



Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

This year's theme for the Bishop's Ministries Appeal is *Many Ministries, One Church*. It's a reminder that each of us is an essential member of the Body of Christ, the Church and the charitable works we enter into are strengthened when we work together. By focusing, then, our attention on the needs of the Church, we participate as the family of God, the Church looking forward to one day being in heaven.

Through our support of the Bishop's Ministries Appeal here at Our Lady of Grace Church, we are strengthening the Body of Christ, the Church. We are providing needed support to the many charitable works that serve the spiritual and physical needs of all those within the Church Community here and throughout the boundaries of our Diocese.

While parishes rely on the financial support of parishioners through weekly offertory collections, the diocese relies on these same parishioners to make possible the many services it provides to thousands of individuals each year. As responsible stewards of the faith and the many gifts that God has generously bestowed on each of us, we are asked to support the Bishop's Ministries Appeal with a gift that is appropriate to our means.

The Bishop's Ministries Appeal provides key funding for more than 70+ diocesan ministries and programs which includes **Religious Education & Faith Formation, Pastoral Ministries & Services, Clergy Formation & Support, Priest Retirement & Care, and Support for Catholic Schools & Parishes in Need**. The religious, educational, and charitable outreach supported by the Appeal makes a difference in the lives of so many people throughout the Oakland Diocese every day. All gifts to the 2024 Bishop's Ministries Appeal are equally important. Whatever you can give according to your capabilities is greatly appreciated. **All the contributions that are made to the Bishop's Ministries Appeal are all held in trust and can only be used for their intended purposes. So, help us to reach our parish goal of \$29,000. To date we are at 58% of our parish goal. Contributions made above our parish goal are returned back to the parish.**

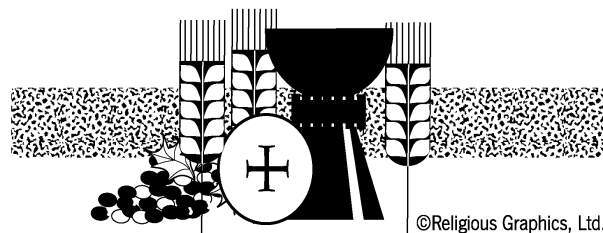
Please pray for the success of the Bishop's Ministries Appeal:

*Loving and merciful God, we are your family, brothers and sisters entrusted with the mission of your Church in the Diocese of Oakland. Thank you for the precious gift of Your Most Holy Eucharist. Thank you for transforming us by it, and for filling us with your Divine Love so we can help bring Your Presence to our families, friends, neighborhoods, and the world. May our Blessed Mother, Queen of the World and patroness of our Diocese, lead us to You and walk with us in our challenges and struggles. May our work, through the Bishop's Ministries Appeal, bring You joy and bring Your gentle mercy and care to all we serve.*

May the Good Lord bless you personally and bless us communally for whatever offering can be contributed toward the success of the Appeal.

God's Blessings be with us in our every endeavor. Thank You.

-Fr. Raphael



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### The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 14th)

Mark 6:7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them.” So they went off and preached repentance. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.



**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](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 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.*

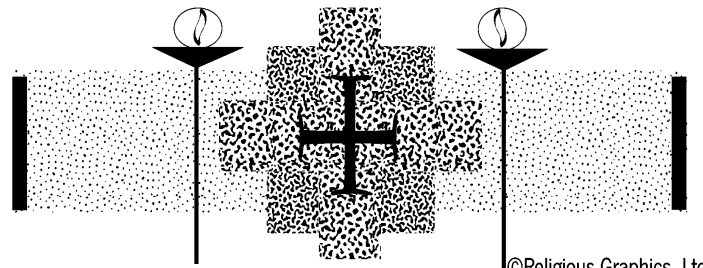
**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION  
It's Not Too Late to Give**

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! Our contributions will join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Envelopes are in the pews for your use. For more information, visit: [www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html)



**FESCO BACKPACK DRIVE**

Backpack season is here again! FESCO's member churches will be collecting backpack supplies during the month of July. Volunteers will be available outside, after the Masses today on July 7th with supply lists for grades kindergarten through high school. Thank you for your continued support of FESCO families!



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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**  
**SAVE THE DATE**

Our annual Festival is in the works! Celebrate the Fall Season and its glorious autumn colors with family and friends. As always, our Festival will have delicious food, outdoor Sunday Mass, live music and entertainment, 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 for more details 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!**

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

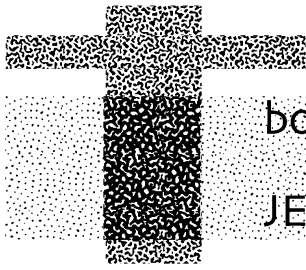


Are you finding conversations with family or friends tense because of strong differences of opinion? Are important relationships strained because of these differences?

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 6:00–7:00pm 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.



May I never  
boast except in the  
cross of our LORD  
JESUS CHRIST

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**THANK YOU FROM FESCO!**

Thank you OLG Parishioners who generously supported FESCO's Shuffle fundraiser this year. Along with friends and relatives, **our OLG teams raised \$4,543!** This truly supports FESCO's mission of helping homeless families with children move towards self-sufficiency.



**ALTAR CANDLE MEMORIAL DONORS**

We deeply thank the following donors who have given generously towards sponsoring our Altar Candle Memorial.

