

OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**14th Sunday in Ordinary
Time
July 6th, 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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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

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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 the Lord,

Having celebrated Independence Day, the 4th of July just two days ago and continuing to celebrate 4th of July Weekend, let's remind ourselves of the words of the Preamble to the Declaration of Independence: *we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.*

Celebrating Independence Day Weekend, we, baptized into the family of God, the Church, acknowledge that it is in and through our Celebration of Baptism that we are marked with the indelible sign of the sacrament, a sign that cannot be erased. Inalienable rights are rights that cannot be taken away.

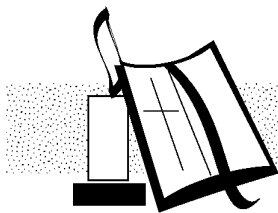
This weekend we are celebrating that which took place on July 4, 1776. We celebrate the fact that our great nation was established. Celebrating our citizenship in this nation, we need to remember that it is through Baptism that each of us are incorporated into Christ and His Church. In renouncing sin and making our profession of faith, we proclaim that this is our faith.

It is the faith of the Church and we need to be proud in professing our faith with one another, in Christ Jesus the Lord. On July 4th, we heard the National Anthem being sung with such enthusiasm. As members of the Church, we have the Profession of Faith. This Profession of Faith, I believe in one God...., needs to be recited wholeheartedly. It needs to be given expression in our daily lives so that being baptized into new life in Christ Jesus, we are immersed into the Paschal Mystery, the life, death, and resurrection of the Lord. Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness are the inalienable rights spoken of in the Preamble to the Declaration of Independence. Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness are ours in our Life in Christ Jesus as members of Christ's Family, the Church. We are given new life in Christ. We are given freedom, no longer living in the darkness of sin but walking in the light of the Lord. The pursuit of happiness is ours, sharing in the good things of the Lord every day of our lives and looking forward to one day being with the Lord in heaven. This is our true happiness. We are citizens of heaven.

Baptism is the public declaration of our faith and our rebirth in Christ Jesus, the Lord. This Sacrament binds us together as members of God's Family, the Church. The Pledge of Allegiance, I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America..... is the civic declaration of our connectedness to one another and to this great nation.

Enjoy the rest of this 4th of July weekend! Celebrate our independence under God, indivisible! Celebrate Baptism!

-Fr. Raphael



To the Word of the Lord we say Amen

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The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 13th)

Luke 10:25-37

There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test Jesus and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" He said in reply, "*You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.*" He replied to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live." But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.' Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

As you may have heard, my retirement after 23 years at Our Lady of Grace is imminent. It's difficult to put into words the importance and significance this parish has held for me over these past two decades. What I can say is that I have been deeply blessed by my time here, and by all of you.

Though I'm stepping away from my professional role, I find great comfort in knowing that Our Lady of Grace will remain my home parish. This community has become so very dear to me, and that connection will continue long after I leave my position. I am proud of all that our parish represents and grateful beyond words for the generous volunteers who give so much of themselves in service to this community. Your dedication—whether through the Finance Committee, Festival, CYO, Helping Hands, Monday Counters, or so many other ministries—has enriched my life in ways I'll never forget.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart,
Colleen Lindberg



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION 2025-2026

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

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.

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MINISTRIES of HOPE

2025 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL

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*Many thanks to those parishioners
who have already generously contrib-
uted towards our 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.

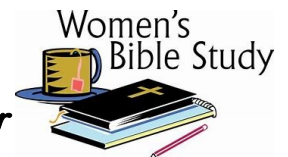


FESCO BACKPACK DRIVE

OLG is again supporting the FESCO backpack drive to help needy children get the school supplies they will need for the upcoming academic year. Sign up to provide the supplies for a specific grade level student. Our FESCO reps will be outside the entrances to the church after the Masses on the weekend of **July 5th and 6th** to take sign-ups. Thank you for your support!

WOMEN'S FAITH SHARE GROUP

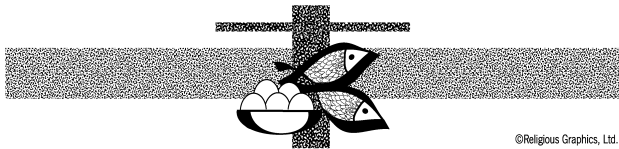
Psalms: The School of Prayer



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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FAREWELL POTLUCK FOR FR. FRANCISCO! Tuesday, July 8th



Join us on **July 8th** as we bid farewell to Fr. Francisco and thank him for his many years of service at OLG! We will have a potluck in Stack Center at 6:00pm. Online signups for the potluck is available on our website at www.olgcv.org. See you all there!



SAVE THE DATE! THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CASTRO VALLEY 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.

OLG'S PARISH & SCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL 70th School Anniversary September 27th & 28th SAVE THE DATE!

