



Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

When was the last time you made a sincere examination of conscience? It is a practice that we all have been taught to do when we prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We can use the ten commandments as a starting point for this examination. Even more simply, we can reflect upon the two greatest commandments and how we in our daily lives are loving God and how we are loving others.

There's a wonderful gauge that can be used and it was given by Jesus Christ Himself: *love your neighbor as yourself*. Use the Scripture passage given to us by St. Paul in his Letter to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 13:4...): *Love is patient, love is kind....* It is so important for our spiritual growth for us to reflect on our thoughts, words and action in light of our calling to be like Christ.

What I invite us all to do is to consider how we are living out our baptized Catholic lives in the midst of the Church. Bishop Michael Barber has given three hallmarks to be incorporated into our lives as members of a Church Community, for us, as members of the Faith Community here at Our Lady of Grace Church. The three areas of importance are: Sunday Worship, Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy and Missionary Discipleship. Do you sincerely try to immerse yourself in Sunday Worship. Your participation in and at Sunday Mass is so important. What we do at Church each and every Sunday needs to be carried by us out the doors of our Church and the gifts received at Mass need to be shared by word and action with others. As we consider the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, we need to see them as opportunities to share acts of love with others, acts that address the physical and spiritual needs of others.

Then, there is Missionary Discipleship. It means that we have decided to follow the Lord and in doing so proclaiming the Message of the Gospel. Missionary Discipleship invites us to be enthusiastic about our faith, to be willing to talk about our faith and invite others to join us in a faith journey that will lead us to the joy of the kingdom.

It's like when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Disciples when they were gathered in the Upper Room. The Disciples then went out of that place to renew the face of the earth. They were giving witness to the faith. For us to do the same.... What a powerful witness!

All I can say is THANK YOU FOR EMBRACING THE FAITH AND LIVING IT OUT IN THOUGHT, WORD AND ACTION TODAY AND EVERYDAY!

-Fr. Raphael

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 29th)

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward. "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'"

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!

Come to the Parish Office to purchase your Festival tickets (check or cash). You may also scan the QR code or visit our website at www.olgcv.org and click on 2024 Fall Harvest Festival on the homepage.



Let Us Entertain You!
Saturday, September 28th

- 11:00-11:15am Opening Ceremonies
- 11:15-11:45am OLG Kids Perform
- 11:45-12:45pm Moreau Jazz Band
- 1:00-1:45pm Devil Mountain Chorus
- 2:00-2:45pm Kuma Hula Asso. of No. CA
- 3:30-4:30pm The Collective (A Beatles Trio)
- 4:45-5:45pm Dance Live Dream Center
- 6:00-6:30pm Caitlin Lucett (OLG Graduate)
- 7:30-9:00pm Sons of Nimitz Band

Raffle Tickets

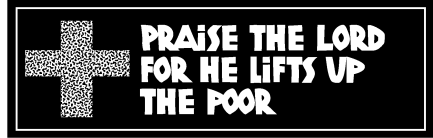
Be sure to return them to the Parish Office by **September 27th**. Donation is \$1 per ticket or \$20 for 21 tickets. You could win the Grand Prize of \$1000 or 2nd Prize of \$500! *If you need tickets, stop by the Parish Office to purchase them.*

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.

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>.



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FESTIVAL PASTA DINNER
September 28th at 6:00pm

Join us for a delicious pasta dinner prepared by the Italian Catholic Federation in Stack Center. Doors open at 5:30pm. Cost is \$20 per adult and \$10 per child (10 and under). Dinner includes Salad, Pasta Bolognese, Bread & Butter, Dessert, Wine, and Non-alcoholic Drinks. Scan the QR code to the left to purchase your tickets online or stop by the Parish Office.

FESTIVAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

September 29th at 8:30-11:00am



Join us for a delicious breakfast prepared by OLG School parents in Stack Center. Cost is \$10 per adult and \$7 per child (10 and under). Scan the QR code to the left to purchase your tickets online or stop by the Parish Office.



FESTIVAL OUTDOOR MASS
St. Francis Garden Chapel
September 29th at 9:00am

All are invited to our Outdoor Mass. This Mass will take the place of the 9:00am Mass in the Church. Please bring your lawn chairs or blankets.

