

OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**22nd Sunday in Ordinary
Time
August 31st, 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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Saturday: Following the 8:15 Mass

Thursday: 6:00-7:00pm

CONFESSIONS:

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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,

Labor Day, a federal holiday, is this Monday, September 1st. Here, in the U.S., we celebrate and honor many cultural and religious holidays. In the array of holidays we celebrate, Labor Day is unique in that it celebrates American workers. Labor Day is a holiday dedicated to honoring the contributions workers here in the United States have made to strengthen our country and bring prosperity to this our country.

In the Catholic tradition, it's important for us to understand that work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continued participation in God's creative action. So, as we celebrate Labor Day, why not take some time to reflect on the persistence of low wages and inequality in workplaces. Do we experience work as a form of participation in God's creative action? How can we incorporate this aspect of work into our daily lives? Catholic teaching tells us that not only are workers due a "just wage" with which they can provide for their families' needs; they also deserve opportunities for rest and dignity-affirming benefits such as quality health care and paid time off. Pray that our work enhances our human dignity. Relax and Enjoy Labor Day Weekend!

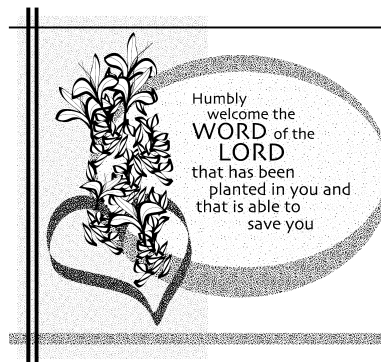
As we celebrate Labor Day, why not give some serious consideration to how inequality in our economic systems is being addressed. We all need to concern ourselves with the well-being of each person. Lower wages, as I am sure we are all aware, mean that many people are not able to provide sufficiently for their families. Consider what is being done to protect the needs and rights of workers in situations of inequality and injustice. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection, which takes place every year, funds several projects that help low-wage workers to achieve fair wages, stable employment, job training opportunities, and better benefits. When the collection takes place consider your contribution to better the standard of living for many. Central to all this is to promote the dignity of work and rights of workers, building solidarity among workers.

This Labor Day and more frequently think about how businesses and organizations offer just wages and the dignity-affirming benefits that our long Catholic tradition affirms. As we enjoy "time off" this Labor Day, think about ways for us to show our support.

This federal holiday is much more than just the summer's last hurrah. Observed each year on the first Monday of September, Labor Day is a celebration of the hard-won achievements of America's labor movement and a recognition of what workers have contributed to the nation's prosperity.

Pray that everyone in the work force, through a just wage, can provide for the basic needs of their family.

-Fr. Raphael



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The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 7th)

Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."



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September 27th & 28th**

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

**Get Your Pancake Breakfast,
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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.*

Games: www.signupgenius.com/tabs/83C72D701A7C2E8C71-games

Food: www.signupgenius.com/tabs/83C72D701A7C2E8C71-food

Kids Zone: www.signupgenius.com/tabs/83C72D701A7C2E8C71-kidzone

Behind the Scenes: www.signupgenius.com/tabs/83C72D701A7C2E8C71-behind

Purchase Your Festival T-Shirts

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.

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)**

Avoid the \$20 late fee-REGISTER TODAY!

Last Days to Register:

1st Communion-Year 2: September 7th

Whole Family-Year 1: October 12th

1st Communion-Year 2 Classes have started!

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.

****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.

*Avoid the \$20 late fee
REGISTER TODAY!*

Last Day to Register is September 7th

Classes have started! Registration forms are 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.



**CYO FALL SPORTS 2025-2026
REGISTRATION**



Registration for Boys Basketball (Grades 2nd-8th) and Girls 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.olgcvcyo.com. Questions? Email olgcyocv@gmail.com. Want to coach? Email olggirlsad@gmail.com or olgboysad@gmail.com

LABOR DAY September 1st



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, **September 1st** and will reopen on Tuesday, **September 2nd** at 8:30am. Have a safe and restful Labor Day weekend!

DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT BENEFIT TRUST

Next Weekend-September 6th & 7th

The special collection for the Diocesan Priest Retirement Benefit Trust will be the weekend of **September 6th & 7th**. This collection allows us to express gratitude and support for our retired and soon-to-be retired priests, many of whom are still "laboring in the vineyard" in service to the faithful. They now face retirement with minimal government assistance. Please prayerfully consider how you can match their generosity to the Church by contributing to the Retirement Fund.



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 in 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 Thalassaemia 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!

