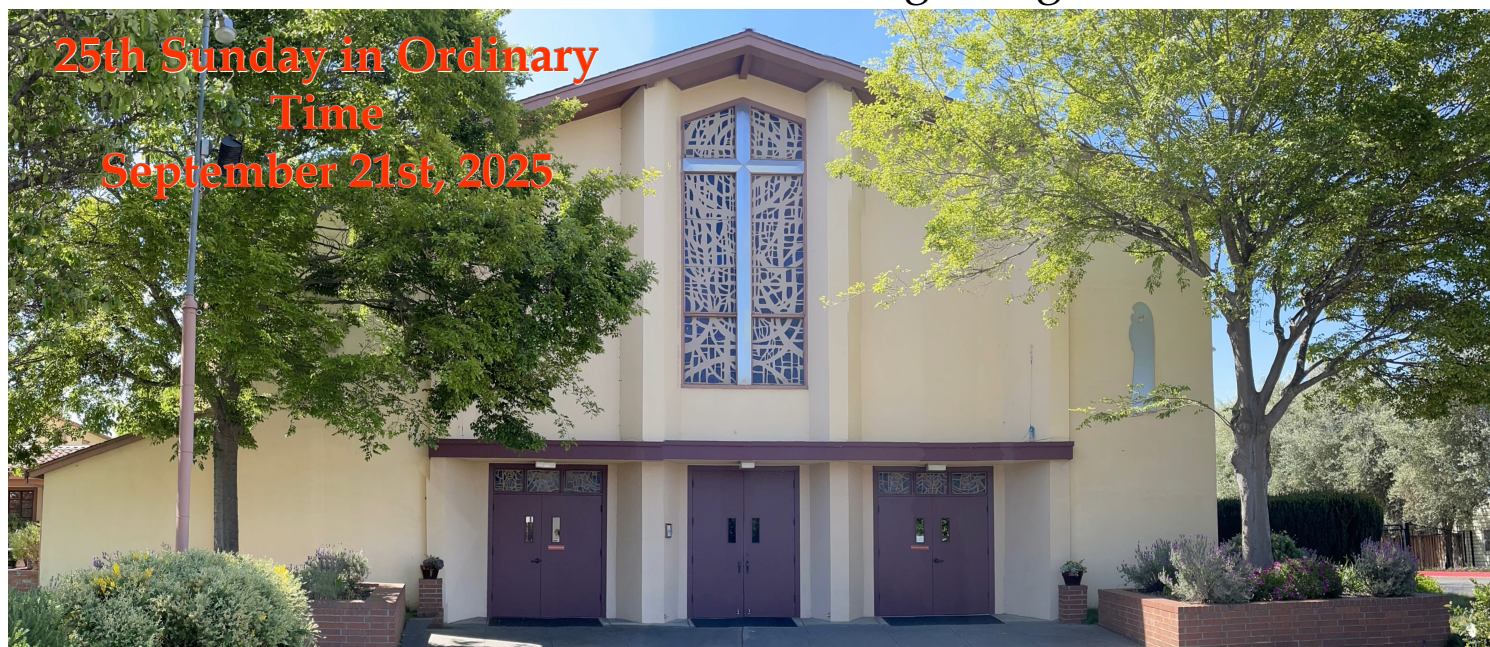


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**25th Sunday in Ordinary
Time
September 21st, 2025**

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

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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.



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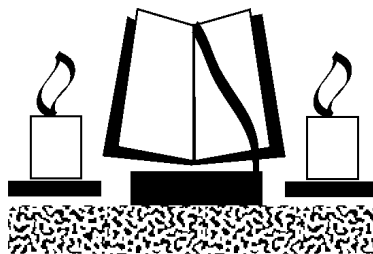
As members of the Church, we are invited to celebrate The Season of Creation. This Season spans five weeks between the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (September 1) and the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4). This time, when we are asked to focus on the gift of creation, offers us an opportunity to reaffirm our personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the transgressions committed against the world in which we live. Prayer, determination and concrete actions are all necessary so that the gifts of God are always visible in the world.

Now is the time to follow up our words with deeds. Let us pray together that Almighty God will send us an abundance of His Spirit so that our prayers, our determination and concrete actions bring about peace and hope and the richness of God's Blessing.

