

# OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Third Sunday of Lent**  
**March 8th, 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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Please contact Parish Office for information.

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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,

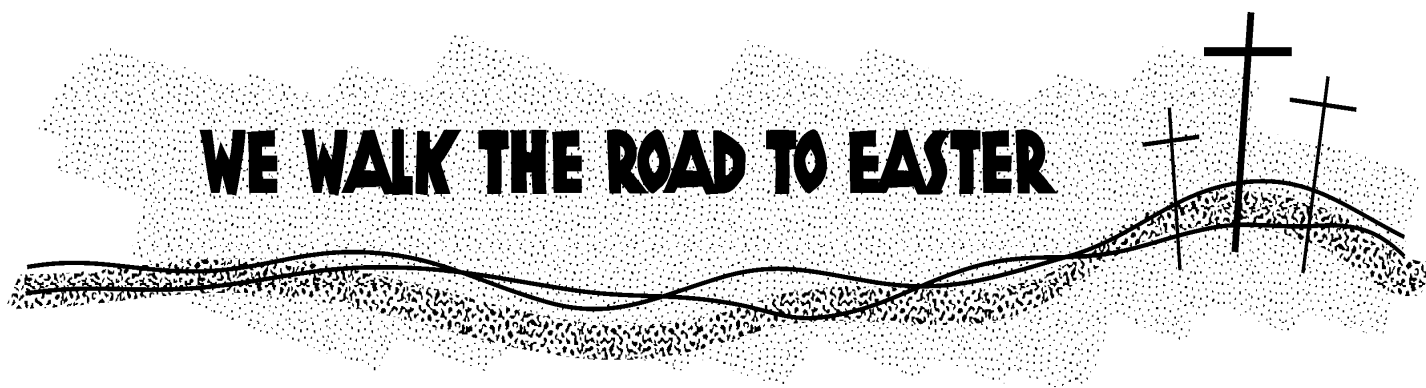
As we enter the third week of our Lenten journey, this Sunday's Gospel (John 4:5-42) brings us to Jacob's well, where Jesus breaks social and religious barriers to meet a Samaritan woman. She came to draw physical water, but she was thirsting for something much deeper—acceptance, truth, and purpose. Jesus says to her, and to us: *"Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life"*.

Lent is our invitation to stop relying solely on "wells" that run dry—material wealth, approval, or distraction—and to drink from the source of living water. The Samaritan woman's journey from curiosity to evangelist shows us that, despite our past, an encounter with Christ can transform our lives. Jesus always awaits us, offering "living water" to quench the deepest thirsts of our souls. Let us allow Jesus to reveal his love, to break down the walls of our own prejudices, and to fill us with the grace to become, like the woman, witnesses to the good news in our community.

This Sunday, I ask you to pray specifically for our Elect, those preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil, as we celebrate the First Scrutiny. Their journey is an inspiration for us all to renew our own commitment to conversion. Let us join them in praying the Psalmist's prayer: *"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts"* (Psalm 95).

May God continue to bless our Lenten journey!

Fr. Luke



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**The Fourth Sunday of Lent (March 15th)**

**John 9:1-41**

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

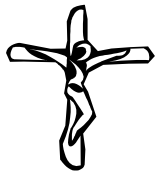


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**WEDNESDAY LENTEN MASSES & SOUP MEALS**  
**March 11th**



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 Hispanic Community for their hospitality for this meal.* Financial donations will be accepted for CRS Rice Bowl.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
**English & Spanish**  
**March 13th**

Stations of the Cross, led by our school students is offered at 2:30pm. Evening Stations in English begins at 6:00pm and in Spanish at 6:45pm.

**Transfiguration Church**  
Fridays 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.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**  
**BISHOP'S OVERSEAS APPEAL**  
**MARCH 14TH & 15TH**



Next weekend our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next weekend, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's love** to those most in need. You may make your check out to "Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland" and please put "Catholic Relief" on the memo line. Learn more about the collection at [www.ucscb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.ucscb.org/catholic-relief). May God bless you for your generosity.

