



Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

As we celebrate Independence Day, the 4th of July this week, we can call to mind the words of the Preamble to the Declaration of Independence: *we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.* As our country celebrates Independence Day on July 4th, we, baptized into the family of God, the Church, can celebrate the 4th of July with the acknowledgement that it is in and through the Celebration of Baptism that we are marked with the indelible sign of the sacrament, a sign that cannot be erased. Inalienable rights are rights that cannot be taken away.

This week we celebrate that which took place on July 4, 1776. We celebrate the fact that this great nation was established. As we celebrate our citizenship in this nation, through Baptism, we celebrate each of us being incorporated into Christ and His Church. In renouncing sin and making a profession of faith, we proclaim that this is our faith. It is the faith of the Church and we ought to be proud in professing our faith with one another, in Christ Jesus the Lord. On July 4th, we hear the National Anthem being sung with such enthusiasm. As members of the Church, we have the Profession of Faith. This Profession of Faith, I believe in one God...., needs to be recited wholeheartedly. It needs to be given expression in our daily lives so that being baptized into new life in Christ Jesus, we are immersed into the Paschal Mystery, the life, death, and resurrection of the Lord. Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness are the inalienable rights spoken of in the Preamble to the Declaration of Independence. Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness are ours in our Life in Christ Jesus as members of Christ's Family, the Church. We are given new life in Christ. We are given freedom, no longer living in the darkness of sin but walking in the light of the Lord. The pursuit of happiness is ours, sharing in the good things of the Lord every day of our lives and looking forward to one day being with the Lord in heaven.

This is our true happiness. We are citizens of heaven. Baptism is the public declaration of our faith and our rebirth in Christ Jesus, the Lord. This Sacrament binds us together as members of God's Family, the Church. The Pledge of Allegiance, I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America..... is our civic declaration of our connectedness to one another and to this nation.

Enjoy the 4th of July! Celebrate our independence under God, indivisible! Celebrate Baptism!

-Fr. Raphael



The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 7th)

Mark 6:1-6

Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples. When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

OLG 2024 HARVEST FESTIVAL
September 28th & 29th
SAVE THE DATE!



Our annual Festival is in the works! Celebrate the Fall Season and its glorious autumn colors with family and friends! Congratulations to OLG student Shefali Alejos, our T-shirt Design Contest Winner! Thanks to all the kids who entered their fabulous designs.

As always, our Festival will have delicious food, outdoor Sunday Mass, live music and entertainment, an exciting Raffle, carnival games, vintage cars, Oktoberfest and much more!

The Festival cannot succeed without the time and talent of OLG's parishioners and School families. Stay tuned! More details to come on how you can help make this year's Festival a memorable one for all.

Mark your calendars!
 It's going to be a fun weekend for everyone!

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION
June 29th & 30th

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. Envelopes are in the pews for your use. For more information, visit: www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html



FAITH FORMATION
REGISTRATION 2024-2025

Registration for 1st Communion, Confirmation and Whole Family 2024-2025 is 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' box.

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 are in need of financial assistance, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

All Children Are Welcome!



Love is
 my command
 to you

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4TH OF JULY

The Parish Office will be closed on **Wednesday, July 3rd** and **Thursday, July 4th**. We will reopen on **Friday, July 5th** at 8:30am. We wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday!



ST. VINCENT de PAUL NEWS
Thank You For Your Contributions

Here are more examples of how your generous contributions are helping those in our community:

Donna and her adult daughter recently moved from Hayward and are in Section 8 housing. They were homeless for a time and feel blessed to have good and safe housing. Her daughter works doing in-home care but they occasionally need help with food and household items.

Kevin is an older gentleman who lives in low-income housing. His place is clean but lacks enough furniture to make it livable. He gets enough in Social Security to make it through the month but not enough for any extras—like furniture. Between some personal contacts and the SVdP thrift store, we will hopefully have him living more comfortably in these next couple of weeks.

If you are interested in knowing more about the St. Vincent de Paul ministry, you can talk to any of us who are outside the entrances of the church on the last weekend of every month, taking donations or give Heidi Denzler-Halsey a call at 510-581-2164.

OUR LADY OF GRACE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School, Castro Valley's only Catholic elementary and middle school, is now accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year. For more information and to register, please visit: www.olgschool.org. To schedule a personal tour, please email Dr. Gena McGowan, Principal at gmcgowan@csdo.org. Please keep in mind that there will possibly be a delay in response due to the summer schedule, but beginning July 8th, daily appointments will be available.

GOD IS LOVE

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

2024 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL

Many thanks to those parishioners who have already generously contributed towards our Bishop's Ministries

Appeal. Following is the status of this appeal through **May 31st**:

Actual Donations Received:	\$16,862.00
Overall Goal for 2024:	\$29,000.00
# of Acknowledged Donors to date:	57
Funds Raised (includes pledges):	\$21,398.00

We are currently at **58%** of our goal. *We ask those parishioners who have not had the chance to give towards this yearly appeal, to take this opportunity to make a donation.* Please use the envelopes provided in the pews or make your donation online by visiting: <https://www.oakdiocese.org/bishops-ministries-appeal>.

Thank you for your generosity!



ALTAR CANDLE MEMORIALS

We are looking to have 6 monthly sponsors for our Altar Candles and ask for a donation of \$20 to cover the cost of the candles for the month. Our donors will be recognized in the 1st bulletin of the month and there will be a monthly Mass offered for the intention of our Candle Memorial. Many blessed thanks for those who have donated. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.



