



Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

The World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life is February 2nd. It is also the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Please pray for men and women religious: priests, sisters and brothers. It's an excellent opportunity to call to mind those men and women religious who have touched your lives and ours.

Offer a prayer for them, living and deceased. Pray in a special way pray for the Franciscan Friars Conventual who are a part of the faith communities of Our Lady of Grace and Transfiguration. Is there someone with whom you are familiar who very well may be thinking about a vocation to religious life? Pray for them and their vocation. Pray for men and women from within our faith communities to be open to the working of the Holy Spirit that they might discern a call to religious life.

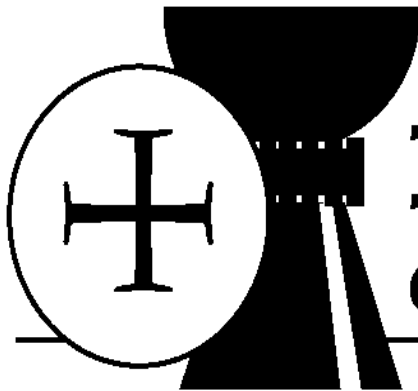
St. John Paul II had established the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life to be celebrated in conjunction with the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, known as Candlemas Day as well. On this day when candles are blessed and lit, remember that as Christ is the Light of the World, each of us and in a special way today, consecrated religious men and women are called, have the light of Christ present within them and be willing to spread that light in our homes, our church, our community, our world.

The Church needs more men and women to embrace consecrated life. It's a blessing for us all! Is there someone in your own family who may be interested? Pray for them and their vocation. Encourage a call to religious life.

Prayer for Consecrated Persons

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

-Fr. Raphael



**THE LORD IS PRESENT
TO US IN THE GIFT
OF THE EUCHARIST**

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The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (February 9th)

Luke 5:1-11

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.



*Enter the temple with
the light of his joy*

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**OLG SCHOOL'S
ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE
February 1st**



Our Lady of Grace School's Annual Open House is scheduled for Saturday, **February 1st** at 10:00am in Stack Center. Tour the school, meet our principal, Dr. Gena McGowan, our teachers and school parents. Learn about our dual-language early childhood program and our language-imbued curriculum. Also, meet representatives from our after-school programs, CYO Board, PTG Board, Tech Coordinator, and Kid Kare Director.

Applications for grades TK-8 are available for the 2025-2026 school year. For more information, please call the OLG School Office at 510-581-3155 between 8:30am-3:00pm. Visit the school's website at: <https://www.olgschool.org/>



**COFFEE AND DONUTS
February 9th**

Come join us! All are invited after the 9:00am Sunday Mass on **February 9th** in the Gathering Area for coffee, donuts and community. *We thank the Our Lady of Grace School for this ministry of hospitality.* See you there!

**1ST FRIDAYS OF EACH MONTH
February 7th**



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.



**YEARLY CONTRIBUTION
STATEMENTS**

For your convenience in preparing your tax return, a contribution statement for 2024 will be prepared at your request. Please phone Jay at 510-537-0806, with your name and envelope number. Your statement will be available for you to pick up once it has been signed.

**MISSION ALIGNMENT PROCESS
(MAP)**



Bishop Michael C. Barber's presented Three Parish Priorities: The attention given to the Celebration of the Mass. Sunday Mass should be a personal and communal encounter with Jesus Christ. This encounter should have us saying "It is good for us to be here!" The need to emphasize Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. We need to become Missionary Disciples. It is not enough just to practice our faith on our own. Spread the faith. Share it. Pass on the joy and consolation we have received from Jesus with others.

The MAP committee would like to invite the parishioners from Transfiguration and Our Lady of Grace Parishes to a "Catholic Community of Castro Valley" Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, **February 18th** at 7:00pm in Stack Center at OLG. The committee will be sharing their proposed recommendation based on the guidelines given to them by the bishop. This meeting will be a chance for everyone to voice questions and concerns over the proposed recommendation. Though this committee has been tasked with making a recommendation, the final decision will be up to the bishop.



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PRAY FOR OUR FRANCISCAN FRIARS

On this World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life, please pray for the friars who serve here in Castro Valley at Our Lady of Grace and Transfiguration Churches. Pray for the friars who have professed vows in Franciscan Life:

- Friar Paul Fazio, OFM Conv.**
Celebrating 58 years of Consecrated Life
- Friar Raphael Zwolenkiewicz, OFM Conv.**
Celebrating 55 years of Consecrated Life
- Friar Kevin Schindler-McGraw, OFM Conv.**
Celebrating 44 years of Consecrated Life
- Friar Francisco Nahoe, OFM Conv.**
Celebrating 40 years of Consecrated Life
- Friar Luke Vu, OFM Conv.**
Celebrating 27 years of Consecrated Life
- Friar Joseph Martin Hoang, OFM Conv.**
Celebrating 12 years of Consecrated Life

...and please invite someone to discern their vocation to consecrated life!



