



My Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Once again on The Solemnity of Christ the King, November 24th, a Eucharistic Procession is being organized to take place here in the cluster (Transfiguration Church and Our Lady of Grace Church). There was wonderful participation from both parishes, and we are praying that the response this year is even greater. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at Transfiguration Church at 2:00 PM followed by The Procession with the Blessed Sacrament down Castro Valley Blvd. to Our Lady of Grace Church.

Everyone is encouraged to come and be a part of the process because as the Eucharist is carried through our streets, we give a public witness to our faith, and we show to others along the way our devotion towards the sacrament. All that is asked of those who will be participating is that what is happening will be carried out with dignity and without loss of reverence to the sacrament. This procession can have a special importance and meaning for our cluster and Castro Valley itself. This is a primary prayer intention being made by our cluster. My friends, this procession is truly a sign of our common faith and adoration as we carry the Blessed Sacrament with reverence. Please consider joining in this procession as we celebrate The Solemnity of Christ the King.

The procession will begin after a short period of adoration. Throughout the procession there will be Eucharistic Songs sung and Prayers offered. It is our prayer as well that all that will be taken place throughout the procession will proclaim our faith in Christ and direct our attention and the attention of others along the way to the Lord alone. The procession will have pauses along the way at which time a Blessing with the Blessed Sacrament will be given. Then, at the conclusion of our Eucharistic Procession from Transfiguration Church to Our Lady of Grace Church, Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament will be given. With this Blessing with the Blessed Sacrament, our Celebration will be completed.

My brothers and sisters in the Lord, join me in praying fervently that with this Eucharistic Procession we, bringing Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament into the streets of Castro Valley, will help others encounter anew Christ, our King and so many more will come to bear witness to Christ the King before others.

Eucharistic Procession ----- Sunday, November 24, 2024
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Transfiguration Church at 2:00 PM
Followed by the Procession to Our Lady of Grace Church
Where Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will take place

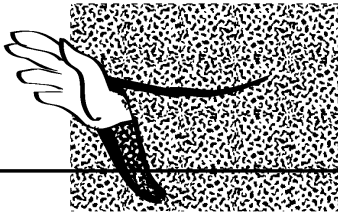
-Fr. Raphael

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (November 17th)

Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. "And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky. "Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

**THE LORD
LIFTS UP ALL
WHO ARE
FALLING**



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ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Our Parish will celebrate our annual Mass of Remembrance on Wednesday, **November 13th at 7:00pm**. This Mass has proved to be a very memorable liturgy for us who recall, in a particular way, those who have died in the past twelve months, as well as those who have gone before us in faith and in death. Votive candles will be provided. Everyone is invited to come and pray.

**REMEMBERING OUR DECEASED
FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

The envelopes for All Saints and All Souls' are placed on the altar this month of November for those wishing to remember their loved ones. Our *Book of Remembrance* also provides an opportunity to record names of deceased loved ones to be lifted up in our prayer during this month. You may also bring a picture of your loved one to be placed on the table before the St. Joseph statue in the Church and it will remain there during the month of November. Please put your name and contact info on the back of the photo.

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PARISH APPEAL
Next Weekend—November 16th & 17th**

Next weekend our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than thirty-eight million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. *25% of your contribution stays in our diocese to support the organizations addressing your community's needs for housing, jobs, and educational opportunities.* Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development>

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

We recently welcomed


Fernando Hesh Fernandez

into Our Lady of Grace Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. May God Bless you!

VETERAN'S DAY

Monday, **November 11th**, is a federal holiday. The Parish Office will be closed and will re-open on Tuesday, **November 12th** at 8:30am. Have a safe and relaxing Veteran's Day weekend.





