

OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Third Sunday of Easter
May 4th, 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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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 Christ,

As we all know, May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a custom that has taken place in the Church for centuries. As we enter into the month of May, we continue to celebrate the Easter Season, the fifty days in which we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Blessed Virgin Mary fits well with the celebrations of Easter and Pentecost because it gives us the opportunity to recall Mary's great joy in her Son's victory over death as well as her presence with the apostles in the upper room prayerfully awaiting the descent of the Holy Spirit.

Celebrating the month of May in honor of Mary, we can reflect on the faith of Mary, who believed with all her heart and said "yes" becoming the Mother of the Messiah, the Son of God. She allowed herself to be led by God's grace throughout her life, a life rooted in a deep faith in God. She became her Son's first and most perfect disciple.

And so, reflecting on our own faith, we journey to the Lord with Mary at our side. She helps us with her prayers to live by faith. She teaches us to believe as she believed. During this month, Mary is honored as the Queen of Heaven and Earth, Queen of the Whole World. Please consider how you can express your love for Mary, the Mother of God, our Queen. In honoring Mary, we are ultimately praising God for the grace He bestowed on her. The holy rosary is an excellent prayer for us to enter more deeply into the mysteries of Christ's life with Mary. It is a Gospel prayer.

We all probably have our favorite images of Mary as well as our favorite devotions: Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Lourdes, Mother of Perpetual Help, the Miraculous Medal, Our Lady of Grace and more. The many images and devotions express various aspects of Our Lady's vocation and mission. They help us to know the virtues of Mary and remind us to turn to her for her intercession.

I invite us to pray to Mary and with Mary during this month. Let us especially commend to her our prayers for our own personal lives, our families, the Church, our Church, right here in Castro Valley. Let us learn from Mary how to love God more fervently and to love one another as her Son has loved us.

May the patroness of the Diocese of Oakland, Our Lady, Queen of the World, help us draw ever closer to Christ her Son!

-Fr. Raphael



The Fourth Sunday of Easter (May 11th)

John 10:27-30

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."



MINISTRIES of HOPE

2025 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL

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

Catholic Schools & Parishes In Need

Each year, the diocese provides subsidies and grants to assist with operating expenses at our inner-city Catholic schools and for parishes and faith communities that are facing extraordinary and immediate financial challenges.

- Operating Subsidies
- Capital Expenditure Grants
- Emergency Funding Support

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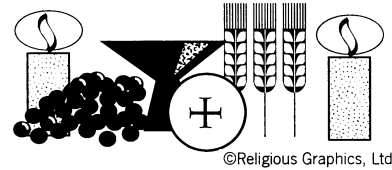
Thank you for your time and response as faithful stewards of God's Church.

MARIAN CONCERT & MAY CROWNING May 7th

Our Lady of Grace School will be holding a "Marian Concert and May Crowning" in the church on **Wednesday, May 7th after the 8:15am Mass**. The program will last approximately 30 minutes and will feature hymns to honor Our Lady, a May Crowning procession, and a tribute to our school moms (and all moms). All are welcome to attend!

MOTHER'S DAY

As a means of honoring our mothers, deceased and living, a Triduum of Masses will be celebrated on **May 12th, 13th and 14th**. Cards and Spiritual Bouquet Forms are available in the Parish Office. Forms are also available in the Church. Please pick one up if you would like to honor your loved one and return it to the Parish Office with your donation. If you choose to use Online Giving, please list the names of your loved ones there. The names of those remembered will be placed at the altar for 3 days.



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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION May 17th at 9:30am & 11:00am

Please join us in welcoming these young members of our community to the table for the first time.

First Holy Communion Recipients

Isabella Acosta	Alba Lopez
Valeria Acosta	Karicia Lopez
Nicholas Aldana	Samuel Madruga
Olympia Arevalo	Abimael Martinez
Thiago Barragan	Alicia Martinez
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OUR LADY OF GRACE—TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC COMMUNITY JOB OPENING

OLG-Transfiguration Catholic Community is seeking to fill a Bookkeeper II position. The Bookkeeper is responsible for maintaining the financial records of the parishes by accurately recording the day to day financial transactions. The Bookkeeper provides timely and accurate financial information to the pastor, business manager, and finance council, and ensures fiscal responsibility in parish operations. The Bookkeeper performs functions with little direct supervision and only general oversight. Please contact Colleen Lindberg at clindberg@olgcgv.org or the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.



