



Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

In our own prayer lives, we have the opportunity to hear God speaking to us, to be attentive to the will of God and be willing to carry out God's will. *"Let it be done to me according to thy Word"* are the words spoken by Mary at the Annunciation which expressed her willingness to carry out God's will. At that moment, Mary became an instrument of God's Grace. Mary was prepared "by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit" to be the mother of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Being conceived immaculately, Mary was that worthy tabernacle for the Lord in His coming to birth and as she pondered in her heart everything that took place in Jesus' life. Then, after falling asleep in the Lord, Mary was assumed into heaven. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated this week Thursday, August 15th. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. On Holy Days of Obligation, we are required to attend Mass. Vigil Mass at Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church is on Wednesday, August 14th, at 7:00 PM and on Thursday, August 15th, at 8:15 AM. Masses for the Solemnity of the Assumption at Transfiguration Church are on Thursday, August 15th, at 8:00 AM and 7:30 PM. We look forward to seeing you on this special day in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. August 14th is the Feast Day of St. Maximilian Kolbe.

Through The Militia of the Immaculate which St. Maximilian established, he encouraged consecration to Mary as a means of spiritual renewal. Enrollment in the Militia of the Immaculate (The MI) takes place through today. St. Maximilian was arrested and placed in the concentration camp at Auschwitz where he died. He offered his life in place of another prisoner, Franciszek Gajowniczek. After his release, the rest of Franciszek Gajowniczek's life was spent promoting devotion to St. Maximilian Kolbe. Today, Franciszek Gajowniczek is buried in the cemetery at Niepokalanow (City of the Immaculate), Poland. Visiting Auschwitz and the cell where St. Maximilian died continues to be a most stirring experience. In the quiet of that place, you sense the atrocities that took place there as well as the strong faith of St. Maximilian Kolbe and so many more who died there.

Celebrating the Feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe and the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, consider enrolling in the Militia of the Immaculate. A Meeting of The Militia takes place here at Our Lady of Grace Church on the First Saturday of the Month. If you would like to find out more about the Militia, contact the Parish Office and you can be put in contact with one of the members of our local group.

St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us. Mary, The Immaculate Virgin, Our Lady of Grace, intercede for us.

-Fr. Raphael

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 18th)

John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

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



**2024 FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL
 September 28th & 29th**

Family Fun For All!

Free admission, Outdoor Sunday Morning Mass, Live Entertainment, Exciting Raffle, Carnival Games, International Gourmet Food, Pancake Breakfast, Pasta Dinner and much

more!

Volunteers Needed

Festival Signups are now available. If you would like to offer your time and talent to help make this year's Festival a memorable one for all, please visit any of the links below to signup. You may also visit our website at www.olgcv.org and signup by clicking on *2024 Fall Harvest Festival* on the homepage.

Behind the Scenes

Cashiers, Information Booth and Prize Booths.

Food Booths

Pancake Breakfast, Pasta Dinner, International Food, Margaritas & Beer, Snacks, and Hotdog/Rootbeer Floats.

Game Booths

Ball Bingo, Basketball, Cake Wheel, Plinko, Chicken in a Pot, Splash Down, Speed Pitch, Jewelry and more.

Kid Zone

Arts & Crafts, Duck Pond, Face Painting, Fish Tank and Lollipop.

Questions? Please email Kathleen Cande at kathycande@aol.com

Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets have been mailed! Be sure to fill out the tickets with your contact information and return them to the Parish Office by **September 27th**. Donation is \$1 per ticket or \$20 for 21 tickets. You could win the Grand Prize of \$1000 or 2nd Prize of \$500! See the last page of the Bulletin for more details.

Become A Festival Sponsor

Consider being a Festival Sponsor-many generous individuals and businesses have sponsored the Festival in the past. Your Sponsorship will be acknowledged with a sign at the Festival as well as in our social media and Parish Bulletin. Please call the Parish Office for details at 510-537-0806.

Get Your Festival T-Shirts

Hurry before they run out! Cost is \$12 each child size and \$15 each adult size. Stop by the Parish Office to purchase. We take cash, check or card.

