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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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CONFESSIONS:

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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,

As a Parish Community, we are all asked to participate in the Diocesan Yearly Appeal. This year's appeal has been given the theme "Ministries of Hope" which blends very nicely with the theme of this Jubilee Year "Ministers of Hope." As we center our attention on this year's appeal, we are encouraged by the words of St. Paul and the promise he made to the Romans, "Hope does

not disappoint." Through our support of this year's appeal, we all become bearers of hope across the East Bay community. It is our generosity which brings renewed hope to thousands in the East Bay community by transforming the lives of so many through acts of love and service.

Our financial support empowers more than 70 vital ministries of the Diocese to have the essentials necessary to give witness to the Gospel Message. Your generosity strengthens our evangelization efforts. It enables everyone who is actively involved in Church ministries to appropriately share the Gospel and deepening the faith of many locally and throughout the Diocese, preparing seminarians to guide the faith community throughout the Diocese with an effective ministry, and makes available counseling to those seeking healing and renewal.

Through the support of our Church Community and Church Communities throughout the Diocese, youth are inspired to grow deeper in their relationship with Christ Last year, our parish family contributed most generously and we superseded our goal of \$29,000.00. This year, we're hoping once again to reach our goal - \$29,000.00 - and go well beyond it which will directly benefit our Church. When we exceed this goal, every additional dollar returns to our parish to serve our local needs. Your gift transforms lives and shares God's love.

Thank you to those who have already contributed to this year's appeal. Thank you for being God's instruments of hope. Please make a genuine effort to contribute to the appeal. Thanks to everyone for what is being done in support of Our Lady of Grace Church and the Diocese. May God bless us abundantly.

WILL ANY OF THESE FUNDS BE USED FOR ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE DEFINED CASE ELEMENTS? No. Funds raised through the Bishop's Ministries Appeal will be used exclusively for the ministries and services noted.

WHAT TYPES OF GIFTS WILL BE ACCEPTED? Gifts are gratefully accepted via check, credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express), or direct debit of a checking account. Parishioners can give online by visiting the Bishop's Ministries Appeal website at www.oakdiocese.org/bishops-ministries-appeal.

SUPPORT THE MINISTRIES OF HOPE APPEAL!

-Fr. Raphael



The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 6th)

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

At that time the Lord appointed seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.' If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves his payment. Do not move about from one house to another. Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.' Whatever town you enter and they do not receive you, go out into the streets and say, 'The dust of your town that clings to our feet, even that we shake off against you.' Yet know this: the kingdom of God is at hand. I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom on that day than for that town." The seventy-two returned rejoicing, and said, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us because of your name." Jesus said, "I have observed Satan fall like lightning from the sky. Behold, I have given you the power to 'tread upon serpents' and scorpions and upon the full force of the enemy and nothing will harm you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven."



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION 2025-2026

Registration for 1st Communion and Whole Family is open for children entering grades 1st-8th.

Last Chance to Receive the \$20 discount Ends June 30th!

Online Registration and payment is available on our website at www.olgcv.org. On the homepage, scroll down and click on the 'Faith Formation' 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 are in need of financial assistance, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.



CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION 2025-2026

For Youth Entering Grades 9th-12th.

Last Chance to Receive the \$20 discount Ends June 30th!

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DONATIONS

This weekend, **June 28th–29th**, members of St. Vincent de Paul will be at the church entrances accepting donations for their work with those in need in our community. Thank you for your continued support to make this ministry possible.

SAVE THE DATE! OLG & TRANSFIGURATION PARISH PICNIC Sunday, August 10th

Mark your calendars! Join us for a wonderful day of faith and community with both of

our parishes at Lake Chabot. Mass in the park will be at 11:00am followed by Food, Games and Fun! More details to come.

4TH OF JULY

The Parish Office will be closed on **Friday**, **July 4th**. We will reopen on **Monday**, **July 7th** at 8:30am. We wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday!



Diocese of Oakland

2025 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL

MINISTRIES of Many thanks to those parishioners who have already generously contributed towards our 2025 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL Bishop's Ministries Appeal. Following is the status of this appeal through June 15th.

Overall Goal for 2025: **\$29,000.00**

of Gifts Received: 64

Funds Raised (includes pledges): \$20,747.00

We are currently at 72% 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.



WOMEN'S FAITH SHARE GROUP

Psalms: The School of Prayer



At the heart of the Bible are the Psalms, prayers from God that help us learn to pray. The Holy Spirit inspired them. Israel sang them. Christ himself prayed them, as did our Blessed Mother. These sacred hymns become our heartfelt response to God's loving and wondrous deeds for us. Their words captivate the imagination and draw us into a deeply personal encounter with God.

Our Lady of Grace Women's Faith Share will meet for an 11-week Bible study *Psalms: The School of Prayer* starting on Tuesday, September 2nd at 7:00pm in Stack Center and continuing through November 11th.

Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of group discussion and fellowship. Cost is \$30. For more information or to register, contact Jay at 510-537-0806. Last day to register and pay will be on Thursday, August 14th.



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PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

There's still time to give! The Peter's Pence Collection supports the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Leo XIV to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression and disasters. Please be generous. Envelopes will be in the pews for your use. For more information, please visit: www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html

COFFEE AND DONUTS July 6th

Come join us! All are invited after the 9:00am Sunday Mass on **July 6th** in the Gathering Area for coffee, donuts and community. We thank the Knights of Columbus for this ministry of hospitality. See you there!



OUR LADY OF GRACE IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Our Lady of Grace School, Castro Valley's ONLY Catholic School is currently accepting applications for the 2025-2026 school year. For more information

and a personal tour, feel free to contact Dr. Gena McGowan at gmcgowan@csdo.org or leave a message during business hours at 602-882-2816. We currently have openings in all grades but are near capacity in TK and Grade Six.

OLG offers dual language (Spanish) immersion for grades TK-1, Spanish language arts for grade 2 and conversational Spanish in grades 3-8. In addition to a solid Catholic catechetical curriculum in all grades including Latin in Junior High, we offer an emphasis on science and math in all grades (with a renovated science lab in the Augustine Center) and a robust after school program and Kid Kare from 6:00am-8:00am and again from 3:30pm until 6:00pm. For more information, please visit: www.olgschool.org

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:\$ 39,121.00Month Budgeted Goal:\$ 39,847.00Over/[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:

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



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

In Memorial

CIRILO TORRES

VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE



To the Word of the Lord we say Amen

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1ST FRIDAYS OF EACH MONTH EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION July 4th

All are invited to join us after the 8:15am Mass for Exposition and Benediction of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

COME VISIT OUR PRAYER GARDEN

We welcome all parishioners who seek a

bit of time away from the hustle and bustle for prayer and spiritual reflection in our lovely Prayer Garden, located between the Parish Office and the rear entrance to the church. Come to the Parish Office during our business hours so Jay may let you in.

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 Baptism Class. You also need to be registered members of the parish for at least three months. Our next class will be held on **August 6th** in Stack Center, OLG Room at 7:00pm. Please call Jay at 510-537-0806 to register.

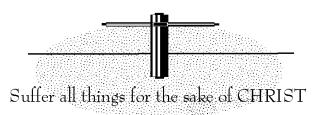


MILITIA IMMACULATA MEETINGS

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 **July 5th**.

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you, and for all those who do not have recourse to you, especially the enemies of the Holy Church and all those recommended to you."



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THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 29th:

Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles

Tuesday, July 1st:

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

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

Thursday, July 3rd:

Adoration & Reconciliation 6:00pm—Church

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

Friday, July 4th:

4th of July Parish Office Closed

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

Saturday, July 5th

Adoration & Reconciliation 8:45am—Church

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

Sunday, July 6th:

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus monthly meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of every month at 6:30pm in Stack Center, OLG Room. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, visit https://www.kofc.org or join them at their next meeting on July 24th.

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!

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SUNDAY, June 29th

SAINTS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES

7:30am **OLG Community**

9:00am Victor Pasquini – D

11:00am Doug & Debbie Reetz & Family

Ramiro & Imelda Navarro Sanchez – D 1:00pm

MONDAY, June 30th

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Joseph Norberto Oliveira – D 8:15am

TUESDAY, July 1st

St. Junípero Serra, Priest

Manuel & Dorothy Callier – D 8:15am

WEDNESDAY, July 2nd

Manuel & Gose Silva – D 8:15am

THURSDAY, July 3rd

St. Thomas, Apostle

Rosa Martinez Reyes – D 8:15am

FRIDAY, July 4th

8:15am Maria Ha Vo-D

SATURDAY, July 5th

St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest

St. Elizabeth of Portugal

8:15am All Souls in Purgatory

5:00pm Johnny & Esperanza – D

SUNDAY, July 6th

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Gerry Fagalde – L 9:00am **OLG Community** 11:00am James Martins – D

1:00pm Alfonso Vazquez – D

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.



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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

June 30th through July 6th

Monday: Genesis 18:16-33; Matthew 8:18-22 Tuesday: Genesis 19:15-29; Matthew 8:23-27 Wednesday: Genesis 21:5, 8-20; Matthew 8:28-34

Thursday: Ephesians 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29 Friday: Genesis 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67;

Matthew 9:9-13

Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29; Saturday:

Matthew 9:14-17

Isaiah 66:10-14; Galatians 6:14-18; Sunday:

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20



if today you bear his voice, baroen not your bearts

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HOLY WATER AVAILABLE

Holy Water bottles are available for \$2 each. Please come to the Parish Office during office hours if you would like one.

RELEVANT RADIO - 1260 AM



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PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Many powerful people don't want peace because they live off war. Some powerful people make their living with the production of arms. It's the industry of death."

-Pope Francis, 2015

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

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OUR LADY OF GRACE - LIST OF MINISTRIES

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 *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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