

OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**19th Sunday in Ordinary
Time
August 10th, 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:

510-582-9266

Confirmation Coordinator: Leeanne Thomas

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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,

August 14th is the Feast Day of St. Maximilian Kolbe. Because of his great love of Mary, The Immaculate, St. Maximilian established The Militia of the Immaculate, a world-wide evangelization movement. Through it, St. Maximilian Kolbe encouraged consecration to Mary as a means of spiritual renewal. The Militia, begun in 1917, continues today.

As the Church celebrates The Feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe this Thursday and the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin this Friday, consider your own loving relationship with the Blessed Virgin Mary. Why not consider enrolling in the Militia of the Immaculate? A Meeting of The Militia takes place at Our Lady of Grace Church on the First Saturday of the Month. If you would like to find out more about the Militia, contact the Parish Office and you can be put in contact with one of the members of our local group.

St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us.

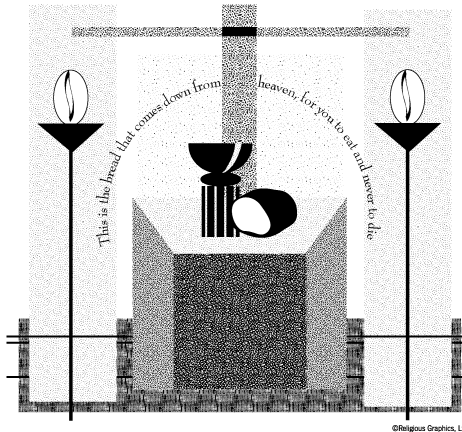
Mary, The Immaculate Virgin, Our Lady of Grace, intercede for us.

Looking to the solemnity of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary, in our prayers we have a wonderful opportunity to hear God speaking to us as He did by the message of The Angel to Mary. Let's be open to the will of God in our lives and our willingness to carry out God's will. Being conceived immaculately, Mary would be the worthy tabernacle for the Lord to be born. The words spoken by Mary at the Annunciation "*Let it be done to me according to thy Word*" express her willingness to carry out God's will. My friends, let us pray that we have a worthy dwelling place for the Lord in our hearts. Throughout the entirety of Mary's life, Mary pondered in her heart everything that took place in Jesus' life. In our prayer, let us reflect upon the events of Jesus' life as well. Then, as Mary fell asleep in the Lord, Mary was assumed into heaven. Pray that one day we follow the Lord and His Mother into the Kingdom.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated this week on Friday, August 15th. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. On Holy Days of Obligation, we are required to attend Mass. Masses for the Solemnity of the Assumption at Transfiguration Church, August 15th, are at 8:00AM and 7:30PM. At Our Lady of Grace Church, there will be a Vigil Mass for the Solemnity on Thursday, August 14th, at 7:00PM Followed by Mass on the Solemnity itself, August 15th, at 8:15AM.

The 2025-2026 School Year at OLG School begins this Monday, August 11th. Say a prayer for this upcoming school year. This Friday, August 15th, The Solemnity of the Assumption will be the Opening Mass for the School. Looking forward to seeing you on this special day in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and every Sunday!

-Fr. Raphael



The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 17th)

Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."



**OLG'S PARISH &
SCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL
70th School Anniversary
September 27th & 28th**

Family Fun For All!

Free admission, Sunday Morning Mass, Live Entertainment, Exciting Raffle, Carnival Games, International Gourmet Food, Pancake Breakfast, Pasta Dinner and much more!

**Get Your Pancake Breakfast,
Game & Food Tickets!**

Purchase your tickets ahead of time by scanning the QR code. Pancake Breakfast is \$10 per adult and \$7 per child. Game and Food tickets are \$1 each.



Become a Volunteer!

Sign up below for a timeslot and offer your time and talent! Sign ups are available for *Game Booths*, *Food Booths*, *Kid Zone*, and *Behind the Scenes*.

