

OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**20th Sunday in Ordinary
Time
August 17th, 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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Fr. Kevin Schindler-McGraw, OFM Conv., Parochial Vicar
Fr. Paul Fazio, OFM Conv., In Residence

Parish Registration, Baptism, Marriage, and
Sacramental Preparation for Adults:

Please contact Parish Office for information.

Secretary: Jay Aquitania

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: CHURCH

Saturday: Following the 8:15 Mass

Thursday: 6:00-7:00pm

CONFESSIONS:

During Eucharistic Adoration or by appointment

WHOLE FAMILY FAITH PROGRAM:

510-582-9266

Religious Ed. Coordinator: Roberta Santiago

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Phone: 510-581-3155

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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 Christ,

Do you know someone who is interested in becoming a full participating member in the Catholic Church?

INTERESTED INRECEIVING BAPTISM, EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? INVITE THEM TO JOIN THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA).

Consider experiencing the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. Sessions will begin on October 1st, and the Sacraments of Initiation conferred at the Easter Vigil. The heart of the OCIA is conversion— conversion to Jesus Christ. Those seeking initiation in the Catholic Church have the opportunity to get to know Jesus Christ. The program leads everyone involved to embrace a conversion which nurtures a life-long journey of faith. The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) provides a vision of the community walking with one another and with God. With a desire for a faith relationship, minds and hearts are opened to the workings of the Holy Spirit. Those involving themselves in the program are drawn into the mystery of God's love. In this way those in the process are invited to lead a life worthy of a disciple of Christ. The OCIA is a time of evangelization. Hearing the good news, those involved are able to look at their lives through the basic Christian message found in Sacred Scripture. It is a time of formation. This is an apprenticeship in the Catholic way of life. As the initiation process continues, those involved in the program have their relationship with the Lord strengthened preparing them to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Then, following the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation, those who have entered into full membership in the Catholic Church are given the opportunity to integrate what they have learned about our faith in their daily lives. be incorporated into life as a fully initiated Catholic. Let's all walk in the footsteps of our Lord, Jesus Christ, call the Parish Office to enroll.

-Fr. Raphael

THE PICNIC FOR THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CASTRO VALLEY AT LAKE CHABOT

With a crowd of close to 300, the Cove at Lake Chabot was The Place to be this past Sunday, August 10th. The sun was shining, a slight breeze off the marina, and room for the masses. With hamburgers and hot dogs cooking, salads and sweets being brought in, the tables set and everyone was focused on one specific table, the Table of The Lord, which was celebrated at 11:00 AM sharp (more or less). The time together was wonderful experience! Thanks for so many who were involved in the preparations. There were a lot of things happening before the scene not to mention the day of. IT WAS GREAT!!! Thanks to everyone who rolled up their sleeves to make the day happen and to everyone came together to celebrate as The Catholic Community of Castro Valley, Our Lady of Grace and Transfiguration Churches.



The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 24th)

Luke 13:22-30

Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door, then will you stand outside knocking and saying, 'Lord, open the door for us.' He will say to you in reply, 'I do not know where you are from. And you will say, 'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.' Then he will say to you, 'I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!' And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and you yourselves cast out. And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."



**OLG'S PARISH &
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70th School Anniversary
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,
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*.

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)**

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-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.

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 Day to Register is September 7th.

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



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.

**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 if you are interested.




**2025 BISHOP’S
MINISTRIES APPEAL**

MINISTRIES of HOPE
2025 BISHOP’S MINISTRIES APPEAL

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

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


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	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

PAUL PHUOC NGUYEN

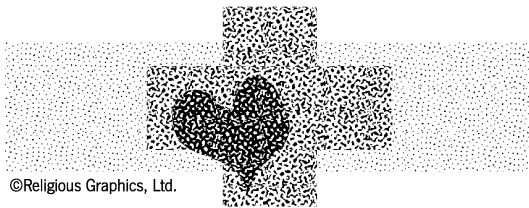
**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN
THE MIDDLE EAST**

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE



**ICF FUNDRAISER
“BITES & BINGO”**

Save the date! The Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) of Castro Valley, Branch #343 will be hosting a “Bites & Bingo” fundraiser on Saturday, **September 13th** from 11:30am-2:30pm at Stack Center. Hope to see you all there!



CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

We recently welcomed

**Zoe Jastine Saechao Barroso
&
Natalia Lopez**

into Our Lady of Grace Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. May God Bless you!



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>

PRAYER GARDEN CLEAN-UP August 23rd

Help Wanted! The Knights are looking for volunteers to assist with sprucing up our Prayer Garden. Join us on Saturday, **August 23rd** 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!



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL *Love Thy Neighbor*

What does "Love Your Neighbor" mean to you? At St. Vincent de Paul it means serving our neighbors in need. We see Christ in the poor because Jesus told us "Whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do for me." If you consider yourself to be a naturally compassionate person and are looking for a way to grow your faith, we need you! Next weekend, **August 23rd & 24th** at the end of all the Masses, you will have the opportunity to hear about this ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Denzler-Halsey at 510-881-7850 or heidimdh106@gmail.com

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 17th:

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday, August 19th:

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

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

Wednesday, August 20th:

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

Thursday, August 21st:

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

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

Saturday, August 23rd:

Prayer Garden Clean-up
10:00am—Prayer Garden

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

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



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

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.

Mass for the Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY, August 18th

8:15am Jot Brown – L

TUESDAY, August 19th

St. John Eudes, Priest

8:15am Louis Rodrigues – D

WEDNESDAY, August 20th

St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Jay Barroso – L

THURSDAY, August 21st

St. Pius X, Pope

8:15am Nestor Camina – D

FRIDAY, August 22nd

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15am Manuel & Gose Silva – D

SATURDAY, August 23rd

St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

8:15am Bernie Joanino – D

5:00pm Regina, Lou & Ricardo Rivera – D

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

**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 rob-erta.santiago@olgcv.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

August 18th through August 24th

Monday: Judges 2:11-19; Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday: Judges 6:11-24; Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday: Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday: Judges 11:29-39; Matthew 22:1-14

Friday: Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22;
Matthew 22:34-40Saturday: Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17;
Matthew 23:1-12Sunday: Isaiah 66:18-21;
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30**FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND**

In Memory of We are grateful for the generous donation from Thuy & Viet Nguyen in remembrance of Paul Phuoc Nguyen & Maria Ha Vo. 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.

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**

"...the basic problem is not political, it is a-political and human. One of the most important things to do is to keep cutting deliberately through political lines and barriers and emphasizing the fact that these are largely fabrications and that there is another dimension, a genuine reality, totally opposed to the fictions of politics: the human dimension which politics pretend to arrogate entirely to themselves."

-Thomas Merton, 1983

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

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Fall Festival



OUR LADY OF GRACE
PARISH AND SCHOOL
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

Family Fun for All !

Celebrating the **50s** and the
70th Anniversary of Our Lady of Grace School

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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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