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.

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@olgc.org or call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806 if you are interested.

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
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 4,892.00
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 12,674.72

May God bless your continuing generosity.

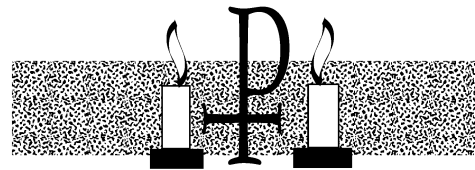


Your Prayers Are Requested

Please lift up in your prayer those among us who are ill and those who have asked for our prayerful remembrance:

Wayne Blackard
Jeff Brown
Jot Brown
Gina Castillo
Norma Dockter
Joan Gabrielli
Diego Gonzalez
Theresa Hull-Nye

Brian Linney
Maria Flores Martinez
Sheryl Michaud
Cec Penland
Tommy Rosenbusch
Lisa Tortora
Mark Vaz
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.

In Memorial

VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE



COLUMBIETTES NEW MEMBER INITIATION September 17th

Attention Ladies! Are you interested in becoming active in our parish? Come see what the Columbiettes are all about! We invite all women over 18 to join us at our New Member Initiation Meeting on **September 17th** at 6:30pm in Stack Center, OLG Room. Meet other women of the parish for camaraderie, fun and purpose! Questions? Please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806. For additional information, please visit: <https://www.californiacolumbiettes.com>



PARKING LOT REPAIR 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.

1ST FRIDAYS OF EACH MONTH EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION September 5th

All are invited to join us after the 8:15am Mass for Exposition and Benediction of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



MILITIA IMMACULATA MEETINGS

What is the Militia of the Immaculata? The MI is a universal and international public association of the faithful, erected by the Holy See. The MI was founded in 1917 by St. Maximilian Kolbe. The MI is open to Catholics of all walks of life and encourages all people of good will to develop a trusting relationship with Our Lady. The aim of the MI is to win the whole world for Christ through the Immaculata, Mother of God, and of the Church.

Come join us as members of the Militia Immaculata on the 1st Saturday of each month at 10:00am in Stack Center, Room 7. Our next meeting will be on **September 6th**.

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Who is the Immaculata's enemy? All that is sullied by sin, which does not lead to God which is not love. It is all that comes from the infernal serpent, who is a lie, and from him alone all our faults, then, all our sins. We beseech her to give us strength against them."

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 31st:

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, September 1st:

Labor Day
Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, September 2nd:

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

Women's Faith Share
7:00pm—Stack Center

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

Wednesday, September 3rd:

Pre-Baptism Class
7:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Thursday, September 4th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

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

Friday, September 5th:

1st Friday Exposition & Benediction
After the 8:15am Mass—Church

Saturday, September 6th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

Militia Immaculata Meeting
10:00am—Stack Center, OLG Room

Sunday, September 7th:

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

Confirmation Class
11:15am—Stack Center



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Mass for the Intentions Week

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

MONDAY, September 1st

8:15am Manuel & Dorothy Callier – D

TUESDAY, September 2nd

8:15am Frank Groves – D

WEDNESDAY, September 3rd

St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

8:15am All Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, September 4th

8:15am Leona Nichandros – D

FRIDAY, September 5th

St. Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin

8:15am Manuel & Gose Silva – D

SATURDAY, September 6th8:15am Robert, Pauline, Dennis
& Phyllis Latzy – D

5:00pm Burt Richard – D

SUNDAY, September 7th

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Mike Tedeschi – D

9:00am Francisco Fernandez – D

11:00am OLG Community

1:00pm Elvira Vazquez & Gilberto Ramos – D

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

September 1st through September 7th

Monday: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11;

Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday: Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44

Thursday: Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11

Friday: Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 5:33-39

Saturday: Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5

Sunday: Wisdom 9:13-18;

Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33



*Be doers of the Word
and not hearers only*

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, September 10th 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.

**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.

**PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"A serious threat to peace is posed by intolerance, which manifests itself in the denial of freedom of conscience to others. The excesses to which intolerance can lead has been one of history's most painful lessons."

-St. John Paul II, 1971

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

COFFEE AND DONUTS
September 7th


Come join us! All are invited after the 9:00am Sunday Mass on **September 7th** in the Gathering Area for coffee, donuts and community. *We thank the Knights of Columbus and the Columbiettes for this ministry of hospitality. See you there!*

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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Fall Festival



OUR LADY OF GRACE
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OLG FALL FESTIVAL 2025

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

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

Family Fun for All !

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GRAND Prize: \$1000

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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

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