



The Mission Alignment Process (MAP)

Brothers and Sisters,

In 2021, Bishop Barber initiated discussions to meet the challenges facing the church at the present time: such as declining Mass attendance, fewer available priests, and underutilized parish facilities. Recommendations were made that resulted in The Mission Alignment Process (MAP). MAP focuses on aligning our resources to the Diocesan mission: Inspiring Sunday Liturgies, Developing Missionary Disciples and Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. The purpose of MAP is to bring about organizational changes that best align churches to this mission and create vibrant Catholic faith communities in our Diocese and for us here in Castro Valley.

I have created an assessment team consisting of representatives from Our Lady of Grace and Transfiguration: Barbara Mehan and Mike Dresen from Transfiguration, and Roberta Santiago and Heidi Denzler-Halsey from Our Lady of Grace. The team has begun to meet and will follow an assessment process provided by the Diocese and its consulting firm.

Throughout the summer and fall in collaboration with the Bishops Office, we will be discussing various scenarios. Please feel free to speak to your parish representatives regarding any questions or concerns you might have about our place in the implementation of the Diocesan mission. The hope is to start implementation in early 2025.

We understand that this process may be disconcerting to many parishioners. We ask that you pray for us as we discern what is best for our parishes and trust that God will guide us to changes that are best for both parishes. Your support and trust are critical as we engage in these conversations to provide a sustainable and bright future for our parish communities.

-Fr. Raphael

Solemn Vows of Friar Wayne Mulei, OFM Conv.

August 2nd at 7:00pm at Church of the Transfiguration

The Order of Friars Minor Conventual is founded on religious profession by which the friars commit themselves to the gospel life of perfect charity, not simply in using the ordinary means of sanctification but by the public vows of obedience, poverty, and chastity by which they are consecrated to God through the ministry of the Church; and by the observance of common life and the Rule and Constitutions, according to the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi. This is a significant event for the Conventual Franciscans and marks a major milestone in Friar Wayne's spiritual journey. Come and Witness Friar Wayne's Profession of Vows in the Order of Friars Minor Conventual.

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 28th)

John 6:1-15

Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near. When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people recline." Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat. When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world." Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain alone.



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OUR LADY OF GRACE 2024 HARVEST FESTIVAL
 Saturday, September 28th and Sunday, September 29th

OLG 2024 HARVEST FESTIVAL
September 28th & 29th

Planning for our annual Festival is underway. Be sure to save the date!

Family Fun For All!
 Free admission, Sunday Morning Mass, Live Entertainment, Exciting Raffle, Carnival Games, Oktoberfest, Pancake Breakfast, Vintage Cars and much more!

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

PAX CHRISTI EVENT
"WANT TO TALK?"
Learn Communication Tools for Divided Times



Are you finding conversations with family or friends tense because of strong differences of opinion? Are important relationships strained because of these differences?

Learn the principles of civil dialog, holy conversation, and nonviolent communication that can assist you in healing and deepening relationships while staying committed to your values.

Join us on **Saturday, August 3rd from 6:00–7:30pm in Stack Center** put on by Pax Christi together with JustFaith Ministries. We will provide a light supper of pizza and salad followed by a presentation on the basics of the communication tools and an opportunity for you to practice these techniques.

Invite your family and friends. Questions? Contact Dennise at 510-303-9767.



COFFEE AND DONUTS
July 21st

Today, 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!*

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
July 26th & August 2nd

Jay, our Parish Secretary, will be away on vacation beginning next week. The Parish Office will be closed on 2 Fridays—**July 26th** and **August 2nd**. If you have any business to be taken care of, please call the Parish Office in advance at 510-537-0806. We thank you for your understanding.



FAITH FORMATION
REGISTRATION 2024-2025

Passing On Your Faith Is One of the Most Precious Gifts You Can Give Your Children

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.olgev.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 when registering in person.

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.

We look forward to seeing all returning students and extend a warm welcome to all new students.

MISSION CO-OP APPEAL
Next Weekend-July 27th & 28th

Next weekend, we will welcome Brother Henry Gaither from New Orleans of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. The Brothers, who staff the schools and other establishments in over thirty countries, are asking for your prayers and financial assistance. Your contributions will benefit the schools and the students in need in the countries of Kenya, Lesoto, Mozambique, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Your donations will be greatly appreciated! Yellow envelopes will be in the pews for your use. Please make your checks out to "Propagation of the Faith for MCP".

Thank you for your generosity and God bless!



**CYO FALL SPORTS
2024-2025
REGISTRATION**



Registration for Boys Basketball (Grades 2nd-8th) and Girls Volleyball (Grades 4th-8th) begins **July 28th at 9:00am to August 10th** for *OLG Students and current OLG Faith Formation Students*. All other students within our parish boundaries may register beginning **August 11th at 9:00am**. Registration closes on September 1st. Space may be limited. Registration fee is \$220 plus the uniform fee. Sibling discount code for 15% off: **SIBLING**. For more information and to register online, visit: www.olgcvcvo.com. Questions? Email olgcycv@gmail.com. Want to coach? Email olggirlsad@gmail.com or olgboysad@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 for the Month of JUNE:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 45,135.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 39,167.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 5,968.00
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 5,459.00

