

OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 25th, 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

PARISH:

Email: parish@olgcv.org

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm

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Sacramental Preparation for Adults:

Please contact Parish Office for information.

CONFESSIONS:

During Eucharistic Adoration or by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: CHURCH

Saturday: Following the 8:15 Mass

Thursday: 6:00-7:00pm

WHOLE FAMILY FAITH PROGRAM:

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Website: www.olgschool.org

Principal: Dr. Eugenia "Gena" McGowan

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.



The Bishop's Ministries Appeal – Goal for Our Lady of Grace Church is \$29,000 Ministries of Hope

The Ministries of Hope Appeal enables over 70 ministries that serve the Church Communities of the Oakland Diocese as well as the greater communities where our parishes are located to flourish. This includes faith formation and evangelization, CYO sports, formation of priests to serve parishioners, care of the retired priests, parishes in action programs, and meeting the unexpected needs of schools and parishes.

Your prayers for the success of the Appeal are important. So please offer the prayer for the appeal which appears at the end of this message. Then, please consider the particular way that you personally can assist our Church and the Diocese in reaching and even surpassing our goal. You can assist our parish efforts by praying for and donating to the appeal. Thank You to those who have already made a donation to the appeal. Your generosity is indeed a blessing. Every gift matters – each act of charity strengthens the Church's mission and brings Christ's love to those in needs. Please prayerfully consider contribution to the Ministries of Hope Appeal as an act of faith and a reflection of God's unending love. Support the Bishop's Ministries Appeal by using one of the envelopes sent to you or found in the Church. All the donations that are made are reserved. They can only be allotted to the particular ministries highlighted in the appeal. You can make a cash donation or by writing a check to Our Lady of Grace Church and writing "Bishop's Appeal" in the memo field or contributing online. Contributions to the Appeal can be made as a one-time donation or made monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually. Any amount raised above our Parish Goal is returned back to our Church. Your donation to the Appeal is greatly appreciated.

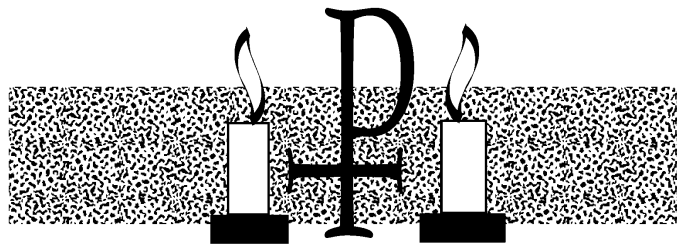
Our Lady of Grace Church was truly blessed to have achieved its goal for the 2024 Bishop's Ministries Appeal and looks forward to achieving this year's goal of \$29,000. Your generous donation to the Appeal assists in providing needed funds for programs and projects throughout the Diocese to continue and flourish. Thank you so very much.

Bishop's Ministries Appeal Prayer

*Loving and merciful God, we are your family, brothers and sisters
entrusted with the mission of your Church in the Diocese of Oakland.
We call upon our blessed Mother, Queen of the World and patroness of our Diocese,
to guide us as a people committed to serving the needs of all God's people,
to tend the flock entrusted to our care.*

*Look upon us, loving Shepherd, the sheep you have redeemed by your Precious Blood.
We offer you our grateful prayer and ask your blessing on all our endeavors. Amen.*

-Fr. Raphael



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The Ascension of the Lord (June 1st)

Luke 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God.

JESUS

the risen Lord

the Son of God

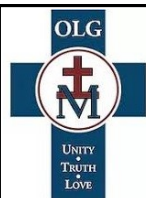
CHRIST

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'THANK YOU' TO OUR FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES!

As we wrap up the school year and head into summer, we want to express heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in our Faith Formation ministries. Thank you for the beautiful First Holy Communion celebrations last weekend. We're especially grateful to the families for their support, the children for their joy and reverence, and our dedicated Catechists for their guidance. It was a true reflection of faith and community. To all our Faith Formation families—thank you for your presence and commitment throughout the year. Your participation is a vital part of our parish life. A special thank you to our amazing Catechists and volunteers. Your generosity, patience, and devotion have helped nurture the faith of our young people. May God bless you all abundantly. We look forward to seeing you again next year!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Friday, May 30th
4:00pm



CLASS OF 2025

Isabella Alcantar	Zeus Martinez
Colton Galea	Isabella Montano
Izabella Gomez	Nicholas Montoya
Owen Hannon	Justin Nguyen
Zoe Hemenway	Amelia Nierengarten
Kingsley Ho	Rene Ortiz
Kate Kanbar	Andraya Ruiz
Chloe Lacayo	Sophia Saavedra
Nadia Martinez	Aurora Sena

We congratulate our 8th Grade Graduates and their families as they complete their education pursuits at OLG and now prepare to move on to their various new high schools. We can be rightly proud of the many accomplishments of this year's graduation class—it is a clear indication of the talents of our students and of the commitment and support they received from family and teachers along the way. We wish them well and we offer profound thanks to our school's wonderful principal, faculty and staff who have done so much to prepare them for this new adventure!

