

OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Palm Sunday
March 29th, 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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Thursday: 6:00-7:00pm

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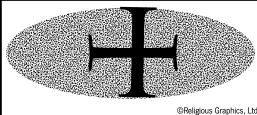
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Mission Statement

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,

Today we begin Holy Week, the most sacred time of our liturgical year. As we gather with palms in hand, we re-enact Jesus' humble entrance into Jerusalem. Yet, the liturgy quickly shifts, inviting us into the sorrowful reading of the Passion according to Matthew. We see the dramatic contrast between the crowd's shallow, fleeting praise and the unwavering love of Christ, who goes to the cross to conquer sin and death. Palm Sunday is not just a historical commemoration; it is an invitation to examine our own wavering hearts. Do we only follow Jesus when the path is easy and popular, or do we walk with him through the difficult time?

Let us enter this week, not just to re-enact a story, but to re-live it. It is a time to walk with Christ in humility, acknowledging our need for redemption while praising him as our King. Let the palm branches we carry home be a symbol of our commitment to follow Jesus, not just in the triumphs, but in the suffering.

- **Keep the palms:** Display them in your homes as a reminder of Jesus' victory and your commitment to following him.
 - **Enter the silence:** Take time this week for prayer and reflection, accompanying our Lord in his final days.
- Participate in the Sacred Triduum:** Make the Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday), the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday), and the Easter Vigil/Sunday a priority.

May this Holy Week be a time of deep conversion and grace for our entire parish community.

Fr. Luke



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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (April 5th)

John 20:1-9

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

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Masses of Holy Week

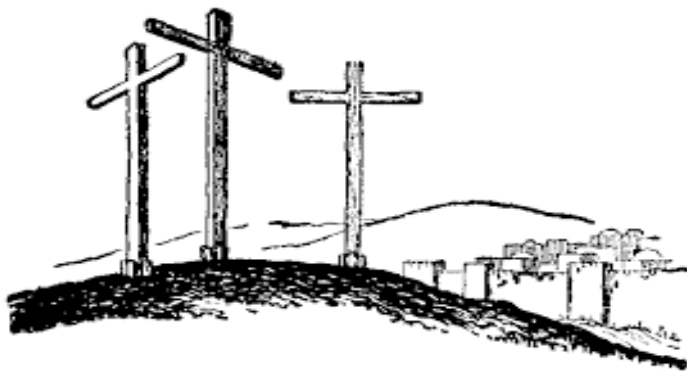
Monday-Wednesday, March 30th-April 1st at 8:15am
Lenten Wednesday Mass at 6:00pm

No Morning Masses

Thursday-Saturday, April 2nd-4th

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

The Sacred Triduum is one liturgy in 3 parts, celebrating the great event of the glorious triumph of Jesus over sin and death. We invite you to enter into the mystery of our redemption over 3 days.



SACRED TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper
April 2nd at 7:30pm

Altar of Repose will be in Stack Center after the Mass.
9:00pm-Midnight

Good Friday

April 3rd

Stations of the Cross
12 Noon in English
6:00pm in Spanish

Celebration of the Lord's Passion
1:30pm & 8:00pm in English
6:30pm in Spanish

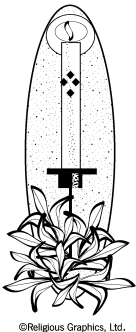
Holy Saturday

The Great Easter Vigil
April 4th at 8:00pm

Easter Sunday Masses

The Resurrection of Our Lord
April 5th

7:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am in English
1:00pm in Spanish



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***CELEBRATE NEW LIFE IN CHRIST
YOU ARE INVITED***

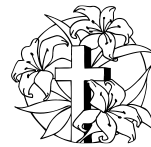
Celebrate the Baptism, First Holy Eucharist and Confirmation of Our Elect for 2026:

***Louis Andersen, Melanie Fernandez,
Graciela Gaxiola, Christian Alin Gaytan,
Fred Husino, Andrew Kirsch, Joseph Lada,
Trevera Lampley, Dina Munday, Mark
Noizumi, Abraham Pacheco, Raldy Mateo
Socop, Darren Stuewe, Noemi Toscano,
Alexa Tang & Eric Zapata***

*The Solemn Easter Vigil
Saturday, April 4th at 8:00pm
Our Lady of Grace Church*

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Pope Francis asks us to support this important collection. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. When you contribute, you become an instrument of peace. Please be generous! You may make your check out to "Our Lady of Grace" and please write "Holy Land" on the memo line and on your envelope. God bless!



**EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS
OUR LADY OF GRACE TRADITION**

Once again, this year we are inviting you to remember family members and friends through a Flower Offering which will help us to purchase the plants and other decorations we need to beautify our sanctuary. A list of names of all who are remembered will be available after Easter.

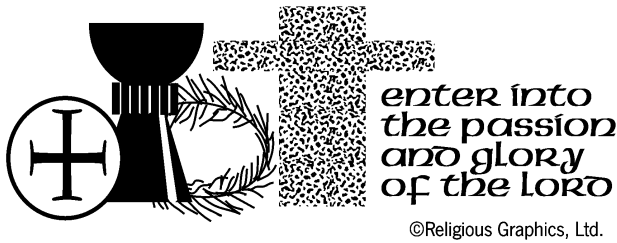
You may list the names of loved ones and make your offering by using the special Easter Flower Offering envelopes available in the pews or by scanning the QR code.



EASTER OFFERING

We are deeply grateful for your faithful and ongoing support of our Parish. Your generosity—through both your Easter and regular Sunday offerings—helps us meet the essential needs of our parish community and operational needs. This year, our special Easter Offering goal is \$23,000, and with your help, we believe we can reach it together. May the joy and hope of Easter fill your heart, and may God bless you abundantly for your generosity.





