

OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Second Sunday of Lent
March 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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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.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we continue our 40-day Lenten journey, this Sunday brings us to the high mountain with Peter, James, and John to witness the Transfiguration of Jesus. After the temptation in the desert, this moment offers a glimpse of divine glory, strengthening us to face the cross, both in Christ's life and in our own, with hope.

The Father's voice from the cloud, "*Listen to him*", calling us to move beyond fear and actively listen to Jesus' teachings. Just as Abraham was called to step out in faith into an unknown land (Genesis 12:1-4), we are called to move beyond our comfort zones.

Lent is not about staying on the mountain top, but about bringing that light down into our daily lives. Let us keep our eyes fixed on the Lord. Let us listen to Jesus, allowing his word to transform our hearts, that we may emerge from this season renewed.

Happy Lent!

Fr. Luke



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The Third Sunday of Lent (March 8th)

John 4:5-42

To access next week's Gospel in full text, please visit the US Conference of Catholic Bishops' Daily Readings at <https://bible.usccb.org/>.

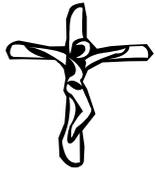


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WEDNESDAY LENTEN MASSES & SOUP MEALS
March 4th



Join us for our Lenten Masses held on Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm, followed by a simple meal of soup and bread in Stack Center. It will be a time for fellowship and families coming together. *We thank the Italian Catholic Federation for their hospitality for this meal.* Financial donations will be accepted for CRS Rice Bowl.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
English & Spanish

There will be no afternoon Stations of the Cross on **March 6th**. We welcome you to join us for Evening Stations in English at 6:00pm and in Spanish at 6:45pm.

Transfiguration Church

Every Friday at 7:30pm in English

DO NOT BE AFRAID OF RECONCILIATION

During the Lenten season, Reconciliation and Adoration will be available every Thursday at 6:00pm and Saturday at 9:00am, after the 8:15am Mass.

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

We recently welcomed

Mark Almeida
Alexander Dejana
Ellie Leary

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



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.

**THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN!
 THE 2025 BISHOP'S
 APPEAL RESULTS**

As we officially closed the 2025 Bishop's Appeal in January of this year, we would like to thank all the Parishioners for supporting this campaign which serves so many in the Diocese. Our Lady of Grace and Transfiguration both received an award for surpassing their goals. *Our Lady of Grace surpassed the goal of \$29,000 by 156%.* The additional funds given to the Diocese over the goal will come back to the Parish and support our local community needs. You have demonstrated how strong faith can unite us in common purpose and mission. Thank you again for your generosity, charity, and support for this Parish.



FORMED 40 DAYS OF LENT WITH FORMED.ORG

Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession

<https://watch.formed.org/forgiven>

This video explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. By looking at God's revelation of his mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite itself, Forgiven communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

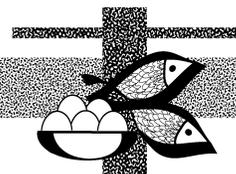
Living Lent as a Family

<https://watch.formed.org/living-lent-as-a-family>

Have you ever wanted to live more liturgically but not known how? This 4-part series assists families by providing these discussions on liturgical living during Lent to be a resource for the Domestic Church—the home.

Be sure to check out other Lenten selections on our Parish website at www.olgcv.org. Click on "Formed" on the navigation bar.

Not a member yet? Register for free by visiting www.olgcv.formed.org and type in "Our Lady of Grace, Castro Valley, CA" to become a member.





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Calling all business sponsors! OLG School is looking for local businesses to sponsor the Fun Run. Three sponsorship levels are offered. All sponsors will be featured on the OLG School website and their social media platforms. Thank you for considering this opportunity to support our students and promote your business!

To become a Fun Run Sponsor, scan the QR code. Deadline is March 1st.



CONFIRMATION TEENS ATTEND RETREAT!

Our Confirmandi will attend their yearly retreat at St. Albert's Priory on March 7th. *We ask for your prayers for our candidates that this Retreat will encourage a radical transformation in their hearts and be a time of restoration, joy, and mercy.*



FROM THE DECORATING COMMITTEE

We have discovered that a small box of material has gone missing. The red lid says, "Material behind Mary and Joseph." It contains some gold material that has been hemmed and that we use in the sanctuary of our church. If you have seen it, please return it to the Parish Office. We appreciate your help.

