



My Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Having celebrated the Solemnity of Pentecost, we have praised the Most Holy Trinity two Sundays ago, and, this past Sunday, we celebrated The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi. We have moved from the Easter Season. We are now in the Ordinary Season of the Church Year. This season is far from ordinary. The beginning of Ordinary Time marks the beginning of the Church's activity. In our day to day lives we are invited to give witness to Christ's life as His Life is being lived out in our lives. This week the Church celebrates the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This feast takes place on the Friday following The Solemnity of Corpus Christi, The Body and Blood of Christ. It was celebrated just a couple of days ago, June 7th.

With the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus being celebrated in the month of June, June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The earliest devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus can be traced back to the eleventh and twelfth centuries and is believed that Jesus chose Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1675, to share with the world His desire to bring new devotion to His Sacred Heart.

Jesus revealed to Margaret Mary twelve promises that He would bestow upon all those who practice the devotion. The Twelve Promises revealed by the Lord for those devoted to His Sacred Heart: *I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life; I will establish peace in their families; I will console them in all their troubles; They shall find in My Heart an assured refuge during life and especially at the hour of their death; I will pour abundant blessings on all their undertakings; Sinners shall find in My Heart the source of an infinite ocean of mercy; Tepid souls shall become fervent; Fervent souls shall speedily rise to great perfection; I will bless the homes where an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored; I will give to priests the power of touching the most hardened hearts; Those who propagate this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be effaced; the all-powerful love of My Heart will grant to all those who shall receive Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under my displeasure, nor without receiving their Sacraments; My heart shall be their assured refuge at that last hour.*

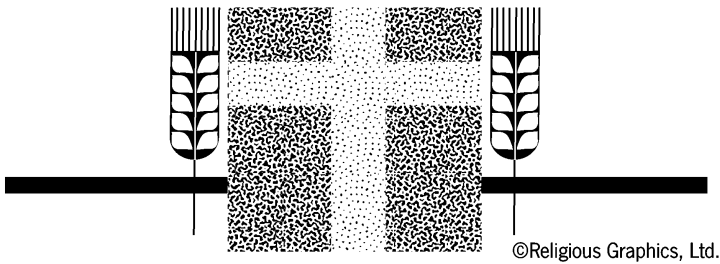
In light of The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, let us, throughout this month and throughout our lives, celebrate the great gift of divine love in the form of Christ's human heart. This celebration calls us to join our hearts with The Sacred Heart of Jesus and, in turn, share Jesus' divine love to family and friends and all whom God places in our lives.

-Fr. Raphael

### The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (June 16th)

Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds: "This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come." He said, "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.




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**FATHER'S DAY MASSES**

As a means of honoring our fathers, living and deceased, a Triduum of Masses will be celebrated on **June 17th, 18th and 19th**. Cards are available in the Parish Office for those wishing to give or send a remembrance card. Request forms are available at the church entrances and in the Parish Office. If you choose to use Online Giving, please list the names of your loved ones there. The names of those to be remembered will be placed at the altar for the Triduum of Masses.





**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 15th**:

Actual Donations Received:	<b>\$13,342.44</b>
Overall Goal for 2024:	<b>\$29,000.00</b>
# of Acknowledged Donors to date:	<b>38</b>
Funds Raised (includes pledges):	<b>\$15,823.00</b>

We are currently at **46%** of our goal. This time last year, our parish had already raised \$18,000. *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!**



**SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING DURING THE SUMMER**

While you are away on summer trips, you can still stay up-to-date on your giving and continue your weekly offering through the summer months. 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.

Visit our parish website at [www.olgcv.org](http://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](mailto:clindberg@olgcv.org)

**ICF DISTRICT COMMUNION MASS  
Sunday, July 14th**



The East Bay District of the Italian Catholic Federation invites all to their quarterly *District Communion Mass* to be held at Church of the Transfiguration at 11:00am. Light luncheon to follow in Transfiguration's Parish Hall. RSVP Karen at 510-581-3246 by **June 24th**. Come celebrate with them in Faith and Fellowship!



