

OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 1st, 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,

This Sunday, we go up on the mountainside with Jesus to hear one of the most transformative messages in the Gospel of Matthew: The Beatitudes. In a world that constantly tells us to chase power, wealth, and status to find happiness, Jesus turns everything upside down. He declares the poor in spirit, the meek, the mourners, and the merciful as "blessed." Blessed are the poor in spirit: Those who know they need God above all else. Blessed are the meek: Those who live with humility and gentleness, rather than aggression. Blessed are the peacemakers: Those who actively seek harmony in a divided world. These teachings are not just abstract ideals; they are a direct challenge to the modern "get ahead" mentality. Jesus invites us to find our identity not in what we possess, but in whose we are. The Beatitudes reveal the very heart of God, who draws close to the humble and afflicted.

St. Francis of Assisi is considered a prime example of someone who lived the Beatitudes by embodying radical poverty, humility, and peace during the 13th-century in Italy. He embraced "Lady Poverty" to mirror Christ, acting as a peacemaker during the Crusades and demonstrating profound mercy by serving the marginalized, such as lepers.

To honor the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis and promote peace and spiritual renewal, Pope Leo XIV proclaimed a special Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi, taking place from January 10, 2026, through January 10, 2027. This Jubilee Year invites us to follow the example of St. Francis and reflect on where we are seeking happiness. Are we trying to fill our lives with possessions, or are we letting ourselves be filled by the love of God? As we live, move, and have our being, may we carry these blessings, acting as God's instruments to bring peace and mercy to those overlooked by society.

Peace and All Good!

Fr. Luke
Parochial Administrator



The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (February 8th)

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

CHRISTMAS OFFERING RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Christmas collection. Our Christmas Offering for 2025 totaled \$25,463 with a budget of \$35,000. We are most grateful for this response given all that was going on with the ongoing concern of inflation and financial uncertainty. As always we thank you for the generosity of your gift and ask God to bless your continuing generosity.

2025 PLATE COLLECTION RESULTS

Total Sunday Plate Offering 2025:	\$548,268
Total Sunday Plate Budget 2025:	\$520,000
Total Sunday Plate Over Budget 2025:	\$28,268

We are most grateful to those who have consistently supported our Parish and have maintained their level of giving. We recognize those who responded so generously and personally committed to make a difference in our outcome for the year. For those in the Parish who are not using the offering envelopes or Online Giving, we ask you to prayerfully consider committing your support to our ministries, liturgies, outreach and all the members of the larger community in which we reside. May we continue to be good stewards of so great a gift and remember that God will not be outdone in generosity.

**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!

**COFFEE AND DONUTS
February 8th**

Come join us after the 9:00am Sunday Mass on **February 8th** in the Gathering Area for coffee, donuts and community.

We thank Our Lady of Grace School 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 **February 6th**. We thank you for your understanding.

**CYO TRACK & FIELD
REGISTRATION**

CYO Track & Field is open to grades K-8, who are OLG School students or "In Parish" residents. Fee for the 2026 program year is \$130 per athlete or \$150 with jersey. (\$10 discount per athlete for families registering 2 or more siblings). **Registration closes on February 6th. To register and for more details, please visit: www.olgcyocv.com.** If you have questions or if you would like to coach or assist with administration, please email: olgcyocv@gmail.com. Go Lions!

Run, jump, or throw; Track & Field is the way to go!

**"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!

**WOMEN'S FAITH SHARE
Lent: Coming to Christ
Beginning on February 17th**

The Women's Bible Study/Faith Share will begin its Lenten study at 7:00pm on **February 17th** in Stack Center, Room 7. We will be using *Lent: Coming to Christ* from the Augustine Institute. It is a mini-journal designed to help us prepare for Lent and to encounter the Lord anew in the desert. It will guide us through two Lenten series on Formed.org, *How to Lent* and *Foretold: Finding Hope in God's Providence*, and will include guided prayer, journaling, topics for reflection and group discussion. There is no cost to attend this study. If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Denzler-Halsey at 510-881-7850 or heidimdh106@gmail.com.



ALTAR CANDLE MEMORIAL DONORS

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

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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 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.

PASSING OF LONG-TIME PARISHIONERS

LOU RICHARDS & LIGIA MEJIA



We are saddened to hear of the recent passings of Lou Richards and Ligia Mejia. They both were active and vibrant members of our parish. Lou dedicated her time to RCIA, Helping Hands and as a Counter. Ligia was very involved with the Hispanic Group and the Altar Society.

May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them

Lou Richards

On **February 13th** at Our Lady of Grace, the funeral will be held at 11:00am, followed by a reception in Stack Center.

Ligia Mejia

On **February 1st** at Duggan's Serra Mortuary in Daly City, there will be a Viewing at 4:00pm and Rosary at 5:00pm. On **February 2nd** at Our Lady of Mercy in Daly City, the funeral will be held at 10:30am.



