

# OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Sunday of Divine Mercy**  
**April 27th, 2025**

## **MASSES:**

**Saturday:** Vigil Mass 5:00pm  
**Sunday:** 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00am  
**Spanish Mass:** 1:00pm

**Weekdays:** Monday-Friday 7:00am  
Holy Family Friary, 19697 Redwood Rd., C.V.  
Monday-Saturday 8:15am in the Church

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## ***Mission Statement***

*We, the Catholic community of Our Lady of Grace, endeavor to live our faith grounded in Jesus Christ, celebrating His presence in Word, Sacrament and shared experiences.*



Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord.

Today, the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday. It was five days after the Canonization of St. Faustina, May 5, 2000, that the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter, this Sunday, be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

Repeatedly, The Lord requested of St. Faustina that a Feast of Mercy, Divine Mercy Sunday, be observed. On 14 occasions the Lord requested of St. Faustina: *My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me. ... It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.*

Celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday, this afternoon at 3:00 PM at Our Lady of Grace Church, a Holy Hour for Divine Mercy will be taking place. Everyone is invited to attend.



**HOLY HOUR FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
**Our Lady of Grace Church**  
**Sunday, April 27, 2025**  
**3:00 PM**

Remembering Pope Francis, who passed from this life into the joy of the Kingdom this past Monday, April 21st, I would like to share with you some words of Pope Francis from Misericordia et Misera, November 20, 2016, which Pope Francis wrote showing how Pope Francis was consistent with the teaching of Divine Mercy and how Pope Francis made mercy a key theme of his Pontificate.....

*"Mercy cannot become a mere parenthesis in the life of the Church; it constitutes her very existence, through which the profound truths of the Gospel are made manifest and tangible. Everything is revealed in mercy; everything is resolved in the merciful love of the Father."* -Pope Francis

**Once again, everyone is invited to share in A HOLY HOUR FOR DIVINE MERCY being offered at 3:00pm here at Our Lady of Grace Church.**

-Fr. Raphael

### **Third Sunday of Easter (May 4th)**

**John 21:1-19**

At that time, Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." He then said to Simon Peter a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." Jesus said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me."





My Jesus Mercy!

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

### MAY PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Our Parish Secretary, Jay, will be away on vacation. The Parish Office will be closed on these Fridays, **May 16th, 23rd & 30th**. We thank you for your understanding.

### IN MEMORIAM

#### Our Holy Father Pope Francis

Together with the whole Church we in the Diocese of Oakland mourn the passing of our Holy Father Pope Francis. He was unique among popes: One of a kind. He will be forever known as "The Pope of Mercy." He called for a "Holy Year of Mercy" in 2016 which inspired an outpouring of charitable works and led to the reconciliation of thousands of Catholics with the Lord. May Pope Francis rest in peace. And may the angels lead him into paradise

-Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ

### DIOCESE OF OAKLAND

#### Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Update

Bishop Barber shares his most recent letter addressing the Diocese's recent progress and upcoming challenges. To read the Bishop's letter in its entirety, please visit: <https://www.oakdiocese.org/chapter-11>

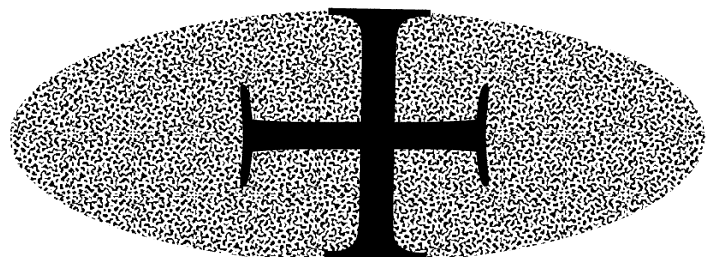
#### TUESDAY WOMEN'S FAITH SHARE GROUP

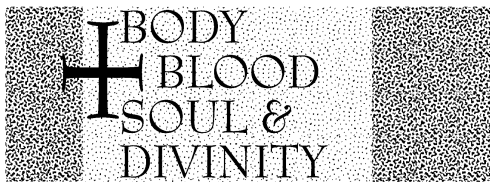


*Why is Mary so important to Catholics, and why have so many people been devoted to her over the centuries?* During the month of May, the Women's Faith Share Group will be studying the Blessed Mary with an 8-part video series from Dr. Brant Pitre. This series examines what the Old and New Testaments, the life of Christ, and the early Church fathers reveal about the life and identity of Mary. Dr. Brandt Pitre ventures into the practice of Lectio Divina to uncover these truths about Mary, Mother of God. Experience the love and presence of Mary in a whole new light. All women of the parish are invited to this video series study beginning **May 6th at 7:00pm** in Stack Center, Room 7.

