



My Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

2025 is A Jubilee Holy Year, the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord, an "event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church." The concept of "Jubilee" has its origins in the Book of Leviticus (chapter 25) as a special year of reconciliation, pilgrimage, and coming home. Pope Francis has designated the 2025 Holy Year as a time to renew ourselves as "Pilgrims of Hope."



Since the solemn opening of the 2025 Jubilee Year which took place on Christmas Eve, already over 500,000 pilgrims from all over the world have passed through the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. Hundreds of groups have already made their pilgrimage with the Jubilee cross leading them as they move prayerfully along Via della Conciliazione, to reach the Basilica. This is a very significant beginning to the Jubilee Year. The tremendous amount of people making the journey gives an important witness and we here in the Diocese of Oakland are encouraged to do the same.

For this year's Jubilee, Our Holy Father decreed that the only "Holy Doors" will be in Rome. That being said, the Cathedral of Christ the Light is still designated as a special place of pilgrimage to gain the Holy Year Indulgence.

The Opening Celebration for the Jubilee Year took place this past Sunday, January 19th, at the 11:00 AM Mass celebrated at the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland. Instead of a Holy Door, the emphasis here in the Diocese of Oakland will focus on a Holy Cross. The cross comes from the Old Mission San Jose. It is the foundation cross used by the Franciscan friars in 1797 to establish the Mission. The Cross was carried in procession on Sunday and has been placed in a prominent place for veneration in the Cathedral for the duration of the Year. Making this Spiritual Journey and fulfilling the obligations, a Plenary Indulgence – remission of temporal punishment due to sin – can be received.

Many have already entered into the spirit of the Jubilee by taking part in the opening celebrations of the Holy Year such as were held this past Sunday, January 19th, at the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland and in dioceses throughout the world. Celebrations will be taking place in our Diocese and in our Churches throughout this Jubilee Year.

-Fr. Raphael

### The Presentation of the Lord (February 2nd)

Luke 2:22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord*, and to offer the sacrifice of *a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons*, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted -and you yourself a sword will pierce- so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

**OLG SCHOOL CELEBRATES CATHOLIC EDUCATION!**



Our Lady of Grace School invites all to celebrate Catholic Education today, **January 26th** after the 9:00am Mass. Join us at 10:00am at the school—tour the school, meet students and parents and greet the teachers as we celebrate learning in all its forms.

Also, OLG 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/>



**CYO ATHLETICS CRAB FEED February 8th**

**Join us as we raise funds for OLG’s CYO Athletics**

*Get Your Tickets Today!*

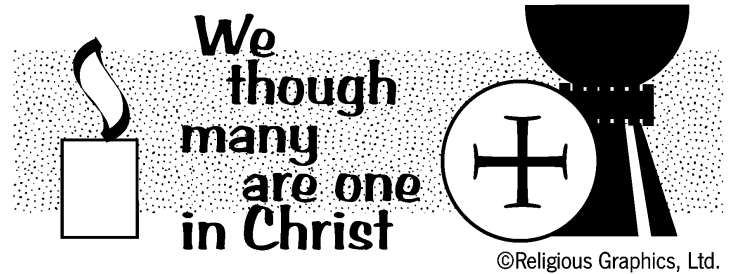
- Doors open at 4:30pm in Stack Center
- Cost is \$85 per person
- Limited tables of 10 seats for \$800 and tables of 12 seats for \$950
- Menu includes Crab or Chicken, Pasta, Salad and Bread
- No-Host Bar
- Music, Silent Auction and Raffle!
- Kid Kare available: \$40 per child (space is limited)

Get your tickets online by visiting: <https://tinyurl.com/OLG-CYO-crab> or scan the QR code. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.



**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.



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**CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM**

We recently welcomed

**Brianna Dejana**

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

**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.

**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.



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MONTHLY DONATIONS**

This weekend 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 those in need in our community. We want to thank you for your continued support to make this ministry possible.



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BLOOD  
SOUL &  
DIVINITY

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**COFFEE AND DONUTS  
February 2nd**

Come join us! All are invited after the 9:00am Sunday Mass on **February 2nd** in the Gathering Area for coffee, donuts and community. *We thank the Knights of Columbus for this ministry of hospitality. See you there!*

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

*Prayer shawls are universal and embracing, they comfort and enfold, wrap and warm, shelter and embrace. Our prayer shawls are knit with love and are blessed. If you have a loved one who is in need and would like to give them this gift of prayer, you are welcome to pick one up at the Parish Office.*



Prayer Shawl Ministry



**COLUMBIETTES**

Attention Ladies! Are you interested in becoming active in our parish? Come see what the Columbiettes are all about. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Join us for our next meeting on **February 19th**, 6:30pm in Stack Center, OLG Room. If you would like to become a member, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806. For additional information, please visit: <https://www.californiacolumbiettes.com>

**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.



**DID YOU KNOW???**

Our church has wonderful, hardworking volunteers who clean and set up our pews each week with missalettes, song books and envelopes each week for our Masses. We are grateful for their years of service in doing this!



