



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.

Fr. Raphael has 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.

Solemn Vows of Friar Wayne Mulei, OFM Conv.

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

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 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 4th)

John 6:24-35

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. And when they found him across the sea they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal." So they said to him, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent." So they said to him, "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written: *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*" So Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."



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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, International Gourmet Food, Pancake Breakfast, Pasta Dinner and much more!

Reserve Your Festival T-Shirts!
 Don't wait until the last minute! Reserve this very special T-shirt, designed by OLG Student Shefali Alejos. Cost is \$12 each child size and \$15 each adult size. Pre-order now (before they run out) by visiting <https://olgcv.flocknote.com/signup/173594>. Payments in cash, check or card may be made when you pick up your shirts, beginning on August 5th.

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.



GREAT TURNOUT AT COFFEE AND DONUTS!

A "Big Thank You" goes out to the Knights and Columbiettes for their wonderful hospitality last Sunday. It was a beautiful morning after the 9:00am Mass, seeing each other in fellowship. See you all at the next Coffee and Donuts!



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.olgcvcyo.com. Questions? Email olgcy-ocv@gmail.com. Want to coach? Email olggirlsad@gmail.com or olgboysad@gmail.com

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED August 2nd

Jay, our Parish Secretary, is away on vacation. The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, **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.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 when registering in person.

Cost is \$120 per child and \$60 for each additional child in the same household. **Avoid the \$20 late fee! Register by September 15th.** 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 July 27th & 28th

This 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 are 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!

WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

The World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, initiated by Pope Francis in 2021, is held on the fourth Sunday of July, which falls near the July 26th feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. The Vatican has granted a plenary indulgence to anyone who visits a sick, lonely, or disabled elderly person on the fourth annual World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly on **July 28th**.

Those who are grandparents or elderly themselves can also receive a plenary indulgence, as well as anyone who participates in religious functions connected to the celebration, as long as the usual conditions are fulfilled, to receive sacramental confession and holy Communion, and to pray for the pope's intentions.

An indulgence is a grace granted by the Catholic Church through the merits of Jesus Christ to remove the temporal punishment due to sin. It applies to sins already forgiven and cleanses the soul as if just baptized.

A person who cannot leave his or her home due to sickness, infirmity, or another serious reason can also obtain the plenary indulgence if they "unite themselves spiritually to the sacred functions" of the day, "offering to the merciful God the prayers, pains, or sufferings of their lives, especially during the various celebrations which will be broadcast through the media.

Priests to make themselves available to hear confessions "in a ready and generous spirit" so that Catholics may more easily have "the opportunity to attain divine grace through the power of the keys of the Church."

**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. A light supper of pizza and salad will be served, 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.

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

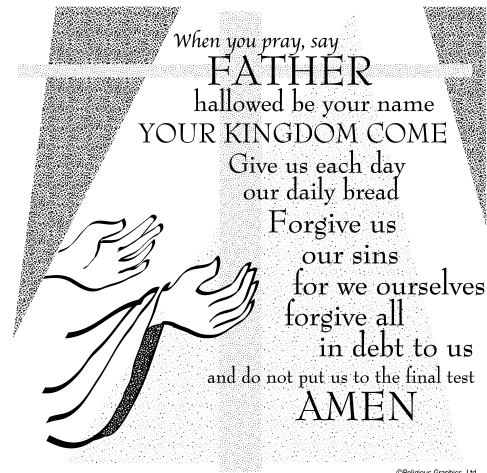
May God bless your continuing generosity.



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 |
| Virginia Cabardo | Lisa Tortora |
| Joan Gabrielli | Arthur Williams |
| Maria C. Gallegos | Peggy Winkenbach |
| Marisa Gonzalez | |



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 ESGUERRA

PETER MIEN PHAN

JOHN BOYLE

**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN
THE MIDDLE EAST**

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

OLG SCHOOL NEWS

It is with pleasure that we announce Our Lady of Grace Catholic School has received a six-year reaccreditation with no review from the Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) as of July 1, 2024. This a tremendous accomplishment on the part of every single teacher and staff member and enables us to declare with pride that we are up to the task of sharing our Catholic Faith and providing academic instruction in a rigorous environment for the TK-8th grade children of Castro Valley.



Thank You!

The principal and teachers would like to thank OLG parishioners for their donation of \$1,123 towards tuition assistance for the second quarter of 2024. OLG School currently awards more than \$125,000 in tuition assistance to students who would otherwise not be able to attend a Catholic school. It is our hope that parishioners of OLG Church will continue supporting this very important parish ministry and make use of the donation envelopes or the online forum intended for this purpose.

Applications Being Accepted

For more information about OLG School and to apply for the 2024-2025 school year, please visit: www.olgschool.org. To schedule a tour, please email Dr. Gena McGowan, Principal at gmcgowan@cndo.org or call 510-581-3155.

FESCO BACKPACK DRIVE

If you signed up to bring in supplies or backpacks for our FESCO backpack drive, please put them in the bins at the entrances of the church or drop them off in the Parish Office **no later than Thursday, August 1st**. Blessings to all our participating parishioners for their generous donations!

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



MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“He who truly consecrates himself to the Immaculata is very happy here in the midst of difficulties, poverty, suffering, and so on.”

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 28th:

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday, July 30th:

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

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

Thursday, August 1st:

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

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

Friday, August 2nd:

Parish Office Closed

Exposition & Benediction
After 8:15am Mass—Church

1st Friday Latin Mass
7:00pm—Church

Saturday, August 3rd:

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

Pax Christi Event
6:00pm—Stack Center

Sunday, August 4th:

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 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

MONDAY, July 29th

Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus

- 8:15am Mary Nunes French – D

TUESDAY, July 30th

St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

- 8:15am Jack Dexter – D

WEDNESDAY, July 31st

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

- 8:15am Frank Spinelli – D

THURSDAY, August 1st

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

- 8:15am The Linney Family

FRIDAY, August 2nd

St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop

St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

- 8:15am Don & Jennifer Symore – L

SATURDAY, August 3rd

- 8:15am Joel Tejada – D

- 5:00pm Manuel Oliveira Chocha – D

SUNDAY, August 4th

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:30am Jesusa Perdido – D
- 9:00am OLG Community
- 11:00am Manuel & Dorothy Callier – D
- 1:00pm Esperanza Ortega – D

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

July 29th through August 4th

- Monday: Jeremiah 13:1-11; John 11:19-27
- Tuesday: Jeremiah 14:17-22; Matthew 13:36-43
- Wednesday: Jeremiah 15:10,16-21; Matthew 13:44-46
- Thursday: Jeremiah 18:1-6; Matthew 13:47-53
- Friday: Jeremiah 26:1-9; Matthew 13:54-58
- Saturday: Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24; Matthew 14:1-12
- Sunday: Exodus 16:2-4,12-15; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35



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!

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PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“There is urgent need to work for a world free of nuclear weapons, in full application of the non-proliferation treaty, in letter and spirit, with the goal of a complete prohibition of these weapons.”

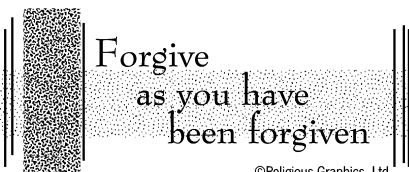
-Pope Francis, 2015

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

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.



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