

OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**26th Sunday in Ordinary
Time
September 28th, 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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Thursday: 6:00-7:00pm

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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,

Preparing for the Solemnity of St. Francis, I would like to share with you a few of the special life experiences that took place in Francis' life. The first is when Francis came in contact with a leper. Francis approached the leper, embraced him and kissed him. Francis then came to realize that he had actually embraced none other than the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Sometime later, Francis was praying alone in front of the crucifix in the abandoned chapel of San Damiano. While praying, Francis heard these words: "Francis, repair my house, which is falling into ruin." As Francis was repairing the chapel, Francis was brought before the Bishop by his father. As Francis gave back to his father all that he had taken including his clothes, Francis' heart overflowed with joy because His heavenly Father had set him free of all attachment to earthly things.

While Francis was praying two years before his passing, a seraph appeared. Francis rejoiced because of the gracious way Christ looked upon him under the appearance of a seraph. When the vision disappeared, imprints on Francis' body were markings that were no less marvelous than those of the Lord. These markings were the stigmata—the five wounds of Christ.

Finally, when Francis' days on earth were growing short, the saint instructed his brothers, "When I am dying, lay me naked on the ground . . . Francis' brothers honored his request. Then, as Francis fell asleep in the Lord, one of his brothers saw his soul under the appearance of a radiant star being carried aloft on a direct path into heaven.

These are just a few moments for us to look into St. Francis' life and prepare us for our celebration of The Solemnity of St. Francis, October 4th, here at Our Lady of Grace Church and Transfiguration Church.

The Transitus (The Wake Service for St. Francis) will take place on October 3rd at Transfiguration Church at 7:00 PM.

The Blessing of Animals will take place on October 4th at 11:00AM at Our Lady of Grace Church and at Transfiguration Church on Sunday, October 5th at 2:00PM.

The Celebration of the Eucharist in honor of St. Francis of Assisi will take place on October 4th at Our Lady of Grace Church at the 8:15AM and 5:00PM Masses and at Transfiguration Church at 4:00 PM.



Please join us in the Celebration of this Great Saint's Feast!

-Fr. Raphael

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 5th)

Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here immediately and take your place at table'? Would he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You may eat and drink when I am finished'? Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded? So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'"



**OLG'S PARISH &
SCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL
70th School Anniversary
September 27th & 28th**

**Let Us Entertain You!
Sunday, September 28th**

9:00am-10:00am	Mass at the St. Francis Garden Chapel
Noon-12:45pm	Bishop O'Dowd Band
1:30pm-3:00pm	Castro Valley Performing Arts
3:00pm-4:00pm	Haslital Kapelle
3:30pm-4:45pm	Dance Live Dream Center
4:30pm-5:50pm	Same Street Band
5:50pm-6:00pm	Raffle Drawing & Closing

**FESTIVAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Stack Center
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). Tickets will be sold at the information booth and at the door.

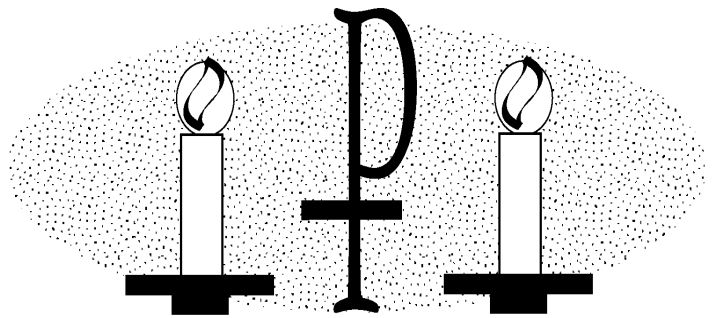


**ST. VINCENT de PAUL'S
ANNUAL FALL BINGO
FUNDRAISER
Transfiguration Church
October 25th**

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 at Transfiguration's Parish Hall. Enjoy a catered Italian dinner and a fun night of Bingo. Dinner tickets are \$45 each and include one Bingo card. 50/50 Raffle tickets are \$5 each. Winners need not be present. Tickets will be sold after all the Masses starting next weekend. Please make your check out to "St. Vincent de Paul". **100% of the proceeds will be go directly to helping people in need in our local community.** Please join us and support this worthy event!



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**THE SOLEMNITY OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

Friday, October 3rd

Join us at Transfiguration at 7:00pm for the *Transitus of St. Francis*, remembering the passing of St. Francis from life through death to eternal life.



Saturday, October 4th

We celebrate the Eucharist in honor of St. Francis at OLG at 8:15am and 5:00pm. At Transfiguration, we will celebrate at 4:00pm.

