

OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**15th Sunday in Ordinary
Time
July 13th, 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

Staffed by the Conventual Franciscans:

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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:

510-582-9266

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SCHOOL:

Phone: 510-581-3155

Website: www.olgschool.org

Principal: Dr. Eugenia "Gena" McGowan

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,

Coming together for the Celebration of the Eucharist is of utmost importance for us because the Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian Life. With this in mind, our active participation when we come together for Mass that is important.

Our Faith Community offers many opportunities to be active participants. Have you considered being a greeter or usher, an altar server, a lector or special minister of the Eucharist, or a member of our music ministry? Would you be willing to be a catechist at the Liturgy of the Word for Children? Let the Parish Office (510-537-0806) know if you are interested.

Greeters and Ushers are the first members of the Parish Family we meet as we enter our Church for Mass. Each Mass needs several greeters and ushers to cheerfully welcome the members of our community, our extended family members and guests coming to celebrate the Eucharist. Greeters and ushers just need to come early on the day they are assigned, greet everyone as we enter, hand out bulletins and ask a family to offer the gifts of bread and wine for Mass.

Altar Servers assist the celebrant with his responsibilities at Mass. They are cross-bearers and candle-bearers. They assist by holding the Roman Missal (The Altar Book) for the celebrant of the Mass, the pouring of the water and the wine, the washing of the hands, and the preparation of the altar. Participating as an altar server is a very meaningful way to participate at Mass.

Lectors proclaim the Word of God. As a lector, you proclaim the Word of God, the Scripture Readings for the day, offers the petitions included in the Prayer of the Faithful. A number of lectors at each Mass would be wonderful. As a Special Minister of the Eucharist you would offer the Body and Blood of Christ to those receiving the Eucharist. Special Ministers of the Eucharist also can take the Eucharist to the homebound as needed.

Music enhances The Celebration of the Eucharist. Each voice adds a richness to the music offered. There are beautiful voices heard throughout the Church. Keep singing beautifully as a member of the choir. Playing an instrument can also enrich a choral setting. Join the choir. Become a cantor. Assist in leading the congregation in song.

Hospitality is essential as we enter Church for the Celebration of the Mass and after our Mass(es). Preparing and offering coffee, juice, donuts and maybe even a little more after Mass adds to our ties of friendship and community, the community we have right here at our Church.

Be involved. Be Church with and for one another.

-Fr. Raphael

The SPIRIT
of TRUTH
is always with us

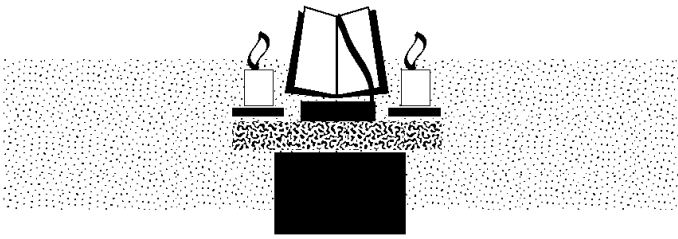


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The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 20th)

Luke 10:38-42

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."



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THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CASTRO VALLEY PARISH PICNIC

**Sunday, August 10th
11:00am-3:00pm**

Join us for a wonderful day of faith and community with both of our parishes at Lake Chabot, Cove Picnic Area. We will begin the celebration with Mass in the park at 11:00am. *Please note that there will be no 11:00am Masses at OLG and Transfiguration.* Lunch will begin at Noon, followed by Fun and Games!

There are many ways you may contribute to help make this year's Parish Picnic a memorable one! Just scan each of the QR codes below to assist with letting us know how many in your household will be coming, what dish you will share and if you are able to help with set-up, replenishing food and beverages or clean-up.

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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.

Raffle tickets have been mailed! Fill them out with your contact information and turn them into the Parish Office. *You could be the \$1000 Grand Prize Winner!*

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!



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.

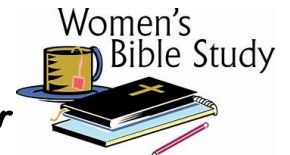
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WOMEN'S FAITH SHARE GROUP


Psalms: The School of Prayer



At the heart of the Bible are the Psalms, prayers from God that help us learn to pray. 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.

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.**

 **2025 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL**

MINISTRIES of HOPE
2025 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL


Many thanks to those parishioners who have already generously contributed towards our Bishop's Ministries Appeal.


Following is the status of this appeal through **June 30th**.

Overall Goal for 2025:	\$29,000.00
# of Gifts Received:	77
Funds Raised (includes pledges):	\$25,392.00

We are currently at **88%** 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.



 **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

We are excited to bring back our Sunday's Children's Liturgy of the Word this fall 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. Training will be provided. If you can commit to one Sunday a month, whether as a catechist or as an assistant, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806 or email Roberta at roberta.santiago@olgcgv.org. May God bless you for your assistance!

AN INVITATION TO ATTEND A CURSILLO WEEKEND

Would you like to understand Christ's action in your personal life and in the lives of others? Develop a better understanding of church teachings while making new friends? During the Cursillo weekend, you will have time to discuss your faith, discover your unique gifts from God, and an opportunity for an examination of conscience that fosters new spiritual growth. Discover a way to impact your community and to bring the presence of Christ to all you meet.

