

OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**33rd Sunday in Ordinary
Time
November 16th, 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:

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.



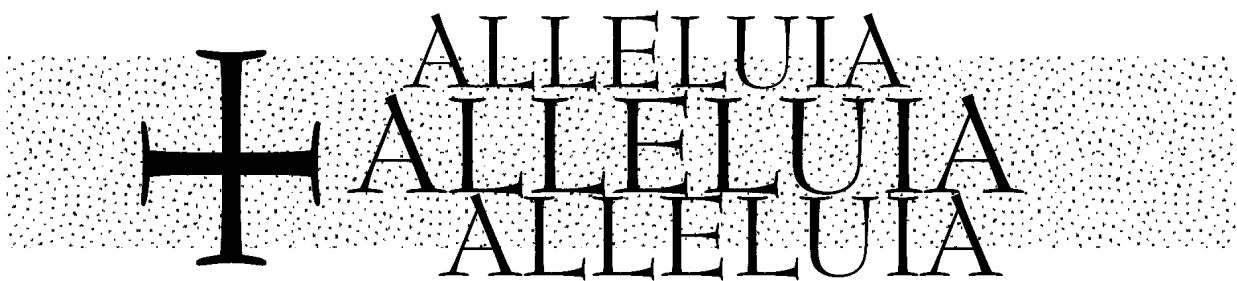
Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Looking forward to celebrating Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 27th, let us keep in mind the good things that we have received throughout this past year and giving thanks is a time for us to pray for those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Remember that the St. Vincent de Paul Society is busy collecting food items and clothing to be distributed among the homeless.

As we gather at our family table, we must always keep in mind that which takes place in our Church everyday at The Table of the Lord—The Celebration of the Eucharist. Remember that the Eucharist is at the heart of everything. Here at our cluster, we would like to continue to give special attention to the Eucharist. To celebrate The Solemnity of Christ the King on November 23rd, there will be a Eucharistic Procession beginning with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:30pm at Our Lady of Grace Church. As the Blessed Sacrament is carried throughout the procession, there will be Eucharistic Songs sung and Prayers offered. It is our prayer as well that all that will be taken place throughout the procession will proclaim our faith in Christ and direct our attention and the attention of others along the way to the Lord alone. The procession will have pauses along the way at which time a Blessing with the Blessed Sacrament will be given. Then, at the conclusion of our Eucharistic Procession at Transfiguration Church, Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament will be given. With this Blessing with the Blessed Sacrament, our Celebration will be complete. Everyone is invited to participate. Please be aware that arrangements need to be made to have transportation between our two churches.

Celebrate the bonds we share as personal families at Thanksgiving, and as the family of God the Church as we also celebrate The Solemnity of Christ the King.

-Fr. Raphael



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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (November 23rd)

Luke 23:35-43

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews." Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

THANKSGIVING DAY LITURGY

Our Lady of Grace Parish will celebrate a *Mass of Thanksgiving* on Thursday, **November 27th at 9:30am**. There is much to be thankful for in our lives and this is also a time to consider ways of helping those around us who are in need. The monetary collection from this Mass will benefit the work of our St. Vincent de Paul Society. St. Vincent de Paul will be taking donations of food, cash and gift cards **beginning the weekend (November 22nd & 23rd)**, before Thanksgiving Day. Many of our clients are single and have very minimal access to cooking facilities.

Our greatest needs are: *Peanut butter, jam/jelly, tuna, soup/chili, cereal, pasta, rice, canned chicken, canned fruit or vegetables, boxed fruit drinks, fruit cups, individual bags of chips or cookies, Safeway, Lucky, Grocery Outlet or Smart & Final gift cards.*

Food items that are brought the weekend before Thanksgiving may be placed in bins that are located at the entrances to the Church. Gift cards may be brought to the Parish Office or placed in the mail slot. As always—we greatly appreciate your generosity. Please pray for us and for those whom we are helping.

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—Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed holiday season!



REMEMBERING OUR DECEASED FAMILY AND FRIENDS

The envelopes for 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.

CHRIST THE KING EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION November 23rd

Join us at 2:30pm at OLG Church for Exposition of the Holy Eucharist followed by a Procession from OLG Church to Transfiguration, where Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will take place. *Walk in unity with parishioners from both parishes, supporting with reverence the real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.* The Procession will take about an hour. Wear comfortable shoes and bring water along. Be sure to arrange for transportation between the churches.



POST ACUTE PATIENTS IN NEED OF DONATIONS

St. Vincent de Paul and OLG Faith Formation are requesting donations of *new 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. Thank you for your kindness and support!



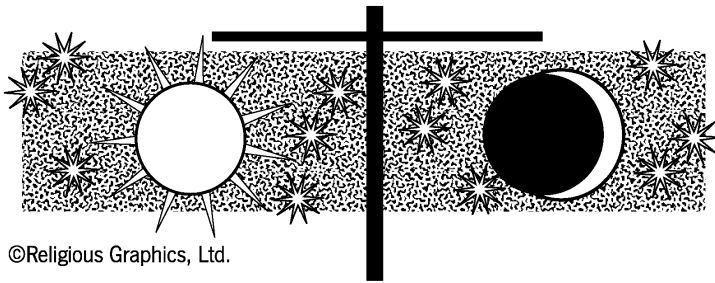
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COAT & BLANKET DRIVE November 1st –December 31st

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. *May God bless you for your generosity!*

DIOCESAN CAMPAIGN FOR MERCY 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. 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.