Saturday, October 4th & Sunday, October 5th

Bring your well socialized pet and join us for *The Blessing of the Animals* on October 4th at 11:00am at OLG's Gathering Area and on October 5th at 2:00pm at Transfiguration.

YEARLY MASS ATTENDANCE COUNTING

October is a very important month for our Church. Beginning on October 5th at each of the weekend Masses, there will be ushers walking down the side aisles counting the number of parishioners present at the Masses. These numbers will be submitted to the Diocese of Oakland. Let us take this opportunity to invite friends and bring your entire family to OLG to worship!



**CATHOLIC VOICE
ANNUAL APPEAL
Next Weekend
October 4th and 5th**

This annual appeal helps our Diocese offset its payment for this important communication ministry. The Voice is the only regular source of Catholic news and information delivered to all parishioners in the diocese. We thank you for your support. Checks may be made payable to the "Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland". Envelopes will be in the pews for your use.

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

Our 2025-2026 OCIA program begins 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!**



**PRE-BAPTISM CLASS
FOR PARENTS & GODPARENTS**

If you are wishing to have your child baptized, ages infant to six years, parents and Godparents need to attend a Pre-Baptism Class. You also need to be registered members of the parish for at least three months. Our next class will be held on **October 1st** in Stack Center, OLG Room at 7:00pm. Please call Jay at 510-537-0806 to register.

MEN'S FAITH SHARE

The OLG's Men Faith Share Group meets on Tuesdays at 7:00pm in Stack Center, OLG Room. All men of the Parish are invited to come. This group meets each week to read and discuss the upcoming Sunday's readings for the Mass. If you are looking for a small group setting to pray with and explore the Word each week, plan on joining us!



**SUPPORT OUR
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PROGRAM WITH SCRIP**

Do you shop at Amazon and Safeway or get coffee at Starbucks? Simplify your shopping and support OLG's Evangelization Program at the same time by purchasing SCRIP gift cards! With each gift card purchase, our Evangelization Program earns 2%-17% of the gift card value. Stop by the Parish Office and take a look at our list of gift cards offered. *Orders placed on the 1st and 3rd week of the month will be ready for pickup on the 2nd and 4th week of the month.* Payment is due at the time of purchase, cash or check please. Questions? Call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

**1ST FRIDAYS OF EACH MONTH
EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION
October 3rd**

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

**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

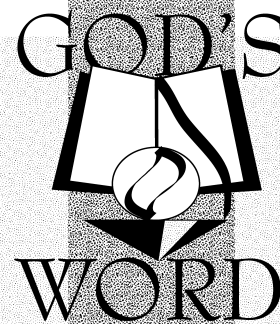
May God bless your continuing generosity.

**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 Winkenbach



The law of the LORD refreshes the soul

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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

ROGER ARNOLD EDINGER

CRAIG SNODGRASS

**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE
IN THE MIDDLE EAST & UKRAINE**

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

Say AMEN
to the WORD
of the LORD



FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

We are grateful for the generous donation from Marie Houts in remembrance of Greg Dickson. 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.

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 Office 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!



COFFEE AND DONUTS October 5th

Come join us! All are invited after the 9:00am Sunday Mass on **October 5th** in the Gathering Area for coffee, donuts and community. *We thank the Knights and the Columbiettes for this ministry of hospitality. 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

"Through the Immaculata to the Divine Heart of Jesus: that is our essential feature, that is, as instruments in her hand....We want to radiate the Immaculata to the point of being able to attract to her even the souls of others, indeed of all those who exist now, who will exist, and may exist in the future, without any limitation."

THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 28th:

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Outdoor Mass
9:00am—St. Francis Garden Chapel
Parish Festival
10:00am—Rear Parking Lot

Tuesday, September 30th:

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, October 1st:

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

Thursday, October 2nd:

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church
AA Serenity Group
7:30pm—Stack Center, Room 9

Friday, October 3rd:

Exposition & Benediction
After the 8:15am Mass—Church
Transitus of St. Francis
7:00pm—Church

Saturday, October 4th:

The Solemnity of St. Francis
8:15am & 5:00pm—Church
Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church
Militia Immaculata Meeting
10:00am—Stack Center, OLG Room
Blessing of the Animals
11:00am—Gathering Area

Sunday, October 5th:

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee & Donuts
After the 9:00am Mass—Gathering Area
1st Communion-Year 2 Class
10:15am—Stack Center
Confirmation Class
11:15am—Stack Center

Mass for the Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY, September 29th

Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

8:15am Paula & Alfred Schafner – D

TUESDAY, September 30th

St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Tony Tavares – L

WEDNESDAY, October 1st

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Luz Estella Brown – L

THURSDAY, October 2nd

The Holy Guardian Angels

8:15am All Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, October 3rd

8:15am Carlos P. Barroso – L

SATURDAY, October 4th

St. Francis of Assisi

8:15am Paul Vu Nguyen – D

5:00pm Maria Guadalupe Beruben – D

SUNDAY, October 5th

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Nemecio Mendoza – D

9:00am Lindamarie Franks – D

11:00am OLG Community

1:00pm Alberto Reveles – D

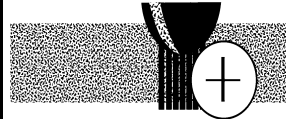
HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

What is "Helping Hands"? This very special ministry started by Dianne Fisher many years ago, helps families who have lost a loved one and whom we assist with making and serving food to their family and friends after the Funeral Mass. OLG's funerals are held on weekdays only. If you would like to periodically assist us by making food for these gatherings (each entrée, salad or dessert enough for 10 people) or help with set-up and clean-up in Stack Center, your time and talent would be most appreciated! Please call Margaret McKean (510-340-1871) or you may leave your name and number at the Parish Office. Thank you and God Bless!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

September 29th through October 5th

Monday: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; John 1:47-51
 Tuesday: Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56
 Wednesday: Nehemiah 2:1-8; Luke 9:57-62
 Thursday: Nehemiah 8:1-12; Matthew 18:1-5,10
 Friday: Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16
 Saturday: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Luke 10:17-24
 Sunday: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4;
 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10

**THE LORD IS AMONG US**

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WINGS - WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT

WINGS is a faith enhancement group that encourages spiritual growth through prayer, scripture study, Catechesis, life sharing and community. Our meetings are held at Transfiguration's Church Hall.

Next Meeting: **October 2nd**, 9:00am to 11:15am

Speaker: Jean Molesky-Poz

Topic: TBA

For further information or if you would like to attend, please contact: Rose Anne Ryken at

rarryken39@gmail.com.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"No one walks so safely as one who walks humbly and harmlessly with great love and great faith. For such a person gets through to the good in others (and there is good in everyone), and therefore cannot be harmed. This works between individuals, it works between groups and it would work between nations if nations had the courage to try it."

-Peace Pilgrim

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

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OUR LADY OF GRACE - LIST OF MINISTRIES

Community Outreach Ministries

Helping Hands: Assist with hospitality after OLG's funerals for family members and friends of the deceased.

Pastoral Care to the Sick: Visit the sick while praying & distributing the Eucharist.

Pax Christi: Upholding the Gospel values of peace & social justice in our community & the world at large.

St. Vincent de Paul: Assist the poor & those in temporary need with food & financial assistance.

Faith Formation Ministries

Baptism Preparation: Assist with instruction to parents & godparents preparing to have their infants baptized. 1st Wednesday of the month

Family Faith Formation: Assist with religious education of students of grades 1st-8th on Sundays.

Men's Faith Share: Gather with other men of our Parish to discuss the upcoming Sunday readings.

Women's Bible Study: Gather with other women of our Parish during Advent & Lent in preparation for Christmas & Easter.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults): Assist with guidance of adults seeking membership into the Church on Wednesday evenings.

Sacrament Preparation: Assist with Baptism, 1st Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion (ages 7 & up) and Confirmation (High School) on Sundays.

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers: Assist priests at liturgical services, especially the Masses, for grades 5th-12th.

Extraordinary Ministers: Distribute the Holy Eucharist at Mass & to the homebound.

Lectors: Proclaim the 1st & 2nd Readings at Mass.

Music: Choir sings at the 11:00am Mass, Folk Group sings contemporary Catholic music at the 9:00am Mass & 5:00pm Ensemble sings at the 5:00pm Mass. Coro en la misa de español a la 1:00 p.m.

Ushers: Assist with greeting parishioners, taking up the collections, seating people as needed.

Parish Life Ministries

Columbiette's: Women's auxiliary assisting the Knights of Columbus with Parish activities & fundraising.

CYO (Catholic Youth Organization): Sports program for grades 2nd-8th.

Fall Festival: OLG's biggest fundraiser event held on the last weekend of September.

Italian Catholic Federation (ICF): Non-profit fraternal organization promoting activities that build faith & family.

Knights of Columbus: Catholic Men's fraternal organization organizing year-round fundraising events to benefit OLG.

If you are interested in knowing more about our Ministries, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

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