

OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**30th Sunday in Ordinary
Time
October 26th, 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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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: CHURCH

Saturday: Following the 8:15 Mass

Thursday: 6:00-7:00pm

CONFESSIONS:

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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.



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This week on November 1st, the Church celebrates ALL SAINTS DAY, which is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. On November 1st, all saints: canonized or beatified, and the multitude of those who have lived lives like ours, who are in heaven and are only known to God, are remembered. They were baptized, marked with the sign of faith and were faithful to Christ's teaching. They have gone before us to their heavenly home and they call on us to follow them.

The feast of All Saints should inspire us to imitate them. My friends, we all have been given a universal call to holiness. This call invites us to follow in the footsteps of the Lord so that one day we will share in the heavenly vision as do the saints we honor. As we celebrate The Solemnity of All Saints, we need to hear Christ speaking the words of the Beatitudes to us personally. These blessings will lead us to share in the joy of the saints.

Immediately following The Solemnity of All Saints is the Commemoration of the All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) on November 2nd. On this day, the Church prays for all who await the day when they will join in heavenly glory and be joined to the company of the saints. Our prayers, the prayers of the Church, can and are united with those of the saints to assist the faithful departed, our departed loved ones, to enter into the joy of the kingdom of heaven. Keep in mind that at each Mass the priest celebrant remembers all those who have fallen asleep in Christ and prays that God grant them a place of happiness, light and peace. There is no Mass in which the Church does not pray for the faithful departed.

On November 2nd, the Church directs its prayers for all the faithful departed, asking that no soul be left behind but all our departed loved ones share in the joy of the kingdom of heaven. Pray to the saints for their intercession. Pray for the faithful departed. Celebrate The Solemnity of All Saints and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed this week.

All Saints Day Mass: November 1st at 8:15 AM

**All Souls' Day Masses: November 1st at 5:00 PM Vigil
November 2nd at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM (Spanish)**

-Fr. Raphael

**All Saints &
All Souls Day**

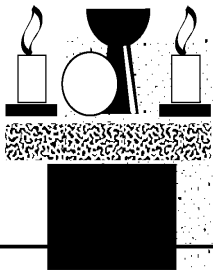
NOVEMBER 1ST AND 2ND



The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (November 2nd)

John 6:37-40

Jesus said to the crowds: "Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day."



JESUS himself
is our priest and
sacrifice

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ALL SAINTS DAY & ALL SOULS' DAY

All Saints Day Mass (Not a Holy Day of Obligation) will be celebrated on Saturday, **November 1st** at 8:15am.

All Souls' Day Masses will be celebrated on Saturday, **November 1st** at 5:00pm (Vigil) and on Sunday, **November 2nd** at the Sunday Masses.

The envelopes for All Saints and All Souls' will be placed on the altar in November for those wishing to remember their loved ones. Our *Book of Remembrance* also provides an opportunity to record names of deceased loved ones to be lifted up in our prayer during this month.

You may also bring a picture of your loved one to the Parish Office and Jay will assist you in placing it in front of the St. Joseph statue in the church. It will remain there during the month of November. Please put your name and contact info on the back of the photo.



ALL SAINTS' DAY



ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Our Parishes will celebrate our annual *Mass of Remembrance*. This Mass has proved to be a very memorable liturgy for us who recall, in a particular way, those who have died in the past twelve months, as well as those who have gone before in faith and in death. Votive candles will be provided. Everyone is invited to come and pray.

Our Lady of Grace: November 12th at 7:00pm
Transfiguration: November 22nd at 7:00pm

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS November 2nd

Don't forget to set your clocks BACK one hour on the evening of November 1st.



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.



COFFEE AND DONUTS November 2nd

Come join us! All are invited after the 9:00am Sunday Mass on **November 2nd** in the Gathering Area for coffee, donuts and community. *We thank the Knights and the Columbiettes for this ministry of hospitality.* See you there!

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY & CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL There's Still Time to Give

Pope Francis has given us a powerful theme that resonates deeply in this Jubilee Year: "*Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples*". In his message, the Holy Father reminds us that hope is at the heart of the Christian mission, calling every baptized person to be "*messengers and builders of hope*" in a world that often finds itself overshadowed by uncertainty and despair. 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!





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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.

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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!