**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
WARM COAT DRIVE**

November 1st – December 31st

St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting **coats** (men's, women's and children's - new and gently used), **blankets** and **socks**. As winter approaches, many that we serve do not have the resources necessary to purchase these items. This is true not only for those who are unhoused, but also for families who can not afford to keep their homes heated. We all know what PG&E bills look like during the winter. You will find collection barrels at the Somerset and parking lot sides of the church along with one in the office. *May God bless you for your continued generosity.*

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!**



The Our Lady of Grace Conference of St. Vincent de Paul, would like you to know how grateful we are for your monthly donations. These funds enable us to help those in need with rent, utilities, food and gas and to also consider other requests that are often brought to us. Here is an example of your donations in action.

Angela and her husband have 2 children; one of whom has health issues and uses a feeding tube. They moved here from the Midwest last year and are working hard to adapt to life in the Bay Area. Angela has been working as a substitute teacher and last month began a permanent teaching job. At the start of the summer, her husband lost his job and recently started a new one. As a substitute teacher, she did not get paid during the summer. Living 4 months without any income had put them in a very precarious financial situation and they received a 3-day notice from their management company. We committed to paying a portion of what they owed if they could make a payment arrangement with the landlord for the balance. They were able to do this so that when we met with the management company, everything went smoothly. This young family has been praying that God would help them through this crisis and felt that we were an answer to this prayer.



FR. KEVIN'S 40th ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

November 15th at 6:00pm

Don't miss Fr. Kevin's celebration!

Join us in Transfiguration Church Hall as we honor Fr. Kevin Schindler-McGraw for 40 blessed years of his priesthood. Wear your dancing shoes! Cake and beverages will be provided. Please plan on bringing either an appetizer or an entree to share. See you there!

CHRIST THE KING EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION
November 24th



Join us at 2:00pm at Transfiguration Church for Exposition of the Holy Eucharist followed by a Procession from Transfiguration to OLG Church, where Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will take place. Walk in unity with parishioners from both parishes, supporting with reverence the real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The Procession will take about an hour. Wear comfortable shoes and bring water along. Be sure to arrange for transportation between the churches.



WOMEN'S FAITH SHARING ADVENT INVITATION
Rejoice! An Advent Pilgrimage Into the Heart of Scripture

Advent is a special season for the Church. It is the time when Christians prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ. We often lose sight of the point of this season because we get so caught up in the festive busyness, and we find ourselves no more transformed on Christmas Day than we were at the start of Advent.

Join us on Tuesdays **beginning November 26th** as we prepare for Jesus' birth with a special program called *Rejoice! An Advent Pilgrimage in the Heart of Scripture, Year C*. This program features daily reflections, prayer, and opportunities for journaling. Each participant will receive a *Rejoice!* journal, filled with beautiful art and meaningful meditations, to use throughout the Advent season.

Rejoice! is an opportunity to enter the season of Advent intentionally to receive the grace God is waiting to give in this sacred time of preparation for Christmas. **We will meet on Tuesdays, November 26th - December 17th at 7:00pm in Stack Center.** This study can be done independently if you are unable to meet in person. Cost is \$10 for the materials. Please call the Parish Office (510-537-0806) or stop by to sign up.

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 OCTOBER:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 40,573.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 44,522.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [3,949.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 2,942.00

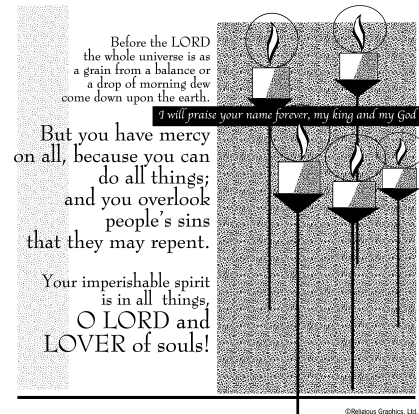
May God bless your continuing generosity.



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 | Brian Linney |
| Susan Anderson | Louisa Hokanson |
| Lois Belmessieri | Maria Mella |
| Frank Broker | Cheryl Miraglia |
| Jeff Brown | Carmen Navarro |
| Jot Brown | Hector Paez |
| Brian Bucholtz | Diana Riley |
| Norma Dockter | Jill Stavosky |
| Maria C. Gallegos | Lisa Tortora |
| Joan Gabrielli | Peggy Winkenbach |
| Adie Gonzales | |



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

In Memorial

KENNETH MAGPANTAY

GEOFFREY WREN

VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE



FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

We are grateful for the generous donation from Phyllis Barthman in honor 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.

