



*“I am the resurrection
and the life.”*

*“Yo soy la resurrección
y la vida.”*

John/Juan 11:25





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ is risen! He is truly risen! Alleluia! This Easter message echoes through the whole world proclaiming Christ's ultimate victory of light over darkness, grace over sin, and life over death. It is the message upon which we build our lives and to which we have our victory over death. Because Jesus has died and has risen, we have life everlasting. My friends, pray that we live our lives in and with and through the Risen Lord.

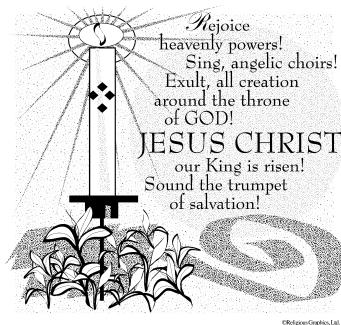
In the name of our Church Community here at Our Lady of Grace, the friars and staff wish you and your families a most holy and blessed Easter!

The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, The Passion of the Lord on Good Friday and The Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday Night and the Mass of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday offer us the most moving experience of our faith. Having celebrated these most holy days, let us pray for one another. In prayer, each one of us is lifted up. Along with our personal prayers for one another, know that everyone is being prayed for at our Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Liturgies. We are being remembered at each of our Eucharistic Celebrations. Our Risen Lord is with us. He sustains us so that we might live our lives walking in His Light. Renouncing sin and professing our faith, we strive to do our best to be a faithful people, loving God and one another. My friends, the example we give and the prayers we offer are blessings. So please, offer prayers for the members of our Parish Community. Lift each other up in prayer. Ask the Risen Lord to be with every one of us all the days of our lives.

I ask that for a few moments you consider the Easter event! On Holy Thursday, Jesus sat down with His friends and shared The Supper of the Lord. The Eucharist was instituted. On Good Friday, Jesus Christ suffered and died. He was placed in the tomb and the tomb did not hold Him. He rose from the dead. On Easter Morn, the glory of the Risen Lord is revealed. We, like those who came to tomb early Easter Morning, are in awe. Jesus is not in the tomb. Jesus Christ is risen and we shout: Alleluia, it is true. The Lord is Risen. It is true. As the Lord revealed Himself to His Disciples, He reveals Himself to us.

My friends, today is The Celebration of The Resurrection of the Lord, Easter Sunday. Today is the culmination of the most holy days in the life of the Church. Thank you for your participation in the life of the Church, especially in these most holy days.

As we celebrate The Lord's Resurrection and during the Easter season of 50-days, joyfully give thanks to God for the many blessings bestowed on you, individually, and upon us as a faith community.



May you have a most blessed and Happy and Holy Easter!

Jesus Christ is Risen! It is true! Alleluia! Alleluia!

~Fr. Raphael, the friars and staff of Our Lady of Grace Church~

Second Sunday of Easter—Sunday of Divine Mercy (April 27th)

John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

I know that
my Redeemer
lives!



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2025 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL How Your Gift Is Used

The overall goal for this year's Ministries Appeal is \$3 million. These funds help to offset the total costs of services and ministries.

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Thank you for your time and response as faithful stewards of God's Church. God bless you!

APRIL PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, **April 21st**. The entire staff wishes you all a Blessed Easter!

Additionally, Jay our Parish Secretary will be away on vacation. The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, **April 25th**. We thank you for your understanding.

EASTER OFFERING

Please know our gratitude for the ongoing and faithful financial support to our Parish. Your special Easter and Sunday offering help us meet our operating expenses. Our Easter Offering Budget this year is \$20,000. We are grateful for your help in accomplishing this goal. May God Bless you and your generosity!



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED OLG'S SOUP MEALS & FISH FRY!

We wish to thank *Family Faith Formation, Confirmation, Women's Cursillo, Spanish Community, Knights of Columbus, Columbiettes, Our Lady of Grace School, Women's Faith Share and the Italian Catholic Federation* for their time, talent and hospitality!

We also wish to thank the *Knights of Columbus and the Columbiettes* for hosting our Friday Fish Fry last week!

We are most grateful for all who hosted these delicious meals during Lent and in creating an atmosphere of community here at Our Lady of Grace.

1ST FRIDAYS OF EACH MONTH May 2nd



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.



