

OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Seventh Sunday of Easter
June 1st, 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:

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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

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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.



My Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension. After rising from the dead, Jesus spent the next 40 days revealing Himself to his disciples. As Christ interacted with His disciples, He was preparing them to go out and preach the Gospel Message and Baptize all peoples. At the end of these 40 days, Jesus ascended into heaven.

By the Death and Resurrection of the Lord, the Lord opened the gates of heaven for all peoples. His Ascension into heaven prepares the way for all who believe in Him in faith to follow Him into the joy of the Kingdom. The favor of the Lord rests upon us all. From heaven, Jesus hears our prayers and intercedes for us with His Father and prepares the way that one day we would join Him in heaven. As a people of faith, we thank the Lord that we will be raised on the last day and enter into heaven. There, in His Presence, we will join together with all the holy ones singing glory and honor, praise and thanksgiving to our God.

Traditionally, The Solemnity of the Ascension is celebrated on Thursday, which is forty days after Easter, as a Holy Day of Obligation. In our diocese, the Solemnity of the Ascension has been moved to this Sunday. The purpose of observing The Ascension on a Sunday is to allow so many more of our faith community here at Our Lady of Grace Church to participate together at Mass.

Thank You for being present at Mass this Sunday and every Sunday. Your presence is so important for the vitality of our faith.

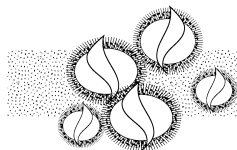
And, my friends, as we celebrate the Ascension this Sunday we look forward to the Celebration of Pentecost which is celebrated 50 days after The Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter). This will mark the end of the Easter Season. Anticipating the end of the Easter Season, thank you for your presence throughout the Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday/ Good Friday/Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday) and the involvement of so many who prepared, decorated and served in the various liturgical ministries so important for full and active participation in the life of Our Lady of Grace, our Church.

So, let's continue to celebrate the Easter Season for one more week. Let us thank the Lord that he has opened to gates of heaven to us all. Let us thank the Lord that by ascending into heaven He has shown us the way. And, looking forward to what lies ahead, we prepare to celebrate the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles. My friends, be open to the workings of the Holy Spirit in our personal lives and in the life of the Church.

-Fr. Raphael

*Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all,
intercedes constantly for us as the mediator
who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit.*

- The Catechism of the Catholic Church #667



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Pentecost Sunday (June 8th)

John 20:19-23

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."



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

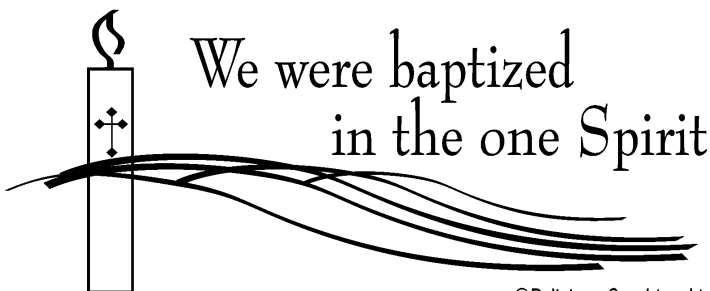
We are currently at 52% of our goal! We are looking for 100% participation from Our Lady of Grace parishioners! Please make your contribution today!

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 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.givecatholictogether.org/organizations/usccb-catholic-communication-campaign>.



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I will send the SPIRIT to you



CONFIRMATION 2025

Please pray for the Confirmation Candidates of our Parish Community who will be Confirmed in Faith.

Our Lady of Grace Church
Vicar General Lawrence D'Anjou
June 7th at 5:00pm

Youth Confirmation

Ydalia Aguilar	Kimberly Gutierrez Estrada
Isabella Arroyo	Natalie Gutierrez Estrada
Diego Barragan	Adrian Guzman
Martin Barragan	Mateo Jiao
Joy Botello	Natalia Jamal
Santiago Cisneros	Sophia Nguyen
Camille Cruz	Alexander Omans
Emiliano Cruz	Adam Ornelas
Hector Cruz	Diego Rico
Martin Cruz	Kenny Spoonhunter
Matthew Gallegos	Audrey Tingzon
Jalen Gomez	Jaydon Tingzon
Christian Gudino	Jonah Tingzon
Naiten Gutierrez	Leonardo Trujillo-Orozco
Andrew Gutierrez Estrada	Danna Villalobos

This Mass will also be the Vigil Mass for Pentecost



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION 2025-2026

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.olgev.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.