**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.

HELP US DECORATE FOR EASTER

We will be readying the church for our Easter Services beginning at **10:00am on Saturday, April 4th**. If you are available to help place flowers, dust and spruce up the church, we would be most appreciative. We look forward to seeing you!

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The Passion of the Christ by Dr. Elizabeth Klein
<https://watch.formed.org/lent/videos/the-passion-of-christ-with-dr-elizabeth-klein>

Join Dr. Elizabeth Klein as she reflects on Christ's passion by exploring the meaning of the phrase "handed over" in the Gospels and Paul's writings.

Holy Thursday: Catholic All Year
<https://watch.formed.org/videos/holy-thursday-catholic-all-year-at-home-w-kendra-tierney>

Gather your kids and observe both the happy (institution of the Eucharist and the sacramental priesthood) and sad (the beginning of Jesus' passion) aspects of the day with suggestions for family activities.

Not a member yet? Subscribe for FREE! Register by visiting 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
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 46,002.22
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [1,827.22]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [1,115.22]

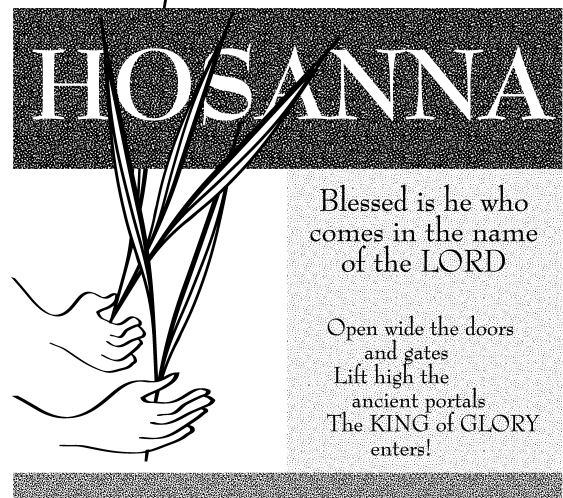
May God bless your continuing generosity.



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

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**2026 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL
How Your Gift Is Used**

Pastoral Ministries and Services

Diocesan pastoral ministries and services focus on strengthening our faith, our families, and building up our parish communities by engaging people in the daily life of the Church as they strive to live as faithful disciples of Christ.

- Liturgy
- Youth Retreat Center
- Respect Life & Justice Programs
- Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)
- Vietnamese, Filipino & Latino Ministries
- Catholic Scouting
- Ethnic Pastoral Centers
- Young Adult Ministries
- Marriage & Family Life
- Children & Youth Ministries
- Marriage Preparation Programs
- Safe Environment Programs

Envelopes are in the pews for your use. You may also scan the QR Code or visit:

www.oakdiocese.org/bishops-ministries-appeal to make a gift online and for more information regarding parish goals.



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

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Let uscome closer to the Immaculata each day; then, through that, we shall come ever closer to the Heart of Jesus, to God the Father, to the entire Most Holy Trinity, because no other creature is as close to God as the Immaculata. Then, all [those who are] close to our hearts shall by the same token come closer to the Immaculata and to Almighty God, including the poor pagans, who are in need of missionaries."

THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 29th:

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Tuesday, March 31st:

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, April 1st:

Lenten Mass
6:00pm—Church

Thursday, April 2nd:

Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:30pm—Church

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

Altar of Repose
9:00am-Midnight—Stack Center

Friday, April 3rd:

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

The Lord's Passion
1:30pm & 8:00pm (English)
6:30pm (Spanish)—Church

Saturday, April 4th:

Easter Vigil
8:00pm—Church

Sunday, April 5th:

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Masses
7:30am, 9:00am, & 11:00am—Church

Spanish Mass
1:00pm—Church

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED APRIL 6TH, THE MONDAY AFTER EASTER SUNDAY.



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Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, March 29th

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

7:30am OLG Community

9:00am Frank Lang – D

11:00am Ron Sponsel – D

1:00pm Maria Ibarra – D

MONDAY, March 30th

8:15am Mary Gomes – D

TUESDAY, March 31st

8:15am Mary Borges – D

WEDNESDAY, April 1st

8:15am Dewey Bargiacchi – D

THURSDAY, April 2nd

HOLY THURSDAY

7:30pm *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*

FRIDAY, April 3rd

GOOD FRIDAY

12 Noon Stations of the Cross (English)

1:30pm *Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (English)*

6:00pm Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

6:30pm *Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (Spanish)*

8:00pm *Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (English)*

SATURDAY, April 4th

HOLY SATURDAY

8:00pm *The Great Easter Vigil*

SUNDAY, April 5th

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

7:30am~9:00am~11:00am~1:00pm (Spanish)



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FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

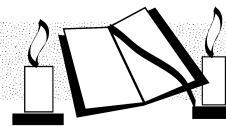
Flower donation envelopes may be found at the entrances of the church to make a donation in memory of or in honor of a loved one or other occasion. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jay at 510-537-0806. Your donation in honor of your loved one will be mentioned in the bulletin.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

March 30th through April 5th

- Monday: Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11
- Tuesday: Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday: Isaiah 50:4-9; Matthew 26:14-25
- Thursday: Isaiah 61:1-3, 6, 8-9; Revelations 1:5-8; Luke 4:16-21
- Friday: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42
- Saturday: Genesis 1:1-2:2; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Isaiah 54:5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Romans 6:3-11; Matthew 28:1-10;
- Sunday: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9



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PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart."

-St. Francis of Assisi

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CALL 510-267-8358

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