To give online, please scan the QR code.



**MONTHLY OLG SCHOOL MASS**

This month, the members of our 2nd and TK grades will participate in next Sunday's 9:00am Mass on **March 15th**. Students will altar serve, lector, assist with the readings, and bring up the Gifts. Additionally, they will host "Coffee and Doughnuts" after this Mass. Look for our students in full uniform if you want more information about our parish school.



**2026 BISHOP APPEAL KICK-OFF**

You are invited to join us as we Kick-Off the 2026 Bishop Ministries Appeal with fellow parishioners. We will have Coffee and Donuts in the Gathering Area after the 9:00am Mass with the School. See you there!

**'THANK YOU' FROM THE KNIGHTS!**

A big 'thank you' to all who attended our Lenten Fish Fry. The Knights are also grateful to those who gave their time and talent and helped out in the kitchen. It was a big success! Our clustered community benefits by everyone participating and deepening our Catholic identity!

**FORMED 40 DAYS OF LENT WITH FORMED.ORG**

***Lent & New Life in Christ: The Gift of Grace & Almsgiving***

<https://watch.formed.org/lent/videos/lent-and-new-life-in-christ-the-gift-of-grace-almsgiving>

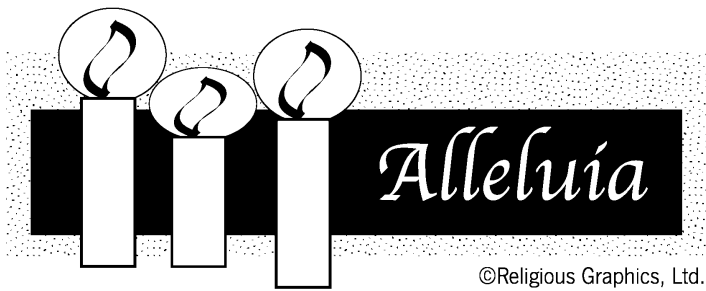
This video invites you to join Dr. Michael Barber of the Augustine Institute as he discusses the transformative power of grace and almsgiving.

***Walking with Jesus: The Rosary Prayers in Song***

<https://watch.formed.org/lent/videos/walking-with-jesus-the-rosary-prayers-in-song>

Gather your kids and let your hearts be filled with the joy of God's wonderful love as you and your young ones listen to these powerfully moving songs depicting the life, death, Resurrection, and glory of His Son through the prayers of the Rosary.

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**OCIA-RITE OF ELECTION**

We congratulate the following OCIA candidates who participated in the Rite of Election at the Cathedral of Christ the Light last Saturday, February 28th. May God bless you!

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| <i>Louis Andersen</i>    | <i>Trevera Lampley</i> |
| <i>Melanie Fernandez</i> | <i>Mark Noizumi</i>    |
| <i>Fred Husino</i>       | <i>Darren Stuewe</i>   |
| <i>Andrew Kirsch</i>     | <i>Alexa Tang</i>      |

**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.



**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.

**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.



**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 FEBRUARY:**

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 44,175.00
<b>Month Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 46,002.22</b>
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [1,827.22]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [1,115.22]

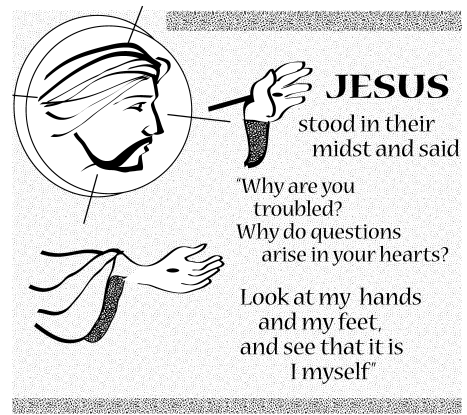
*May God bless your continuing generosity.*



**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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|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Steven Bell                | Catherine Lucas       |
| 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          |
| Norma Dockter              | Mark Vaz              |
| Diego Gonzalez             | Peggy Winkenbach      |
| Theresa Hull-Nye           |                       |



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

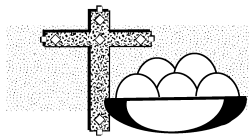
**In Memorial**

**EUSEBIA RODAS**

**OLGA MUÑOZ**

**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE**

**VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE**



**THEY KNEW HIM  
IN THE BREAKING  
OF THE BREAD**

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**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!