Our annual Festival planning is in the works! As always, our Festival will have outdoor Sunday Mass, delicious food, live music and entertainment, exciting Raffle and carnival games.

The Festival cannot succeed without the time and talent of OLG's parishioners and School families. Stay tuned for more details on how you can help make this year's Festival a memorable one for all.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

We are excited to bring back our Sunday's Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:00am Mass but we need volunteers to help lead the sessions. Children's Liturgy of the Word is a unique opportunity to present the Sunday Gospel in a dynamic way that connects with our young children. If you can commit to one Sunday a month, wither as a catechist or as an assistant, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806 or email Roberta at roberta.santiago@olgcv.org. May God bless you for your assistance!

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]

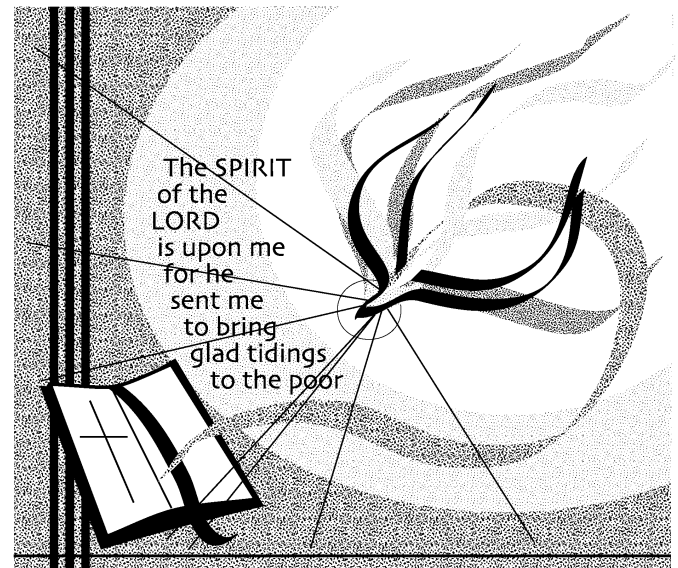
May God bless your continuing generosity.



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:

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



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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.

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Our Lady of Grace School, Castro Valley's ONLY Catholic School is currently accepting applications for the 2025-2026 school year. To schedule a personal tour, feel free to contact Principal Dr. Gena McGowan at gmcgowan@csdo.org or leave a message during business hours at 602-882-2816. More information is available on our website at www.olgschool.org

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!

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 **August 6th** in Stack Center, OLG Room at 7:00pm. Please call Jay at 510-537-0806 to register.



MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The only reason for the existence and activity of the MI is love, a love without limits for the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, in order to offer up to Him, as many souls as possible and unite them to Him as closely as possible."

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 6th:

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Tuesday, July 8th:

Fr. Francisco's Farewell Potluck
6:00pm—Stack Center
Men's Cursillo Meeting
6:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room
Men's Faith Share
7:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Thursday, July 10th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church
AA Serenity Group
7:30pm—Stack Center, Room 9

Saturday, July 12th

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

Sunday, July 13th:

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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 **July 16th**, 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>

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Mass for the Intentions Week

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

MONDAY, July 7th

8:15am Luis Martinez – D

TUESDAY, July 8th

8:15am Leona Nichandros – D

WEDNESDAY, July 9th

St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs

8:15am Calixto Leonor – D

THURSDAY, July 10th

8:15am Ken Baylot – L

FRIDAY, July 11th

St. Benedict, Abbot

8:15am Lilia Sousa – D

SATURDAY, July 12th

8:15am Antonio Oliveira Chocha – D

5:00pm Norma Wardle – D

SUNDAY, July 13th

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Cheryl Miraglia – L

9:00am Eleuterio Jardim – D

11:00am OLG Community

1:00pm Antonio Manuel Capote – L

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

July 7th through July 13th

Monday: Genesis 28:10-22; Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday: Genesis 32:23-33; Matthew 9:32-38

Wednesday: Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7, 17-24;
Matthew 10:1-7Thursday: Genesis 44:18-21, 23-29; 45:1-5;
Matthew 10:7-15Friday: Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30;
Matthew 10:16-23Saturday: Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26;
Matthew 10:24-33Sunday: Deuteronomy 30:10-14;
Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37*His presence among us continues forever*

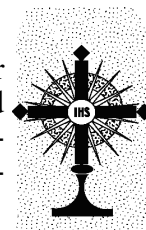
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**DEVOTIONAL CANDLES**

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.

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!

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, July 9th at the Transfiguration Church Hall, 10:00am-12:00pm**. If you're interested, please contact Yolanda Arredondo at 510-303-4023 or email:

**PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"I ask you to ensure humanity is served by wealth and not ruled by it."

-Pope Francis, 2014

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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