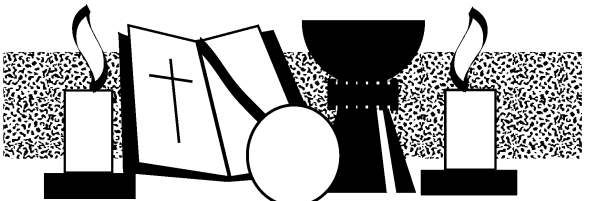
FESTIVAL CAKE BOOTH DONATIONS NEEDED



If you love to bake, please considering donating your delicious creations to our Cake Wheel Booth! Items we are seeking: cakes, tarts, pies, cookies, pastries, etc. Please pack goodies in smaller portions (4 cookies, 1/4 cakes or pies, 2-4 cupcakes per package, etc.) to stretch our supplies. You may use a paper plate and double cling wrap to secure the goodies. We will take both nut-free and with nuts but make sure to clearly mark the packaging. Please ensure items that contain nuts are placed in a separate container and clearly labeled.

Drop-Off Schedule and Locations:

- Friday, September 27th:** Noon-3:00pm at the Parish Office
- Saturday, September 28th:** 8:00-10:00am at the Cake Wheel Booth
- Sunday, September 29th:** 8:00-10:00am at the Cake Wheel Booth



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**FEAST OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**



Thursday, October 3rd

Join us at Our Lady of Grace at 7:00pm for the *Transitus of St. Francis*, remembering the passing of St. Francis from life through death to eternal life.

Friday, October 4th

We celebrate the *Solemnity of St. Francis* at 11:30am at Our Lady of Grace (School liturgy) and at 7:30pm at Transfiguration.

Saturday, October 5th & Sunday, October 6th

Bring your well socialized pet and join us for *The Blessing of the Animals* on October 5th at 11:00am at OLG's Gathering Area and on October 6th at 2:00pm at Transfiguration.



**ST. VINCENT de PAUL'S
ANNUAL FALL BINGO
FUNDRAISER
Transfiguration Church**

Save the date! SVdP of Our Lady of Grace and Transfiguration parishes together will be hosting a Fall BINGO Fundraiser on Saturday, **November 2nd at 5:00pm** for a pasta dinner, catered by Strizziz's in Transfiguration's Parish Hall. Tickets will go on sale in OLG's Gathering Area after all the Masses in October. Tickets are sold on a "1st come, 1st served" basis. Dinner tickets include a Bingo card and a drawing for door prizes. Besides enjoying a delicious dinner, you might also be taking home one or more raffle prizes! 100% of the proceeds will go directly to helping people in need in our local community. Please join us and support this worthy event!



**DINNER WITH THE FRANCISCANS
Save the Date—November 9th
Stack Center at 6:00pm**

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. Enjoy a delicious dinner by Star Catering, Wine and Beverages, Silent Auction and 50/50 Raffle! *We thank the Knights of Columbus for organizing this yearly event.*

Cost is \$40 per person. Scan the QR code to purchase your tickets. Tickets are also sold at the Parish Office.



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 AUGUST:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 36,950.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 37,348.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [397.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [2,852.00]

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 | Joanna Luz |
| Susan Anderson | Cheryl Miraglia |
| Lois Belmessieri | Hector Paez |
| Jot Brown | Diana Riley |
| Brian Bucholtz | Larry Salas |
| Norma Dockter | Jill Stavosky |
| Nancy French | Lisa Tortora |
| Joan Gabrielli | Arthur Williams |
| Maria C. Gallegos | Peggy Winkenbach |
| Brian Linney | |

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

In Memorial

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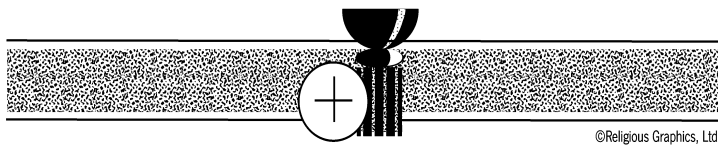
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**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN
THE MIDDLE EAST**

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

**OCIA (Formerly Known as RCIA)
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults**

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



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**2024 BISHOP'S
MINISTRIES APPEAL**

Many thanks to those parishioners who have already generously contributed towards our Bishop's Ministries

**MANY MINISTRIES
ONE CHURCH**
BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL 2024

Appeal. Following is the status of this appeal through **August 31st:**

Actual Donations Received:	\$26,431.00
Overall Goal for 2024:	\$29,000.00
# of Acknowledged Donors to date:	103
Funds Raised (includes pledges):	\$29,396.00

It's the FINAL PUSH! We are currently at **92%** 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.

