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**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**March 15th, 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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## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: CHURCH

Saturday: Following the 8:15 Mass  
Thursday: 6:00-7:00pm

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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 celebrate Laetare Sunday, the mood of our Lenten journey shifts slightly toward the joy of the approaching Resurrection. This Sunday serves as a beacon of hope amidst our penance, reminding us that the cross is not the end of the story.

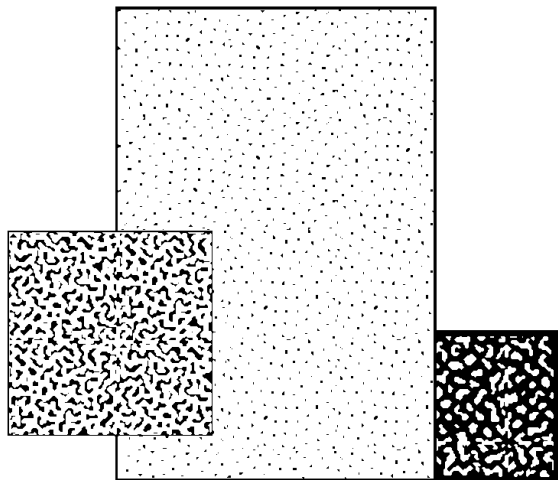
Our Gospel (John 9:1-14) tells us the profound story of Jesus curing the man born blind. It invites us to consider: *What are we blind to in our own lives?* Often, like the Pharisees, we might think we see, yet we are blind to our own prejudices, sins, or lack of charity. Jesus reveals himself as the Light of the World, shining into the dark corners of our hearts to show us a new way. The blind man's journey—from darkness to sight, and then to faith—is a model for us as we enter the final stretch of Lent.

St. Francis of Assisi knew that perfect joy lies in humble service and finding God in all creation, even when facing hardship. In the final years of his life, Francis suffered from severe eye disease, leading to nearly total blindness. Yet, in his physical darkness, his spiritual sight became clearer. Despite his pain, he found profound joy, composing the "Canticle of the Creatures" and, on October 3, 1226, singing "Welcome, my Sister Death!"

Francis teaches us that when our worldly, physical vision fades, the light of Christ can shine through our vulnerabilities. Like the blind man in the Gospel, and like St. Francis, we are called to move past our "inner blindness"—our fears, attachments, and selfishness—and allow Christ to shine upon us. Let us use these remaining days of Lent to surrender our "blindness" to Jesus, the Light of the World, trusting that in our weakness, His strength is made perfect.

Happy Laetare Sunday!

Fr. Luke



The stone rejected  
by the  
builders has become  
the cornerstone

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The Fifth Sunday of Lent (March 22nd)

John 11:1-45

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



**2026 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL STARTS THIS WEEKEND**

Your gift to the **2026 Bishop's Ministries Appeal** supports the ministries that bind our diocesan family as One Faith, One Family, One Mission. Together, we sustain Catholic education in 37 schools and 75 parish programs, form future priests, provide pastoral care to the sick and homebound, and serve the poor and immigrant communities with compassion and advocacy.

Ways to Give:

**Mail:** Send check or money order to Bishop's Ministries Appeal, Diocese of Oakland, 2121 Harrison St. Ste. 100, Oakland, CA 94612. Envelopes are in the pews for your use.

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**Thank you for your time and response as faithful stewards of God's Church. God bless you!**

**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.



**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.

**WEDNESDAY LENTEN MASSES & SOUP MEALS  
March 18th**



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 Knights and Columbettes for their hospitality for this meal.* Financial donations will be accepted for CRS Rice Bowl.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
English & Spanish  
March 20th**

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



**COFFEE AND DONUTS  
March 22nd**

Come join us after the 9:00am Sunday Mass on **March 22nd** in the Gathering Area for coffee, donuts and community. *We thank our Confirmation students and parents for this ministry of hospitality. See you there!*

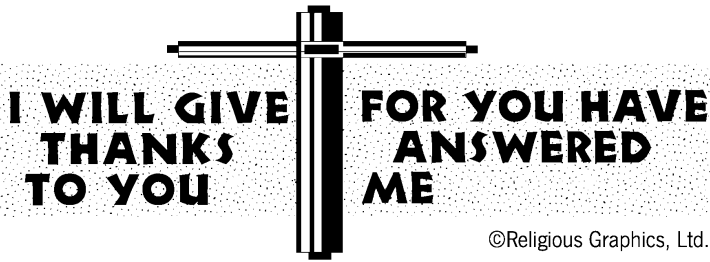
**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES  
BISHOP'S OVERSEAS APPEAL  
MARCH 14TH & 15TH**



This 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. This 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.ucscsb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.ucscsb.org/catholic-relief). May God bless you for your generosity.

