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Catholic Church

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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:

During Eucharistic Adoration or by appointment

EUCHARISTIC 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 Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Without even having to tell you ….. **It's SUMMER!**

It's time to have a change of pace, to spend some time relaxing and taking some time for a vacation if you can.

For us, here in Castro Valley, our two Churches, Our Lady of Grace and Transfiguration, have set aside some time for us to enjoy The Cove (near the dock) at Lake Chabot. **PLAN ON SPENDING TIME TOGETHER AS THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CASTRO VALLEY ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 10th.** Vacations will be over. School is beginning. Hopefully, you can be there.

Please let one or the other Parish Office know that you and your family will be coming. The main course, hamburgers and hotdogs, along with something to drink, will be provided by our Churches. So, we need to have some idea of how many of us will be there. If you can help with the rest of the food for lunch that would be great! When you contact one or the other Parish Office, let us know what we can count on.

Speaking of counting on, count on being at Lake Chabot shortly before 11:00AM. 11:00AM is when everything will be beginning. 11:00AM Mass will be celebrated at Lake Chabot at the picnic area reserved for us. What better way to start our day than with Mass. Keep in mind that on Sunday, August 10th, there will not be 11:00AM Masses celebrated at either of the Churches. Mass will be at Lake Chabot at 11:00AM. Then, we can all enjoy lunch following Mass. Bring some lawn/picnic type games to share with the others joining us for the day. It's an opportunity to enjoy each other's company.

It's a Great Day of Shared Faith and Community!

Don't forget! Contact one of the Parish Offices (Our Lady of Grace 510-537-0806 or Transfiguration 510-538-7941) to let us know that you're coming and what you're bringing.

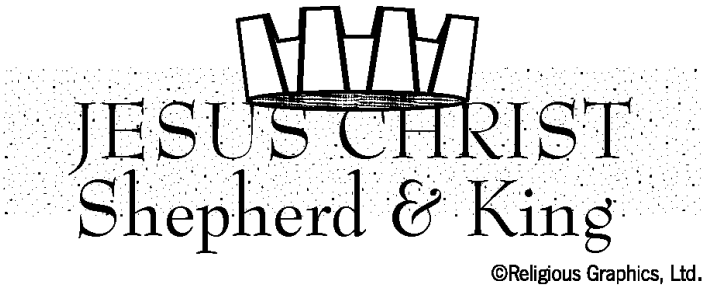
The picnic area is at the Cove near the dock. Come and join this summer filled fun!!!

The Catholic Community of Castro Valley Picnic
Sunday, August 10th
Mass at 11:00AM/Lunch/Fun and Games
SEE YOU AT CHURCH! SEE YOU AT THE DOCK AT LAKE CHABOT!

-Fr. Raphael

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 27th) **Luke 11:1-13**

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence. "And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"



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.

BRING FOOD R S V P VOLUNTEER

SEE YOU THERE!

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

1st Communion & Whole Family (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.

REGISTER TODAY! Last Days to Register:

1st Communion Year 2:	September 7th
Whole Family Faith:	September 7th
Whole Family-Year 1:	October 12th

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION 2025-2026

For Youth Entering Grades 9th–12th.

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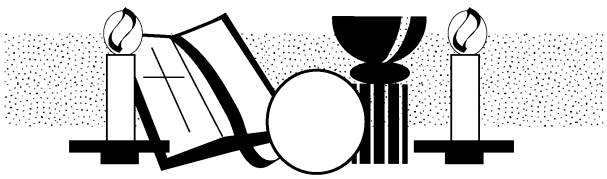
OCIA 2025-2026
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Our 2025-2026 OCIA program will begin in the fall. If you or someone you know is interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith or is seeking full initiation into the Church, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806. **All are welcome!**



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We would like to deeply thank the wonderful lady who stopped by the Parish Office a few weeks ago to donate 60 backpacks for our local kids! May God bless you for your generosity!

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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 **June 30th**.

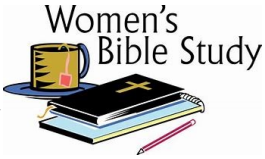
Overall Goal for 2025:	**$29,000.00**
# of Gifts Received:	**77**
Funds Raised (includes pledges):	**$25,392.00**

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.

