

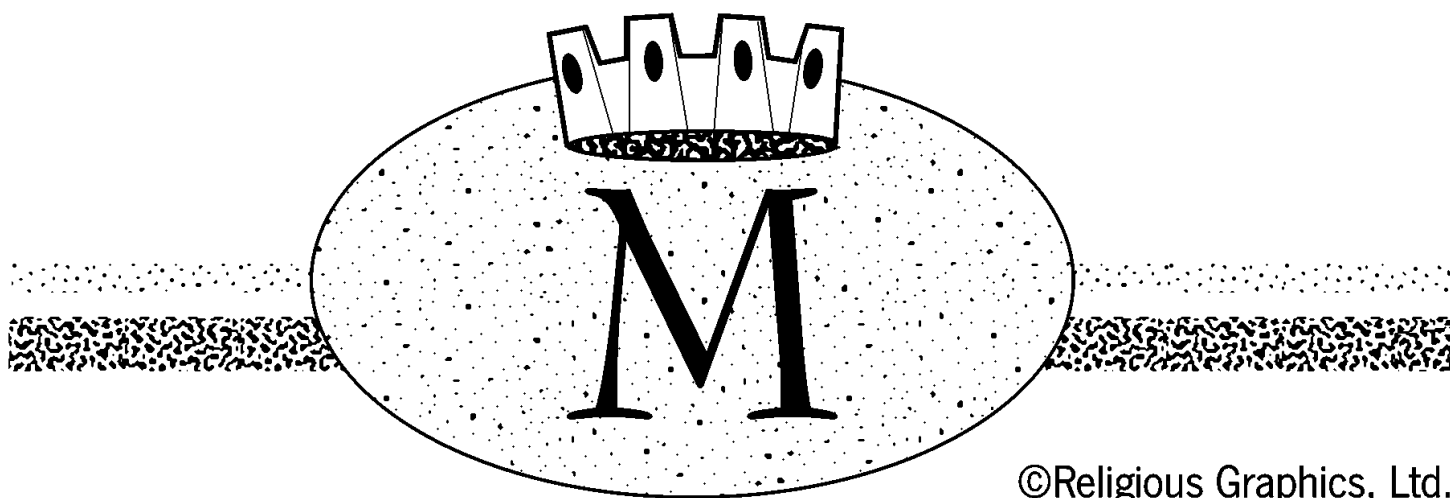


**THANK YOU!!!! THANK YOU!!!! THANK YOU!!!!**

45 Years of Priesthood! Who knows where the time goes.... Over these years, after various assignments along the East Coast, I now find myself here in California, and particularly here in Castro Valley. I want to take this opportunity to thank both Church Communities, Transfiguration Church and Our Lady of Grace Church, for celebrating my 45th Anniversary of Priesthood starting with 4:00PM Mass at Transfiguration Church followed by a Potluck. It was a great time for all of us to get together, enjoy each other's company and sing some songs together.

Thank You to all who made it happen. Thank You for being there this past Saturday Evening. Thanks for providing the food. Food is so important for a get-together. Thanks for singing a song or two or more. It will all be kept as memories, wonderful memories. Absolutely everything was heartfelt.

**THANK YOU!!!! THANK YOU!!!! THANK YOU!!!!**



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**The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 25th)**

**John 6:60-69**

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."



**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 more!

**Volunteers Needed**

Sign up for a timeslot and offer your time and talent to help make this year's Festival a memorable one for all! Please visit our website at [www.olgcv.org](http://www.olgcv.org) and sign up 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/Root Beer 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](mailto: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 or order online by visiting: <https://tinyurl.com/2024festivalshirt>



**FAITH FORMATION**  
**REGISTRATION**  
**2024-2025**

**Classes Are Starting,**  
**Register Today!**

Registration for 1st Communion, Confirmation and Whole Family 2024-2025 is open for children entering grades 1st-12th. **Last day to register is October 6th.**

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. **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.

**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

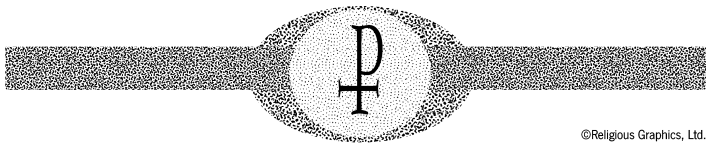
**Where:** Stack Center – Room 7

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



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**  
**MONTHLY DONATIONS**

Next weekend (**August 24th-25th**) is the last weekend of the month and members of St. Vincent de Paul will be at the doors accepting donations for their work with the poor. We want to thank you for your continued support to make this ministry possible.



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**JOIN THE OAKLAND CURSILLO!**

Do you or someone you know need to reexamine your faith life? The answer—come join us for a Cursillo weekend and experience firsthand an authentic Christian Community. The weekend helps give you a better understanding of church teachings, and time to sort out your own feelings about your faith. New friendships are formed, and a great deal of learning takes place. During the 3 days, candidates listen to talks given by both lay people and clergy. Some of the topics discussed are: *Finding Your Life Mission; Recognizing God's Grace; Growing in Discipleship; and Shaping our World.* Location: St. Elizabeth Seton in Pleasanton. **Upcoming dates—Men's Cursillo: September 12th-15th and Women's Cursillo: September 19th-22nd.** Please contact Roberta Santiago at 510-733-5193 for Women's Cursillo or Ron Emory at 510 825-6677 for Men's Cursillo.

**OUR LADY OF GRACE SCHOOL**



School has begun but it is not too late to register **TODAY!** OLG students participate in weekly Eucharist, monthly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, Benediction, and daily prayer. A focus on Our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Grace, as well as on her Son, Christ the Teacher, help our students focus on academic excellence as they enjoy small class sizes, differentiated instruction and a heavy emphasis on languages and science. Check us out and apply online at [www.olgschool.org](http://www.olgschool.org).