**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 **March 18th**, 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>



**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](mailto:Yarredondo747@gmail.com).



**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**

*“Let yourself be led by the Immaculata: whatever does not depend on your will, surely she allows for your own good, even if it comes from the ill will of others and she wants it to happen to you.”*

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, March 8th:**

**The Third Sunday of Lent**

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

**Tuesday, March 10th:**

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 11th:**

Lenten Mass  
6:00pm—Church

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

OCIA  
6:30pm Mass—Stack Center, Room 8

**Thursday, March 12th:**

Adoration & Reconciliation  
6:00pm—Church

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

**Friday, March 13th:**

Stations of the Cross  
2:30pm with the School  
6:00pm (English) & 6:45pm (Spanish)—Church

**Saturday, March 14th:**

Adoration & Reconciliation  
8:45am—Church

**Sunday, March 15th:**

**The Fourth 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

the Body of Christ

⊕ Amen

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# Mass Intentions for the Week

**SUNDAY, March 8th**

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

- 7:30am Purificacion Sevilla – D
- 9:00am OLG Community
- 11:00am Maria & Manuel Jardim – D
- 1:00pm Avila & Navarro Families – L

**MONDAY, March 9th**

St. Frances of Rome, Religious

- 8:15am Wanda Perino – D

**TUESDAY, March 10th**

- 8:15am Laura Perino – L

**WEDNESDAY, March 11th**

- 8:15am Lilia Sousa – D

**THURSDAY, March 12th**

- 8:15am Lasalette & Andrew Capote – L

**FRIDAY, March 13th**

- 8:15am Mike Miraglia – D

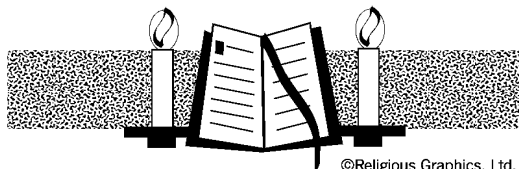
**SATURDAY, March 14th**

- 8:15am Andrew Perino – L
- 5:00pm No Intention

**SUNDAY, March 15th**

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

- 7:30am Olga Muñoz – D
- 9:00am Maria Que Nguyen – D
- 11:00am OLG Community
- 1:00pm Duarte & Ortega Families – L



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**EXECUTION ALERTS**

The following executions are scheduled to take place in **March**:

<b>March 3rd</b>	Billy Leon Kears	Florida
<b>March 11th</b>	Cedric Ricks	Texas
<b>March 12th</b>	Charles Burton	Alabama
<b>March 17th</b>	Michael King	Florida

We ask for your prayers for these persons, for the victims of their crimes, and for their families.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**March 9th through March 15th**

- Monday: 2 Kings 5:1-15; Luke 4:24-30
- Tuesday: Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35
- Wednesday: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19
- Thursday: Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23
- Friday: Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34
- Saturday: Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14
- Sunday: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41



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**Diocese of Oakland**

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**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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## OUR LADY OF GRACE - LIST OF MINISTRIES

### *Community Outreach Ministries*

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**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*

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**Baptism Preparation:** Assist with instruction to parents & godparents preparing to have their infants baptized. 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month

**Family Faith Formation:** Assist with religious education of students of grades 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation, 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion (ages 7 & up) and Confirmation (High School) on Sundays.

### *Liturgical Ministries*

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**Altar Servers:** Assist priests at liturgical services, especially the Masses, for grades 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>.

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Distribute the Holy Eucharist at Mass & to the homebound.

**Lectors:** Proclaim the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 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*

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**Columbette's:** Women's auxiliary assisting the Knights of Columbus with Parish activities & fundraising.

**CYO (Catholic Youth Organization):** Sports program for grades 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>.

**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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