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**.

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	Theresa Hull-Nye
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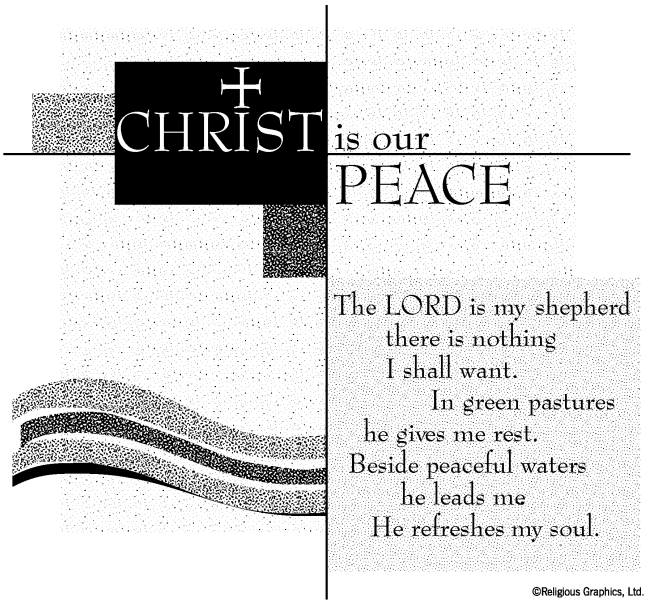

Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of a loved one.

In Memorial

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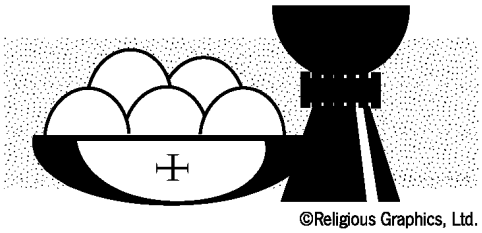

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Our Lady of Grace School, Castro Valley's ONLY Catholic School is currently accepting applications for the 2025-2026 school year. To schedule a personal tour, feel free to contact Principal Dr. Gena McGowan at gmcgowan@csdo.org or leave a message during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

PRAYER GARDEN CLEAN-UP July 26th

Help Wanted! The Knights are looking for volunteers to assist with sprucing up our Prayer Garden. Join us on Saturday, **July 26th at 10:00am** and bring your gloves, hat and water. The Prayer Garden is located next to the rear entrance of the church. Tools will be provided but you may also bring your own from home. See you there!

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@olgcv.org or call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"To love the Immaculata with greater fervor we shall endeavor to think of her, to read and talk about her, so that each of us may know her and love her always more, and win over to her ever increasing numbers of other souls."

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 20th:

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday, July 22nd:

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

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

Thursday, July 24th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

Knights of Columbus Meeting
6:30pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

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

Saturday, July 26th

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

Prayer Garden Clean-up
10:00am—Church

Sunday, July 27th:

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY, July 21st
St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church
8:15am Alfredino Manuel Garcia—D

TUESDAY, July 22nd
St. Mary Magdalene
8:15am Rhett Sigmon—L

WEDNESDAY, July 23rd
St. Bridget, Religious
8:15am Modesta Lachica—D

THURSDAY, July 24th
St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest
8:15am Manuel & Gose Silva—D

FRIDAY, July 25th
St. James, Apostle
8:15am Jacob Seraphim Poirel—L

SATURDAY, July 26th
Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:15am Claudia Garcia—L
5:00pm John & Shirley Fagundes —D

SUNDAY, July 27th
THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30am OLG Community
9:00am Beren Godrie—D
11:00am Ron Sponsel—D
1:00pm Raul Mario Ortega—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:
July 21st through July 27th

Monday:	Exodus 14:5-18; 15:1-6; Matthew 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Song of Songs 3:1-4; John 20:1-2, 11-18
Wednesday:	Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15; Matthew 13:1-9
Thursday:	Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20; Matthew 13:10-17
Friday:	2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28
Saturday:	Exodus 24:3-8; Matthew 13:24-30
Sunday:	Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13

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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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

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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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