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The Baptism of The Lord
January 11th, 2026

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,

As we close the wonder of Christmas and turn our hearts to the waters of the Jordan, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, a moment that unveils the very heart of God and marks the beginning of our own divine journey. At the Jordan, the Father declared, “You are my beloved Son,” a profound revelation of the Holy Trinity and Jesus's mission. Though the sinless Savior needed no baptism of repentance, he stood with us, entering the messiness of our human condition to lift us to glory.

This feast calls us to remember our own baptism. We, too, were made children of God, cleansed by water and the Spirit. Do you know the date of your baptism? Do you remember the place where you were baptized? Look at your baptism photos, hear the voice of the Father speaking “You are my beloved child,” pray for your parents and godparents, and rekindle that flame. God's grace pours out so we can live as his beloved children.

As we make a transition from the joyous celebrations of Christmas into the Season of Ordinary Time, let this be a time to recommit to our baptismal promises. Let us be witnesses to Christ, serving others and living lives filled with the grace of God, just as the Father is pleased with his Son.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped decorate our church, transforming our sacred space into a beautiful, welcoming beacon of Christ's birth with your tireless efforts, talent, and shared spirit, making our worship truly joyful and meaningful for all who entered. Your dedication, whether hanging ornaments and lights, arranging flowers, or setting up the Nativity, truly embodies Christian service and strengthens our church family. May the light and joy of the Nativity fill your homes this New Year, and thank you again for your generosity and hard work!

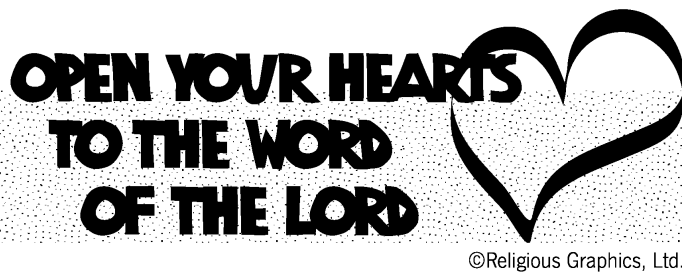
Fr. Luke
Parochial Administrator



The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (January 18th)

John 1:29-34

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, ‘A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.’ I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel.” John testified further, saying, “I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.”



THANK YOU!

We would like to thank all of our Musicians and Singers for arranging and performing the glorious music at all of our Christmas Masses! We also need to thank all of our adult and teen volunteers for beautifying our church with the wonderful Christmas decorations! Your dedication and help is much appreciated by all.

ANNUAL SEMINARY COLLECTION January 10th & 11th

Our Diocese asks us to help with the work of education for tomorrow's priests through our contributions for the Seminary collection. This year is another challenging year for all of us financially but the Diocese humbly appeals to all of you to give your best effort to support our seminarians in their training and formation in your own unique and creative way. Please include the seminarians in your prayers. Prayer especially during Holy Mass is one of the most effective ways in campaigning and promoting vocations in our Church. You may make your check out to "Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland". Envelopes are in the pews for your use. Your kindness, generosity and prayers are deeply appreciated.



YEARLY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

For your convenience in preparing your tax return, a contribution statement for 2024 will be prepared at your request. Please phone Jay at 510-537-0806, with your name and envelope number. Your statement will be available for you to pick up once it has been signed.



COFFEE AND DONUTS January 11th

Come join us after the 9:00am Sunday Mass on **January 11th** in the Gathering Area for coffee, donuts and community. We thank our Confirmation students and parents for this ministry of hospitality. See you there!



WOMEN'S FAITH SHARE Begins January 13th

The Women's Faith share and bible study will begin on **January 13th** and continue through **February 3rd** in Stack Center, Room 7 at 7:00pm. We will be learning about our Blessed Mother and some of her appearances to believers of all ages and walks of life.

January 13 – *The Miraculous Apparitions of the Virgin Mary*

January 20 – *Our Lady of Guadalupe: The Miracles and the Message*

January 27 – *Our Lady and the Visionaries of Knock*

February 3 – *How does the Church acknowledge miracles? The focus of this evening will be on the miracles and investigations associated with Our Lady of Lourdes.*

No registration is necessary. We will be watching films/documentaries and discussing what we have seen. No homework! If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Denzler-Halsey at 510-881-7850 or heidimdh106@gmail.com.



SPAGHETTI SOCIAL January 17th

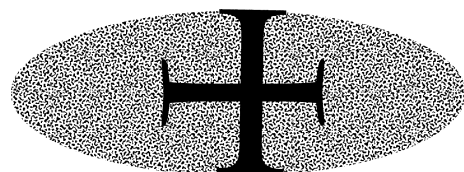
Join us after the 4:00pm Vigil Mass at Transfiguration for a delicious Pasta Dinner and enjoy an evening of food, fun and community in Transfiguration Hall. Cost is \$20 each. Tickets are sold at OLG and Transfiguration's Parish Offices and at the door. See you there!

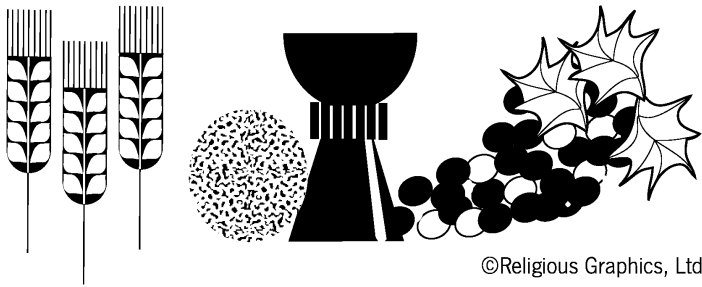


CYO GIRLS BASKETBALL REGISTRATION Until January 14th



Girl's Basketball registration is open to grades 2nd-8th and who live in our parish boundary. Fee for the 2026 program year is \$220 + uniform fee. Space is limited! **Registration closes on January 14th. For more information and to register online, visit: www.olgcvcyo.com.** Questions? Email olgcycv@gmail.com. Want to coach? Please Email olggirlsad@gmail.com.