MASS OF THE ASSUMPTION

The Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. We welcome you to join us for any of the following Masses (please note the correction):



Wednesday, August 14th at OLG

7:00pm Vigil Mass

Thursday, August 15th

8:15am with the School at OLG

8:00am and 7:30pm at Transfiguration



**FAITH FORMATION
 REGISTRATION
 2024-2025**

**Classes Are Filling Up
 Register Today!**

Registration for 1st Communion, Confirmation and Whole Family 2024-2025 is open for children entering grades 1st-12th.

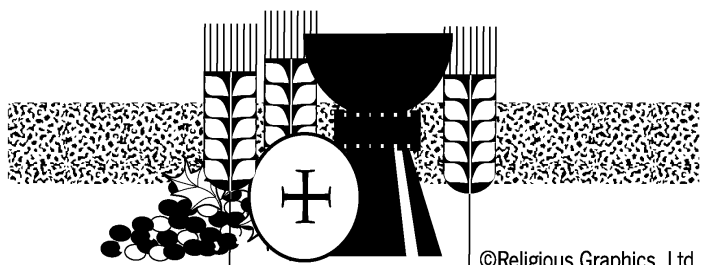
Online Registration and payment is available on our website at www.olgcv.org. On the homepage, scroll down and click on the 'Faith Formation' or 'Confirmation' box.

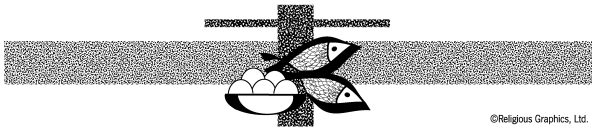
Registration forms are also available in the Parish Office. Please bring your payment of check or cash when registering in person.

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.

**JOIN US FOR FAITH FORMATION KICK-OFF!
 Stack Center—August 17th**

This Saturday, **August 17th** at 6:00pm, is our Faith Formation Kick-Off (1st Communion, Confirmation and Whole Family classes, grades 1st-12th) for the upcoming year of catechesis at Our Lady of Grace! Fr. Francisco Nahoe OFM, Conv will be our speaker for the evening, sharing about the domestic church. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served by the Knights of Columbus, and we ask that those coming bring a side or dessert to share. All families interested in learning more about faith formation at OLG are also welcome!





WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY & FAITH SHARE

What does the Catholic Church teach about the end times? Is the idea of "the rapture" a Biblical concept? How does one read the Book of Revelation? Many Christians are unaware that the Catholic church has very explicit teachings about the Tribulation, the Antichrist, the Second Coming, and the New Creation.

Ladies, please join us for this 8-part video Bible study on *Jesus and the End Times* presented by Dr. Brant Pitre.

Dates: Tuesdays from September 17th to November 5th

Time: 7:00pm–8:30pm

Where: Stack Center – Room 7

If you have questions, please contact Heidi Denzler at 510-881-7850 or heidimdh106@gmail.com. You may also sign-up by contacting Jay in the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

**OUR LADY OF GRACE SCHOOL
Did You Know?**



The numbers are in: OLG School scores significantly above our neighbor schools, both Catholic and Public, in terms of standardized scores in both reading and math.

| | School Average | Neighbor Catholic School Average | Diocesan School Average |
|----------------|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Reading | 74% | 61% | 66% |
| Math | 76% | 57% | 55% |

OLG students also scored significantly higher than their public school counterparts in both reading and math. We are very proud of our students and their teachers, and want to spread the word about our academic excellence throughout the community.

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

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!