**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](http://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.

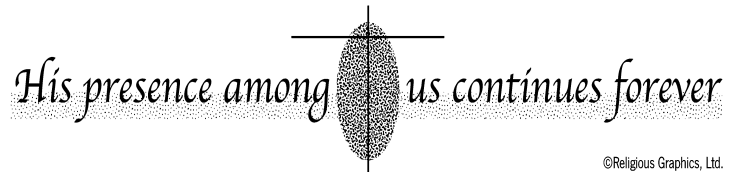
Cost is \$120 per child and \$60 for each additional child in the same household. **If you register by June 15th, you will receive an early bird discount of \$20 for the 1st child.** If you are in need of financial assistance, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

*All Children Are Welcome!*

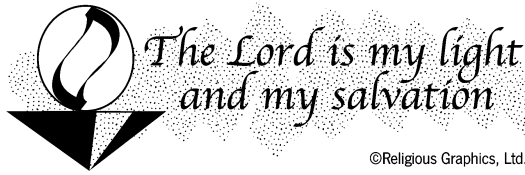
**APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED AT OLG SCHOOL**



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School is accepting applications for new students for the 2024-2025 school year. Please visit [www.olgschool.org](http://www.olgschool.org) for more information and to apply online.



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**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:



*Nancy and her 3 children recently moved to Castro Valley from Hayward. Her roommate backed out days before they were to move, leaving Nancy to pay the entire deposit—money she did not have. She recently got a full-time job for a neighboring school district and earns extra money baby-sitting for a neighbor’s disabled daughter on weekends. She also receives help from her ex-husband. SVdP was able to help her pay the balance of her deposit. The landlord has promised her a smaller unit across the street when he finishes updating it. This will reduce her monthly rent payment. Between the new job and lower rent, she feels that she will be fine going forward.*

*Some of the neighbors that we assist are just 1-time-get-through-a-disaster kinds of help. Others, especially those on SSI, need help more frequently to get through to the end of the month. Penelope is one of those. She is disabled and lives in 2nd floor apartment. We help her out with some food or a food card almost every month. Occasionally, we will help her with utilities. Our goal is for our neighbors to feel cared for and to help them keep a roof over their heads. Once someone is evicted, it is very difficult to get them back into housing.*

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.



**MAGNIFICAT WOMEN’S MINISTRY  
Prayer Breakfast Invitation**

All Catholic women are invited to Magnificat’s Prayer Breakfast on **June 22nd** from 9:30am to 12:30pm. Join them at St. Michael’s at 456 Maple Street in Livermore and welcome speaker Sandy Heinsich. Sandy Heinsich is a nurse, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. After suffering great loss, Sandy became a grief counselor and trains counselors for the Oakland Diocese. Tickets cost \$33 each. Purchase online by visiting: <https://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/ca-walnut-creek>. Please purchase by **June 15th**. For more information call Michelle Heckle or email [magnificatsotirsvp@gmail.com](mailto:magnificatsotirsvp@gmail.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 MAY:**

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 38,458.00
<b>Month Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 36,383.00</b>
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 | Sheryl Michaud   |
| Susan Anderson           | Diana Riley      |
| Lois Belmessieri         | Jenny Roberts    |
| Jot Brown                | Al Rojas         |
| Raul Cepeda              | Helen Star       |
| Nancy French             | Jill Stavosky    |
| Joan Gabrielli           | Lisa Tortora     |
| Maria C. Gallegos        | James Van Wert   |
| Adie Gonzales            | Arthur Williams  |
| Brian Linney             | Peggy Winkenbach |
| Jennifer Mabini          |                  |



*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**



Keep the Word of the Lord  
always in your hearts

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### ICF LASAGNA DINNER

Branch #343 of the Italian Catholic Federation will host a lasagna dinner on **June 13th** in Stack Center. Doors open at 5:30pm and dinner is at 6:00pm. Dinner will include Lasagna, Salad, Bread, Dessert, Wine and Soft Drinks. Raffle and meeting to follow. Tickets are \$20 per person. RSVP by **June 9th**. Please email Lisa Crudo at [watkins6pk@aol.com](mailto:watkins6pk@aol.com) with your number of seats and Zelle her your payment with the same email address. You may also call her at 510-861-9835.