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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.

WINTER COLD & FLU SEASON

As always, you are reminded to use common good sense in the reception of Holy Communion during the annual cold and flu season. If you are feeling ill or think you may have been exposed to a virus, you should refrain from partaking of the Blood of Christ from the communal chalice. In the same way, you should refrain from offering your hand to others at the sign of peace. Likewise, if you are not comfortable sharing the sign of peace or receiving the Blood of Christ from the communal chalice in fear of infection, you should feel no pressure to do so. All of us must be aware of such sensitive matters in the intimate life of the Christian community and we should expect that some will refrain from the sign of peace and communal chalice out of care for our well-being and not out of unkindness or lack of piety.

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.



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.

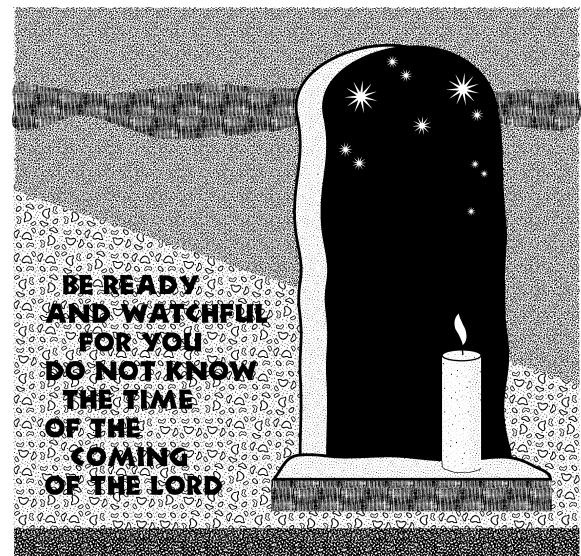


Your Prayers Are Requested

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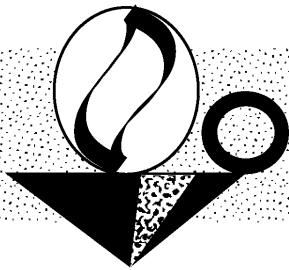
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Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of a loved one.

In Memorial

**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE
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Be watchful
for you do not
know the day
or the hour



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PRAYER GARDEN CLEAN-UP November 22nd



Help Wanted! The Knights are looking for volunteers to assist with sprucing up our Prayer Garden. Join us on Saturday, **November 22nd 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!

ALTAR CANDLE MEMORIALS

We are looking to have 6 monthly sponsors for our Altar Candles and ask for a donation of \$20 to cover the cost of the candles for the month. Our donors will be recognized in the 1st bulletin of the month and there will be a monthly Mass offered for the intention of our Candle Memorial. Many blessed thanks for those who have donated. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.



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.

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Pray to the Immaculata, have recourse to her often in troubles and temptations...Trust that you will surely obtain from her anything you may need at any time for you, for your salvation, for perseverance,...and for your sanctification. Indeed, storms will come, but those who sincerely love the Immaculata will pass unscathed, unstained by sin, through all storms, including most dangerous ones."

THIS WEEK

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

Tuesday, November 18th:

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

Men's Faith Share
7:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Wednesday, November 19th:

OCIA
6:30pm—Stack Center, Room 8

Columbiette's Meeting
6:30pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
7:00pm—Parish Office

Thursday, November 20th:

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, November 22nd:

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

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

Sunday, November 23rd:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

OCIA Rite of Acceptance
11:00am Mass—Church

Christ the King Eucharistic Procession
2:30pm—Church



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY, November 17th

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

8:15am Karl & Johanna Denzler – L

TUESDAY, November 18th

The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

8:15am Denis Chaix – D

WEDNESDAY, November 19th

8:15am Andrea Soper – D

THURSDAY, November 20th

8:15am Louis Rodrigues – D

FRIDAY, November 21st

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15am Manuel & Gose Silva – D

SATURDAY, November 22nd

St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

8:15am Paul Smith – D

5:00pm Mario & Rita Venturini – D

SUNDAY, November 23rd

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

7:30am Iluminada De Vega – D

9:00am OLG Community

11:00am James Martins – D

1:00pm Maria Pham – D

All time belongs to the Lord

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

November 17th through November 23rd

Monday: 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Luke 18:35-43
 Tuesday: 2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10
 Wednesday: 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28
 Thursday: 1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44
 Friday: 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48
 Saturday: 1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40
 Sunday: 2 Samuel 5:1-3; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43

Take & Eat

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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.



RELEVANT RADIO - 1260 AM



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PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of the compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men."

-St. Francis of Assisi

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

EXECUTION ALERTS

The following execution is scheduled to take place in **November**:

November 20th Richard Barry Randolph Florida

We ask for your prayers for this person, for the victims of his crimes, and for his family.

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OUR LADY OF GRACE - LIST OF MINISTRIES

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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