May we continue to be inspired to respect and nurture the handiwork of God's Creation. Let this Season of Creation extend beyond these five weeks so that throughout our lives we are stewards of creation.

"There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions." - Laudato Si

-Fr. Raphael



His word is life

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The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 28th)

Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores. When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he cried out, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.' Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours.' He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment.' But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.' He said, 'Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'"



**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, 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.



**Let Us Entertain You!
Saturday, September 27th**

11:00am-11:15am	Opening Ceremonies
11:15am-Noon	OLG Kids Perform
Noon-1:00pm	DO Martial Arts
1:00pm-2:00pm	Devil Mountain Choir
2:00pm-2:45pm	Ballet Folklórico de Carlos Moreno
3:00pm-3:30pm	Nicole Rockin' Robin
3:30pm-4:45pm	Dance Live Dream Center
5:30pm-6:45pm	Mike and the Maniacs
7:30pm-9:00pm	Mike and the Maniacs
9:00pm	Festival Closes

Volunteers Still Needed!

Slots are being filled but we could still use more hands! Visit our website at www.olgcv.org and click on **2025 Fall Festival** on the homepage to sign up.

Purchase Your Festival T-Shirts

Hurry before they run out! 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.

**FESTIVAL PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**

September 28th at 8:30-11:00am



Join us for a delicious breakfast prepared by OLG School parents in Stack Center. Cost is \$10 per adult and \$7 per child (10 and under). Scan the QR code to the left to purchase your tickets online or stop by the Parish Office.



**FESTIVAL OUTDOOR MASS
St. Francis Garden Chapel
September 28th at 9:00am**

All are invited to our Outdoor Mass. The Garden Chapel is located next to the large play structure by the parking lot. This Mass will take the place of the 9:00am Mass in the Church. Please bring your lawn chairs or blankets.

**1st ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL
CLASSIC CAR SHOW
September 27th & 28th**



Get ready to see many exciting classic cars at the Festival! If you are interested in registering your car (entry fee is \$25 per day), scan the QR code.



**FESTIVAL 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.



Drop-Off Schedule and Locations:

September 26th: Noon-3pm at the Parish Office

September 27th-28th: 8-10am at the Cake Wheel Booth

KID ZONE PRIZE DONATIONS NEEDED

The Fall Festival Kid Zone is requesting as prizes new or gently used and clean: stuffed animals, Happy Meal toys, small puzzles, small Lego sets and other little items that your child no longer plays with. Donations may be brought to the Parish Office Monday-Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm by **Friday, September 26th**. Thank you!



COLLECTION TO ASSIST IN PROVIDING RELIEF IN GAZA September 21st

It is with great pastoral concern for the ongoing crisis in Gaza that we have been asked to show our financial support. The suffering of Christians is terrible and innocent victims of violence in Gaza and surrounding areas are struggling to survive, to protect their children, and to live with dignity in dire conditions. Vital emergency humanitarian relief and medical and psychological care for the sick, malnourished and wounded is being provided through the Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Given the extraordinary nature of this crisis, we will have a second collection on Sunday, **September 21st** to assist in these humanitarian services. We thank you for your generosity.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE CELEBRATION!

The International Day of Peace will be celebrated at Lake Chabot Regional Park on Sunday, **September 21st**, 11:00am-2:00pm. This celebration, sponsored by Eden Area Interfaith Council and East Bay Regional Parks, promotes humanity to build a world of peace despite the great obstacles we face. The theme this year is *"Act Now for a Peaceful World"*. Park entry and parking fees are **WAIVED** for participants. After parking, walk down the path to the Cove Picnic Area near the Peace Pole. Reservations are not necessary. See you there!



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION 2025-2026

*Registration for
Whole Family-Year 1
is still available.*

Last Day is September 22nd

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.

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 AUGUST:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 40,640.50
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 38,285.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 2,355.50
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 15,275.22

May God bless your continuing generosity.