#### COFFEE AND DONUTS May 4th

Come join us! All are invited after the 9:00am Sunday Mass on **May 4th** in the Gathering Area for coffee, donuts and community. *We thank the Knights of Columbus for this ministry of hospitality. See you there!*





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## LECTOR & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING SESSION

A one-evening training and refresher session will be held for current Lectors and EM's and for those who are interested in joining this ministry for the first time. Join us in the church on **May 12th** at 7:00pm. If you have any questions, please call Jay at the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

## 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!



## OLG'S FESTIVAL T-SHIRT CONTEST

**Calling all entries!** The theme for this year's school and parish festival has to do with the 1950's theme since it is the 70th anniversary of Our Lady of Grace School (established in 1955). Something along the lines of "rockin' OLG Fall Festival" is a place to start. The contest is open to all OLG parish and school-aged children and entries are due back to the School or Parish Office by **May 5th**.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION May 3rd

### Walk For the Poor

All are invited to join members of Transfiguration Church to take part in St. Vincent de Paul's annual *Walk for the Poor* on **May 3rd** from 9:00-10:00am. For more information, please email Carl Bellone at [carl.bellone@gmail.com](mailto:carl.bellone@gmail.com).

### Cinco de Mayo Party

Everyone is invited to Transfiguration's *Cinco de Mayo Potluck and Dinner Dance* at their Hall on **May 3rd** at 6:30pm. This is a Holy Spirit potluck. Please bring either an appetizer, entrée or dessert. Drinks will be provided.

**See Everyone There!**

## 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
<b>Month Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 59,199.00</b>
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Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	<b>\$ 535.00</b>

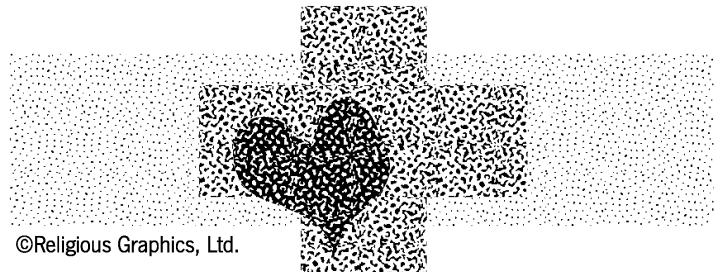
*May God bless your continuing generosity.*



## 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
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Norma Dockter	Lisa Tortora
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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**

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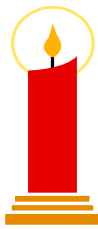
**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN  
THE MIDDLE EAST**

**VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE**



### 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 **May 21st**, 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>



### 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.

### 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.



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](mailto:mail@flocknote.com)" to your email address book or safe sender list.

### MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Never trust in yourselves, rather, trust in the Immaculata."*

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, April 27th:

#### Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

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

Confirmation Class & Parent/Sponsor Session  
Noon—Stack Center

Divine Mercy Holy Hour  
3:00pm—Church

### Tuesday, April 29th:

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

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

### Thursday, May 1st:

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

### Friday, May 2nd:

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

1st Friday Latin Mass  
7:00pm—Church

### Saturday, May 3rd:

Adoration & Reconciliation  
8:45am—Church

Militia Immaculata Meeting  
10:00am—Stack Center, Room 7

1st Communion Rehearsal  
10:30am—Church

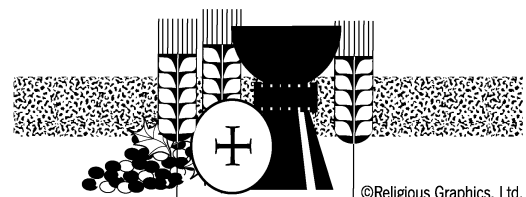
### Sunday, May 4th:

#### Third Sunday of Easter

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

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

Confirmation Class  
11:15am—Stack Center





# Mass for the Intentions Week

**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

**MONDAY, April 28th**

St. Peter Chanel, Priest &amp; Martyr

St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

8:15am Agnes Seeberger – D

**TUESDAY, April 29th**

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin &amp; Doctor of the Church

8:15am Agnes Keating – D

**WEDNESDAY, April 30th**

St. Pius V, Pope

8:15am Alberto Reveles &amp; Crucita Covarrubias – D

**THURSDAY, May 1st**

St. Joseph the Worker

8:15am All Souls in Purgatory

**FRIDAY, May 2nd**

St. Athanasius, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church

8:15am Manuel &amp; Dorothy Callier – D

**SATURDAY, May 3rd**

Sts. Philip &amp; James, Apostles

8:15am Zoe Barroso – L

5:00pm Leona Nichandros – D

**SUNDAY, May 4th**

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30am OLG Community

9:00am Jamil Castillo – D

11:00am Roberta Shomon – L

1:00pm Raul &amp; Esperanza Ortega – 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!

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:****April 28th through May 4th**

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8

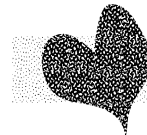
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; John 14:6-14

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41;  
Revelations 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

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harden not your hearts*

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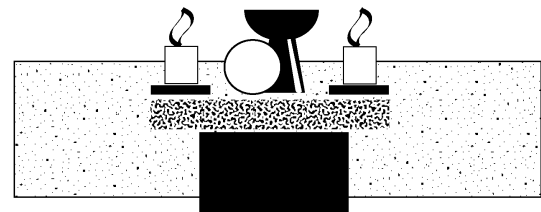
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**PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*"Let us pray for peace, and let us bring it about starting in our own homes!"*

-Pope Francis, 2014

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