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:

Wayne Blackard

Jeff Brown

Jot Brown

Gina Castillo

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Diego Gonzalez

Theresa Hull-Nye

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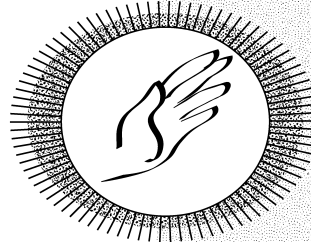
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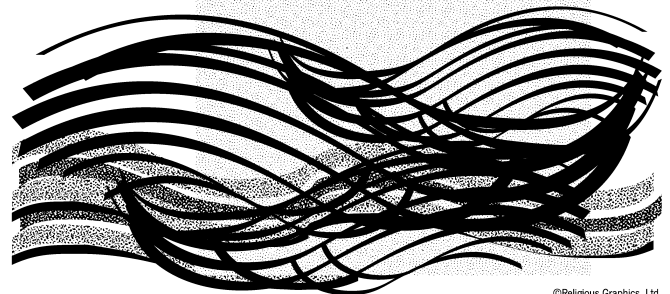
Mark Vaz

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The LORD has delivered his people.
They departed in tears
but I will console them
and guide them.

I will lead them
to brooks of water,
on a level road,
so that they
will not stumble.



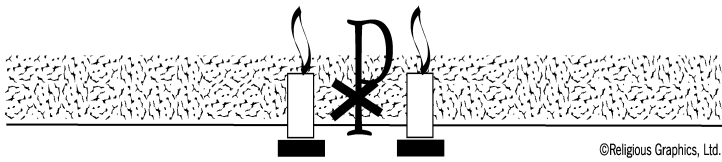
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Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of a loved one.

In Memorial

VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

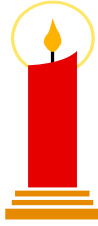
VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE



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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.



ROSARY BEFORE MASS

Come join in prayer of the Rosary 20 minutes before each of the weekend liturgies. Pray for our Parish. All are welcome!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.” Learn the tools to live as God commands us on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience, **November 14th-16th** at San Damiano in Danville or visit www.wwme.org/apply/ to find the date and location that works for you!



GRIEF SUPPORT

The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Grief Support meetings are held at St. Elizabeth Seton at 4001 Stoneridge Drive in Pleasanton. The next meetings will be held on Thursdays, **November 6th & November 20th** at 7:00pm. If you are interested in an afternoon session, please visit <https://www.catholicsofpleasanton.org/grief-ministry.html> to view the schedule. Sessions are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. There is no need to register in advance but please arrive early for check in. If you have additional questions, please call Chris at 925-846-5524.

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“I can say that the whole activity of Niepokalanow [City of the Immaculata]...is not intended for profit,no material gain is planned except for the conquest of souls for the Immaculata and, through her, for the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. In no way do we want to be industrialists: we want only to be missionaries.”

THIS WEEK

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

Tuesday, October 28th:

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 29th:

OCIA
6:30pm—Stack Center, Room 8

Thursday, October 30th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

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

Saturday, November 1st:

All Saints Day Mass
8:15am—Church

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

Militia Immaculata Meeting
10:00am—Stack Center, OLG Room

All Souls' Day Vigil Mass
5:00pm—Church

Sunday, November 2nd:

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

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

1st Communion Class-Year 2
10:15am—Stack Center

Confirmation Class
11:15am—Stack Center



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Mass Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY, October 27th

8:15am Jose Alberto Reveles – L

TUESDAY, October 28th

Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles

8:15am Esperanza Alonso Ortega – D

WEDNESDAY, October 29th

8:15am Manuel & Gose Silva – D

THURSDAY, October 30th

8:15am Dolores Fernandez Ferro – D

FRIDAY, October 31st

8:15am Sean Duggan – D

SATURDAY, November 1st

ALL SAINTS DAY

8:15am Ramos & Vazquez Families – D

5:00pm Esemea Tabacco – D

SUNDAY, November 2nd

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)

7:30am Maria Ha Vo & Paul Phoc Nguyen – D

9:00am Maria Que Nguyen – D

11:00am OLG Community

1:00pm Covarrubias & Zuniga Families – D



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: **November 6th**, 9:00am to 11:15am

Speaker: Kathy Coffey

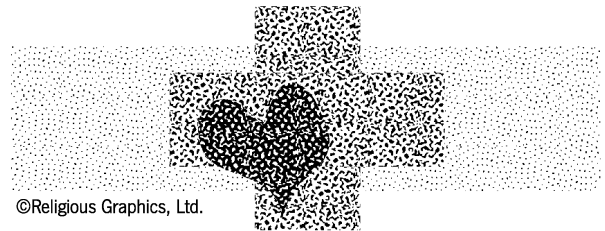
Topic: "Reason for Hope: Jesus' Treatment of Women"

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

October 27th through November 2nd

Monday: Romans 8:12-17; Luke 13:10-17
 Tuesday: Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16
 Wednesday: Romans 8:26-30; Luke 13:22-30
 Thursday: Romans 8:31-39; Luke 13:31-35
 Friday: Romans 9:1-5; Luke 14:1-6
 Saturday: Revelations 7:2-4, 9-14;
 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12
 Sunday: Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11;
 John 6:37-40



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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.



PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The earth which sustains humanity must not be injured. It must not be destroyed."

-St. Hildegard of Bingen, 1152

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 Mass. *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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