

OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**29th Sunday in Ordinary
Time
October 19th, 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

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Fr. Raphael Zwolenkiewicz, OFM Conv., Pastor
Fr. Luke Vu, OFM Conv., Parochial Vicar
Fr. Kevin Schindler-McGraw, OFM Conv., Parochial Vicar
Fr. Paul Fazio, OFM Conv., In Residence

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Sacramental Preparation for Adults:

Please contact Parish Office for information.

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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

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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.



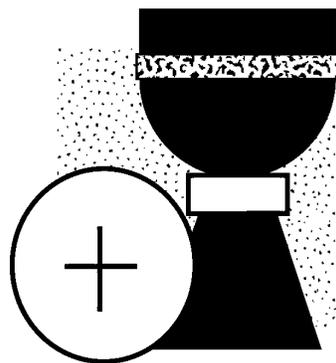
My Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Both here at Our Lady of Grace Church as well as at Transfiguration Church we celebrated the Solemnity of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4th. Thanks to everyone who participated in the services and liturgical celebrations in honor of St. Francis. We had the Blessing of Animals here at Our Lady of Grace on October 4th, and at Transfiguration on October 5th. The Transitus, a Service commemorating The Passing of St. Francis into Eternity, took place here at Our Lady of Grace this year on October 3rd, the day before the Solemnity of St. Francis of Assisi. The morning of October 3rd, the students at Our Lady of Grace School brought their pets to have them blessed before the start of the School Day.

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 Vietnam. 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



Do this in
memory of me

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The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 26th)

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. "Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity -- greedy, dishonest, adulterous -- or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.' But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."



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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY & CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL
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 are 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!

HOLY LAND SALE
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!



SUPPORT OUR EVANGELIZATION PROGRAM WITH SCRIP

Have you heard the word "SCRIP?" Funny sounding—there's no "T". **SCRIP** is a substitute for any legal tender and started as gift card fundraising in 1988 when St. Vincent DePaul Parish in Petaluma, CA, pioneered the concept of using discounted cards where organizations, such as churches and schools, could sell the cards at full value to supporters and then receive back 2% up to 17% for each purchase. Well, that's what OLG's **Evangelization Program** is doing. Do your Christmas shopping early! Stop by the Parish Office to buy all kinds of gift cards—there's a list on the bulletin board flyer at the church entrances.



WOMEN'S FAITH SHARING ADVENT INVITATION
Rejoice! An Advent Pilgrimage
With Word on Fire

For Christians, Advent is not meant to be a time of passive waiting, but rather of hopeful preparation for the coming of the Lord. This Advent, the Women's Bible Study will be using Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire *Advent Gospel Reflections*. This devotional booklet features the full Gospel reading for each day of Advent, a daily reflection from Bishop Barron, space for journaling and answering reflection questions and more!

We will meet on Tuesdays at 7:00pm in Stack Center to discuss the week's reflections and to watch a video that will help us enter more deeply into the prayerful nature of the season. **We will begin on Tuesday, November 25th and go through December 16th. Cost is \$3.** Please sign up with Jay in the Parish Office at 510-537-0806 by Monday, November 3rd.



SVdP'S ANNUAL FALL BINGO FUNDRAISER
October 25th
Transfiguration Church

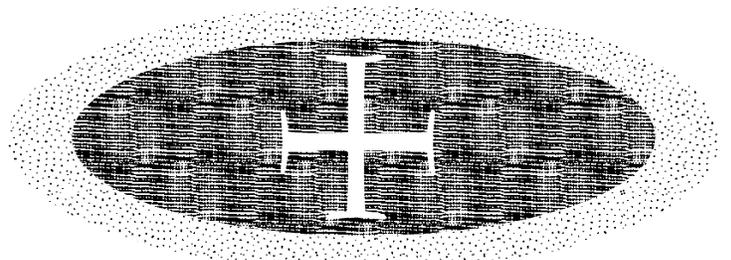
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Our Lady of Grace and Transfiguration parishes together will be hosting their annual *BINGO and Dinner Fundraiser* on Saturday, **October 25th** at 5:00pm at Transfiguration's Parish Hall. Enjoy a catered Italian dinner and a fun night of Bingo. Dinner tickets are \$45 each and include one Bingo card. 50/50 Raffle tickets are \$5 each. Winners need not be present. Please join us and support this worthy event!

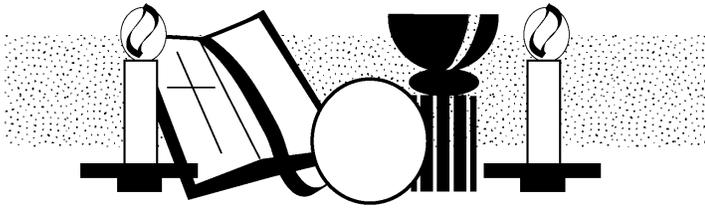
DID YOU KNOW???

Our church has wonderful, hardworking volunteers who clean and set up our pews each week with missalettes, song books and envelopes each week for our Masses.



We are grateful for their years of service in doing this!





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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!



BAPTISM

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 **November 5th** in Stack Center, OLG Room at 7:00pm. Please call Jay at 510-537-0806 to register.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & COLUMBIETTES

We need your help! The Knights of Columbus and the Columbiettes are looking for men and women over 18 years of age to join these hard-working ministries.

