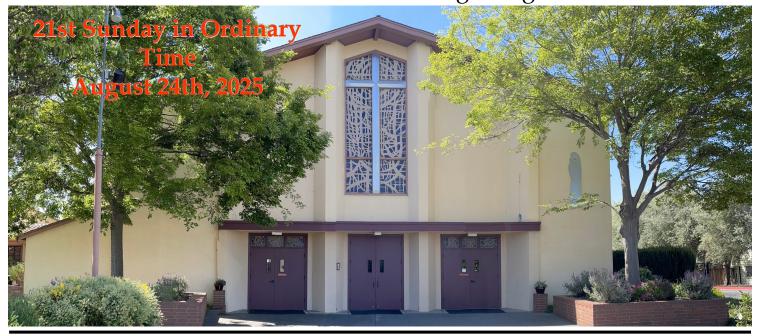
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Mission Statement

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.



My Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

It's always good to reflect upon the Blessed Virgin Mary and the many Liturgical Celebrations in her honor. Today, I would like to bring to everyone's attention The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This special title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary was recognized this past Friday, August 22nd

The Queenship of Mary has deep roots in our Catholic Faith and Tradition. It is celebrated in relation to the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as we all know, is celebrated as a Holy Day of Obligation on August 15th. Having just celebrated the Assumption followed by The Queenship of Mary, the Church emphasizes the special place that Mary has in heaven as Queen of Heaven and Earth.

Since Jesus is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords seated on His throne at the right hand of the Father in Heaven, and since his mother was assumed into Heaven, body and soul, The Queenship of Mary follows naturally. It celebrates the fact that, in Heaven, Jesus' mother is seated on a throne next to Her Son. The Queenship of Mary was first celebrated on May 31st, which naturally followed the celebration of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It was only in 1969 that this celebration was moved to August 22nd, eight days after the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary so that an octave (8 days) would be created and there would be a natural progression from the Assumption to the Queenship of Mary.

As Queen and Mother, Mary intercedes for us to her Son. As intercessor, from her throne in heaven nothing pleases her more than to pour out upon us every good thing so that one day we can all be together in heaven.

My friends, we not only have a Mother in heaven, but we have a Queen Mother. With Mary as the Queen Mother of God and our mother, let's turn to her with childlike faith and simplicity. Let us approach Mary, our Mother. Let us recognize Mary as our protectress, our refuge, and our hope. Let's thank God for the gift of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother today and always.

The Church, having celebrated The Queenship of Mary, invites us we personally recognize Mary's role in the Church and in our personal lives. With great frequency we are invited to turn to Mary, to seek her prayers, to rely upon her intercession, and to honor her as Mother and Queen. She is Our Queen Mother. Why not offer this prayer at your convenience....

Prayer: Mother and Queen of Heaven, this day I run to you as a child with confidence and trust. You are the glorious Queen Mother, reigning over all of your children with love and mercy. Please pray for me and bestow upon me all that I need. I open my heart to the grace of your Son, which you are entrusted to dispense. Make me holy and free from sin, so you can present me, spotless and pure, to your beloved Son, the King of the Universe. Queen of Heaven, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

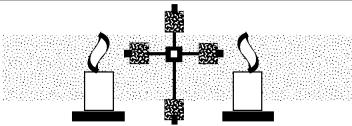
-Fr. Raphael



The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 31st)

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Herod was the one who had John the Baptist arrested and bound in prison on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, whom he had married. John had said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." Herodias harbored a grudge against him and wanted to kill him but was unable to do so. Herod feared John, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man, and kept him in custody. When he heard him speak he was very much perplexed, yet he liked to listen to him. She had an opportunity one day when Herod, on his birthday, gave a banquet for his courtiers, his military officers, and the leading men of Galilee. Herodias' own daughter came in and performed a dance that delighted Herod and his guests. The king said to the girl, "Ask of me whatever you wish and I will grant it to you." He even swore many things to her, "I will grant you whatever you ask of me, even to half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the Baptist." The girl hurried back to the king's presence and made her request, "I want you to give me at once on a platter the head of John the Baptist." The king was deeply distressed, but because of his oaths and the guests he did not wish to break his word to her. So he promptly dispatched an executioner with orders to bring back his head. He went off and beheaded him in the prison. He brought in the head on a platter and gave it to the girl. The girl in turn gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.



