



Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

This Sunday and, in fact, this entire week is dedicated to Marriage. This Sunday, February 9th, is *World Marriage Sunday* and from February 7th through February 14th, we have the observance of National Marriage Week. Recognizing these special events, National Marriage Week and World Marriage Sunday, we have an opportunity to focus our attention on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. This year's theme is ***"Marriage: Source of Hope, Spring of Renewal. Pursue a Lasting Love!"***

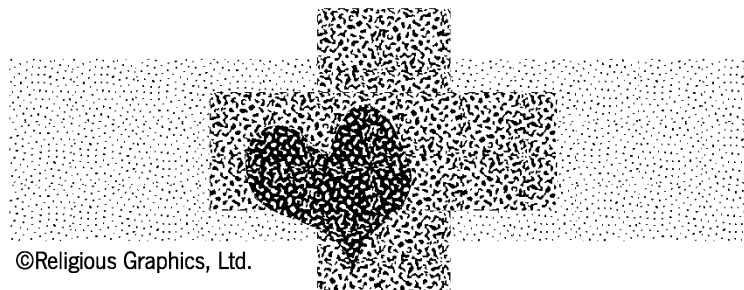
As the Church participates in National Marriage Week and the Jubilee of Hope, the importance of being humble in the covenant of marriage is noteworthy. Consider on how of all the virtues that compliment marital love, humility is of special importance because it strengthens the marriage bond at its core. Humility encourages generosity between spouses without counting the cost. It makes a couple's marital love more resilient. When spouses humbly offer love to each other, the daily familial bumps and bruises that happen heal more quickly. With each gesture of humility, whether in word or action, the pursuit of lasting love becomes more than just a fanciful idea; it finds a home where it is lived and felt. When spouses are humble in relationship with each other, love grows.

For all Christians, for all the baptized seeking to live humbly, the Celebration of the Mass, the Eucharist, is an immense source of strength for marital life. Each Celebration of the Mass is a Celebration of Christ's Sacrificial Love. At each Mass we are to acknowledge our weaknesses to experience forgiveness so that then we are fed at the Table of the Lord. Strengthened and nourished, we are blessed to live as Christ's humble servants.

At each celebration of Christ's sacrificial love, we begin by acknowledging our sins and brokenness in the penitential rite and then are fed at the table of the Word of God and in the sacrament of his body and blood. Strengthened and nourished, we are blessed and sent forth as renewed disciples as his humble servants. Seeking forgiveness in our relationships and in a special way in Marriage as we celebrate World Marriage Sunday and National Marriage Week is essential that love continues to grow. In Marriage, may couples celebrate their love for each with great frequency. In life may we all celebrate love for Jesus and one another.

To live a virtuous life is the call. May we all strive to imitate Jesus' selfless love, and in humility think of others before ourselves, showing each other and the world around us how to discover lasting love.

-Fr. Raphael



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The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (February 16th)

Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way."



HOLY is the LORD

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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.olgcvcyo.com.** If you have questions or if you would like to coach or assist with administration, please email: olgyocv@gmail.com. Go Lions!



YEARLY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

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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.



TOWN HALL MEETING INVITATION

The MAP committee invites all 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.



Flocknote is a communication tool OLG uses for sending emails and texts to our parishioners. Sign up to receive our Thursday's Flocknote and get up-to-the-minute news about important parish information and events. **It's easy and free!** *Be assured that your contact info is not shared outside of OLG and you may unsubscribe anytime.* To register from your computer, visit the Parish website at <http://www.olgcv.org>, scroll down the homepage and click on the Flocknote box. To register from your phone, text keyword **OLGCV** to 84576. To ensure emails from Flocknote do not get rejected, add "mail@flocknote.com" to your email address book or safe sender list.



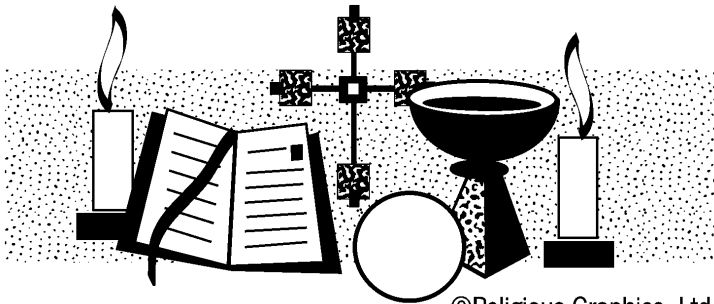
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HOLY WATER AVAILABLE

We've restocked our supply of Holy Water bottles and they are available for \$2 each. Please come to the Parish Office during office hours if you would like one.



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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!