'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!



ALTAR CANDLE MEMORIAL DONORS

We deeply thank the following donors who have given generously towards sponsoring our Altar Candle Memorial.

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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:



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 MAY:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 39,121.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 39,847.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [726.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [780.00]

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
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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**

PEACE

—be with you—

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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 **June 4th** in Stack Center, OLG Room at 7:00pm. Please call Jay at 510-537-0806 to register.



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.



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 **June 18th**, 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>

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

“Religious spirit is crucial above all, since the locals will learn by example. The current brothers, thanks to the Immaculata, are pure gold.”

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 1st:

The Ascension of the Lord

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

Tuesday, June 3rd:

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

Confirmation Rehearsal
6:00pm—Church

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

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

Wednesday, June 4th:

Pre-Baptism Class
7:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Thursday, June 5th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

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

Friday, June 6th:

Benediction & Exposition
After 8:15am Mass—Church

1st Friday Latin Mass
7:00pm—Church

Saturday, June 7th

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

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

Confirmation Mass
5:00pm—Church

Sunday, June 8th:

Pentecost Sunday

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, 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

MONDAY, June 2nd

Sts. Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs

8:15am Manuel & Dorothy Callier – D

TUESDAY, June 3rd

St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs

8:15am Leona Nichandros – D

WEDNESDAY, June 4th

St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

8:15am Manuel & Gose Silva – D

THURSDAY, June 5th

8:15am Ron Jones – D

FRIDAY, June 6th

St. Norbert, Bishop

8:15am Salvador Tejeda – D

SATURDAY, June 7th

8:15am Rosa Martinez Reyes – D

5:00pm Vanessa Fernandes – L

SUNDAY, June 8th

PENTECOST SUNDAY

7:30am Fred Dorado – D

9:00am OLG Community

11:00am Cindy Jardim – D

1:00pm Jose Avila Lopez – D

**1ST FRIDAYS OF EACH MONTH****June 6th****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.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:****June 2nd through June 8th**

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13-21; John 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11;
1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13;
John 20:19-23

**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.

RELEVANT RADIO - 1260 AM

Relevant Radio brings you the best in Catholic Radio 24/7! Playing on 1260AM and dedicated to sharing the heart of the Catholic Faith and changing lives.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered;...Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace."

-Pope Francis, 2015

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

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Community Outreach Ministries

Helping Hands: Assist with hospitality after OLG's funerals for family members and friends of the deceased.

Pastoral Care to the Sick: Visit the sick while praying & distributing the Eucharist.

Pax Christi: Upholding the Gospel values of peace & social justice in our community & the world at large.

St. Vincent de Paul: Assist the poor & those in temporary need with food & financial assistance.

Faith Formation Ministries

Baptism Preparation: Assist with instruction to parents & godparents preparing to have their infants baptized. 1st Wednesday of the month

Family Faith Formation: Assist with religious education of students of grades 1st-8th on Sundays.

Men's Faith Share: Gather with other men of our Parish to discuss the upcoming Sunday readings.

Women's Bible Study: Gather with other women of our Parish during Advent & Lent in preparation for Christmas & Easter.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults): Assist with guidance of adults seeking membership into the Church on Wednesday evenings.

Sacrament Preparation: Assist with Baptism, 1st Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion (ages 7 & up) and Confirmation (High School) on Sundays.

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers: Assist priests at liturgical services, especially the Masses, for grades 5th-12th.

Extraordinary Ministers: Distribute the Holy Eucharist at Mass & to the homebound.

Lectors: Proclaim the 1st & 2nd Readings at Mass.

Music: *Choir* sings at the 11:00am Mass, *Folk Group* sings contemporary Catholic music at the 9:00am Mass & 5:00pm Mass. *Ensemble* sings at the 5:00pm Mass. *Coro en la misa de español* a la 1:00 p.m.

Ushers: Assist with greeting parishioners, taking up the collections, seating people as needed.

Parish Life Ministries

Columbiette's: Women's auxiliary assisting the Knights of Columbus with Parish activities & fundraising.

CYO (Catholic Youth Organization): Sports program for grades 2nd-8th.

Fall Festival: OLG's biggest fundraiser event held on the last weekend of September.

Italian Catholic Federation (ICF): Non-profit fraternal organization promoting activities that build faith & family.

Knights of Columbus: Catholic Men's fraternal organization organizing year-round fundraising events to benefit OLG.

If you are interested in knowing more about our Ministries, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

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