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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.

From the

My Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

We are encouraged to pray for our departed loved ones throughout the year and in a special way throughout the month of November. Especially throughout the month of November, we are encouraged to pray for all those journeying to heaven. Our prayers

are focused on those in Purgatory. We pray that God will help them on their journey to Heaven.

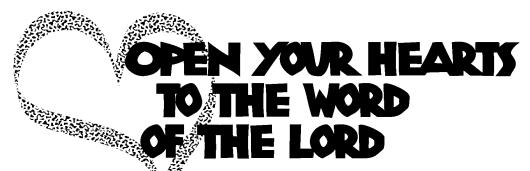
The Catholic Church teaches that Purgatory is a place where souls are purified before entering Heaven. Some souls are not ready to enter Heaven right after death. Our prayers can help them. This is why our prayers for our departed loved ones are so important.

Praying for the dead is one of the spiritual works of mercy and what better way to give expression to our prayers than to attend Mass. Visiting the resting places of our departed loved ones is also an honorable practice. Pray for departed family members and friends. Pray for all the souls in Purgatory.

Our prayers especially this month focus on helping those who are still waiting to enter Heaven. As we pray for our departed loved ones, we are reminded of the hope that we have in eternal life.

In all that we say and do, let us pray that we are walking in the light of the Lord and that light one day will lead us into the joy of the Kingdom of Heaven where we will live with the Lord forever.

-Fr. Raphael



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The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (November 16th)

Luke 21:5-19

While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All that you see here-- the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." Then they asked him, "Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?" He answered, "See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them! When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky. "Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name. It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute. You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

VETERAN'S DAY-CORRECTION!

In observance of Veteran's Day, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, **November 10th** and re-open on Tuesday, **November 11th** at 8:30am. Have a safe and relaxing weekend!





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

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 Baron, 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.

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:

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

Safeway, Lucky, Grocery Outlet or Smart & Final gift cards.

Post-Acute CV Patients Also In Need of Donations

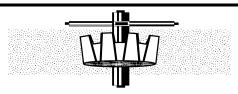
St. Vincent de Paul and OLG Faith Formation are requesting donations of toiletries, *hats, scarves, socks, slippers, and pajamas* to be given as gifts this Christmas to residents of a post-acute healthcare facility in Castro Valley. Donation bins are at the Somerset side of the church, the Parish Office, and Stack Center.

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!

FOR THE MILITARY This 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 are 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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MONTHLY OLG SCHOOL MASS

This month, the members of the Class of 2028 (our 6th graders) will participate in next Sunday's **November 16th**, 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 Donuts" after Mass. Look for our students in full uniform if you want more information about our parish school.

COFFEE AND DONUTS November 16th

Come join us! All are invited after the 9:00am Sunday Mass on November 16th in the Gathering Area for coffee, donuts and community. We thank Our Lady of Grace

School for this ministry of hospitality. See you there!

DIOCESAN CAMPAIGN FOR MERCY Next Weekend November 15th & 16th

This is a new opportunity for our faithful to support programs that directly address the root causes of poverty in the Diocese of Oakland and that are true to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Working closely with our parishes and organizations, the DCM provides grants for programs addressing the many challenges caused by poverty, including unexpected or fragile pregnancies, increased violence, pressures faced by immigrants and refugees, and limited access to food, housing, safe childcare, job training, transportation, and clean water and air.

Your donation plays a crucial role in supporting initiatives that target the fundamental issues of poverty across our diocese, fulfilling our mission to carry out the Corporal Works of Mercy. Through your generosity, the campaign puts into practice Catholic teaching on the life and dignity of every human person and fulfills the Gospel command to care for "the least of these" (Matthew 25). May God richly bless you for your compassion and unity with those in need within

our community. Envelopes will be in the pews for your use. Your checks may be made out to "Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland". To give online and for more information, scan the QR code.



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

May God bless your continuing generosity.