What will you do? You can help build our parish community, making stronger ties with each other by assisting at our parish events! By being a Knight or Columbiette, you can also assist worldwide doing charitable works for places like Ukraine and the Middle East. *Do your part! Perform acts of charity and build our OLG and Transfiguration communities!*

If you are interested in sharing your time and talent, please contact Terence Dugan, Grand Knight at tdugan@rocketmail.com

Upcoming meetings in Stack Center, OLG Room:

Columbiettes: Wednesday, November 19th at 6:30pm

Knights of Columbus: Thursday, January 22nd, 2026 at 6:30pm

SIGN UP FOR OAKCATHOLIC DIGITAL NEWSLETTER

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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

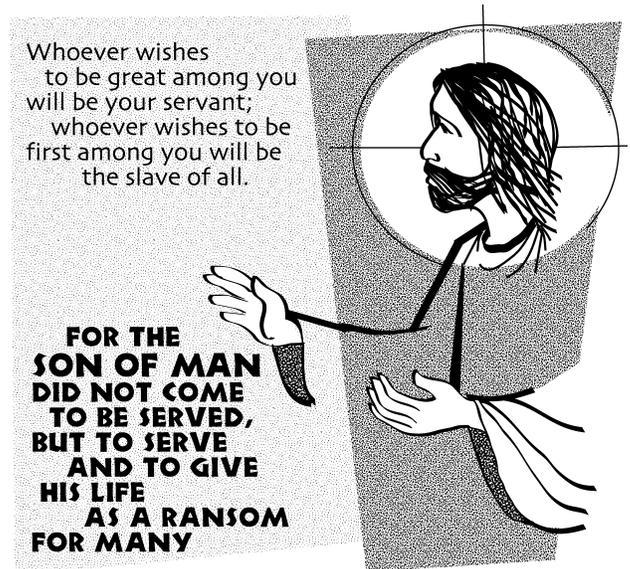
May God bless your continuing generosity.



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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| Wayne Blackard | Maria Flores Martinez |
| Jeff Brown | Sheryl Michaud |
| Jot Brown | Cec Penland |
| Gina Castillo | Vince Quintana |
| Heidi Denzler-Halsey | Tommy Rosenbusch |
| Norma Dockter | Lisa Tortora |
| Diego Gonzalez | Mark Vaz |
| Theresa Hull-Nye | Peggy Winkenbach |
| Brian Linney | |



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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
VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE**



*we have a great high priest
jesus, son of god*

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PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayer shawls are universal and embracing, they comfort and enfold, wrap and warm, shelter and embrace. Our prayer shawls are crocheted with love and are blessed. If you have a loved one who is in need and would like to give them this gift of prayer, you are welcome to pick one up at the Parish Office.

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.



MILITIA IMMACULATA MEETINGS

What is the Militia of the Immaculata? The MI is a universal and international public association of the faithful, erected by the Holy See. The MI was founded in 1917 by St. Maximilian Kolbe. The MI is open to Catholics of all walks of life and encourages all people of good will to develop a trusting relationship with Our Lady. The aim of the MI is to win the whole world for Christ through the Immaculata, Mother of God, and of the Church.

Come join us as members of the Militia Immaculata on the 1st Saturday of each month at 10:00am in Stack Center, Room 7. Our next meeting will be on **November 1st.**

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“What matters in the spiritual life is less an unsettling introspection than a trustful surrender to God and loyal obedience. Do not dwell on examining how the Immaculata can possibly be pleased with you, but believe that it is a fact, for you were told so. Rely not on your reasoning, but on obedience only.”

THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 19th:

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Tuesday, October 21st:

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 22nd:

OCIA
6:30pm—Stack Center, Room 8

Thursday, October 23rd:

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, October 25th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

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

Sunday, October 26th:

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Whole Family Class-Year 1
10:15am—Stack Center

Confirmation-Discipleship Conferences
Beginning at 11:45am—Stack Center



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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.



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY, October 20th
St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

8:15am Camille Barroso – L

TUESDAY, October 21st

8:15am Louis Rodrigues – D

WEDNESDAY, October 22nd

St. John Paul II, Pope

8:15am Rosa Martinez Reyes – D

THURSDAY, October 23rd

St. John of Capistrano, Priest

8:15am Rose Nicasio – D

FRIDAY, October 24th

St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

8:15am Jose, Teresa & Julia Sousa – D

SATURDAY, October 25th

8:15am Rosalie Shomon – L

5:00pm Aaron Alcorn – D

SUNDAY, October 26th

THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Fagalde Family – L

9:00am OLG Community

11:00am Manuel Jardim – D

1:00pm Jose Duarte – D

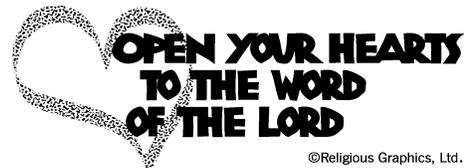


FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

In Memory of 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: October 20th through October 26th

Monday: Romans 4:20-25;
Luke 1:69-75;12:13-21
Tuesday: Romans 5:12,15, 17-21; Luke 12:35-38
Wednesday: Romans 6:12-18; Luke 12:39-48
Thursday: Romans 6:19-23; Luke 12:49-53
Friday: Romans 7:18-25; Luke 12:54-59
Saturday: Romans 8:1-11; Luke 13:1-9
Sunday: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18;
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14



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PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Violence in any form is a denial of human dignity."

-Pope John Paul II, 1993

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

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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

Columbette'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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