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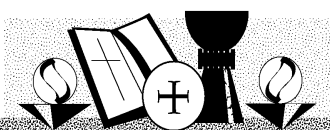
Cost is \$12 each for children sizes and \$15 each for adult sizes—visit <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2025-fall-festival-t-shirt-pre-sale>. Please come by the Parish Office to pick up your T-shirts.

Raffle Tickets

Be sure to turn in your Raffle Ticket stubs to the Parish Office for a chance to win the **\$1000 Grand Prize!** Cost is \$1 per ticket or \$20 for 21 tickets. More tickets are available for purchase in the Parish Office.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, **August 15th**. We will re-open on Monday, **August 18th**. Thank you for your understanding.



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MASS OF THE ASSUMPTION

The Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. We welcome you to join us for any of the following Masses:

Thursday, August 14th at OLG
7:00pm Vigil Mass

Friday, August 15th
8:15am with the School at OLG
8:00am & 7:30pm at Transfiguration



**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.

Online Registration and payment is available on our website at www.olgcv.org. On the homepage, scroll down and click on the 'Confirmation' box.

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 **2025 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL**

MINISTRIES of HOPE *We have achieved 102% of our yearly goal! Thank you all who have given so generously!*

2025 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL

If you have not had a chance to give towards the Bishop's Ministries Appeal, it is not too late. Scan the QR Code or visit: www.oakdiocese.org/bishops-ministries-appeal to make your donation today.



Overall Goal for 2025:	\$29,000.00
# of Gifts Received:	89
Funds Raised (includes pledges):	\$29,665.00

WOMEN'S FAITH SHARE GROUP

Psalms: The School of Prayer



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.**

PARKING LOT REPAIR UPDATE
Help Us Reach Our Goal of \$17,000

We are truly thankful for the generous response we have received so far!

If you are able to contribute, even above and beyond your regular commitment to the parish, we would be incredibly grateful for your support. Your donation will directly benefit our entire community, ensuring our parking lot is safe and accessible for everyone.

Please give towards our parking lot repair project by scanning the QR code.

Thank you again for your generosity and your continued dedication to the life of our parish.



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	Brian Linney
Jeff Brown	Maria Flores Martinez
Jot Brown	Sheryl Michaud
Gina Castillo	Cec Penland
Norma Dockter	Tommy Rosenbusch
Joan Gabrielli	Lisa Tortora
Diego Gonzalez	Mark Vaz
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

PAUL PHUOC NGUYEN

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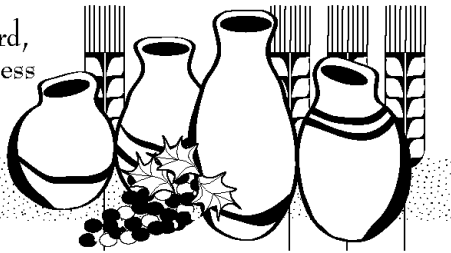


CYO FALL SPORTS
2025-2026
REGISTRATION



Registration for Boys Basketball (Grades 2nd-8th) and Girls Volleyball (Grades 4th-8th) is now available for *OLG School Students and current OLG Faith Formation Students*. All other students within our parish boundaries may register beginning **August 13th at 9:00am. Registration closes on September 5th.** Space may be limited. Registration fee is \$220 plus the uniform fee. Sibling discount code for 15% off: **SIBLINGS**. For more information and to register online, visit: www.olgcvcyo.com. Questions? Email olgcycv@gmail.com. Want to coach? Email olggirlsad@gmail.com or olgboysad@gmail.com

Blessed are you, Lord,
through your goodness
we have this bread
and wine to offer



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HELP WANTED

OLG-Transfiguration Catholic Community Bookkeeper II

The Bookkeeper is responsible for maintaining the financial records of the parishes by accurately recording the day-to-day financial transactions. The Bookkeeper provides timely and accurate financial information to the pastor, business manager, and finance council, and ensures fiscal responsibility in parish operations. The Bookkeeper performs functions with little direct supervision and only general oversight. Quickbook experience is a must. If you are interested in applying, please contact Sharon Sangco: slsangco@olgcgv.org or the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

Our Lady of Grace Church 1st Communion Instructor

OLG Church is seeking a 1st Communion Instructor to join their Faith Formation team. The Instructor is responsible for preparing children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion. Training will be provided. For more details and if you are interested in volunteering for this ministry, please email Roberta Santiago at rob-erta.santiago@olgcgv.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!

