

OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**The Commemoration of
All the Faithful Departed
November 2nd, 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:

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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 Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

After celebrating the Solemnity of All Saints, we celebrate the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, praying for all those who have passed from this life. We pray for the faithful departed because there are few people who achieve perfection in this life. And so, we pray for those who have died because some period of purification seems necessary before the faithful departed will come face-to-face with God. Our prayers can indeed speed along this time of purification so that they will rejoice in the gift of heaven, seeing God face-to-face.

Today, November 2nd, is our time to pray for all the faithful departed so that the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Our prayers for the faithful departed are not simply to be offered on one day alone. Traditionally, the Church remembers the faithful departed throughout the entire month of November. Here in our Church, we pray for certain individuals who have passed from this life into eternity. We pray for all those whose funeral services have taken place in our church. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. We also pray in a special way for members of our families and from those among our friends whether they have passed away recently or many years ago. Those dear to us are always in our thoughts and prayers.

Each year throughout the month of November, we are invited to bring pictures of our loved ones to be displayed in our altar area throughout the month. Today and throughout the month, we have the opportunity to bring pictures here to church if you would like. Our Church's particular commemoration of our departed loved ones takes place at our Parish later in the month. Everyone is invited to gather together to pray for our departed loved ones that evening. Remember these words of Jesus "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be."

Our Mass of Remembrance schedule is as follows:

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

-Fr. Raphael



The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (November 9th)

John 2:13-22

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money-changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for your house will consume me*. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his Body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.

LOVE

There is no commandment greater than this

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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.

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Transfiguration: November 22nd at 7:00pm

REMEMBERING OUR DECEASED FAMILY AND FRIENDS

The envelopes for All Saints and All Souls' will be placed on the altar this month of 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 be placed on the table before the St. Joseph statue in the Church and it will remain there during the month of November. Please put your name and contact info on the back of the photo.



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.

VETERAN'S DAY

Tuesday, November 11th, is a federal holiday. The Parish Office will be closed and will re-open on Wednesday, November 12th at 8:30am. Have a safe and relaxing Veteran's Day weekend!



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COAT & BLANKET DRIVE November 1st –December 31st

St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting **coats** (men's, women's and children's - new and gently used) and **blankets**. As winter approaches, many in our community do not have the resources necessary to purchase these items. This is true not only for those who are unhoused, but also for families who cannot afford to keep their homes heated. We all know what PG&E bills look like during the winter. You will find collection barrels at the Somerset and parking lot sides of the church, along with one in the Parish Office.

SVdP is also asking for your gifts of food and cash/gift cards during our Thanksgiving Liturgy. Please help us to help the needy in our community. Items most needed are as follows:

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| Peanut Butter | Canned Soup/ | Pasta & Pasta |
| Jam/Jelly | Chili | Sauce |
| Tuna | Canned Chicken | Rice |
| Cereal | Canned Fruit & | Boxed Fruit Drinks |
| Fruit Cups | Vegetables | Individual Bags of |
| | | Chips/Cookies |

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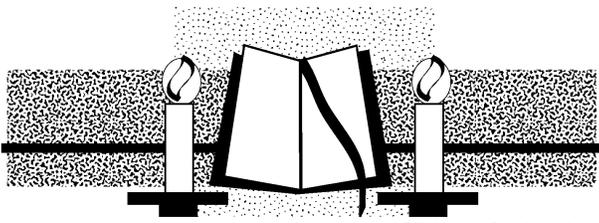
May God bless you for your continued generosity!

Do you know someone that could use help for the holidays? Please have them call our help line at 510-707-8988. *From our Conference to you and your family—Happy Thanksgiving and a blessed holiday season!*

COLLECTION FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY Next Weekend-November 8th & 9th

This collection benefits the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS). The AMS receives no funding from the U.S. Government or the U.S. Military, has no parishes for a weekly in-pew collection and must rely principally on private donations to fund an annual operating budget of over \$8.2 million. Envelopes will be in the pews for your use. Checks may be made out to "Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland".