MEMORIAL DAY

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, **May 26th**. We will reopen on Tuesday, **May 27th** at 8:30am. We wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday!



Diocese of Oakland

MINISTRIES of HOPE

2025 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL

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Many thanks to those parishioners who have already generously contributed towards our Bishop's Ministries Appeal. Following is the status of this appeal through May 15th.

Overall Goal for 2025:	\$29,000.00
# of Gifts Received:	37
Funds Raised (includes pledges):	\$14,954.00

We are currently at **52%** of our goal! ***We are looking for 100% participation from Our Lady of Grace parishioners! Please make your contribution today!***

Envelopes are in the pews for your use. You may also scan the QR Code or visit: www.oakdiocese.org/bishops-ministries-appeal to make a gift online and for more information regarding parish goals.



CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next Weekend—May 31st & June 1st

This annual collection supports digital, broadcast, and print media communication efforts of the United States bishops on a national level as well as in local dioceses, where half of donations collected in our diocese are used to fund Church media outreach efforts to our local community. Your generous donation will support efforts such as our diocesan magazine and podcasts, expanded multimedia and video production capacity, and improved media outreach to Spanish-speaking communities. Please give to the Catholic Communication Campaign at Mass to help share the Gospel locally and nationwide. Envelopes are in the pews for your use. You may make your check out to "Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland" If you would like to give online, please visit <https://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org/organizations/usccb-catholic-communication-campaign>.

CONFIRMATION

Please pray for our Youth Confirmation candidates as they prepare for the Rite of Confirmation on **June 7th** at 5:00m at Our Lady of Grace Church.





BUSINESS AND FACILITY MANAGER JOB OPENING

OUR LADY OF GRACE – TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

OLG-Transfiguration Catholic Community is seeking to fill a Business and Facility Manager position. This position assists the Pastor in the leadership, personnel, facility and financial management of the Parish by managing the implementation and maintenance of policies and procedures required by the Diocese and by civil law. Basic requirements include a strong knowledge of the Roman Catholic liturgy with an informed understanding of Vatican II and how it applies to the mission of parish. Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration or Accounting and previous experience as a Business Manager. Excellent organizational skills required. Please contact Colleen Lindberg at clinberg@olgcv.org or the Parish Office at 510-537-0806 for a full job description.



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION 2025-2026

Passing On Your Faith Is One of the Most Precious Gifts You Can Give Your Children

Registration for 1st Communion, Confirmation and Whole Family is open for children entering grades 1st –12th.

Online Registration and payment is available on our website at www.olgcv.org. On the homepage, scroll down and click on the 'Faith Formation' or 'Confirmation' box.

Registration forms are also available in the Parish Office. Please bring your payment of check or cash when registering in person.

Cost is \$120 per child and \$60 for each additional child in the same household. **If you register by June 30th, you will receive an early bird discount of \$20 for the 1st child.** If you are in need of financial assistance, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

We look forward to seeing all returning students and extend a warm welcome to all new students.

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 APRIL:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 37,783.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 38,373.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [590.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [54.00]

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
Linda Barroso	Joan Gabrielli
Wayne Blackard	Brian Linney
Jeff Brown	Maria Mella
Jot Brown	Sheryl Michaud
Maria Corazon Ocampo	Hector Paez
Sean Deorsey	Lisa Tortora
Norma Dockter	Peggy Winkenbach
Maria C. Gallegos	

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

In Memorial

KRISTOPHER DECKER

**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN
THE MIDDLE EAST**

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE



CATHOLIC CHARITIES SPECIAL COLLECTION

*There's still time to give! We
thank those who have given last
weekend.* For 90 years, Catholic Charities has been helping our neighbors right here in the East Bay. They assist with rent and utility payments, support our youth, and help neighbors legally on the path to citizenship. Join us in making a difference and being a Modern Good Samaritan!

Please make your checks out to "Catholic Charities". Please scan the QR code to make your donation.



Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed on **May 30th**. We thank you for your understanding.