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

	<b>School Average</b>	<b>Neighbor Catholic School Average</b>	<b>Diocesan School Average</b>
<b>Reading</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>66%</b>
<b>Math</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>55%</b>

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.

**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:**

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 35,981.00
<b>Month Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 43,896.00</b>
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     |
| Nancy French             | Arthur Williams  |
| Joan Gabrielli           | Peggy Winkenbach |
| Maria C. Gallegos        |                  |

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

**In Memorial**

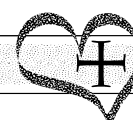
**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST**  
**VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE**



**CYO FALL SPORTS 2024-2025**



Registration for Boys Basketball (Grades 2nd-8th) and Girls Volleyball (Grades 4th-8th) is open for students living within our parish boundaries. **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.olgcvvo.com](http://www.olgcvvo.com). Questions? Email [olgcycv@gmail.com](mailto:olgcycv@gmail.com). Want to coach? Email [olggirlsad@gmail.com](mailto:olggirlsad@gmail.com) or [olgboysad@gmail.com](mailto:olgboysad@gmail.com)



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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:

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

As school opens for the fall, so will the work of the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO). CYO is our diocesan ministry that fosters sportsmanship, learning and prayer. CYO is also funded by the annual Bishop's Ministries Appeal. Support the amazing work of CYO by supporting the Bishop's Ministries Appeal today.

**It's the FINAL PUSH!** We are currently at **82%** of our goal. Please use the envelopes provided in the pews or make your donation online by visiting: <https://www.oakdiocese.org/bishops-ministries-appeal>.

We thank you for your generosity.



**PRAYER GARDEN CLEAN-UP  
August 24th**

**Help Wanted!** The Knights are looking for volunteers to assist with sprucing up our Prayer Garden on **August 24th** at 10:00am. If you are interested, just show up and bring your gloves, hat and water. The Prayer Garden is located next to the rear entrance of the church. Tools will be provided but you may also bring your own from home. See you there!

**HONORING OUR SHARED HUMANITY  
Understanding Islamophobia & Antisemitism**

Since the escalation of violence in Israel and Gaza, both Islamophobic and antisemitic incidents have surged in the U.S. A panel of speakers will shed light on these forms of bigotry and offer recommendations on strategies to combat prejudices at both interpersonal and institutional levels. This event is scheduled for **August 25th** from 2:00-4:00pm at the Castro Valley Library at 3600 Norbridge Avenue. *Registration is required.* Please visit: [www.aclibrary.org](http://www.aclibrary.org) or call 510-667-7900.

**MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*"May [The Immaculata's] life develop in the same way in every soul that exists and will exist in any time: this is our cherished ideal."*

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, August 18th:**

*The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Tuesday, August 20th:**

- Men's Cursillo Meeting  
6:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room
- Men's Faith Share  
7:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

**Thursday, August 22nd:**

- Knights of Columbus Meeting  
6:30pm—Stack Center, OLG Room
- Adoration & Reconciliation  
6:00pm—Church
- AA Serenity Group  
7:30pm—Stack Center, Room 9

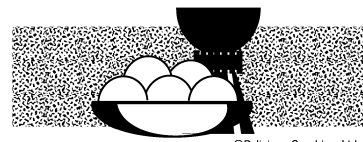
**Saturday, August 24th:**

- Adoration & Reconciliation  
8:45am—Church
- Garden Clean-Up  
10:00am—Prayer Garden

**Sunday, August 25th:**

*The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 1st Communion Year 2 Class  
10:15am—Stack Center
- Confirmation Class  
11:15am—Stack Center



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**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.



**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, 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

**MONDAY, August 19th**

St. John Eudes, Priest  
8:15am Louis Rodrigues – D

**TUESDAY, August 20th**

St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church  
8:15am Jay Barroso – L

**WEDNESDAY, August 21st**

St. Pius X, Pope  
8:15am Apolonio Tondo Jimenez – D

**THURSDAY, August 22nd**

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
8:15am Fenny Flormata – D

**FRIDAY, August 23rd**

St. Rose of Lima, Virgin  
8:15am Marie Savino – D

**SATURDAY, August 24th**

St. Bartholomew, Apostle  
8:15am Fernando Flores Martinez – D  
5:00pm Bart Jovellana – D

**SUNDAY, August 25th**

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

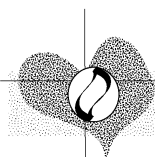
7:30am OLG Community  
9:00am Francisco & Manuel Jardim – D  
11:00am Mary Fatima Chocha – L  
1:00pm Martin Flores Martinez – D

**EXECUTION ALERTS**

The following execution are scheduled to take place in August:

**August 29th** Loren Kenstley Cole Florida

We ask for your prayers for this person for the victims of his crime, and for their families.



LORD, enkindle the fire of your love in our hearts

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

August 19th through August 25th

Monday: Ezekiel 24:15-23; Matthew 19:16-22  
Tuesday: Ezekiel 28:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30  
Wednesday: Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16  
Thursday: Ezekiel 36:23-28; Matthew 22:1-14  
Friday: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 22:34-40  
Saturday: Revelation 21:9-14; John 1:45-51  
Sunday: Joshua 24:1-2,15-18; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69

*The Lord is our Good Shepherd*

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**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 [gespinoza@oakdiocese.org](mailto:gespinoza@oakdiocese.org)

**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.

**PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*"If we really want to conquer the world, we will not be able to do it with bombs or with other weapons of destruction. Let us conquer the world with our love. Let us interweave our lives with bonds of sacrifice and love, and it will be possible for us to conquer the world."*

-St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, 1997

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

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