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.



ICF'S CINCO DE MAYO DINNER!

Branch #343 of the Italian Catholic Federation invite all parishioners for a delicious *Cinco de Mayo Mexican Dinner* in Stack Center on **May 8th at 5:30pm**. The winner of their 1st Annual Heritage Writing Contest will be honored—an 8th grade student from OLG School! Entry fee is \$20 per person. Please make your reservations by calling Leonard Rossi at 510-581-3246.

COFFEE AND DONUTS May 11th

Come join us! All are invited after the 9:00am Sunday Mass on **May 11th** in the Gathering Area for coffee, donuts and community. *We thank Our Lady of Grace School for this ministry of hospitality.* See you there!



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA May 13th

All are invited to the church to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima with Marian Consecration on **May 13th at 7:00pm**.

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.



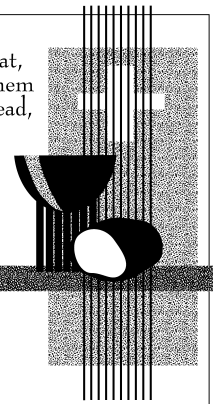
Your Prayers Are Requested

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
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	

And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

The two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.



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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

POPE FRANCIS

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**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN
THE MIDDLE EAST**

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

BREAD FOR THE WORLD***"When I Was Hungry, You Gave Me to Eat"***

OLG Parish is participating in our annual Bread for the World "Offering of Letters" on the weekend of **May 10th-11th**. Bread for the World is an interfaith Christian group that lobbies our nation's decision-makers to pass legislation that will alleviate hunger at home and abroad. We are asking you to take a few minutes next weekend after Mass to stop at one of the tables set up at the entrances to the church to sign a postcard or to write your own letter to our Senators and Representative asking them to take a stand for the poor and vulnerable around the world.

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.

**28TH ANNUAL FESCO SHUFFLE****June 14th****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: www.fescofamilyshester.org

**MAY PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Let yourself be guided by the Immaculata and collaborate [to win for Christ] all and each individually who exist now and shall exist in the future."

THIS WEEK**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

Tuesday, May 6th:

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

Wednesday, May 7th:

May Crowning
After the 8:15am—Church

OCIA
6:30pm—Stack Center, Room 7

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

Thursday, May 8th:

ICF Dinner & Meeting
5:30pm—Stack Center

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

Saturday, May 10th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

Sunday, May 11th:**Fourth Sunday of Easter****Happy Mother's Day!**

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

**OLG'S FESTIVAL T-SHIRT CONTEST**

Calling all entries! The theme for this year's school and parish festival is the *1950's*, commemorating the 70th anniversary of Our Lady of Grace School that was established in 1955! The contest is open to all OLG parish and school-aged children. Entries are due back to the School Office or Parish Office by **May 5th**.

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, May 4th

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30am OLG Community

9:00am Jamil Castillo – D

11:00am Roberta Shomon – L

1:00pm Raul & Esperanza Ortega – D

MONDAY, May 5th

8:15am Guzman Family – D

TUESDAY, May 6th

8:15am Maura Vanderpoorten – D

WEDNESDAY, May 7th

8:15am Miguel Gutierrez – D

THURSDAY, May 8th

8:15am Scarlett Hinkson – L

FRIDAY, May 9th

8:15am Lilia Sousa – D

SATURDAY, May 10th

St. John of Avila, Priest & Doctor of the Church

St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

8:15am Antonio S. Barroso, Sr. – D

5:00pm Adelaide Martin – D

SUNDAY, May 11th

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30am Maria Ha Vo – D

9:00am Helen Star – D

11:00am Lasalette Oliveira Capote – L

1:00pm OLG Community

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**May 5th through May 11th**

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1; John 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1-8; John 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52;
Revelations 7:9, 14-17; John 10:27-30

his word and gospel
are our light

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**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.

**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.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Open our eyes and our hearts and give us the courage to say: 'Never again war! With war everything is lost.' Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace."

-Pope Francis, 2014

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

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