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 | Brian Linney |
| Susan Anderson | Diana Riley |
| Lois Belmessieri | Al Rojas |
| Jot Brown | Jill Stavosky |
| Julie Esguerra | Lisa Tortora |
| Joan Gabrielli | Arthur Williams |
| Maria C. Gallegos | Peggy Winkenbach |
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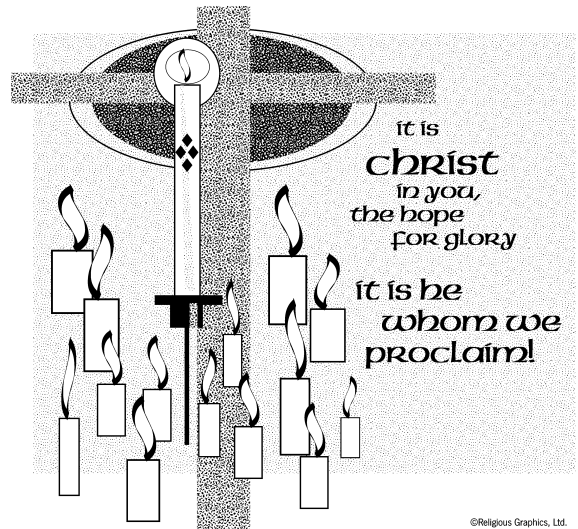
**2024 BISHOP'S
MINISTRIES APPEAL**

Many thanks to those parishioners who have already generously contributed towards our Bishop's Ministries Appeal. Following is the status of this appeal through **June 30th**:

Actual Donations Received:	\$20,777.00
Overall Goal for 2024:	\$29,000.00
# of Acknowledged Donors to date:	66
Funds Raised (includes pledges):	\$24,826.00

We are currently at **72%** 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!



**1ST FRIDAYS OF EACH MONTH
August 2nd**



Exposition & Benediction

All are invited to join us after the 8:15am Mass for Exposition and Benediction of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Traditional Latin Mass

Join us for Traditional Latin Mass at 7:00pm, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



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

In Memorial

PETER MIEN PHAN

JOHN BOYLE

**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN
THE MIDDLE EAST**

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

He who does justice
will live in the presence of the LORD

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**OLG CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Applications Being Accepted**

Our Lady of Grace Catholic School, Castro Valley's only Catholic elementary and middle school, is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year. For more information and to apply, please visit: www.olgschool.org. To schedule a personal tour, please email Dr. Gena McGowan, Principal at gmcgowan@csdo.org.

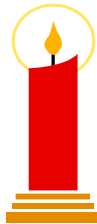


MEN'S FAITH SHARE

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!

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.



**COME VISIT OUR
PRAYER GARDEN**



We welcome all parishioners who seek a bit of time away from the hustle and bustle for prayer and spiritual reflection in our lovely Prayer Garden, located between the Parish Office and the rear entrance to the church. Come to the Parish Office during our business hours so Jay may let you in.

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The Immaculata knows everything: let us remain, therefore, completely at peace!"

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 21st:

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Tuesday, July 23rd:

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

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

Thursday, July 25th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

Knights of Columbus Meeting
6:30pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

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

Friday, July 26th:

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, July 27th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

Sunday, July 28th:

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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.



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, July 21st
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am OLG Community
9:00am Teresita Tible – D
11:00am Maria Jardim – D
1:00pm Imelda Sanchez Mendoza – D

MONDAY, July 22nd

St. Mary Magdalene
8:15am Rhett Sigmon – L

TUESDAY, July 23rd

St. Bridget, Religious
8:15am Modesta Lachica – D

WEDNESDAY, July 24th

St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest
8:15am Jose Ricardo Sanchez – D

THURSDAY, July 25th

St. James, Apostle
8:15am Nathan Kircheimer – L

FRIDAY, July 26th

Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:15am Noah Kircheimer – L

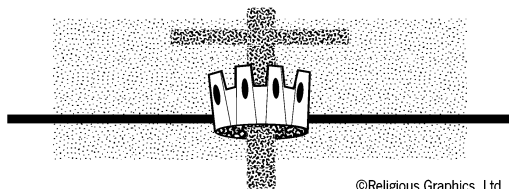
SATURDAY, July 27th

8:15am Claudia Garcia – L
5:00pm Mike Miraglia – D

SUNDAY, July 28th

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am OLG Community
9:00am Isabel Alvarado – D
11:00am Manuel Jardim – D
1:00pm Alfonso Vazquez – D



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WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Jesus said, "Come away and rest awhile." Give your marriage new life by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on **November 15th-17th** at San Damiano in Danville or visit www.wwme.org/apply/ to find the date and location that works for you!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

July 22nd through July 28th

Monday: Song of Songs 3:1-4; John 20:1-2,11-18
Tuesday: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Matthew 12:46-50
Wednesday: Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10; Matthew 13:1-9
Thursday: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28
Friday: Jeremiah 3:14-17; Matthew 13:18-23
Saturday: Jeremiah 7:1-11; Matthew 13:24-30
Sunday: 2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15



ROSARY BEFORE MASS

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

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.



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!



PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Let us not tire of preaching love; it is the force that will overcome the world. Let us not tire of preaching love. Though we see that waves of violence succeed in drowning the fire of Christian love, love must win out; it is the only thing that can."

-St. Oscar Romero, 1980

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

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