



2024 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL – MANY MINISTRIES ONE CHURCH

While parishes rely on the financial support of parishioners like yourselves through weekly offertory collections, the diocese relies on you, the same parishioners, to make possible the many services it provides to thousands of individuals each year. As God has bestowed a great many gifts on us individually, we are asked to support the needs of the Church with a gift that is as generous as possible. The Bishop's Ministries Appeal provides key funding for more than 70+ diocesan ministries and programs making a difference in the lives of thousands of people. Consider the areas where your contributions assist thousands in our diocese.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES & SERVICES

Diocesan pastoral ministries and services focus on strengthening our faith, our families, and building up our parish communities by engaging our people in the daily life of the Church as they strive to live as faithful disciples of Christ.

• Liturgy • Youth Retreat Center • Respect Life & Justice Programs • Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) • Vietnamese, Filipino & Latino Ministries • Catholic Scouting • Ethnic Pastoral Centers • Young Adult Ministries • Marriage & Family Life • Children & Youth Ministries • Marriage Preparation Programs • Safe Environment Programs

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FORMATION

Gifts to the appeal help support religious education and formation programs for thousands of youths and adults annually.

• Faith Formation Programs • Evangelization and Outreach Efforts • OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) • Religious Education Teachers' Training • Serra Catechetical Institute • St. Francis de Sales School for Pastoral Ministry

CLERGY FORMATION & SUPPORT

From initial formation into retirement, the diocese provides support for our priests. Additionally, continued updating and renewal for priests and deacons who faithfully serve our people is supported by your gift to the Bishop's Appeal.

• Permanent Diaconate Program • Office of Vocations • Seminarian Education & Formation • Priest Retirement & Long-term Care • Continuing Education Programs

SUPPORT FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS & PARISHES IN NEED

Each year, the diocese provides subsidies and grants to assist with operating expenses at our inner-city Catholic schools and for parishes and faith communities that are facing extraordinary and immediate financial challenges.

• Operating Subsidies • Capital Expenditure Grants • Emergency Funding Support

ASSISTING LOCAL PARISHES

Every parish has its own needs and plans for growth and new ministries to better serve its parishioners and the local community. The Bishop's Ministries Appeal will again return 100% of all monies collected over each parish's goal for use at the parish level. Gifts to the Bishop's Ministries Appeal, as well as other gifts received for specific purposes, are held in trust and can only be used for their intended purpose.

Your Support of the Bishop's Ministries Appeal is greatly appreciated! Envelopes are in the pews for your use. You may also give online by visiting: <https://www.oakdiocese.org/bishops-ministries-appeal>. Thank You!

-Fr. Raphael



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The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 8th)

Mark 7:31-37

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!" — that is, "Be opened!" — And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

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 more!

Get Your Tickets Ahead of Time!

Games and Food Booths
 Pasta Dinner-Saturday, September 28th
 Pancake Breakfast-Sunday, September 29th

Beat the lines and get your Festival tickets today. Game and Food tickets are \$1 each. Pasta Dinner tickets are \$20 per adult and \$10 per child. Pancake Breakfast tickets are \$10 per adult and \$7 per child. Scan the QR code or visit our website at www.olgcv.org and click on *2024 Fall Harvest Festival* on the homepage.



Volunteers Still Needed

Slots are being filled but we still need more volunteers! Please visit our website at www.olgcv.org and sign up by clicking on *2024 Fall Harvest Festival* on the homepage. Questions? Please email Kathleen Cande at kathycande@aol.com.

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/2024festivaltshirt>.

Raffle Tickets

Be sure to 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.



**LABOR DAY
 September 2nd**

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, **September 2nd** and will reopen on Tuesday, **September 3rd** at 8:30am. There will be only one Mass at 8:15am. Have a safe and restful Labor Day weekend!



**FAITH FORMATION
 REGISTRATION
 2024-2025**

**Classes Have Begun,
 Register Today!**

Registration for *1st Communion, Confirmation and Whole Family Classes* 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 by registering by September 15th.** Last day to register is *October 6th*. If you are in need of financial assistance, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY &
 FAITH SHARE**



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

This study begins on Tuesday, September 17th and runs until to November 5th (7:00-8:30pm) in Stack Center, Room 7.

If you would like to sign up, 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.



ICF'S BITES AND BINGO!

Branch #343 of the Italian Catholic Federation invite all parishioners for a fun afternoon of *Bites and Bingo* in Stack Center, **September 21st from 11:30am to 2:30pm**. There will be delicious Hors d' Oeuvres, Desserts and Drinks, followed by Bingo and a Raffle. Entry fee is \$30 per adult and \$15 per child. Bingo winners will win big money prizes and there will also be prizes for the kids! Please make your reservations by calling Lisa Crudo at 510-861-9835.

OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Our OCIA program invites all who are interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith or is seeking membership into the Church. Our 2024-2025 program will begin on **October 9th** (6:30-8:00pm), every Wednesday evening, location TBD, To register, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

All are welcome!



ALTAR CANDLE MEMORIAL DONORS

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

Given By:	In Memory of / In Honor of:
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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.



**DINNER WITH THE FRANCISCANS
Save the Date—November 9th**

Planning for the celebration of the **43rd Year of the Province of St. Joseph of Cupertino** is underway! Make plans to dine and enjoy an evening with our Franciscans as we raise funds supporting the Franciscan Seminarians. Cost is \$40 per person. More details to come! *We thank the Knights of Columbus for organizing this yearly event.*

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
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 | Cheryl Miraglia |
| Jot Brown | Hector Paez |
| Brian Bucholtz | Diana Riley |
| Virginia Cabardo | Al Rojas |
| Norma Dockter | Jill Stavosky |
| Nancy French | 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

JOHN SKIPPER

**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN
THE MIDDLE EAST**

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

**DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT
BENEFIT TRUST**

Next Weekend—September 7th & 8th

This special collection allow us to express gratitude and support for our retired and soon-to-be retired priests. They now face retirement with minimal government assistance. Please prayerfully consider how you can match their generosity to the Church by contributing to the Retirement Fund. Checks will be in the pews for your use. Thank you and God bless.



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

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.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
IS LOOKING FOR HELP**



Cooking For Sunday Meals

Every Sunday our St. Vincent de Paul team visits 9 to 10 homeless camps. Among other things, we provide hot meals which are prepared by a wonderful team of individual volunteers. **We are always looking for volunteers to cook a one-container meal.** The largest meal we want would serve 10 to 12 and the smallest to serve one. You may cook whatever you wish. We send out a sign-up sheet each month and you can sign up for a weekend when you want to cook. This meal is then dropped off in front of the Friary (school entrance) at 1:00pm. If you are interested in being on the mailing list, please contact Chris Ippolito at christineippolito@comcast.net.

Donations of Hygienic Items

St. Vincent de Paul will be taking donations of **hygiene items** for the months of September and October. Any small to medium sizes that can be used for our single folks and couples would be greatly appreciated. There will be bins at the Somerset and parking lot sides of the church and also a bin in the Parish Office. May God bless you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please contact Heidi at svdp@olgcv.org or 510-881-7850.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 1st:

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, September 2nd:

Labor Day
Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, September 3rd:

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

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

Wednesday, September 4th:

Pre-Baptism Class
7:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Thursday, September 5th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

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

Friday, September 6th:

Exposition & Benediction
After the 8:15am Mass—Church

1st Friday Latin Mass
7:00pm—Church

Saturday, September 7th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

Militia Immaculata Meeting
10:00am—Stack Center, OLG Room

Sunday, September 8th:

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

Confirmation Class
11:15am—Stack Center

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Do you know that—we can easily obtain full and swift forgiveness of our sins, by forgiving any faults of other people toward us?”

*For everyone who exalts
himself will be humbled, but
the one who humbles himself
will be exalted*

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, September 1st

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:30am Arcadio Morfin – D
- 9:00am OLG Community
- 11:00am Martha Sanchez – D
- 1:00pm Rosa Martinez Reyes – D

MONDAY, September 2nd

- 8:15am Frank Groves – D

TUESDAY, September 3rd

St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

- 8:15am George & Kate Rider & Family – L

WEDNESDAY, September 4th

- 8:15am Manuel & Dorothy Callier – D

THURSDAY, September 5th

St. Teresa of Calcutta

- 8:15am The Linney Family

FRIDAY, September 6th

- 8:15am Burt Richards – D

SATURDAY, September 7th

- 8:15am Augusto & Edwina Silva – D
- 5:00pm Antonio Oliveira Chocha – D

SUNDAY, September 8th

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:30am Geraldine Bargiacchi – D
- 9:00am Mike Mriaglia – D
- 11:00am OLG Community
- 1:00pm Elvira Vazquez & Gilberto Ramos – D

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

September 2nd through September 8th

- Monday: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Luke 4:16-30
- Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 2:10-16; Luke 4:31-37
- Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Luke 4:38-44
- Thursday: 1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Luke 5:1-11
- Friday: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Luke 5:33-39
- Saturday: 1 Corinthians 4:6-15; Luke 6:1-5
- Sunday: Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37



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**1ST FRIDAYS OF EACH MONTH
September 6th**



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.



RELEVANT RADIO - 1260 AM

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PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The chief difference between violence and nonviolence is that violence depends entirely on its own calculations. Nonviolence depends entirely on God and His word.”

-Thomas Merton, 1967

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

OLG SCHOOL IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Our Lady of Grace Catholic School is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year. For more information and to apply, please visit: www.olgschool.org. To schedule a tour, please email Dr. Gena McGowan, Principal at gmcgowan@cso.org or call 510-581-3155.



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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