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**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2025
February 8th at 11:00am
Cathedral of Christ the Light**

World Day of the Sick, initiated by Pope John Paul II and held annually worldwide near the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, is celebrated in the diocese this year on **February 8th**. Bishop Barber invites all who are sick or ill, and their family members, caregivers and healthcare providers, to join us in this special opportunity to pray for healing and hope. This celebration includes Mass, the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, a blessing of caregivers and healthcare providers, and distribution of holy water from Lourdes, France. To register, please visit: worlddayofthesick.eventbrite.com

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

What is "Helping Hands"? This very special ministry started by Dianne Fisher many years ago, helps families who have lost a loved one and whom we assist with making and serving food to their family and friends after the Funeral Mass. OLG's funerals are held on weekdays only. *If you would like to periodically assist us by making food for these gatherings (each entrée, salad or dessert enough for 10 people) or help with set-up and clean-up in Stack Center, your time and talent would be most appreciated!* Please call Margaret McKean (510-340-1871) or you may leave your name and number at the Parish Office. Thank you and God Bless!

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 DECEMBER:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 51,615.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 55,750.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [4,135.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 2,992.00

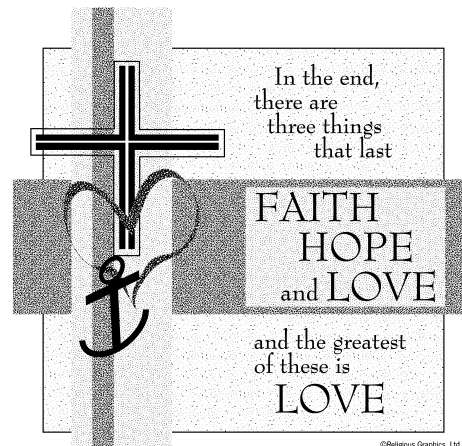
May God bless your continuing generosity.



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 | Trish Ferrari |
| Susan Anderson | Maria C. Gallegos |
| Wayne Blackard | Joan Gabrielli |
| Jeff Brown | Brian Linney |
| Jot Brown | Maria Mella |
| Maria Corazon Ocampo | Hector Paez |
| Sean Deorsey | Lisa Tortora |
| Norma Docket | Mark Vaz |
| Margaret Speranza | 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

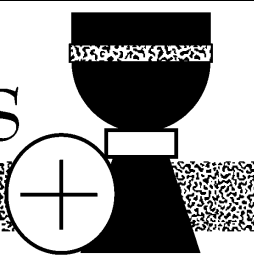
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VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

Receive the LORD JESUS



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CYO TRACK & FIELD REGISTRATION



CYO Track & Field is open to grades K-8, who are OLG School students or “In Parish” residents. Fee for the 2025 program year is \$130 per athlete or \$150 with jersey. (\$10 discount per athlete for families registering 2 or more siblings). **Registration closes on February 22nd. To register and for more details, please visit: www.olgcyocv.com.** If you have questions or if you would like to coach or assist with administration, please email: olgcyocv@gmail.com. Go Lions!

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, **February 28th-March 2nd** at San Damiano in Danville or visit www.wwme.org/apply/ to find the date and location that works for you!



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.

RELEVANT RADIO - 1260 AM



Relevant Radio brings you the best in Catholic Radio 24/7! Playing on 1260AM and dedicated to sharing the heart of the Catholic Faith and changing lives.

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“*Stay often with the Immaculata, converse with her often, linger one-on-one with her often, and you shall become more and more like her.*”

THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 2nd:

The Presentation of the Lord

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

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

Confirmation Class
11:15am—Stack Center

Tuesday, February 4th:

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

Women’s Faith Sharing
7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

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

Wednesday, February 5th:

OCIA
6:30pm—Stack Center, Room 7

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

Thursday, February 6th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

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

Friday, February 7th:

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

1st Friday Latin Mass
7:00pm—Church

Saturday, February 8th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

Crab Feed
4:30pm—Stack Center

Sunday, February 9th:

The Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

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

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, February 2nd
 THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
 7:30am OLG Community
 9:00am Helen Star – D
 11:00am Ron Sponsel – D
 1:00pm Ortega & Duarte Families

MONDAY, February 3rd
 St. Blaise, Bishop, Martyr
 St. Ansgar, Bishop
 8:15am Linda Jordan – L

TUESDAY, February 4th
 8:15am All Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, February 5th
 St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr
 8:15am Martha Olvera – L

THURSDAY, February 6th
 St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs
 8:15am Kimberly Hinkson – L

FRIDAY, February 7th
 8:15am Manuel & Dorothy Callier – D

SATURDAY, February 8th
 St. Jerome Emiliani
 St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
 8:15am Rosalie Shomon – L
 5:00pm Luciana Ferrario – D


SUNDAY, February 9th
 THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 7:30am Michael Miraglia – D
 9:00am Aaron Alcorn – D
 11:00am Maria Jardim – L
 1:00pm OLG Community



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK:
February 3rd through February 9th

Monday: Hebrews 11:32-40; Mark 5:1-20
 Tuesday: Hebrews 12:1-4; Mark 5:21-43
 Wednesday: Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Mark 6:1-6
 Thursday: Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24; Mark 6:7-13
 Friday: Hebrews 13:1-8; Mark 6:14-29
 Saturday: Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Mark 6:30-34
 Sunday: Isaiah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11



LOVE is patient, LOVE is kind,
 LOVE is not jealous. It does not
 seek its own interests. LOVE never fails.

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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!



FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

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.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“No one walks so safely as one who walks humbly and harmlessly with great love and great faith. For such a person gets through to the good in others (and there is good in everyone), and therefore cannot be harmed. This works between individuals, it works between groups and it would work between nations if nations had the courage to try it.”

-Peace Pilgrim

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

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 **February 5th** in Stack Center, OLG Room at 7:00pm. Please call Jay at 510-537-0806 to register.



BAPTISM

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