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 JANUARY:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 47,364.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 47,364.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 0.00
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 0.00

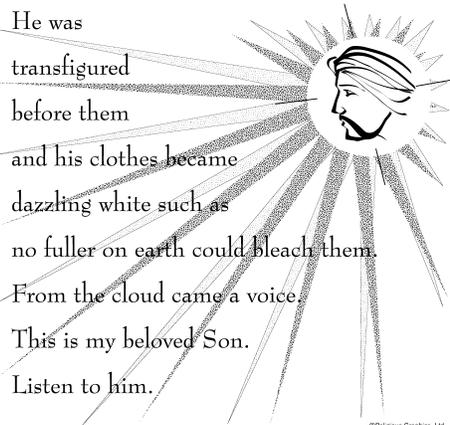
May God bless your continuing generosity.



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:

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| Wayne Blackard | Bella Martinez |
| Jeff Brown | Maria Flores Martinez |
| Jot Brown | Sheryl Michaud |
| Beatriz Campos | Bertha Ortega Plate |
| Cristina Castellanos | Diana Riley |
| Felicitas Cervantes Galves | Tommy Rosenbusch |
| Charles Chen | Lisa Tortora |
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He was transfigured before them and his clothes became dazzling white such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. From the cloud came a voice. This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.

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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.

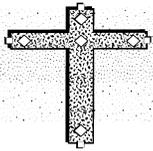
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Jesus is Lord!

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**DRESS-A-GIRL MINISTRY
March 11th**

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

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.



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!



NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE & THE VATICAN

For the latest news from the Diocese of Oakland and from the Vatican, please visit:

Diocese of Oakland

<https://www.oakdiocese.org/news/>

The Vatican

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The more each of us comes to the Immaculata, the more, through her, we will grow closer to one another, and in that lies our strength."

THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 1st:

The Second Sunday of Lent

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

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

Confirmation Class
11:15am—Stack Center

Tuesday, March 3rd:

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

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

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

Wednesday, March 4th:

Lenten Mass
6:00pm—Church

Lenten Soup Meal
After the 6:00pm Mass—Stack Center

Thursday, March 5th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

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

Friday, March 6th:

Stations of the Cross
6:00pm (English) & 6:45pm (Spanish)—Church

Saturday, March 7th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

Confirmation Retreat
St. Albert's Priory

Sunday, March 8th:

The Third Sunday of Lent

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

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



Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, March 1st

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

- 7:30am OLG Community
- 9:00am Claudia Dobbs – L
- 11:00am James Martins – D
- 1:00pm Rosa Martinez Reyes – D

MONDAY, March 2nd

8:15am All Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, March 3rd

St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

8:15am Agosto & Edwina Silva – D

WEDNESDAY, March 4th

St. Casimir

8:15am Sylvia Sangco – L

THURSDAY, March 5th

8:15am Hilary Sullivan – D

FRIDAY, March 6th

8:15am Steven Bell – L

SATURDAY, March 7th

Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

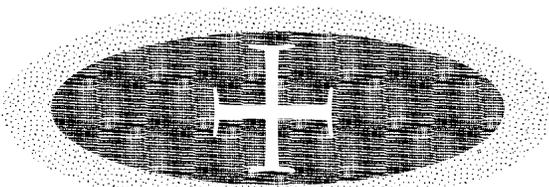
8:15am Gina Castillo – D

5:00pm Ben & Pat Leal – D

SUNDAY, March 8th

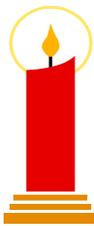
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

- 7:30am No Intention
- 9:00am OLG Community
- 11:00am Maria & Manuel Jardim – D
- 1:00pm Avila & Navarro Families – 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:
March 2nd through March 8th**

- Monday: Daniel 9:4-10; Luke 6:36-38
- Tuesday: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12
- Wednesday: Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28
- Thursday: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31
- Friday: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
- Sunday: Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42

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Enter into the
Passion and Glory
of the Lord



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WINGS - WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT

WINGS is a faith enhancement group that encourages spiritual growth through prayer, scripture study, Catechesis, life sharing and community. Our meetings are held at Transfiguration's Church Hall.

Next Meeting: **March 5th**, 9:00am to 11:30am

Speaker: Sr. Joan Burke SND

Topic: *"Hope of a Hummingbird"*

For further information or if you would like to attend, please contact: Rose Anne Ryken at raryken39@gmail.com.

RELEVANT RADIO - 1260 AM

Relevant Radio brings you the best in **relevant radio** 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

"It is contrary to reason to hold that war is now a suitable way to restore rights which have been violated."

-Pope John XXIII, 1963

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

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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