

OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pentecost Sunday
June 8th, 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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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 Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead (Easter), we, the Church celebrate Pentecost, the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, the Blessed Virgin Mary and others who were gathered together in the Upper Room. With the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that day, the apostles boldly gave witness to Jesus' Resurrection and God's deep, unbreakable love for all people. That witness did not end with the Apostles but has continued from generation to generation in the life of the Church. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit helped them and helps us to tell everyone from every corner of the world that God has empowered the Apostles as He empowers each of us to be able to give witness to the Gospel Message. God empowered the Apostles to become multilingual. Everyone to whom the Apostles spoke heard the message in their own language. In a like manner, today, the Church, present throughout the world, shares the message of the Gospel in a multitude of languages for all to hear and embrace. In this respect, we have come to experience God dwelling in his people who bear witness to the risen Jesus by choosing to live in his way of love. With the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the abundance of gifts the Holy Spirit bestows on us, let us pray that people throughout the world can meet God through us here at Our Lady of Grace Church who, we pray, are being set on fire with the gifts bestowed on us by the Holy Spirit.

The disciples, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, answered Jesus' call to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". With the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the Apostles immediately began to proclaim the Gospel Message and in response to their proclaiming of the Gospel, we are told that three thousand people were baptized that day.

With the Holy Spirit alive and active within us, we are called to proclaim that same Gospel Message. With the vibrancy of our faith, we are empowered to invite others to come and meet the Lord, to have their lives forever changed through the Celebration of Baptism. In the Sacrament, we put on Christ. Let us all give witness to the life of Jesus who lived His life like one of us in all things but sin, who suffered and died for us, rose from the dead and ascended into heaven. It is the Lord who promised not to leave us abandoned but that He would send the Holy Spirit.

My friends, The Holy Spirit is vital to the mission of the Church and our giving witness to it. This is why we recognize Pentecost as the Birthday of the Church. Pentecost! It's the moment The Lord's loving Church began. It's the beginning of new life, life in Jesus through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Happy Pentecost! Happy Birthday!

-Fr. Raphael

His presence among us continues forever

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The Most Holy Trinity (June 15th)

John 16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."

**COME
HOLY SPIRIT
CREATOR BLEST**



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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 31st.

Overall Goal for 2025:	\$29,000.00
# of Gifts Received:	56
Funds Raised (includes pledges):	\$19,433.00

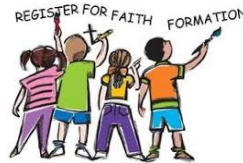
We are currently at 68% of our goal! We are looking for 100% participation from Our Lady of Grace parishioners! Please make your contribution today!

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 There's Still Time to Give

Many thanks to all who have given! 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://uscbb.igivecatholictogether.org/organizations/uscbb-catholic-communication-campaign>.



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.olgcv.org. On the homepage, scroll down and click on the 'Faith Formation' or the '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.

FATHER'S DAY MASSES

As a means of honoring our fathers, living and deceased, a Tridium of Masses will be celebrated on **June 16th, 17th and 18th**. Cards are available in the Parish Office for those wishing to give or send a remembrance card. Request forms are available at the church entrances and in the Parish Office. If you choose to use Online Giving, please list the names of your loved ones there. The names of those to be remembered will be placed at the altar for the Tridium of Masses.

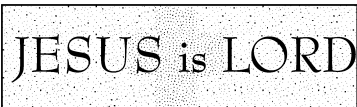


COME VISIT OUR PRAYER GARDEN

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.



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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:



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!

ALTAR CANDLE MEMORIALS

We are looking to have 6 monthly sponsors for our Altar Candles and ask for a donation of \$20 to cover the cost of the candles for the month. Our donors will be recognized in the 1st bulletin of the month and there will be a monthly Mass offered for the intention of our Candle Memorial. Many blessed thanks for those who have donated. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.



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.

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]

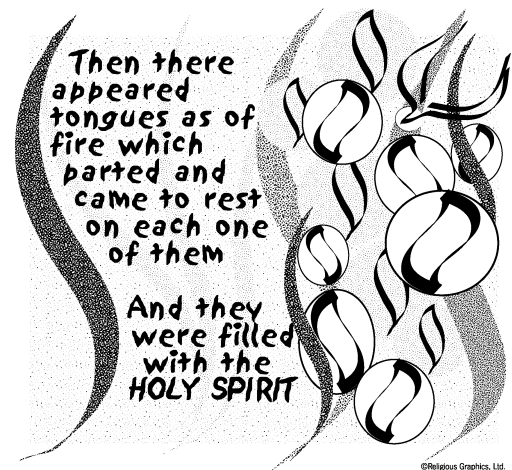
May God bless your continuing generosity.