**Mangia Mangia!**

### 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!

### 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 **June 19th**, 6:30-7:30pm in Stack Center, OLG Room. For additional information, please visit:

<https://www.californiacolumbiettes.com>



### 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, Room 7. Our next meeting will be on **July 6th**.



### MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Whoever works for the Immaculata must suffer much. And the Immaculata also suffered much. Love is nurtured precisely with the crosses. We are all very inadequate, but also very happy - is it not true? - instruments in the dearest hands of our Mother."*

## THIS WEEK

**Sunday, June 9th:**

*The Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Tuesday, June 11th:**

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

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

**Thursday, June 13th:**

Adoration & Reconciliation  
6:00pm—Church

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

**Saturday, June 15th:**

Adoration & Reconciliation  
8:45am—Church

**Sunday, June 16th:**

*The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Happy Father's Day!*



### COFFEE AND DONUTS June 23rd

Due to Father's Day falling on the 3rd Sunday of this month, Coffee and Donuts is scheduled for June 23rd. All are invited after the **9:00am** Sunday Mass to meet in the Gathering Area outside the rear entrance of the church. *We thank the Knights of Columbus for this ministry of hospitality. See you there!*

### EXECUTION ALERTS

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

<b>June 11th</b>	David Hosier	Missouri
<b>June 26th</b>	Ramiro Gonzales	Texas
<b>June 27th</b>	Richard Rogem	Oklahoma

We ask for your prayers for these persons for the victims of their crimes, and for their families.



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# Mass Intentions for the Week

**SUNDAY, June 9th**  
 THE TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
 7:30am Jerome Gann – D  
 9:00am Cindy Maria Jardim – D  
 11:00am Joan Eula Conde – D  
 1:00pm Rosa Martinez Reyes – D

**MONDAY, June 10th**  
 8:15am Sean Sullivan – D

**TUESDAY, June 11th**  
 St. Barnabas, Apostle  
 8:15am Lilia Sousa – D

**WEDNESDAY, June 12th**  
 8:15am Alejandro Porcuna Jr. – D

**THURSDAY, June 13th**  
 St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor of the Church  
 8:15am Mike Miraglia – D

**FRIDAY, June 14th**  
 8:15am Bob Stephano – D

**SATURDAY, June 15th**  
 8:15am Keith Crane – L  
 5:00pm Antonio O. Chocha – D

**SUNDAY, June 16th**  
 THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
 7:30am Mike Miraglia – D  
 9:00am Frank Lang – D  
 11:00am OLG Community  
 1:00pm Ramiro Navarro Ramirez – D

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK: June 10th through June 16th

Monday: 1 Kings 17:1-6; Matthew 5:1-12  
 Tuesday: Acts 11:21-26; 13:1-3; Matthew 5:13-16  
 Wednesday: 1 Kings 18:20-39; Matthew 5:17-19  
 Thursday: 1 Kings 18:41-46; Matthew 5:20-26  
 Friday: 1 Kings 19:9,11-16; Matthew 5:27-32  
 Saturday: 1 Kings 19:19-21; Matthew 5:33-37  
 Sunday: Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34



## 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!



## 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

*"No more war; war never again! Peace, it is peace which must guide the destinies of people and of all mankind."*

-Pope Paul VI, 1965

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



## 1ST FRIDAYS EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION

All are invited to join us on **July 5th** after the 8:15am Mass on the 1st Friday of each month for Exposition and Benediction of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



The **June 2024** issue of The Catholic Voice is available. See pages 6-7 and 16, featuring Our Lady of Grace Students! Visit: <https://www.oakdiocese.org/catholicvoiceoakland>

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