We appreciate your generosity!



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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 OCTOBER:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 38,481.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 37,991.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 490.00
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 19,761.00

May God bless your continuing generosity.

 **2025 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL**
MINISTRIES of HOPE
2025 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL
We have achieved 136% of our yearly goal! Thank you all who have given so generously!

If you have not had a chance to give towards the Bishop's Ministries Appeal, it is not too late. Scan the QR Code or visit: www.oakdiocese.org/bishops-ministries-appeal to make your donation today.



Overall Goal for 2025:	\$29,000.00
# of Gifts Received:	93
Funds Raised (includes pledges):	\$39,401.84



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 | Diana Riley |
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 We deeply thank the following donors who have given generously towards sponsoring our Altar Candle Memorial.

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Anonymous	All Souls in Purgatory
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 **COFFEE AND DONUTS November 9th**
 Come join us! All are invited after the 9:00am Sunday Mass on **November 9th** in the Gathering Area for coffee, donuts and community. *We thank Our Lady of Grace School for this ministry of hospitality. See you there!*

FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND
 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.

In Memory of 

Hear, O Israel!
 The LORD our GOD is one!
 You shall LOVE the LORD with all your heart with all your soul with all your mind and with all your strength and you shall LOVE your NEIGHBOR as yourself

There is no commandment greater than these.

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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

GOD is
LOVE

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MONTHLY OLG SCHOOL MASS

This month, the members of the Class of 2028 (our 6th graders) will participate in next Sunday's **November 9th**, 9:00am Mass. Students will altar serve, lector, assist with the readings, and bring up the Gifts. Additionally, our 6th graders will host "Coffee and Doughnuts" after Mass. Look for our students in full uniform if you want more information about our parish school.



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!

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.



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.

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If you were to stumble or fall, never lose confidence, because every downfall for us will turn into greater humiliation, increased vigilance, in a word into a greater good, as long as we hope as we have recourse to [the Immaculata]."

THIS WEEK

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

Tuesday, November 4th:

- 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, November 5th:

- OCIA
6:30pm—Stack Center, Room 8
- Pre-Baptism Class
7:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Thursday, November 6th:

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

Friday, November 7th:

- 1st Friday Exposition & Benediction
After the 8:15am Mass—Church

Saturday, November 8th:

- Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

Sunday, November 9th:

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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



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Mass Intentions for the Week



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

MONDAY, November 3rd

St. Martin de Porres, Religious

8:15am Burt Richard – D

TUESDAY, November 4th

St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

8:15am Macario Zaldivar – D

WEDNESDAY, November 5th

8:15am Laurence Guerrero – L

THURSDAY, November 6th

8:15am Manuela Zaldivar – D

FRIDAY, November 7th

8:15am James Van Wert – L

SATURDAY, November 8th

8:15am Ferdinand Perdido – D

5:00pm Luis Martinez – D

SUNDAY, November 9th

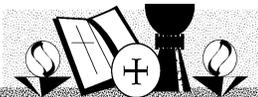
THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

7:30am All Souls in Purgatory

9:00am Andrea Soper – D

11:00am Ron Sponsel – D

1:00pm OLG Community



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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: **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:

November 3rd through November 9th

Monday: Romans 11:29-36; Luke 14:12-14

Tuesday: Romans 12:5-16; Luke 14:15-24

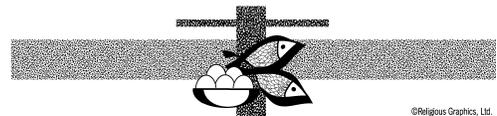
Wednesday: Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33

Thursday: Romans 14:7-12; Luke 15:1-10

Friday: Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8

Saturday: Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 16:9-15

Sunday: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22



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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.



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PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"God is not satisfied with appearance. God wants the garment of justice. God wants his Christians dressed in love."

-St. Oscar Romero, 1985

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

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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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