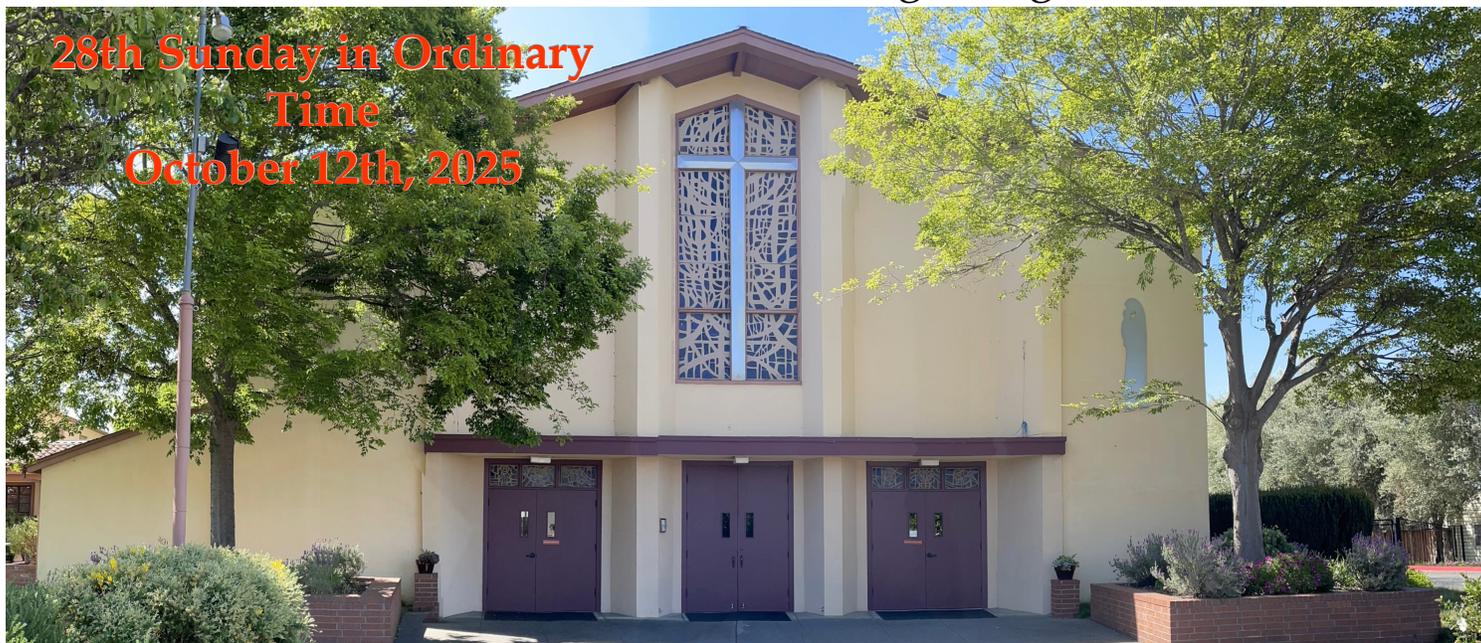


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**28th Sunday in Ordinary
Time
October 12th, 2025**

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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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 Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Both here at Our Lady of Grace Church as well as at Transfiguration Church we celebrated the Solemnity of St. Francis of Assisi this past Friday, October 4th. Thanks to everyone who participated in the services and liturgical celebrations in honor of St. Francis.

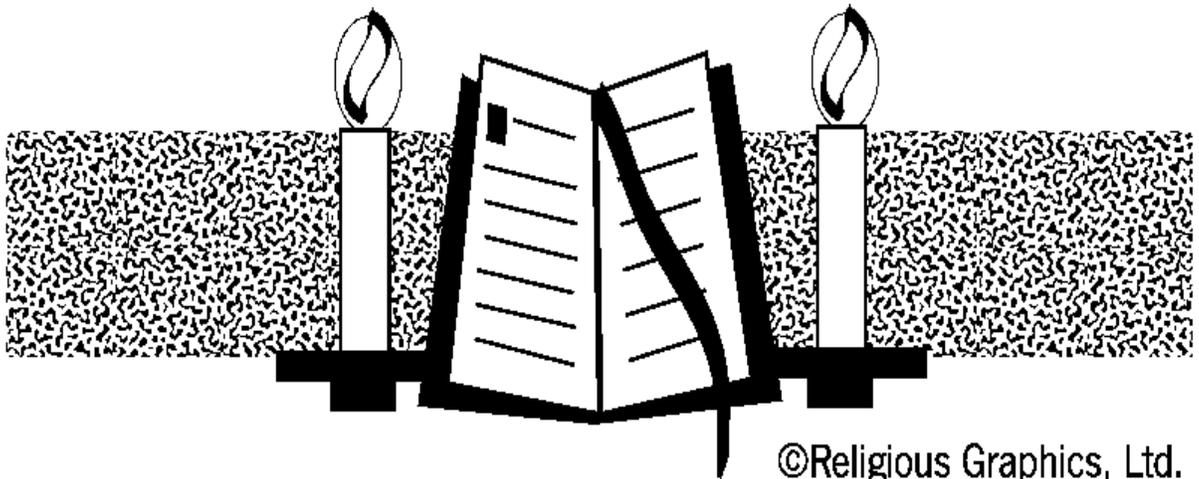
With the Celebrations in honor of St. Francis of Assisi having taken place, here's a little information about the Conventual Friars.

