

OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 25th, 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

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Saturday: Following the 8:15 Mass

Thursday: 6:00-7:00pm

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Website: www.olgschool.org

Principal: Dr. Eugenia "Gena" McGowan

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 (January 25 – 31, 2026), as the Church in the United States celebrates National Catholic Schools Week (CSW), we joyfully recognize the blessing that our parish school, Our Lady of Grace School, is to our community and the Church. This year's theme, "*Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community*", perfectly captures the heart of our mission: to form students in holiness, provide outstanding education, and send them forth to serve God and others.

Our Catholic school exists to help parents fulfill their primary role as the first educators in faith, grounding all learning in the person of Jesus Christ. Our educators go beyond textbooks, integrating the Gospel into every subject, helping students build a personal relationship with God and develop moral integrity. We are incredibly proud of the academic achievements and the Christ-centered environment at Our Lady of Grace School. Our dedicated teachers and staff, driven by a vocation to serve, form not just minds, but whole persons—body, soul, and spirit.

As I reflect on the blessings of this occasion, my heart is overflowing with gratitude for the dedicated teachers and supportive parents in our cluster community.

To our Principal Dr. Gena McGowan, teachers and staff: Thank you for living out the Church's evangelizing mission daily. You are doing more than teaching stories and lessons; you are planting seeds of unity – truth – love in young hearts. To our dedicated parents: Thank you for your partnership with us in this vital ministry. Thank you for trusting us to walk alongside you in this mission. And to our wonderful students: Thank you for living witnesses to the joy of Catholic education. Thank you for praising God in songs and proclaiming God's Word. You don't just learn here; you encounter Jesus who we are called to be saints in your daily lives, a journey strengthened by the Eucharist and our community prayers.

I invite you to participate in our school's Catholic Schools Week activities, especially the following events:

Sunday, January 25th	Coffee and Donuts after 9:00 a.m. Mass
Wednesday, January 28th	Grandparents/Special Friends Day
Friday, January 30th	OLG Talent show—1:15 p.m.
Saturday, January 31st	Open House for New Families—10 to 12:30 p.m.

Let us pray for our school, its mission, and for all those who make it possible. May our community continue to be a beacon of hope, drawing strength from Christ to build God's Kingdom.

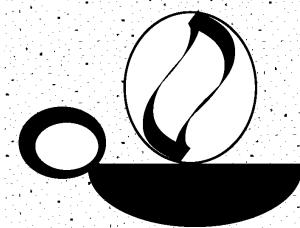
Fr. Luke
Parochial Administrator



The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (February 1st)

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."



Guide me
O Lord
in your truth

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OLG SCHOOL CELEBRATES CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!

January marks a time of celebrations for Catholic Schools all over the country, culminating in "Catholic Schools Week" the last week of January. We would like to invite you all to a special "Catholic School Mass" on **Sunday, January 25th at 9:00am**, when students from the school will minister to us through their gift of song, proclaim God's Word, and assist the ushers with the collection and presentation of the gifts. The celebration will continue with coffee and donuts as a way to celebrate our existing families.

On Saturday, January 31st, the week concludes with our annual Open House from 10:00am to 12:30pm in the Stack Center. There will be dedicated sessions introducing our Dual Language Immersion program for grades Jr. K-2nd, as well as our STEM and Language-enriched grades 5-8 at both 10:45am and 11:45am. Come and meet next year's co-principals, teachers, and staff as we continue to grow this unique opportunity for a Catholic Education in the midst of Castro Valley. Pre-register at <https://www.olgschool.org/>



COFFEE AND DONUTS February 1st

Come join us after the 9:00am Sunday Mass on **February 1st** in the Gathering Area for coffee, donuts and community. We thank the Knights, Columbiettes and Confirmation teens for this ministry of hospitality. See you there!



YEARLY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

For your convenience in preparing your tax return, a contribution statement for 2025 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.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on **January 30th** and **February 6th**. We thank you for your understanding.

VIETNAM & PHILIPPINES TYPHOON DISASTER RELIEF January 24th & 25th

With deep concern for the suffering in the home dioceses in Vietnam and the Philippines of many of our clergy, Bishop Barber asks all parishes to consider a donation to aid typhoon disaster relief in Vietnam and the Philippines. Envelopes are in the pews for your use. Checks should be addressed to "Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland" with notation: "Vietnam/Philippines Typhoon Disaster relief". May God bless you for your generosity.

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

We recently welcomed

Jonah Trinh

into Our Lady of Grace Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. May God Bless you!

COMMUNITY SUPERBOWL PARTY! February 8th

Come join your Parish community at Transfiguration Church Hall at 3:30pm to watch the big game, the commercials, and enjoy some great food! This is a potluck-style event, so please bring a dish for 10-12 people to share!