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
Maria C. Gallegos	



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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.

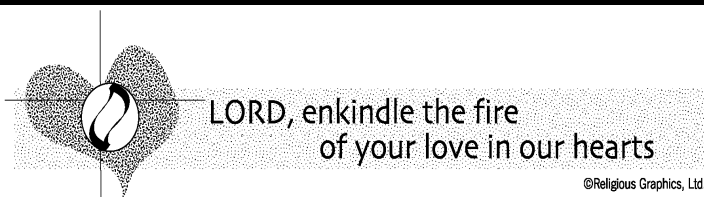
In Memorial

JUAN TORRES

JOSE MARENCO

**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN
THE MIDDLE EAST**

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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" to your email address book or safe sender list.



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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.

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.



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

"Whoever works for the Immaculata must suffer much. And the Immaculata also suffered much. Love is nurtured precisely with the crosses. We are all very inadequate, but also very happy - is it not true? - instruments in the dearest hands of our Mother."

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 8th:

Pentecost Sunday

Tuesday, June 10th:

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, June 12th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

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

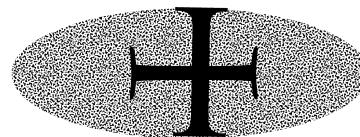
Saturday, June 14th

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

Sunday, June 15th:

The Most Holy Trinity

Happy Father's Day



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DRESS-A-GIRL MINISTRY

Please join us for the monthly *Dress-a-Girl* gathering and help make sundresses for young school girls in foreign countries. Join us on **Wednesday, June 11th at the Transfiguration Church Hall, 10:00am-12:00pm.** If you're interested, please contact Yolanda Arredondo at 510-303-4023.



FR. RAY MALLET'S PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN Spring 2026

Fr. Ray will be leading a pilgrimage to Spain from **March 10th-19th**, in celebration of his 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. For more details and to enroll, please email Fr. Ray at rmallett1@hotmail.com.

Mass for the Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY, June 9th**The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**

8:15am David Monnat – D

TUESDAY, June 10th

8:15am Wilhelmina Camina – D

WEDNESDAY, June 11th**St. Barnabas, Apostle**

8:15am Lilia Sousa – D

THURSDAY, June 12th

8:15am All Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, June 13th**St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

8:15am Lasalette & Andrew Capote – L

SATURDAY, June 14th

8:15am Antonio Oliveira Chocha – D
 5:00pm Jim & Marie Miraglia – D

SUNDAY, June 15th**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

7:30am Manuel & Gose Silva – D
 9:00am Frank Lang – D
 11:00am OLG Community
 1:00pm Keith Crane – L

EXECUTION ALERTS

The following executions are scheduled to take place in **June**:

June 10th	Anthony F. Wainwright	Florida
June 10th	Gregory Hunt	Alabama
June 12th	John Hanson	Oklahoma
June 13th	Stephen Stanko	S. Carolina
June 24th	Thomas Lee Gudinas	Florida
June 25th	Richard Gerald Jordan	Mississippi

We ask for your prayers for these persons, for the victims of their crimes, and for their families.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**June 9th through June 15th**

Monday: Genesis 3:9-15, 20; John 19:25-34
 Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 1:18-22;
 Matthew 5:13-16
 Wednesday: Acts 11:21-26; 13:1-3;
 Matthew 5:17-19
 Thursday: 2 Corinthians 3:15-4:1,3-6;
 Matthew 5:20-26
 Friday: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 5:27-32
 Saturday: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21;
 Matthew 5:33-37
 Sunday: Proverbs 8:22-31; Romans 5:1-5;
 John 16:12-15



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PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Every war is a form of fratricide that destroys the human family's innate vocation to brotherhood. War often begins with the inability to accept the diversity of others, which then fosters attitudes of aggrandizement and domination born of selfishness and pride, hatred and the desire to caricature, exclude and even destroy the other."

-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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