The friars who minister here at Our Lady of Grace Church and at Transfiguration Church are members of the Conventual Franciscan Friars of the St. Joseph of Cupertino Province located here in California and Viet Nam. The Conventual Franciscan Friars are a worldwide fraternity of Roman Catholic men who follow the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the spirit of our founder, St. Francis of Assisi. The province was established in 1981 and the friars serve in the Dioceses of Monterey and Oakland, and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. We minister at parishes, hospitals, prisons, schools, in our Vietnam Mission, and more.

We invite you to learn more about us: our vision, our ministries, our Friends of Francis and all that we have to offer to the Church of the Pacific region. If you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, why not speak with one of the Friars.

St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us!

-Fr. Raphael



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The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 19th)

Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, "There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.' For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.'" The Lord said, "Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says. Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"



FALL FESTIVAL 2025

A special word of thanks to all the many generous Sponsors and Donors who contributed financially to our Festival this year! This money enables us to do the many things that are a necessary part (and expense) of the Festival and provides operating capital to fund things prior to the weekend. Many of these sponsors and donors have been longtime and faithful contributors to Our Lady of Grace and we are most grateful to them. In turn, we especially encourage your consideration and support of these local businesses.

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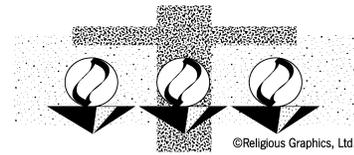
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ANNUAL APPEAL**

There's Still Time to Give

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 are in the pews for your use. Thank you for your generosity!



**SVdP'S ANNUAL FALL BINGO
FUNDRAISER**

October 25th

Get Your Tickets Today!

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 this 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!

YEARLY MASS ATTENDANCE COUNTING

October is a very important month for our Church. 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!

HOLY LAND SALE

Next Weekend-October 18th & 19th

A group from the Holy Land (Bethlehem and Jerusalem) will be selling religious articles after all the Masses on **October 18th and 19th** in the Gathering Area. Take this opportunity help and support our Catholic brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. Many beautiful religious items handcrafted from olive wood will make wonderful gifts for the holidays!

The wisdom
of the LORD
is more precious
than gold



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**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY &
CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL
Next Weekend-October 18th & 19th**

World Mission Sunday is not just another Sunday; it is a powerful reminder of our call to be missionaries. The collection taken up on next weekend is unique as it is mandated by the Code of Canon law and is essential for the survival and growth of the Church in mission territories. These funds support the pastoral and evangelizing work of the Church, including building churches, providing healthcare and education, and training future priests and religious. Envelopes will be in the pews for your use. Please make your check out to “*Propagation of the Faith*”.

You may also scan the QR code or text “MISSIONS25” to give.



May God bless you for your generosity!

**PRAYER GARDEN CLEAN-UP
October 25th**



Help Wanted! The Knights are looking for volunteers to assist with sprucing up our Prayer Garden. Join us on Saturday, **October 25th 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!



**SUPPORT OUR
EVANGELIZATION
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.

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 SEPTEMBER:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 45,405.50
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 47,232.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [1,826.50]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 16,826.70

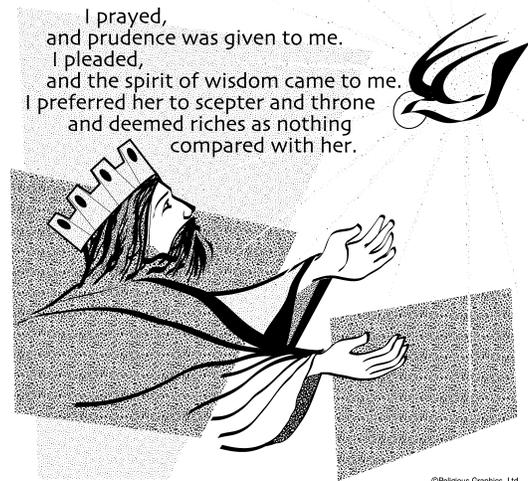
May God bless your continuing generosity.