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Purchase Your Festival T-Shirts

Cost is \$12 each for children sizes and \$15 each for adult https://www.zeffv.com/en-US/ sizes—visit 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.

GREAT TURNOUT AT OUR 1ST CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CASTRO VALLEY PICNIC!

Our Catholic Community of Castro Valley Picnic was a wonderful fun event!! So many people helped make it a SUPER success! Thank you to Claudia Dobbs who did a fantastic job of chairing the event and making it happen from reserving the site to working with and coordinating volunteers and to Tim Schantin and his team for their terrific BBQ and for all the work of transporting food and equipment as well as setting up and breaking down the picnic site. We couldn't have made it without Cheryl Miraglia's knowledge and guidance advertising the event, organizing our food and drink, and working with the ladies who kept the food coming for over 300 people. Thanks to Tranfiguration's Cursillo group for helping throughout the day and to all the volunteers from both parishes who helped in so many ways.

The liturgy was beautiful with Fathers Raphael, Luke and Kevin all present to celebrate. Thank you to sacristan Margaret Speranza, who takes such care to prepare the table of the Lord, and to the Our Lady of Grace Folk Group with Friends, who led our Community in song.

Thank you to all who attended this first picnic for the Catholic Community of Castro Valley; can't wait till next year! God bless you all!

MISSION APPEAL-THANK YOU

Thank you for your generous support last weekend for the Franciscan Mission Service. We are blessed to have Anahi of FMS speak at our Masses, sharing the mission of living and serving in solidarity with economically poor communities across the globe, advocating for peace, justice, reconciliation and care of creation. There's still time to give! Envelopes are in the pews for your use. For more information, please visit: https://franciscanmissionservice.org/.

ICF FUNDRAISER "BITES & BINGO" September 13th

Join the Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) of Castro Valley Branch #343 for

"Bites & Bingo" on Saturday, September 13th, from 11:30am-2:30pm at Stack Center. Enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and five bingo games for \$30 per person (\$15 for children under 12). Win cash, gifts, and raffle prizes! Proceeds support seminarians, fund Thalassemia research, and provide scholarships. Pick up a flyer at the back of the church or contact Lisa Crudo at 510-861-9835 or watkins6pk@aol.com for details. Hope to see you all there!

OCIA 2025-2026 Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Our 2025-2026 OCIA program will begin on **October 1st**. 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!**





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.

Avoid the \$20 late fee-REGISTER TODAY! Last Days to Register:

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

**We regret to inform all that *Whole Family Faith Class* (Post-Communion) has been cancelled. If you have registered, please call Roberta Santiago at 510-582-9266.



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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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 JULY:

Sunday Plate for the month: \$ 42,227.00

Month Budgeted Goal: \$ 37,335.00

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Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall] \$ 12,674.72

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

THELMA DAWSON

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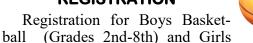


IN LOVING MEMORY OF THELMA DAWSON

We are very saddened to hear of Thelma Dawson's recent passing. Thelma served the Our Lady of Grace School community for 15 years and the Diocese of Oakland for 40 years. She also served as our 1st Communion instructor, along with her daughter Shyra for many years. Her wonderful smile and sense of humor will be deeply missed by all. In honor of Thelma's legacy and commitment to our Parish and School, OLG School has organized a special collection to assist her family with funeral expenses and provide financial support during this difficult time. Every gift, large or small, will be a blessing and a tribute to the love she shared with us all. Please give here: www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/in-memory-of-thelma-dawson



CYO FALL SPORTS 2025-2026 REGISTRATION





Volleyball (Grades 4th-8th) is open to all students within our parish boundaries. 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.olgcvcvo.com. Questions? Email olgcyocv@gmail.com. Want to coach? Email olggirlsad@gmail.com or olgboysad@gmail.com

'THANK YOU' FROM FESCO!