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 JULY:

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| Sunday Plate for the month: | \$ 35,981.00 |
| Month Budgeted Goal: | \$ 43,896.00 |
| Over/[Shortfall] | \$ [7,915.00] |
| Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall] | \$ 376.00 |

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 | Marisa Gonzalez |
| Susan Anderson | Brian Linney |
| Lois Belmessieri | Diana Riley |
| Jot Brown | Al Rojas |
| Virginia Cabardo | Jill Stavosky |
| Norma Dockter | Lisa Tortora |
| Joan Gabrielli | Arthur Williams |
| Maria C. Gallegos | Peggy Winkenbach |

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
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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 **July 31st:**

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| Actual Donations Received: | \$23,809.00 |
| Overall Goal for 2024: | \$29,000.00 |
| # of Acknowledged Donors to date: | 78 |
| Funds Raised (includes pledges): | \$27,026.00 |

We are currently at **82%** 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>.



CYO FALL SPORTS 2024-2025 REGISTRATION



Registration for Boys Basketball (Grades 2nd-8th) and Girls Volleyball (Grades 4th-8th) has begun *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



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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus monthly meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of every month at 6:30pm in Stack Center, OLG Room. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, visit <https://www.kofc.org> or join them at their next meeting on **August 22nd**.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.” Learn the tools to live as God commands us on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on **November 15th-17th** at San Damiano in Danville or visit www.wvme.org/apply/ to find the date and location that works for you!



MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“May our spirit of self-offering to the Immaculata be regenerated...till we commit ourselves worthy of true knights, with the intent of conquering for her all the souls living now and those who will in the future.”

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 11th:

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday, August 13th:

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

Columbiette's Meeting
6:30pm—Stack Center, Room 7

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

Wednesday, August 14th:

Vigil Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00pm—Church

Thursday, August 15th:

Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:15am—Church (with the School)

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

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

Saturday, August 17th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

Faith Formation Family Kick-Off
6:00pm—Stack Center

Sunday, August 18th:

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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 slot, located at the candle stand.



BOOKKEEPER WANTED

We are looking for a part-time Bookkeeper. Hours are flexible. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, August 11th

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Manuel Avila Lopez – D

9:00am Cindy Jardim – D

11:00am OLG Community

1:00pm Rosa Martinez Reyes – D

MONDAY, August 12th

St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

8:15am Manuel & Maria Costa & Family – L

TUESDAY, August 13th

Sts. Pontian, Pope, & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

8:15am James Brennan – D

WEDNESDAY, August 14th

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

8:15am Monica Cardon – D

THURSDAY, August 15th

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:15am Joe Silva – D

FRIDAY, August 16th

St. Stephen of Hungary

8:15am David Sullivan – D

SATURDAY, August 17th

8:15am Jack & Mary Sullivan – L

5:00pm Antonio O. Chocha – D

SUNDAY, August 18th

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am OLG Community

9:00am Jesus San Nicolas – D

11:00am Cindy Maria Jardim – D

1:00pm Ramiro Navarro Ramires – D

DIOCESE OF OAKLAND JOB OPENING

The Cathedral of Christ the Light Parish is seeking a Rectory Cook to work 25 hours per week, Tuesday to Saturday (3:00pm-8:00pm). Salary is \$23-\$27/hour. This position is classified as non-exempt. Under general direction, the Rectory Cook will plan, shop and serve meals to the rectory residents in a household setting; will plan, prepare and serve meals to larger groups on occasion; perform other job-related duties as required within the scope of the job. For more details and how to apply, please contact Gloria Espinoza at gspinoza@oakdiocese.org

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:
August 12th through August 18th**

- Monday: Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28; Matthew 17:22-27
- Tuesday: Ezekiel 2:8-3:4; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- Wednesday: Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Matthew 18:15-20
- Thursday: Revelations 11:19; 12:1-6, 10; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56
- Friday: Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63; Matthew 19:3-12
- Saturday: Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13, 30-32; Matthew 19:13-15
- Sunday: Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58



FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

We are grateful for the generous donation from Phyllis Barthman in remembrance of James W. Barthman. 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.



The August 2024 issue of The Catholic Voice is available online. Visit: <https://www.oakdiocese.org/catholicvoiceoakland>

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“A serious threat to peace is posed by intolerance, which manifests itself in the denial of freedom of conscience to others. The excesses to which intolerance can lead has been one of history’s most painful lessons.”

-St. Pope John Paul II, 1971

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

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