Flocknote is a communication tool OLG uses for sending emails and texts to our parishioners. Sign up for this convenient service to ensure you get up-to-the-minute news about important parish information and events. **It's easy and free!** *Be assured that your contact info is not shared outside of OLG and you may unsubscribe anytime.* To register from your computer, visit the Parish website at <http://www.olgcv.org>, scroll down the homepage and click on the Flocknote box. To register from your phone, text keyword **OLGCV** to 84576. To ensure emails from Flocknote do not get rejected, add "mail@flocknote.com" to your email address book or safe sender list.

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 MAY:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 38,458.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 36,383.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 2,075.00
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [511.00]

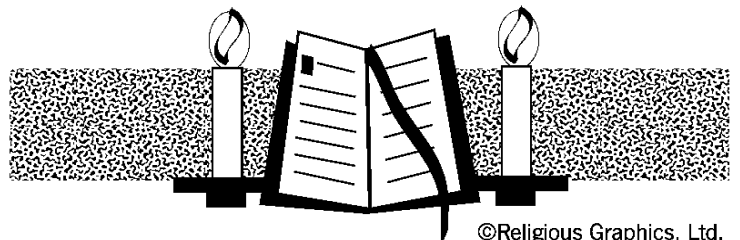
May God bless your continuing generosity.



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 |
| Jot Brown | Jenny Roberts |
| Raul Cepeda | Al Rojas |
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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

MANUEL AVILA LOPEZ

LEOPOLDO MUÑOZ

ISABEL HOLMES

**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN
THE MIDDLE EAST**

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

Out of love
place yourselves at one
another's service



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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!

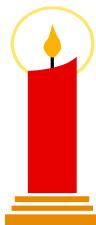
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DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

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.



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!



MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I have even more need of prayer, lest with my will I should prevent the fulfillment of the Will of the Immaculata, that is, of divine Mercy, that is, of God."

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 30th:

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday, July 2nd:

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

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

Wednesday, July 3rd:

Parish Office Closed

Thursday, July 4th:

Fourth of July
Parish Office Closed

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

AA Serenity Group
7:30pm—Stack Center, Room 9

Friday, July 5th:

Exposition & Benediction
After 8:15am Mass—Church

1st Friday Latin Mass
7:00pm—Church

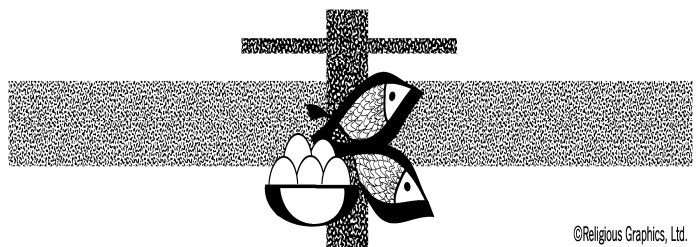
Saturday, July 6th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

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

Sunday, July 7th:

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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ROSARY BEFORE MASS

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, June 30th

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:30am OLG Community
- 9:00am Claudia Dobbs – L
- 11:00am Manuel Jardim – D
- 1:00pm Maria del Dolores Arevalo Avila – D

MONDAY, July 1st

St. Junipero Serra, Priest

- 8:15am Shari McAsey – L

TUESDAY, July 2nd

- 8:15am Alejandro Porcuna Jr. – D

WEDNESDAY, July 3rd

St. Thomas, Apostle

- 8:15am Margaret Harrington – D

THURSDAY, July 4th

- 8:15am Gerry Fagalde – L

FRIDAY, July 5th

St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest

St. Elizabeth of Portugal

- 8:15am Maria Ha Vo – D

SATURDAY, July 6th

St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr

- 8:15am Karen Sullivan – D

- 5:00pm Julie Richardson – D

SUNDAY, July 7th

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:30am Luis Martinez – D
- 9:00am OLG Community
- 11:00am Cindy Jardim – D
- 1:00pm Anthony & Nicole De La Torre & Family – L



SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING DURING THE SUMMER

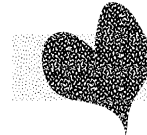
Our parish offers Online Giving via Our Sunday Visitor as an additional option to support our ongoing mission and ministries, allowing you to make donations via your mobile phone, smart device or computer while you are away on summer trips.

Visit our parish website at www.olgcv.org and select "Online Giving" at the top of the homepage to register and get instructions on how to make offerings online. If you need help, contact Colleen at 510-537-0806 or email clindberg@olgcv.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

July 1st through July 7th

- Monday: Amos 2:6-10, 13-16; Matthew 8:18-22
- Tuesday: Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Matthew 8:23-27
- Wednesday: Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29
- Thursday: Amos 7:10-17; Matthew 9:1-8
- Friday: Amos 8:4-6, 9-12; Matthew 9:9-13
- Saturday: Amos 9:11-15; Matthew 9:14-17
- Sunday: Ezekiel 2:2-5; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6



*if today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts*

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RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



Our RCIA program invites all who are interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith or is seeking membership into the Church. Our 2024-2025 program will begin in the Fall. For more details, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806. All are welcome!



FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

In Memory of

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

"Peace firstly means there are no wars...but it also means that there is friendship between all, that every day a step is made for justice, so that there are no more children who are hungry, that there are no more sick children who do not have the possibility of receiving healthcare. Doing all of this means making peace."

-Pope Francis, May 2015

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

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