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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.

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, January 14th at the Transfiguration Church Hall, 10:00am-12:00pm.** If you're interested, please contact Yolanda Arredondo at 510-303-4023 or email: Yarredondo747@gmail.com.



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!



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 DECEMBER:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 57,304.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 52,328.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 4,976.00
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 28,242.70

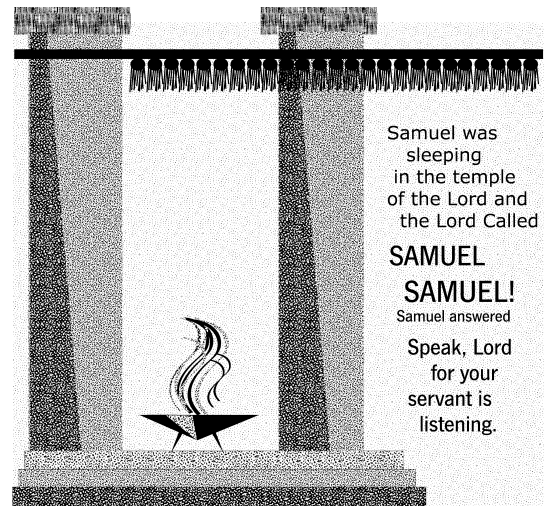
May God bless your continuing generosity.



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	Brian Linney
Jeff Brown	Maria Flores Martinez
Jot Brown	Sheryl Michaud
Beatriz Campos	Olga Muñoz
Cristina Castellanos	Cec Penland
Felicita Cervantes Galves	Diana Riley
Norma Dockter	Tommy Rosenbusch
Diego Gonzalez	Lisa Tortora
Theresa Hull-Nye	Mark Vaz
Cecilia Laverne	Peggy Winkenbach



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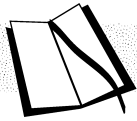
Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of a loved one.

In Memorial

JOYCE CZECK
(Fr. Tom's Mom)

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VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

Hear the Word of the LORD



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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights of Columbus monthly meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of every month at 6:30pm in Stack Center, OLG Room. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, visit <https://www.kofc.org> or join them at their next meeting on **January 22nd**.

COLUMBIETTES

Attention Ladies! Are you interested in becoming active in our parish? Come see what the Columbiettes are all about. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Join us for our next meeting on **January 21st**, 6:30pm in Stack Center, OLG Room. If you would like to become a member, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806. For additional information, please visit: <https://www.californiacolumbiettes.com>

**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, OLG Room. Our next meeting will be on **February 7th**.

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"It is certain...it is beyond all doubt that each conversion of Catholicism and every work of sanctification is the work of grace. Therefore, we can expect conversions and sanctification only if the souls draw closer to [the Immaculata] and receive from her the grace of conversion and sanctification."

THIS WEEK**Sunday, January 11th:****The Baptism of the Lord**

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

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

Tuesday, January 13th:

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

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

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

Wednesday, January 14th:

OCIA
6:30pm—Stack Center, Room 8

Pre-Baptism Class
7:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Thursday, January 15th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

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

Saturday, January 17th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

Sunday, January 18th:**The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

Confirmation Class
11:15am—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, January 11th

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

7:30am Marcelino Perdido – D

9:00am OLG Community

11:00am Diep Tran – D

1:00pm Manuel & Francisco Jardim – D

MONDAY, January 12th

8:15am Lilia Sousa – D

TUESDAY, January 13th

St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:15am The Guigona Family – D

WEDNESDAY, January 14th

8:15am All Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, January 15th

8:15am Cirilo Bustos – D

FRIDAY, January 16th

8:15am Cirilo Bustos – D

SATURDAY, January 17th

St. Anthony, Abbot

8:15am Cohen Sigmon – L

5:00pm Antonio Oliveira Chocha – D

SUNDAY, January 18th

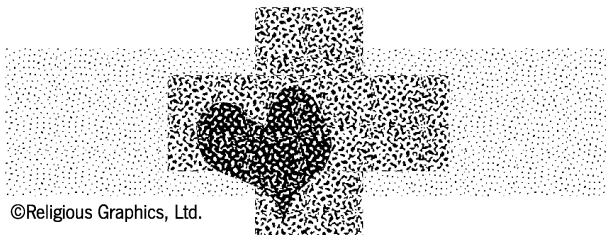
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Antonio Grijalva – D

9:00am Gina Castillo – D

11:00am OLG Community

1:00pm Jose & Maria Avila – D

**EXECUTION ALERTS**

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

January 18th Charles Thompson Texas

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

January 12th through January 18th

Monday: 1 Samuel 1:1-8; Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22; Mark 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1;
Mark 2:13-17Sunday: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3;
John 1:29-34


his word and gospel
are our light

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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.

RELEVANT RADIO - 1260 AM

Relevant Radio brings you the best in  Catholic Radio 24/7! Playing on 1260AM and dedicated to sharing the heart of the Catholic Faith and changing lives.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Every war is a form of fratricide that destroys the human family's innate vocation to brotherhood. War often begins with the inability to accept the diversity of others, which then fosters attitudes of aggrandizement and domination born of selfishness and pride, hatred and the desire to caricature, exclude and even destroy the other."

-Pope Francis, 2019

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

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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 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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