Men's Cursillo: September 11-14th.
Women's Cursillo: September 18th-21st.

Both weekends will be at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church in Pleasanton. Please contact Roberta Santiago by email: roberta.santiago@olgcgv.org or call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

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 JUNE:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 54,740.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 46,765.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 7,975.00
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 7,582.00

May God bless your continuing generosity.

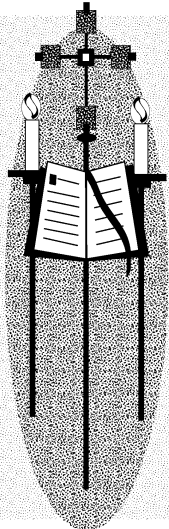


Your Prayers Are Requested

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

You who have heard the **WORD** of **TRUTH** and have believed in **JESUS** were sealed with the promised **HOLY SPIRIT**



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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

TEXAS FLOOD

VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE



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OUR LADY OF GRACE SCHOOL IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

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@cndo.org or leave a message during business hours at 602-882-2816. More information is available on our website at www.olgschool.org



1ST FRIDAYS OF EACH MONTH EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION August 1st

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.



Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus and volunteers who have consistently cleaned the Prayer Garden with care once a month! We are grateful for your time!



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 **August 2nd**.

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Whole multitudes shall follow the voice of the Immaculata and become instruments in her hand. Through them the Immaculata shall influence other souls, and so more and more forward, until the conquest of the whole world, of all souls and each individually."

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 13th:

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday, July 15th:

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

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

Wednesday, July 16th:

Columbiette's Meeting
6:30pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
7:15pm—Parish Office

Thursday, July 17th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

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

Saturday, July 19th

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

Sunday, July 20th:

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & COLUMBIETTES

We need your help! The Knights of Columbus and the Columbiettes are looking for men and women over 18 years of age to join these hard-working ministries.

What will you do? You can help build our parish community, making stronger ties with each other by assisting at our parish events! By being a Knight or Columbiette, you can also assist worldwide doing charitable works for places like Ukraine and the Middle East. *Do your part! Perform acts of charity and build our OLG and Transfiguration communities!*

If you are interested in sharing your time and talent, please contact Terence Dugan, Grand Knight at tdugan@rocketmail.com

Upcoming meetings in Stack Center, OLG Room:

Columbiettes: Wednesday, **July 16th** at 6:30pm

Knights of Columbus: Thursday, **July 24th** at 6:30pm

Mass for the Intentions Week

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

MONDAY, July 14th

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

8:15am Ortega & Duarte Families

TUESDAY, July 15th

St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Kelly Joanino – D

WEDNESDAY, July 16th

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8:15am Chris Oliveira Nunes – L

THURSDAY, July 17th

8:15am Mari Carmen F. Fernandez – D

FRIDAY, July 18th

St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

8:15am Margarita Ramos – L

SATURDAY, July 19th

8:15am Gilberto C. Marquez – D

5:00pm Manuel & Gose Silva – D

SUNDAY, July 20th

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Louis Rodrigues – D

9:00am Dennis Cande – D

11:00am Manuel Jardim – D

1:00pm OLG Community

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.

**EXECUTION ALERTS**

The following execution is scheduled to take place in July:

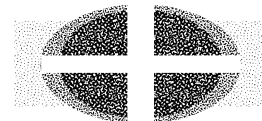
July 15th Michael B. Bell Florida

We ask for your prayers for this person, for the victims of his crimes, and for their families.

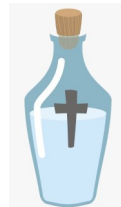
READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

July 14th through July 20th

Monday: Exodus 1:8-14, 22;
Matthew 10:34-11:1
Tuesday: Exodus 2:1-15; Matthew 11:20-24
Wednesday: Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12; Matthew 11:25-27
Thursday: Exodus 3:13-20; Matthew 11:28-30
Friday: Exodus 11:10-12:14; Matthew 12:1-8
Saturday: Exodus 12:37-42; Matthew 12:14-21
Sunday: Genesis 18:1-10;
Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42



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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.

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

"Peace is a gift of God, but requires our efforts. Let us be people of peace in prayer and deed."

-Pope Francis, 2014

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

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PICNIC



SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

LAKE CHABOT PARK

COVE PICNIC AREA



MASS IN THE PARK

Please join us at 11:00 AM to celebrate a beautiful outdoor mass. Please note: There will be no 11:00 mass at OLG or Transfiguration that day.

FOOD

The parishes are providing barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs as well as beverages; lunch at NOON. You can sign up to bring salad or dessert here: <https://tinyurl.com/2025picnicfood>



FUN AND GAMES for Kids and Adults!

RSVP

Online by 8/1 at <https://tinyurl.com/2025picnicresponse> or by calling the OLG parish office at 510.537.0806 or the Transfiguration parish office at 510.538.7941.

HOW ELSE TO HELP: We need help setting up, replenishing food and beverages and cleanup. Many hands make light work! Please sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/2025picnicvolunteer>

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