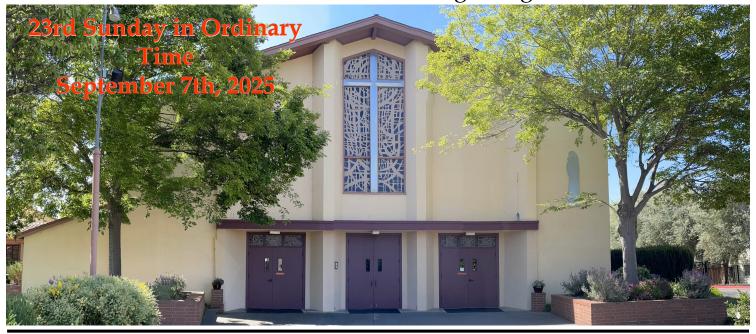
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Saturday: Vigil Mass 5:00pm Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00am Spanish Mass: 1:00pm **Weekdays:** Monday-Friday 7:00am Holy Family Friary, 19697 Redwood Rd., C.V. Monday-Saturday 8:15am in the Church

#### **PARISH:**

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Please contact Parish Office for information.

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#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: CHURCH**

Saturday: Following the 8:15 Mass

Thursday: 6:00-7:00pm **CONFESSIONS:** 

During Eucharistic Adoration or by appointment

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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.



Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Today, Pope Leo XIV canonized Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, now Saint Carlo Acutis and Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati in a single Canonization Celebration.

Saint Carlo Acutis, a teenager, was known for his devotion to the Eucharist and for having created an online exhibition of Eucharistic miracles. He was born in 1991 and raised in Milan, Italy. Saint Carlo

Acutis used his tech skills to evangelize and was noted for his joyful faith and compassion for others before dying of leukemia in 2006 at age 15.

Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati was born in 1901 into a prominent family in Turin, Italy. He was admired for his deep spirituality, love for the poor and enthusiasm for life. He excelled in mountain climbing and had complete faith in God. He served the sick through the St. Vincent de Paul Society. He dedicated himself to helping the poor and supporting the church's social teaching. He died at age 24 after contracting polio, possibly from one of the people he assisted.

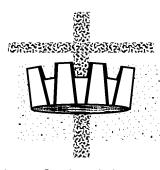
These two young men will be the first saints proclaimed by Pope Leo XIV. In light of the Jubilee of Youth that most recently took place in Rome and the Canonizations of Saint Carlo Acutis, 15 years of age, and Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati, 24 years of age, which took place today, I invite us to reflect upon some highlights from the Jubilee of Youth and then share them with the younger members of your family and among our friends.

During the Jubilee of Youth, Pope Leo XIV said "Only genuine relationships and stable connections can build good lives." He urged more than one million young people to seek authentic relationships rooted in Christ rather than fleeting online connections. He highlighted the importance of faith and true friendship, and he called on youth to make courageous choices. He also invited young people to pray to remain friends with Jesus and be "a companion on the journey." Pope Leo acknowledged the potential of the internet and social media as an extraordinary opportunity for dialogue but warned that these tools are misleading when they are controlled by commercialism and interests that fragment our relationships.

Concerning true friendship and a love capable of giving hope, Pope Leo XIV encouraged the youth to find the one who was already looking for them, Jesus Christ, following the one who had always been their friend." Our youth need to .... remember they were chosen by God, Pope Leo XIV said "it is Jesus in fact that you seek when you dream of happiness; he is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you." A 20-year-old from the United States, asked Pope Leo XIV how to truly encounter the Risen Lord in our lives and be sure of his presence even in the midst of trials and uncertainties. Pope Leo XIV answered....study, work and love according to the example of Jesus, the good Teacher who always walks beside us."

Each of us, then, can be and truly are saints in the making.

-Fr. Raphael



Those who love the LORD will be heirs to the Kingdom

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#### The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 14th)

John 3:13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.



# 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, Internation Gourmet Food, Pancake Breakfast, and much more!

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

Avoid the long lines! 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.



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#### **Purchase Your Festival T-Shirts**

Hurry before they run out! Cost is \$12 each for children sizes and \$15 each for adult sizes—visit <a href="https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2025-fall-festival-t-shirt-pre-sale">https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2025-fall-festival-t-shirt-pre-sale</a>. 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.

#### **Cake Booth Donations Needed**

We are looking for donations of baked good or store bought cakes, tarts, pies, cookies and pastries. Please make sure your baked goods are packaged in small portions (ex: 4 cookies, 1/4 cake or pie, 2 cupcakes per package) You may use paper plates and cling wrap to secure the goodies. All items MUST be clearly labeled: nut-free items should be separate from items with nuts. Please drop off donations on September 26th, Noon-3pm at the Parish Office or September 27th-28th, 8-10am at the Cake Wheel Booth. Thank you!



### FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION 2025-2026

Registration for Whole Family-Year 1 is still available.

Last Day is October 12th

Online Registration and payment is available on our website at <a href="www.olgcv.org">www.olgcv.org</a>. 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.