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





PRAYER GARDEN CLEAN-UP April 26th

Help Wanted! The Knights are looking for volunteers to assist with sprucing up our Prayer Garden after all the rain and wind we've had. Join us on **April 26th** at 10:00am and bring your gloves, hat and water. The Prayer Garden is located next to the rear entrance of the church. Tools will be provided but you may also bring your own from home. See you there!



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.

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.



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.

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 MARCH:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 49,445.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 59,199.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [9,753.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 535.00

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:

Esperanza Ortega Alarcón	Theresa Hull-Nye
Wayne Blackard	Joan Gabrielli
Jeff Brown	Brian Linney
Jot Brown	Maria Mella
Maria Corazon Ocampo	Sheryl Michaud
Sean Deorsey	Hector Paez
Norma Dockter	Lisa Tortora
Trish Ferrari	Peggy Winkenbach
Maria C. Gallegos	

HE IS RISEN
alleluia

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

In Memorial

JOSE LUIS HERNANDEZ

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THE MIDDLE EAST**

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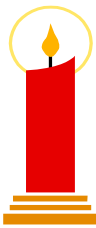


JESUS CHRIST is truly risen!

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ALTAR CANDLE MEMORIALS

We are looking to have 6 monthly sponsors for our Altar Candles and ask for a donation of \$20 to cover the cost of the candles for the month. Our donors will be recognized in the 1st bulletin of the month and there will be a monthly Mass offered for the intention of our Candle Memorial. Many blessed thanks for those who have donated. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

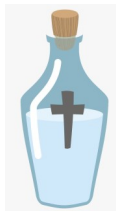


DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

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.

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.



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 **May 3rd**.

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Jesus.....began His mission and began to teach us the way to Heaven by submitting Himself to the Immaculata, as a child does towards his own mother. And fulfilling the fourth commandment, during His thirty-three years stay on earth. He honored His mother and placed Himself at her direct and complete service, to do the will of God the Father."



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THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 20th:

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Masses

7:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am—Church

Spanish Mass

1:00pm—Church

Tuesday, April 22nd:

Men's Cursillo Meeting

6:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Men's Faith Share

7:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Wednesday, April 23rd:

Columbette's Meeting

6:30pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Thursday, April 24th:

Knights of Columbus Meeting

6:30pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

AA Serenity Group

7:30pm—Stack Center, Room 9

Friday, April 25th:

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, April 26th:

Adoration & Reconciliation

8:45am—Church

Prayer Garden Cleanup

10:00am—Prayer Garden

Sunday, April 27th:

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Whole Family Class-Year 1

10:15am—Church

Confirmation-Parent & Sponsor Session

Noon—Stack Center

FR. TOM CZECK'S PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND Fall 2025

Fr. Tom will be leading a pilgrimage to Poland from **September 13th-23rd**. For more details and to enroll, please scan the QR code. Brochures are also available at the Parish Office.



Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, April 20th

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

7:30am~9:00am~11:00am~1:00pm (Spanish)

MONDAY, April 21st

8:15am Louis Rodrigues – D

TUESDAY, April 22nd

8:15am Charles P. Roberts – D

WEDNESDAY, April 23rd

8:15am Don Offerman – D

THURSDAY, April 24th

8:15am Tom Keating – D

FRIDAY, April 25th

8:15am Erika Venituce – D

SATURDAY, April 26th

8:15am Rosa Martinez Reyes – D

5:00pm Ramon Periquet – D

SUNDAY, April 27th

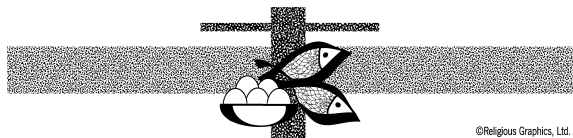
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

7:30am Fr. Raphael Zwolenkiewicz – L

9:00am OLG Community

11:00am Tony Ferreira – D

1:00pm Isabel Alvarado – D



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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!



EXECUTION ALERTS

The following executions are scheduled to take place in April:

April 23rd Moises Sandoval Mendoza Texas

April 24th James Osgood Alabama

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

April 21st through April 27th

Monday: Acts 2:14,22-23; Matthew 28:8-15
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15
 Sunday: Acts 5:12-16;
 Revelations 1:9-11, 12-13, 17-19;
 John 20:19-31



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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!



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 A.D.

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

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