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 **March 12th** in Stack Center, OLG Room at 7:00pm. Please call Jay at 510-537-0806 to register.



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>

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.wvme.org/apply/ to find the date and location that works for you!



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 JANUARY:

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| Sunday Plate for the month: | \$ 39,994.00 |
| Month Budgeted Goal: | \$ 37,902.00 |
| Over/[Shortfall] | \$ 2,092.00 |
| Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall] | \$ 2,092.00 |

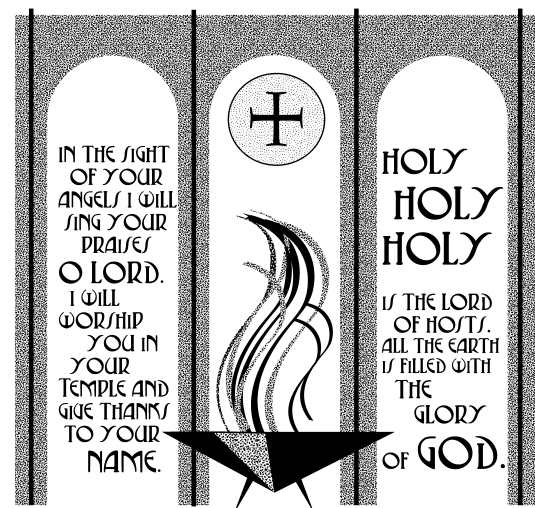
May God bless your continuing generosity.



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 Dockter | Mark Vaz |
| Margaret Speranza | Peggy Winkenbach |



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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

**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN
THE MIDDLE EAST
VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE**

TO THE OLG COMMUNITY

Brothers and Sisters! I want to thank all who gave me a thought and a prayer when my name appeared on the Prayer List a few weeks ago. A lot of people have asked what was going on, and it's a simple answer: Over a year ago I was diagnosed with Atrial Fibrillation, wherein the heart's upper chamber inexplicably starts beating irregularly and rapidly. My cardiologist told me I could be "proactive" and do something about it, via a procedure called "cardioversion." I decided to do so, and felt prayers would help me across the month of preparation for the procedure, during which, while under sedation, electrical stimulus is applied to the heart in hopes it will "reset" to its normal rhythms. This safe procedure did indeed reset my heart! The energy of Prayer Power is a beautiful thing, as is the infinite mercy and love of our Almighty Father in Heaven. AMEN!

-Mark Cotta Vaz

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.

**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!

**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.

**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!

**MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"The Immaculata.....The apex of perfection of creation, the Mother of God, among the creatures the one who is most divinized."

THIS WEEK**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

Tuesday, February 11th:

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 12th:

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6:30pm—Stack Center, Room 7

Thursday, February 13th:

Adoration & Reconciliation

6:00pm—Church

AA Serenity Group

7:30pm—Stack Center, Room 9

Saturday, February 15th:

Adoration & Reconciliation

8:45am—Church

Sunday, February 16th:***The Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time***

Whole Family 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, 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

MONDAY, February 10th

St. Scholastica, Virgin

8:15am Ernst & Susanne Grote – L

TUESDAY, February 11th

Our Lady of Lourdes

8:15am Grace Gonsalves – D

WEDNESDAY, February 12th

8:15am Avalina Garcia – D

THURSDAY, February 13th

8:15am Dallas Halsey – D

FRIDAY, February 14th

Sts. Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishop

8:15am Antonio Oliveira Chocha – D

SATURDAY, February 15th

8:15am Marlene Block – D

5:00pm Bart Jovellana – D

SUNDAY, February 16th

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Bart Jovellana – D

9:00am Emmanuel Fernandes – L

11:00am OLG Community

1:00pm Fr. Francisco Nahoe – L

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: **February 20th**, 9:00am to 11:15am

Speaker: Fr. Mark Wiesner

Topic: *"Cultivating Peace in a Chaotic World"*

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

February 10th through February 16th

Monday: Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56
 Tuesday: Genesis 1:20-2:4; Mark 7:1-13
 Wednesday: Genesis 2:4-9, 15-17; Mark 7:14-23
 Thursday: Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30
 Friday: Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37
 Saturday: Genesis 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10
 Sunday: Jeremiah 17:5-8;
 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20;
 Luke 6:17, 20-26



*if today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts*

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EXECUTION ALERTS

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

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| February 5th | Steven Nelson | Texas |
| February 6th | Demetrius Frazier | Alabama |
| February 13th | James Ford | Florida |
| February 13th | Richard Tab | Texas |

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

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"There is urgent need to work for a world free of nuclear weapons, in full application of the non-proliferation treaty, in letter and spirit, with the goal of a complete prohibition of these weapons."

-Pope Francis, September 2015

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

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