### OCIA 2025-2026 Order of Christian Initiation of Adults



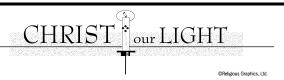
Our 2025-2026 OCIA program will begin on **October 1st**. If you or someone you know is interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith or is seeking full initiation into the Church, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806. **All are welcome!** 

#### DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT BENEFIT TRUST This Weekend-September 6th & 7th

The special collection for the Diocesan Priest Retirement Benefit Trust is this weekend, **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 vine-yard" 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. Envelopes are in the pews for your use. Please make your checks out to "Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland". Thank you and God bless!

## 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! Call Lisa Crudo at 510-861-9835 or watkins6pk@aol.com for details. Hope to see you all there!





### ALTAR CANDLE MEMORIAL DONORS

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### COFFEE AND DONUTS September 14th

Come join us! All are invited after the 9:00am Sunday Mass on **September 14th** in the Gathering Area for coffee, donuts and community. We thank OLG School for this

ministry of hospitality. See you there!

## 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.

### 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? 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: <a href="mailto:roberta.santiago@olgcv.org">roberta.santiago@olgcv.org</a> 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**

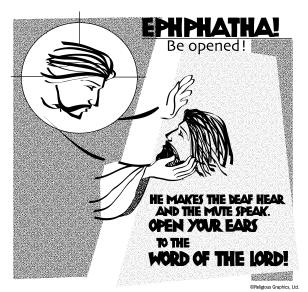
Please lift up in your prayer those among us who are ill and those who have asked for our prayerful remembrance:

Wayne Blackard
Jeff Brown
Jot Brown
Gina Castillo
Norma Dockter
Diego Gonzalez
Theresa Hull-Nye
Brian Linney

Maria Flores Martinez Sheryl Michaud Cec Penland Vince Quintana Tommy Rosenbusch Lisa Tortora

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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.

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#### **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.



#### FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

Flower donation envelopes may be found at the entrances of the church to emory of 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.

#### **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, September 10th at the Transfigura-



tion Church Hall, 10:00am-12:00pm. If you're interested, please contact Yolanda Arredondo at 510-303-4023 or email: Yarredondo747@gmail.com.

#### **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

#### MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"To infuse and to enhance the glory of the Immaculata, to conquer souls over to her, means to win souls over to the Mother of Jesus, who introduces the Kingdom of Jesus into them."

### THIS WEE

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

#### Tuesday, September 9th:

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

#### Thursday, September 11th:

Adoration & Reconciliation 6:00pm—Church

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

#### Saturday, September 13th:

Adoration & Reconciliation 8:45am—Church

ICF Bites & Bingo 11:30am—Stack Center

#### Sunday, September 14th:

#### The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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



#### **COME VISIT OUR** PRAYER GARDEN

We welcome all parishioners who seek a bit of time away from the hustle and bustle for prayer and spiritual reflection in our lovely Prayer Garden, located between the Parish Of-

fice and the rear entrance to the church. Come to the Parish Office during our business hours so Jay may let you in.

Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus and volunteers who have consistently cleaned the Prayer Garden with care once a month! We are grateful for your time!

### for the Week Mass A. Intentions

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

MONDAY, September 8th

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Isolde Attale Poirel – L 8:15am

TUESDAY, September 9th

St. Peter Claver, Priest

Ruth & Marvin Picha – D 8:15am

WEDNESDAY, September 10th

8:15am Geraldine Bargiacchi – D

THURSDAY, September 11th

Lilia Sousa – D 8:15am

FRIDAY, September 12th

The Most Holy Name of Mary

Mariano Realina – D 8:15am

SATURDAY, September 13th

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Xavier Ramos – D

5:00pm Antonio O. Chocha – D

SUNDAY, September 14th

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

7:30am Manuel & Gose Silva – D

Jacob & Emily Hurter – L 9:00am

11:00am Kelly Joanino – D

**OLG Community** 1:00pm



#### **EXECUTION ALERTS**

The following executions are scheduled to take place in September:

September 5th Ralph Menzies Utah David Joseph Pittman Florida September 17th September 25th Geoffrey T. West Alabama Blaine Milam September 25th Texas

We ask for your prayers for these persons, for the victims of their crimes, and for their families.

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

#### September 8th through September 14th

Monday: Micah 5:1-4; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 Tuesday: Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 6:12-19 Wednesday: Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 6:20-26 Thursday: Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 6:27-38 Friday: 1 Timothy 1:1-2,12-14; Luke 6:39-42 1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 6:43-49 Saturday: Numbers 21:4-9; Philippians 2:6-11; Sunday:

John 3:13-17



To the Word of the Lord we say Amen

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#### FR. RAY MALLET'S PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN Spring 2026

Fr. Ray will be leading a pilgrimage to Spain from March 10th-19th, in celebration of his 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. For more details and to enroll, please email Fr. Ray at rmallett1@hotmail.com.

#### PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Movements like Pax Christi are precious. They draw people's attention to the violence which shatters the harmony between human beings which is at the heart of creation. You help to develop conscience, so that justice and the search for the common good can prevail in the relations between individuals and peoples."

-St. John Paul II, 1995

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

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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

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### PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY MORNING

September 28th 8:30 - 11:30



Our Lady of Grace Stack Center



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