**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
<b>Month Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 55,750.00</b>
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [4,135.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 2,992.00

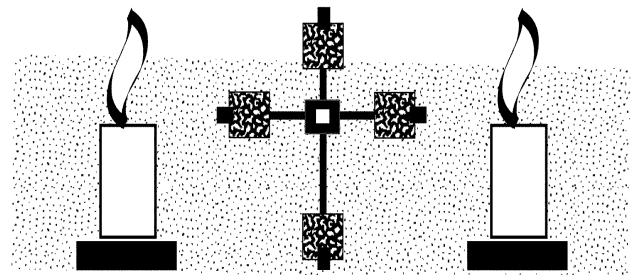
*May God bless your continuing generosity.*



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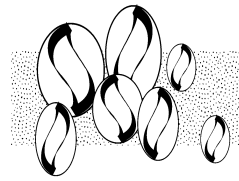
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*Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of a loved one.*

**In Memorial**

- ARNELL ORDOÑEZ  
NAOMI KAGEYAMA  
TINA PANELLI  
ISAAC SALCEDA**

- SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FIRES  
VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN  
THE MIDDLE EAST  
VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE**



*If one member suffers,  
all the members suffer with it;  
if one member is honored,  
all the members share its joy.*

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**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.

**MEN’S FAITH SHARE**

The OLG’s Men Faith Share Group meets on Tuesdays at 7:00pm in Stack Center, OLG Room. All men of the Parish are invited to come. This group meets each week to read and discuss the upcoming Sunday’s readings for the Mass. If you are looking for a small group setting to pray with and explore the Word each week, plan on joining us!

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**MILITIA IMMACULATA MEETINGS**

Come join us as members of the Militia Immaculata (MI) on the 1st Saturday of each month at 10:00am in Stack Center, Room 7. Our next meeting will be on February 1st.

**MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*“In order to understand more deeply who the Immaculata is, it is absolutely essential to acknowledge one’s nothingness, to endeavor to offer a humble prayer to obtain the grace of knowledge of her, and to strive to experience her goodness and her power in one’s life.”*

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, January 26th:**

**The Third Sunday In Ordinary Time**

OLG School Tours  
10:00am—OLG School

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

**Tuesday, January 28th:**

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, January 29th:**

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6:30pm—Stack Center, Room 7

**Thursday, January 30th:**

Adoration & Reconciliation  
6:00pm—Church

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

**Saturday, February 1st:**

Adoration & Reconciliation  
8:45am—Church

OLG School Open House  
10:00am—Stack Center

**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



**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, January 26th**  
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Visitacion Perdido – D  
9:00am Erlinda Barroso – L  
11:00am Jason Richard Roselius – D  
1:00pm OLG Community

**MONDAY, January 27th**

St. Angela Merici, Virgin  
8:15am Leona Nichandros – D

**TUESDAY, January 28th**

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church  
8:15am Manuel & Dorothy Callier – D

**WEDNESDAY, January 29th**

8:15am Luther Jao – D

**THURSDAY, January 30th**

8:15am Susana Maria Ax – L

**FRIDAY, January 31st**

St. John Bosco, Priest  
8:15am Herman Schmitz – D

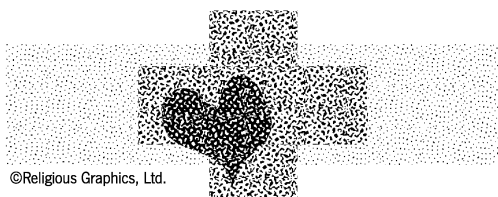
**SATURDAY, February 1st**

8:15am Marilyn "Lyn" White – D  
5:00pm Michael Seltzer – D

**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



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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

January 27th through February 2nd

Monday: Hebrews: 9:15,24-28; Mark 3:22-30  
Tuesday: Hebrews: 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-35  
Wednesday: Hebrews: 10:11-18; Mark 4:1-20  
Thursday: Hebrews: 10:19-25; Mark 4:21-25  
Friday: Hebrews:10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34  
Saturday: Hebrews:11:1-2, 8-19; Mark 4:35-41  
Sunday: Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40



**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**

*"We all have the great duty to realize the deep need for purity of soul, that is, the deep need to possess in us the Holy Spirit, to be possessed by Him. This has to take precedence over everything else. If He lives and works in us, then our activity will be true, and our witness will generate love of truth, even though we may be persecuted and beaten down in apparent incomprehension."*

-Thomas Merton, 1983

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