<b>Given By:</b>	<b>In Memory of / In Honor of:</b>
Kaye McCann	John McCann
Gloria Velasco	Maria Lourdes Velasco Jesus Velasco
Maria Zambrano	Jose & Gloria Areas

**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
<b>Month Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 39,167.00</b>
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 5,968.00
<b>Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]</b>	<b>\$ 5,459.00</b>

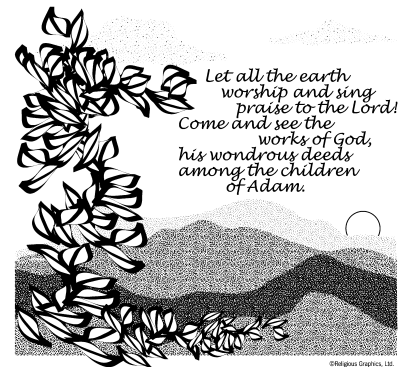
*May God bless your continuing generosity.*



**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         |
| Nancy French             | Helen Star       |
| Joan Gabrielli           | Jill Stavosky    |
| Maria C. Gallegos        | Lisa Tortora     |
| Adie Gonzales            | James Van Wert   |
| Marisa Gonzalez          | Arthur Williams  |
| Brian Linney             | Peggy Winkenbach |



**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:	<b>\$16,862.00</b>
Overall Goal for 2024:	<b>\$29,000.00</b>
# of Acknowledged Donors to date:	<b>57</b>
Funds Raised (includes pledges):	<b>\$21,398.00</b>

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!**

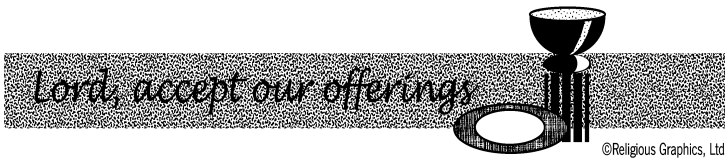
*Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of a loved one.*

**In Memorial**

- ELAINE MARIE BETTCHER**  
**HELEN STAR**  
**MARK AZZARITO**

**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST**

**VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE**



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**GRATEFUL TO OUR GIVERS**

**Your final donation to a church or charity can be an eternal blessing if planned properly**

Recently, one of our parishioners left us a substantial sum of their estate as a gift. God blesses us in unexpected ways. It is a good idea to remember your church in your will regardless of how small or big your gift is. The gift could be a set dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, the remainder after other gifts are made, or a gift of that part of the estate left if designated heirs are deceased. We have benefited from such gifts in the past several years, and we thank God for them, for remembering their church in their final decision. During this year, we have received \$60,000 of such a gift. We are most grateful to all of our faithful givers as well as those of you who give countless hours of time and energy through our various ministries.

**OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**

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 register, please visit: [www.olgschool.org](http://www.olgschool.org). To schedule a personal tour, please email Dr. Gena McGowan, Principal at [gmcgowan@cndo.org](mailto:gmcgowan@cndo.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.



**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.



**MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*“To love the Immaculata with greater fervor, we shall endeavor to think of her, to read and talk about her, so that each of us may know her and love her always more, and win over to her ever increasing number of souls.”*

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, July 7th:**

*The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Tuesday, July 9th:**

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

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

**Thursday, July 11th:**

Adoration & Reconciliation  
6:00pm—Church

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

**Saturday, July 13th:**

Adoration & Reconciliation  
8:45am—Church

**Sunday, July 14th:**

*The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**EXECUTION ALERTS**

The following executions are scheduled to take place in **July**:

- July 16th** Roben Gutierrez Texas
- July 18th** Keith Gavin Alabama

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

**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 **July 17th**, 6:30-7:30pm in Stack Center, OLG Room. For additional information, please visit: <https://www.californiacolumbiettes.com>



**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.



# Mass Intentions for the Week

**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

**MONDAY, July 8th**

8:15am Augusto & Edwina Silva – D

**TUESDAY, July 9th**

St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs

8:15am Manuel & Maria Costa & Family

**WEDNESDAY, July 10th**

8:15am Eleuterio Jardim – D

**THURSDAY, July 11th**

St. Benedict, Abbot

8:15am Lilia Sousa – D

**FRIDAY, July 12th**

8:15am Antonio Oliveira Chocha – D

**SATURDAY, July 13th**

St. Henry

8:15am Antonio Manuel Capote – L

5:00pm Norma Wardle – D

**SUNDAY, July 14th**

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:30am OLG Community
- 9:00am Mike Miraglia – D
- 11:00am Ernie & Dolores Souza – D
- 1:00pm Rosa Martinez Reyes – D

**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.

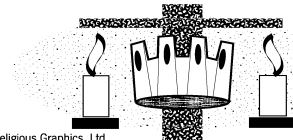


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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

July 8th through July 14th

- Monday: Hosea 2:16-18, 21-22; Matthew 9:18-26
- Tuesday: Hosea 8:4-7,11-13; Matthew 9:32-38
- Wednesday: Hosea 10:1-3,7-8,12; Matthew 10:1-7
- Thursday: Hosea 11:1-4,8-9; Matthew 10:7-15
- Friday: Hosea 14:2-10; Matthew 10:16-23
- Saturday: Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 10:24-33
- Sunday: Amos 7:12-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13



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**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**



“...and many who heard him were astonished.” Jesus commands us to love one another. Learn to love your spouse more fully on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on **November 15th-17th** at San Damiano in Danville or visit [www.wwme.org/apply/](http://www.wwme.org/apply/) to find the date and location that works for you!

**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.



**PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

“People say, ‘What is the sense of our small effort?’ They cannot see that we must lay one brick at a time, take one step at a time.”

-Dorothy Day

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

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**OUR LADY OF GRACE SCHOOL**