**PAX CHRISTI EVENT
February 14th**

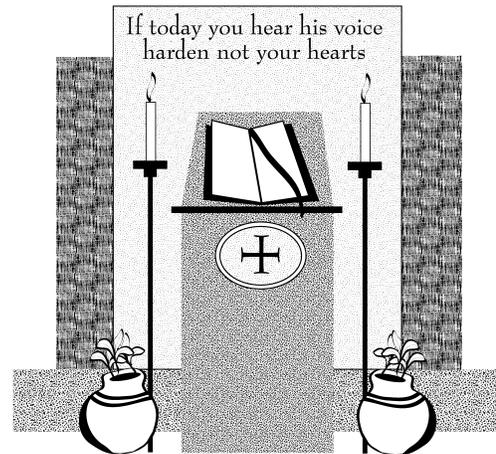
Pax Christi together with Newman Non-violent Peacemakers, invites all parishioners to Anne Symens-Bucher's speaking engagement on **February 14th** (9:00am-Noon) at Newman Hall/Holy Spirit Church on 2700 Dwight Way in Berkeley. Anne is an activist peacemaker and cofounder of Canticle Farms. She invites us to reflect on what we can learn from St. Francis about the gifts we receive when we open our hearts to our perceived enemies. She will also be joined by Maurice Harper, Jr., ministry leader, social activist and renowned educator. RSVP at info@paxchristinocal.org Suggested donation is \$20-\$25, payable at the event.



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 | Catherine Lucas |
| Jeff Brown | Maria Flores Martinez |
| Jot Brown | Sheryl Michaud |
| Beatriz Campos | Olga Muñoz |
| Cristina Castellanos | Bertha Ortega Plate |
| Felicitas Cervantes Galves | Diana Riley |
| Norma Dockter | Tommy Rosenbusch |
| Diego Gonzalez | Lisa Tortora |
| Theresa Hull-Nye | Mark Vaz |
| Cecilia Laverne | Peggy Winkenbach |
| Brian Linney | |



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

In Memorial

LIGIA MEJIA

LOU RICHARDS

VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

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DRESS-A-GIRL MINISTRY
February 11th

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

February 11th 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.

91 Dresses Sent to Kenyan School!!

We are proud to announce that 91 dresses were urgently sent to a school in Kenya. Dress-A-Girl ministry continues to be active creating sundresses for young girls. Since 2022, 2,100 dresses were made and this year along with Livermore Dress-A-Girl, 8,086 were made and sent to:

- *Mission Trips* (Guatemala, Kenya, Costa Rica, Ghana, and Argentina)-436 dresses
- *Operation Christmas Child*-2728 dresses
- *Box of Joy*-4922 dresses

An exhibition of the dresses and pictures will be held in March at Transfiguration. Date to be announced at a later time.

Donations are always appreciated! If you would like to give towards this ministry, please stop by Transfiguration's Rectory Office or at the monthly gatherings.

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.



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!

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We are servants, children, slaves, knights, and everything, everything, everything to the Immaculata. In a word, we belong to her, we are hers in every way, hers every day more!"

THIS WEEK

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

Tuesday, February 3rd:

- 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, February 4th:

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

Thursday, February 5th:

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

Friday, February 6th:

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

Saturday, February 7th:

- Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church
- Militia Immaculata Meeting
10:00am—Stack Center, OLG Room

Sunday, February 8th:

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY, February 2nd

The Presentation of the Lord

- 8:15am Agosto & Edwina Silva – D

TUESDAY, February 3rd

St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr
St. Ansgar, Bishop

- 8:15am Caleb Tamayo – D

WEDNESDAY, February 4th

- 8:15am Adelaide Martin – D

THURSDAY, February 5th

St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

- 8:15am All Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, February 6th

St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

- 8:15am Kimberly Hinkson – L

SATURDAY, February 7th

- 8:15am Cirilo Bustos – D
- 5:00pm Lourdes Villanueva – D

SUNDAY, February 8th

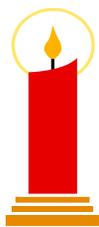
THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:30am Candida Corrales – D
- 9:00am Aaron Alcorn – D
- 11:00am Nam Nguyen – D
- 1:00pm Eugenia Jardim – L



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DEVOTIONAL CANDLES



candle stand.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

February 2nd through February 8th

- Monday: Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40
- Tuesday: 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30-19:3; Mark 5:21-43
- Wednesday: 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Mark 6:1-6
- Thursday: 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Mark 6:7-13
- Friday: Sirach 47:2-11; Mark 6:14-29
- Saturday: 1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34
- Sunday: Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16



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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.

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.



PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Memory is the horizon of hope. Many times, in the darkness of wars and conflicts, the remembrance of even a small gesture of solidarity received can lead to courageous and even heroic decisions.”

-Pope Francis

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 *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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