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 **December 4th** in Stack Center, OLG Room at 7:00pm. Please call Jay at 510-537-0806 to register.



**SNOWFLAKE SOIRÉE
You're Invited!**

Please join us for an unforgettable evening of food, dancing and giving at our holiday gala and auction which will be held on Friday, **December 6th** at 6:00pm at Redwood Canyons Golf Course. *Proceeds will benefit Our Lady of Grace School.* Child care is available. Ticket sales are now open!

Scan the QR code and get your tickets today.



CALLING ALL CRAFTERS

If you are a crafter or know someone who is into crafts and would like to sell them, join us as a vendor at Transfiguration's 2nd Christmas Holiday Boutique on **November 23rd and 24th!** Cost to rent a table is \$50, good for both days. The proceeds go to Transfiguration Church and all sales go to you! If you are interested, contact Vivian Zaleski at vivzaleski@sbcglobal.net or phone 510-331-9920. We look forward to working with you!

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"What did you think, O Immaculata, when for the first time you laid the Divine Christ onto the little bed of hay? What feelings flooded your heart while you wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, held Him in your heart, and fed Him from your breasts? "

THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 10th:

The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Whole Family -Year 1 Class
10:15am—Stack Center

Whole Family Class
10:15am—Stack Center, Resource Room

Monday, November 11th:

Veteran's Day
Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, November 12th:

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

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

Wednesday, November 13th:

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6:30pm—Stack Center, Room 7

Mass of Remembrance
7:00pm—Church

Thursday, November 14th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

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

Saturday, November 16th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

Sunday, November 17th:

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Whole Family -Year 2 Class
10:15am—Stack Center


Confirmation Class
11:15am—Stack Center

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.



Mass Intentions for the Week



SUNDAY, November 10th
THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Joe Silva – D
9:00am Luis Martinez – D
11:00am OLG Community
1:00pm Ramos & Vasquez Families – D

MONDAY, November 11th

St. Martin of Tours, Bishop
8:15am Lilia Sousa – D

TUESDAY, November 12th

St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr
8:15am Reveles Family – D

WEDNESDAY, November 13th

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
8:15am Alejandro Porcuna Jr. – D
7:00pm Mass of Remembrance

THURSDAY, November 14th

8:15am Grace Gonsalves – D

FRIDAY, November 15th

St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
8:15am Agnes Tam Nguyen – D

SATURDAY, November 16th

St. Margaret of Scotland
St. Gertrude, Virgin
8:15am Lawrence Guerrero – L
5:00pm Antonio O. Chocha – D

SUNDAY, November 17th

THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am OLG Community
9:00am Leopoldo Muñoz – D
11:00am Rachel, Parker & Josephine Trewet
1:00pm Duarte & Ortega Families



EXECUTION ALERTS

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

November 13th Thomas Creech Indiana
November 21st Carey Dale Grayson Alabama

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

November 11th through November 17th

Monday: Titus 1:1-9; Luke 17:1-6
Tuesday: Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Luke 17:7-10
Wednesday: Titus 3:1-7; Luke 17:11-19
Thursday: Philomen 7-20; Luke 17:20-25
Friday: 2 John 4-9; Luke 17:26-37
Saturday: 3 John 5-8; Luke 18:1-8
Sunday: Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14,18; Mark 13:24-32

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: **November 21st**, 9:00am to 11:15am

Speakers: Sr. Pat Nagel IHM & Sr. Sharon Joyer SNDdeN

Topic: *"Reflection on Laudato Si"*

For further information or if you would like to attend, please contact: Rose Anne Ryken at raryken39@gmail.com.



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PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men."

-St. Francis of Assisi

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

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