**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 **October 2nd** in Stack Center, OLG Room at 7:00pm. Please call Jay at 510-537-0806 to register.



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!

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

"We can assert without any fear, that our soul and highest desire is to fulfill the will of the Immaculata in the strictest manner possible. To becoming every day more her property. To allow the Immaculata to take possession of our whole being."

THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 22nd:

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confirmation Class
11:15am—Stack Center

Tuesday, September 24th:

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

Women's Bible Study
7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

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

Thursday, September 26th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

Knights of Columbus Meeting
6:30pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

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

Saturday, September 28th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

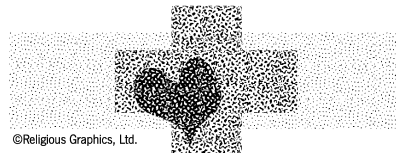
Parish Festival
10:00am—Rear Parking Lot

Sunday, September 29th:

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Outdoor Mass
9:00am—St. Francis Garden Chapel

Parish Festival
10:00am—Rear Parking Lot



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**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, September 22nd
 THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 7:30am OLG Community
 9:00am Jim Mann – D
 11:00am Debbie & Doug Reetz & Family
 1:00pm Robert Perino – D

MONDAY, September 23rd
 St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
 8:15am Jose H. Duarte – D

TUESDAY, September 24th
 8:15am Adriana Perino – L

WEDNESDAY, September 25th
 8:15am John Walsh – D

THURSDAY, September 26th
 Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs
 8:15am Catalina Ortiz Lopez – D

FRIDAY, September 27th
 St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
 8:15am Rosa Aguilar – D

SATURDAY, September 28th
 St. Wenceslaus, Martyr
 St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs
 8:15am Lydia De Castro – D
 5:00pm Julie & Steven Montoya & Family

SUNDAY, September 29th
 THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 7:30am Maria Villaseñor – D
 9:00am OLG Community
 11:00am Bob & Lisa Rosenbusch & Family
 1:00pm Mariano Navarro Sanchez – D

EXECUTION ALERTS

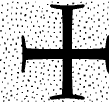
The following executions are scheduled to take place in **September**:

September 24th	Travis James Mullis	TX
September 24th	Marcellus “Khaliifah” Williams	MO
September 26th	Alan Eugene Miller	AL
September 26th	Emmanuel Antonio Littlejohn	OK

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: September 23rd through September 29th

Monday: Proverbs 3:27-34; Luke 8:16-18
 Tuesday: Proverbs 21:1-6,10-13; Luke 8:19-21
 Wednesday: Proverbs 30:5-9; Luke 9:1-6
 Thursday: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9
 Friday: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22
 Saturday: Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8; Luke 9:43-45
 Sunday: Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



Christ became poor so that by his poverty we might become rich

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WINGS - WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT

WINGS is a faith enhancement group that encourages spiritual growth through prayer, scripture study, Catechesis, life sharing and community. Our theme this year is *“Cultivating Peace in a Chaotic World...And Let It Begin With Me”*

Our meetings are held at the Transfiguration Church Hall.

Next Meeting: **October 3rd**, 9:00am to 11:15am

Speaker: Sister Rosheen Glennon CSJ

Topic: *“From Chaos to Caring”*

For further information or if you would like to attend, please contact: Carolyn Willkie at willkiecarolyn@gmail.com.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“None of us offers resistance when he is seized, or avenges himself for your unjust violence, although our people are numerous and plentiful...it is not lawful for us to hate, and so we please God more when we render no requital for injury...we repay your hatred with kindness.”

-St. Cyprian, 3rd Century AD

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

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