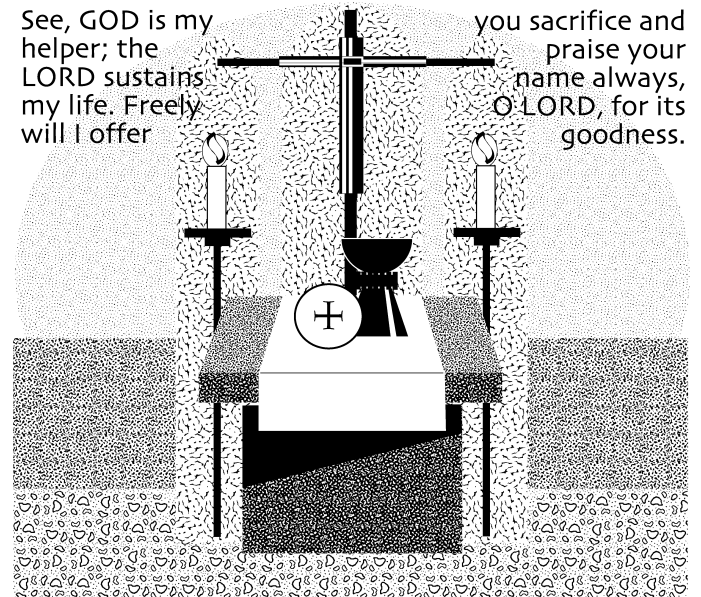
Your Prayers Are Requested

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
Mark Vaz
Peggy Winkench

See, GOD is my helper; the LORD sustains my life. Freely will I offer you sacrifice and praise your name always, O LORD, for its goodness.



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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**

*The harvest of justice
is sown in peace for those
who cultivate peace*



CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

We recently welcomed

Harrison Jay Funnell

&

Mia Emery Tan

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

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!**



ST. VINCENT de PAUL'S ANNUAL FALL BINGO FUNDRAISER Transfiguration Church

Save the date! The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Our Lady of Grace and Transfiguration parishes together will be hosting their annual *BINGO and Dinner Fundraiser* on Saturday, **October 25th** at 5:00pm. Enjoy a catered Italian dinner and a fun night of BINGO at Transfiguration's Parish Hall. Dinner tickets are \$45 each and includes one Bingo card. 50/50 Raffle tickets will be sold for \$5 each. Winners need not be present. All proceeds go directly to helping people in need in our local community. See you there!

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.



MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We can assert without any fear, that our sole and highest desire is to fulfill the will of the Immaculata in the strictest manner possible. To becoming every day more her property. To allow the Immaculata to take possession of our whole being."

THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 21st:

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confirmation Class
11:15am—Stack Center

Tuesday, September 23rd:

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 25th:

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, September 27th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

Parish Festival
10:00am—Rear Parking Lot

Sunday, September 28th:

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Outdoor Mass
9:00am—St. Francis Garden Chapel

Parish Festival
10:00am—Rear Parking Lot

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Help Us Reach Our Goal of
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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!



Mass for the Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, September 21st

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am OLG Community
 9:00am Elizabeth Mahoney – D
 11:00am Paul Ledyard – D
 1:00pm Jose Rogelio Duarte – D

MONDAY, September 22nd

8:15am Robert Perino – D

TUESDAY, September 23rd

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

8:15am Adriana Perino – L

WEDNESDAY, September 24th

8:15am Sandy Chaix – D

THURSDAY, September 25th

8:15am Gloria Bazan – D

FRIDAY, September 26th

Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

8:15am Loraine Snyder – D

SATURDAY, September 27th

St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:15am Tina Panelli – D

5:00pm Manuel O. Chocha – D

SUNDAY, September 28th

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Bob & Sue Jardine – L
 9:00am OLG Community
 11:00am Manuel & Gose Silva – D
 1:00pm Rosa Martinez Reyes – D

EXECUTION ALERTS

The following executions are scheduled to take place in September:

September 25th	Geoffrey T. West	Alabama
September 25th	Blaine Milam	Texas

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

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!

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

September 22nd through September 28th

Monday: Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18
 Tuesday: Ezra 6:7-8, 12, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21
 Wednesday: Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6
 Thursday: Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9
 Friday: Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22
 Saturday: Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15; Luke 9:43-45
 Sunday: Amos 6:1, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16, Luke 16:19-31

*To the Word of the Lord we say Amen*

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ALTAR CANDLE MEMORIALS

We are looking to have 6 monthly sponsors for our Altar Candles and ask for a donation of \$20 to cover the cost of the candles for the month. Our donors will be recognized in the 1st bulletin of the month and there will be a monthly Mass offered for the intention of our Candle Memorial. Many blessed thanks for those who have donated. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

**PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK***"Those who remain silent are responsible."*

-St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

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

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70th School Anniversary

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

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

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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
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