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:

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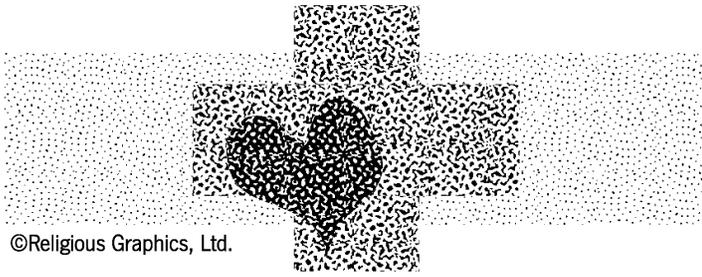
Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of a loved one.

In Memorial

**MELANIE FAZIO
(Fr. Paul’s Sister)**

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

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE



**OUR LADY OF GRACE
SCHOOL NEWS**

As fall begins, the energy continues to flow at OLG. As I have mentioned before, we do what we do because of YOU, the parishioners at Transfiguration and Our Lady of Grace parishes, THE Catholic

Community of Castro Valley.

September saw the start of a new school year with a lot of parent and student activity directed towards the Castro Valley Festival and our own parish and school Festival. I hope that you had a chance to enjoy!

I am also proud to report that our math and language scores continue to be in the top ten for all diocesan schools. The preparation that our students receive is second to none and it really does hurt to have to turn students away.

Unfortunately, our tuition is a deterrent to many families. That is where YOU come in. If you are able to “adopt a student,” I am happy to facilitate that process.

We depend on the generosity of ALL parishioners, of course, but there are some out there whom God calls to “do more,” and I am thrilled to be able to accept a student thanks to someone responding to this invitation. Just last month an OLG parish member “adopted” a student in kindergarten and the child is flourishing. I am grateful beyond words.

So, I’d like to invite YOU to do the same: Send a check to my attention to the school and I assure you that it will be put to good use. All persons who donate \$5,000 or more will be assigned to a student and will have an opportunity to meet them sometime after the December holy days.

I am so very grateful to all of you!

-Dr. Gena McGowan, Principal

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Be calm and serene, continually return to the tranquility and serenity of the spirit, even if your reason were to tell you absolutely and quite clearly the opposite. Our intelligence is limited and does not receive light from above, when it is not necessary, since obedience has already solved the problem.”

THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 12th:

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

Tuesday, October 14th:

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 15th:

OCIA
7:00pm—Parish Office

Columbiettes Meeting
6:30pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Thursday, October 16th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

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

Saturday, October 18th:

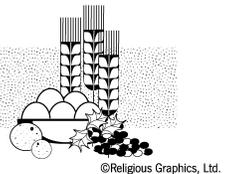
Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

Sunday, October 19th:

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confirmation Class and Parent & Sponsor Session
11:15am—Stack Center

*Lord of the Harvest,
bless the work of our hands*



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.



Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, October 12th
THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Mario & Rita Venturini – D
9:00am Geoffrey Wren – D
11:00am Maria Lau Chan – D
1:00pm OLG Community

MONDAY, October 13th

8:15am Brent White – D

TUESDAY, October 14th

St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr
8:15am Visitacion Perdido – D

WEDNESDAY, October 15th

St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
8:15am Leona Nichandros – D

THURSDAY, October 16th

St. Hedwig, Religious
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
8:15am Stephanie Sigmon – L

FRIDAY, October 17th

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr
8:15am Manuel & Gose Silva – D

SATURDAY, October 18th

St. Luke, Evangelist
8:15am Anders Joachim Poirrel – L
5:00pm Annabelle McCormick – L

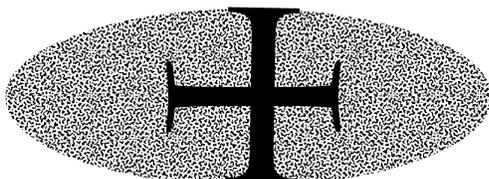
SUNDAY, October 19th

THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30am OLG Community
9:00am Natalie Ingram – L
11:00am Ron Sponsel – D
1:00pm Jesus Reyes – D



DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

Candles for our candle stand are available for purchase. The candles will burn for 5 days and *are only intended for use in the church.* Please do not remove the glass globes from the stand. **The cost per candle is \$5.00.** You may put your payment in the slot, located at the candle stand.



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK:
October 13th through October 19th

Monday: Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32
Tuesday: Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41
Wednesday: Romans 2:1-11; Luke 11:42-46
Thursday: Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54
Friday: Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7
Saturday: 2 Timothy 4:10-17; Luke 10:1-9
Sunday: Exodus 17:8-13; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8

His presence among us continues forever

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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 16th**, 9:00am to 11:15am

Speaker: Sr. Rocheen Glennon CSJ

Topic: *"Hope In a Chaotic World"*

For further information or if you would like to attend, please contact: Rose Anne Ryken at raryken39@gmail.com.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words 'division', 'hatred' and 'war' be banished from the heart of every man and woman."

-Pope Francis, 2014

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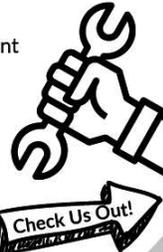


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