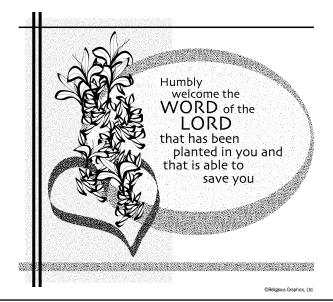
Your Prayers Are Requested

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
Himgauri Chaudhary
Joyce Czeck
Heidi Denzler-Halsey
Norma Dockter
Diego Gonzalez
Theresa Hull-Nye

Brian Linney
Maria Flores Martinez
Sheryl Michaud
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Diana Riley
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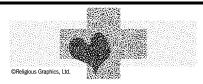
Mark Vaz Peggy Winkenbach



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

In Memorial

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'THANK YOU' FROM PARISHIONER CEC PENLAND

I want to thank my wonderful OLG community for all the prayers, positive thoughts and love you have given me throughout these past few months. God is so good and I am truly grateful for all of you.

God bless, Cec Penland

DRESS-A-GIRL MINISTRY

Please join us for the monthly *Dress* -a-Girl gathering and help make sundresses for young school girls in foreign countries. Join us on **Wednesday**,



November 12th at the Transfiguration Church Hall, 10:00am-12:00pm. If you're inter-

ested, please contact Yolanda Arredondo at 510-303-4023 or email: <u>Yarredondo747@gmail.com</u>.



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!

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.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

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.

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"One may also enter into a pact with the Immaculata, namely that every time we come back from distractions to the task that she wants from is and that she has showed us through holy obedience, (directly or implicitly), it may represent a valid renewal of our unrestricted gift to her of our actions, of ourselves, of all our relatives, and of everything."



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

Monday, November 10th:

Veteran's Day Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, November 11th:

Men's Cursillo Meeting 6:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Women's Faith Share 7:00pm—Stack Center

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Wednesday, November 12th:

OCIA

6:30pm—Stack Center, Room 8

Mass of Remembrance 7:00pm—Church

Thursday, November 13th:

Adoration & Reconciliation 6:00pm—Church

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

Saturday, November 15th:

Adoration & Reconciliation 8:45am—Church

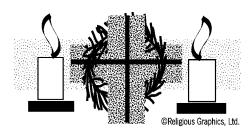
Sunday, November 16th:

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

Confirmation Class
11:15am—Stack Center





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

MONDAY, November 10th

St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church 8:15am Manuel & Dorothy Callier – D

TUESDAY, November 11th

St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

8:15am Lilia Sousa – D

WEDNESDAY, November 12th

St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

8:15am Reveles Family – D

7:00pm Mass of Remembrance

THURSDAY, November 13th

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

8:15am Leona Nichandros – D

FRIDAY, November 14th

8:15am Grace Gonsalves – D

SATURDAY, November 15th

St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Rosa Martinez Reyes – D

5:00pm Manuel & Gose Silva – D

SUNDAY, November 16th

THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am OLG Community

9:00am Agnes Tam Nguyen – D

11:00am Maria F. Jardim – D

1:00pm Mary Sanchez – D



EXECUTION ALERTS

The following executions are scheduled to take place in **November**:

November 13thTremane WoodOklahomaNovember 13thBryan JenningsFloridaNovember 14thStephan BryantS. CarolinaNovember 20thRichard Barry RandolphFlorida

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

November 10th through November 16th

Monday: Wisdom 1:1-7; Luke 17:1-6
Tuesday: Wisdom 2:23-3:9; Luke 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19
Thursday: Wisdom 7:22-8:1; Luke 17:20-25
Friday: Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37

Saturday: Wisdom 18:14-16;19:6-9;

Luke 18:1-8

Sunday: Malachi 3:19-20;

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19



FR. RAY MALLET'S PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN Spring 2026

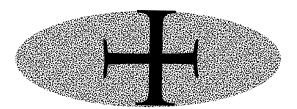
Fr. Ray will be leading a pilgrimage to Spain from March 10th-19th, in celebration of his 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. For more details and to enroll, please email Fr. Ray at rmallett1@hotmail.com.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If our poor die of hunger, it is not because God does not care for them. Rather it is because neither you nor I are generous enough. It is because we are not instruments of love in the hands of God. We do not recognize Christ when once again He appears to us in the hungry man, in the lonely woman, in the child who is looking for a place to get warm."

-St. Teresa of Calcutta, 1997

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

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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