**FESCO UPCOMING EVENTS**

28th Annual FESCO Shuffle
June 14th, 9:00am-1:00pm
Moreau Catholic High School

Fight Family Homelessness! The Shuffle is a free-fun, and family-oriented community event where the proceeds benefit the FESCO program. The community is invited to sponsor the event, and walk or run that day. Team Captains lead the fundraiser by rallying supporters to join their teams, pledge donations, and walk for their team. Businesses can also get involved in the event by sponsoring The FESCO Shuffle. Participants will enjoy a fun-filled day for all ages with music provided by a popular Bay Area band, a Kids-Zone with fun games and prizes, food, and much more!

All are invited to join Team OLG or donate at www.fescoshuffle.org or by scanning the QR code. For more information please visit:

**FESCO Spring Benefit Sale**

Shop and make a difference in the lives of un-housed families with children in our community! Find fabulous deals on collectibles, custom jewelry, housewares, toys, vintage treasures and more. All proceeds will support FESCO, the Family Shelter, in its efforts to end family homelessness in Alameda County and beyond.

May 30th and May 31st—9:00am to 5:00pm

Castro Valley Methodist Church
 19806 Wisteria Street, Castro Valley

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**

“O Immaculata.....the Holy Spirit had given an incomparably greater amount of light to you than to all other souls taken together....How many mysteries regarding Jesus must that Divine Spirit who lived and operated in you have revealed only and exclusively to your immaculate soul.”

THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 25th:

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Monday, May 26th:

Memorial Day
Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, May 27th:

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

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

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

Thursday, May 29th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
 6:00pm—Church

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

Friday, May 30th:

Parish Office Closed

8th Grade Baccalaureate Mass
 9:30am—Church

8th Grade Graduation Ceremony
 4:00pm—Church

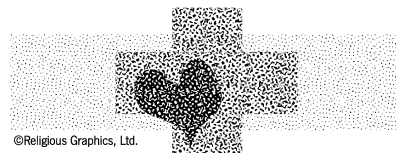
Saturday, May 31st:

Adoration & Reconciliation
 8:45am—Church

Sunday, June 1st:

The Ascension of the Lord

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

**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.



Mass for the Intentions Week

SUNDAY, May 25th

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30am Myrna Suaverdez – D

9:00am Angeline Vaecarezza – D

11:00am Maria F. Jardim – D

1:00pm OLG Community

MONDAY, May 26th

St. Philip Neri, Priest

8:15am Bob & Clara Perino – D

TUESDAY, May 27th

St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

8:15am Mary Borges – D

WEDNESDAY, May 28th

8:15am Austin Garcia – L

THURSDAY, May 29th

St. Paul VI, Pope

8:15am Cindy Maria Jardim – D

FRIDAY, May 30th

8:15am Celia Dorado – L

SATURDAY, May 31st

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15am Vincent Perino – D

5:00pm Eleuterio Jardim – D

SUNDAY, June 1st

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

7:30am OLG Community

9:00am Chase Sigmon – L

11:00am Dominico Tran Van Lay – D

1:00pm Ramiro Navarro – D

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**May 26th through June 1st**

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15,22-18:1; John 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23

Saturday: Zephaniah 3:14-18; Luke 1:39-56

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23;
Luke 24:46-53**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

"Peace firstly means there are no wars...but it also means that there is friendship between all, that every day a step ahead is made for justice, so that there are no more children who are hungry, that there are no more sick children who do not have the possibility of receiving healthcare. Doing all of this means making peace."

-Pope Francis, 2015

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

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**'THANK YOU' FROM PAX CHRISTI**

The Pax Christi/Social Justice group would like to thank all of our parishioners who signed postcards in our *Bread for the World* letter writing campaign after the Masses on the weekend of May 10th-11th. Thanks to your participation, we were able to send off 190 postcards - 64 to Senator Schiff, 63 to Senator Padilla, and 63 to Representative Swalwell asking them to support legislation that helps to reduce hunger in the U.S. as well as abroad.

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A gift to the 2025 Bishop's Ministries Appeal enables 70+ ministries to foster evangelization, faith formation, and pastoral outreach across our diocese. The outcome of your generosity is that the Gospel is spread, seminarians are supported, pastoral care is provided and our youth are inspired in their faith journey.

Every gift matters—each act of charity strengthens the Church's mission and brings Christ's love to those in need. Please prayerfully consider contributing to the Bishop's Ministries Appeal as an act of faith and a reflection of God's unending love.

WAYS to GIVE

MAIL: Send check or money order to: **Bishop's Ministries Appeal**
Diocese of Oakland, 2121 Harrison Street, Suite 100, Oakland, CA 94612

ONLINE: Scan the QR code or visit
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CALL: 510-267-8358

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