the Salt" at the **Castro Valley Library on June 9th (2:00-4:00pm)**. Please register at www.aclibrary.org.

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.



Mass Intentions for the Week



SUNDAY, May 26th

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

- 7:30am OLG Community
- 9:00am Jesus San Nicolas – D
- 11:00am Mary Fatima Chocha – L
- 1:00pm Imelda Sanchez Mendoza – D

MONDAY, May 27th

- 8:15am Mary Borges – D

TUESDAY, May 28th

- 8:15am Celia Dorado – L

WEDNESDAY, May 29th

- 8:15am Cindy Maria Jardim – D

THURSDAY, May 30th

- 8:15am Jerome Gann – D

FRIDAY, May 31st

- 8:15am Eleuterio Jardim – D

SATURDAY, June 1st

- 8:15am Chase Sigmon – L
- 5:00pm Danilo “Dino” Maralit Africa – D

SUNDAY, June 2nd

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

- 7:30am OLG Community
- 9:00am Cindy Jardim – D
- 11:00am Manuel & Dorothy Callier – D
- 1:00pm Ortega & Alonso Family – L

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

May 27th through June 2nd

- Monday: 1 Peter 1:3-9; Mark 10:17-27
- Tuesday: 1 Peter 1:10-16; Mark 10:28-31
- Wednesday: 1 Peter 1:18-25; Mark 10:32-45
- Thursday: 1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12; Mark 10:46-52
- Friday: Zephaniah 3:14-18; Luke 1:39-56
- Saturday: Jude 17, 20-25; Mark 11:27-33
- Sunday: Exodus 24:3-8; Hebrew 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16, 22-26



his word and gospel
are our light

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WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness in your life and marriage. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on **July 12th-14th** at San Damiano Retreat Center in Danville. Go to www.wwme.org to find the Experience that is just right for you!

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.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Christians must become active in every possible way, mobilizing all their resources for the fight against war...Peace is to be preached, non-violence is to be explained as a practical method and not left to be mocked...”

-Thomas Merton, 1961

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

PRE-BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS & GODPARENTS



If you are wishing to have your child baptized, ages infant to six years, 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 **June 5th** in Stack Center, OLG Room at 7:00pm. Please call Jay at 510-537-0806 to register.

EXECUTION ALERTS

The following execution is scheduled to take place in **May**:

May 30th Jamie Mills Alabama

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

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