To give online, please scan the QR code.





**COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE  
March 31st at Transfiguration**

*Prepare your hearts and minds for the coming of the Lord!* All are invited to a Communal Penance Service on **March 31st** at 7:00pm at Transfiguration Church. Join us for Liturgy of the Word, music and an opportunity for individual reconciliation with our priests.

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

***The Three Temptations with Dr. Brant Pitre***  
<https://watch.formed.org/lent/videos/lent-and-new-life-in-christ-the-gift-of-grace-almsgiving>

Reflect with Dr. Brant Pitre on the temptations of Jesus in the desert as he gets to the heart of the meaning of Lent.

***Signs of Grace: You Are Forgiven***  
<https://watch.formed.org/you-are-forgiven-1>

Each session presents the good news of salvation offered to us in Jesus Christ, with a focus on helping children understand intellectually, spiritually, and emotionally that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a real encounter with him, and that he desires to forgive and heal us at the deepest levels of our humanity.

Not a member yet? Subscribe for FREE! Register by visiting [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup), enter our parish zip code "94546", select 'Our Lady of Grace' then register your name and email address.



**PRE-BAPTISM CLASS  
FOR PARENTS & GODPARENTS**

If you are wishing to have your child baptized, ages infant to six years, parents 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 **April 8th** in Stack Center, OLG Room at 7:00pm. Please call Jay at 510-537-0806 to register.

**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>
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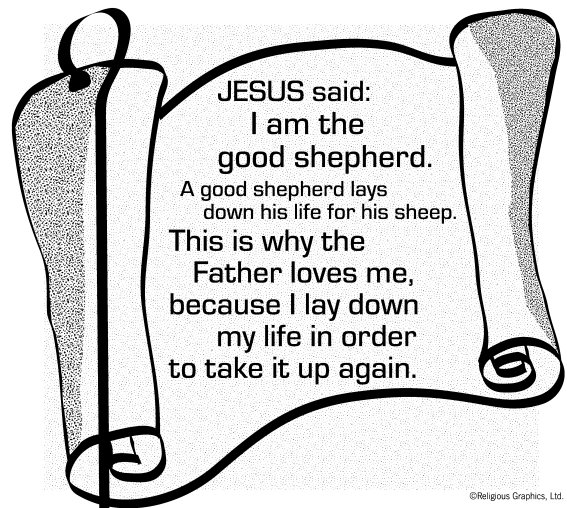
*May God bless your continuing generosity.*



**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**

**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE  
VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE**



**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 **March 26th**.



**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!

**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.



**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 **April 4th**.

**MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*“Keep guard of the purity of conscience, purify it in [the Immaculata’s] love. Do not be discouraged, even after a serious sin, even if repeatedly committed. An act of perfect love shall purify you.”*

**THIS WEEK**

**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

**Tuesday, March 17th:**

- 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 18th:**

- Lenten Mass  
6:00pm—Church
- Lenten Soup Meal  
After the 6:00pm Mass—Stack Center
- St. Vincent de Paul Meeting  
7:30pm—Parish Office

**Thursday, March 19th:**

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

**Friday, March 20th:**

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

**Saturday, March 21st:**

- Adoration & Reconciliation  
8:45am—Church

**Sunday, March 22nd:**

**The Fifth 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 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

**MONDAY, March 16th**

- 8:15am Peter Corne Simmons – D

**TUESDAY, March 17th**

St. Patrick, Bishop

- 8:15am Jose & Julia Sousa – D

**WEDNESDAY, March 18th**

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

- 8:15am Mario Tejeda – D

**THURSDAY, March 19th**

ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- 8:15am Jose Duarte – D

**FRIDAY, March 20th**

- 8:15am Louis Rodrigues – D

**SATURDAY, March 21st**

- 8:15am No Intention
- 5:00pm Ben & Anne Leal – D

**SUNDAY, March 22nd**

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

- 7:30am Gregory Prinsze – D
- 9:00am Victor Pasquini – D
- 11:00am Henriqueta Gomes – D
- 1:00pm OLG Community



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**EXECUTION ALERTS**

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

<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 16th through March 22nd**

- Monday: Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54
- Tuesday: Ezekiel 47:1-9,12; John 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30
- Thursday: 2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16,18-21,24
- Friday: Wisdom 2:1, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday: Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53
- Sunday: Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45



his word and gospel are our light

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**PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*“Peace in our homes, our families, our schools and communities. Peace in all those places where war never seems to end. Peace for those faces which have known nothing by pain.”*

*-Pope Francis, 2015*

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Every gift is shared across the diocese so that no parish, school, or ministry stands alone. Your generosity strengthens parish leadership and helps us serve Christ in those most in need. Please prayerfully consider your gift today so that future generations may inherit a Church that is strong, vibrant, and united in love.

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