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"A soul who has indeed offered itself up to the Immaculata to this point cannot but exert some influence on the environment around itself, albeit unwittingly. However, it is not content with that but consciously strives and does all it can in order to win other, too, over to the Immaculata, so that others may become like it."

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 10th:

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH PICNIC

LAKE CHABOT, COVE PICNIC AREA

11:00am—Mass

Noon-3:00pm—Lunch & Games

No 11:00am Mass in the Church

Tuesday, August 12th:

Men's Cursillo Meeting

6:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Men's Faith Share

7:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Thursday, August 14th:

Adoration & Reconciliation

6:00pm—Church

Vigil Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00pm—Church

AA Serenity Group

7:30pm—Stack Center, Room 9

Friday, August 15th:

Parish Office Closed

Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15am—Church (with the School)

Saturday, August 16th:

Adoration & Reconciliation

8:45am—Church

Sunday, August 17th:

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Mass for the Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, August 10th

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Jose Freitas Pinheiro – L

9:00am Victor Pasquini – D

11:00am OLG Community

1:00pm Martin Flores Martinez – D

MONDAY, August 11th

St. Clare, Virgin

8:15am Kirk Kudick & Family – L

TUESDAY, August 12th

St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

8:15am Manuel & Gose Silva – D

WEDNESDAY, August 13th

Sts. Pontian, Pope, & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

8:15am Fernando Flores Martinez – D

THURSDAY, August 14th

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

8:15am Jesusa Perdido – D

FRIDAY, August 15th

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:15am Gerardo Fernandez Ferro – D

SATURDAY, August 16th

St. Stephen of Hungary

8:15am Mireille Chabre – D

5:00pm Antonio & Mary Chocha – L

SUNDAY, August 17th

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Joey Ochoa – D

9:00am Victor Pasquini – D

11:00am Ron Sponsel – D

1:00pm OLG Community



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

August 11th through August 17th

Monday: Deuteronomy 10:12-22;
Matthew 17:22-27Tuesday: Deuteronomy 31:1-8; 32:3-4, 7-9, 12
Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14Wednesday: Deuteronomy 34:1-12;
Matthew 18:15-20Thursday: Joshua 3:7-11, 13-17;
Matthew 18:21-19:1Friday: Revelations 11:19; 12:1-6, 10;
1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56

Saturday: Joshua 24:14-29; Matthew 19:13-15

Sunday: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10;
Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53**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, August 13th at the Transfiguration Church Hall**, 10:00am-12:00pm. If you're interested, please contact Yolanda Arredondo at 510-303-4023 or email: Yarredondo747@gmail.com.

**PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"If we really want to conquer the world, we will not be able to do it with bombs or with other weapons of destruction. Let us conquer the world with our love. Let us interweave our lives with bonds of sacrifice and love, and it will be possible for us to conquer the world."

-St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, 1997

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

EXECUTION ALERTS

The following execution is scheduled to take place in **August:**

August 19th Kayle Barrington Bates Florida

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

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OUR LADY OF GRACE
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70th School Anniversary

OLG FALL FESTIVAL 2025

Saturday, September 27 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM

Sunday, September 28 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

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GRAND Prize: \$1000

Second Prize: \$500

Third Prizes: \$100

Tickets: \$1 each or 21 tickets for \$20

Drawing: Sunday 9/28 at 6:00 PM

Tickets can be purchased at parish or school offices.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY MORNING

September 28th
8:30 - 11:30



Adults: \$10 Child (10 & under): \$7

Our Lady of Grace Stack Center



PURCHASE BREAKFAST AND EVENT TICKETS ON LINE AT

www.tinyurl.com/2025OLGFestival

Call 510.537.0806 for Festival, Sponsorship and
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