Many thanks to our OLG parishioners for your generous support of the FESCO Shuffle and the Backpack Drive! Your donations help provide much needed shelter and services for homeless families in our community. May God bless you!



OLG SCHOOL NEWS

There is a renewed energy flowing through the hallways and billowing over the playground at Our Lady of Grace Catholic School! Enrollment is up, the dual-language classrooms are filled to capacity and the upper grade students are

standing tall as they prepare to spend the next 180 days learning and growing into young men and women of deep faith and integrity. God is good.

We do what we do in part because of YOU, the parishioners of Transfiguration and Our Lady of Grace parishes. I am writing to thank the first donor to our new "Adopt a Student" fund. Thanks to your gift of \$6,000, a new family was able to make the tuition for two new students fit into their already tight budget, and we are very happy to welcome them. We have 20 more just like them waiting for help with their school bills and so anything helps.

Send a check to my attention to the school and I assure you that it will be put to good use. All persons who donate \$5,000 or more will be assigned to a student and will have an opportunity to meet them sometime after the December holy days.

I am so grateful to you all!

Gena McGowan, Principal

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The Militia of the Immaculata wishes the Immaculata to reign in every soul and that her Kingdom be spread and grow ever deeper and further."

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 24th:

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Communion Class-Year 2 10:15am—Stack Center

Confirmation Class 11:15am—Stack Center

Tuesday, August 26th:

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

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

Thursday, August 28th:

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, August 30th:

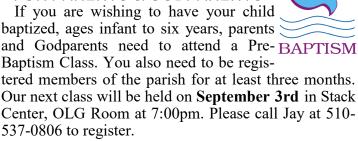
Adoration & Reconciliation 8:45am—Church

Sunday, August 31st:

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eden Area Interfaith Council After the 9:00am Mass—Gathering Area

PRE-BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS & GODPARENTS





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.

Mass for the Intentions Week

SUNDAY, August 24th

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Bart Jovellana – D 9:00am Herman Lum – D 11:00am OLG Community

1:00pm Ramiro & Imelda Navarro Sanchez – D

MONDAY, August 25th

St. Louis

St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

8:15am Teresa Ramos – D

TUESDAY, August 26th

8:15am Gloria S. & Family – L

WEDNESDAY, August 27th

St. Monica

8:15am Lynette B. – L

THURSDAY, August 28th

St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Agustin Ramos – D

FRIDAY, August 29th

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:15am Alejandro & Felicula Porcuna, Sr. – D

SATURDAY, August 30th

8:15am Alejandro Porcuna, Jr. – D 5:00pm Harriet & Ernest Chaix – D

SUNDAY, August 31st

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Manuel & Gose Silva – D

9:00am OLG Community 11:00am Maria F. Jardim – D

1:00pm Ramiro & Imelda Navarro Sanchez – D



HELP WANTED

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

roberta.santiago@olgcv.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: August 25th through August 31st

Monday: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8-10;

Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8;

Matthew 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13;

Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13;

Matthew 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Mark 6:17-29

Saturday: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11;

Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29;

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24;

Luke 14:1, 7-14



if today you bear his voice, barden not your bearts

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EDEN AREA INTERFAITH COUNCIL

All are invited on **August 31st** after the 9:00am Mass to find out what EAIC is all about! You may not know that Our Lady of Grace Church is a member of the EAIC (Eden Area Interfaith Council), a group with representatives from various faith communities in the Eden Area. The mission of this group is to promote understanding and respect for all faiths and to work together towards human rights, peace, justice, and freedom of religion. Negin Toosi, president of the group, is coming to our church on Sunday, **August 31st** and will be at a table in the Gathering Area after the 9:00am Mass where she will be eager to answer your questions about the group and to give out handouts with information about EAIC activities.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The chief difference between violence and nonviolence is that violence depends entirely on its own calculations. Nonviolence depends entirely on God and His Word."

-Thomas Merton, 1967

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Tickets can be purchasesd at parish or school offices.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY MORNING

September 28th 8:30 - 11:30



Our Lady of Grace Stack Center



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