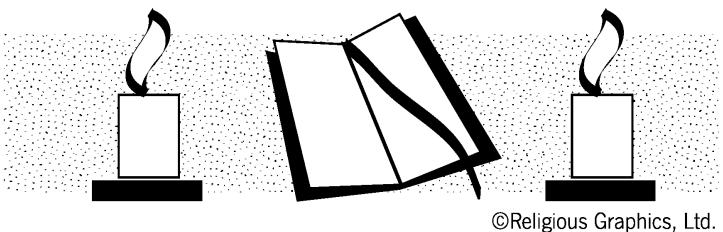
"LET'S GET CRACKIN'!" CRAB FEED February 28th

Enjoy an Evening with Your Parish Community at Transfiguration Hall

- Doors open at 5pm, after the 4pm Mass
- Cost is \$90 per person
- Menu includes Appetizers, Bread, Butter, Salad, Pasta, Crab (all you can eat!) & Ice-Cream
- No Host Bar
- \$15 Corkage Fee
- DJ'd by Dynamic DJ Entertainment

Get your tickets by calling Elmer at Transfiguration's Rectory Office at 510-538-7941 (cash or check).

See you there!



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‘THANK YOU’ FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL

St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank all of our amazing parishioners and OLG school students for their generosity over the holiday season. The Thanksgiving collection allowed us to supply 15 families with food and also filled up the shelves in our food pantry. The response to the coat and blanket drive has been overwhelming. Our Upper Room is filled with warm coats and blankets to get us through the rest of the winter and hopefully much of the summer. We have also opened up our upper room to the St. Vincent de Paul Conference at Transfiguration. That means that your donations are helping keep many in Castro Valley nice and warm. Thank you!

December had us collecting items via the Giving Tree and working with Leeanne and the Confirmation students to collect items for the East Bay Post-Acute Healthcare Center residents. Again, your generous response allowed us to give 12 families with young children food and gift cards. Parents were excited to receive the gift cards that would allow them to buy gifts for their children. With all your donations and just a little support from SVdP members, our Confirmation students were able to put together 90 bags and distribute them to residents of the Healthcare Center on the Friday before Christmas. They were grateful not only for the gift bags but for the visit.

1ST FRIDAYS OF EACH MONTH EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION

February 6th

All are invited to join us after the 8:15am Mass for Exposition and Benediction of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



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.

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
Jeff Brown
Jot Brown
Beatriz Campos
Cristina Castellanos
Felicitas Cervantes Galves
Norma Dockter
Diego Gonzalez
Theresa Hull-Nye
Cecilia Laverne
Brian Linney

Catherine Lucas
Maria Flores Martinez
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Bertha Ortega Plate
Diana Riley
Tommy Rosenbusch
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Mark Vaz
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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

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PRE-BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS & GODPARENTS

If you are wishing to have your child baptized, ages infant to six years, parents **BAPTISM** 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 **February 4th** in Stack Center, OLG Room at 7:00pm. Please call Jay at 510-537-0806 to register.

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!



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.

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.



MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Immaculata, Queen and Mother of the Church, I renew my consecration to you this day and for always, so that you may use me for the coming of the Kingdom of Jesus in the whole world. To this end I offer all my prayers, actions, and sacrifices of this day."

THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 25th:

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coffee & Donuts
After the 9:00am Mass—Gathering Area
1st Communion Class—Year 1
10:15am—Stack Center
Confirmation Discipleship Conference #3
Beginning at 11:45am—Stack Center

Tuesday, January 27th:

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 28th:

OCIA
6:30pm—Stack Center, Room 8

Thursday, January 29th:

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

Friday, January 30th:

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, January 31st:

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church
OLG School Open House
10:00am—Stack Center

Sunday, February 1st:

The Fourth 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



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Mass for the Week

SUNDAY, January 25th

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Visitacion Perdido—D
 9:00am Taylor & Felicity Hill—L
 11:00am Manuel & Maria Jardim—D
 1:00pm OLG Community

MONDAY, January 26th

Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops

8:15am Erlinda Barroso—L

TUESDAY, January 27th

St. Angela Merici, Virgin

8:15am Terry Jardim—L

WEDNESDAY, January 28th

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Mary Acdan—D

THURSDAY, January 29th

8:15am Jose Sanchez—D

FRIDAY, January 30th

8:15am Jack & Lena Emory—D

SATURDAY, January 31st

St. John Bosco, Priest

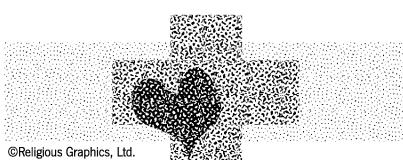
8:15am Paula Gomez—D

5:00pm Leo Lombardo—D

SUNDAY, February 1st

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am OLG Community
 9:00am Miriam Rose Sicam—L
 11:00am Ron Sponsel—D
 1:00pm Rosa Martinez Reyes—D



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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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

January 26th through February 1st

Monday:	2 Timothy 1:1; Mark 3:22-30
Tuesday:	2 Samuel 6:12-15, 17-19; Mark 3:31-35
Wednesday:	2 Samuel 7:4-17; Mark 4:1-20
Thursday:	2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29; Mark 4:21-25
Friday:	2 Samuel 11:1-10, 13-17; Mark 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Samuel 12:1-7, 10-17; Mark 4:35-41
Sunday:	Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12



To the Word of the Lord we say Amen

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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!



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!



PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“We all have the great duty to realize the deep need for purity of soul, that is, the deep need to possess in us the Holy Spirit, to be possessed by Him. This has to take precedence over everything else. If He lives and works in us, then our activity will be true, and our witness will generate love of truth, even though we may be persecuted and beaten down in apparent incomprehension.”

—Thomas Merton, 1983

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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