

OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Second Sunday of Easter
April 12th, 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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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,

“Peace be with you.” These are the first words the Risen Lord spoke to his frightened disciples as they gathered behind locked doors. On this Second Sunday of Easter, also known as **Divine Mercy Sunday**, we find ourselves in that same upper room, encountering a God whose first response to our fear and doubt is not judgment, but peace.

In our Gospel today (John 20:19–31), we meet Thomas. Often labeled "the doubter," Thomas is perhaps better understood as a seeker of truth who needed a personal encounter with the Risen Christ. When Jesus appeared eight days later, he did not scold Thomas; instead, he invited him to touch his wounds. This is the heart of Divine Mercy: Christ does not hide his scars, but uses them to reveal his love and to heal ours. His glorified wounds remind us that our own suffering is not the end of the story. Easter does not erase the "Good Fridays" of our lives; it transforms them into signs of redemption.

As we reflect on the readings for this Sunday, we see a profound mystery of Easter: our healing does not come from pretending we are not broken. It comes from bringing our brokenness into the presence of the Risen Lord—and into the presence of one another. In the Acts of the Apostles, we see the early Church devoted to the "breaking of the bread" and communal life. This is the power of community. Through our shared prayers and our acts of mercy, we become the body of Christ for one another. Like Thomas, we often find the Risen Lord most clearly when we are gathered together as a community. We are healed by the community of faith when we allow others to carry our burdens, and when we, in turn, offer peace to someone else who is struggling.

As we move forward in this Easter season, I invite you to look at those sitting in the pews around you, or those you haven't seen in a while, and recognize them as partners in your healing. May we be a community that, like the first disciples, moving from fears to joy, from hurt to healing, and from doubts to exclaim with Thomas, **“My Lord and my God!”**

May the peace of the Risen Christ be with you and your families today and always!

Fr. Luke



Third Sunday of Easter (April 19th)

Luke 24:13-35

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

JESUS
I trust in you!



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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
April 12th

You are invited to the church on **April 12th** at 3:00pm. We will recite the prayers in honor of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.



WOMEN'S FAITH SHARE
Begins on April 14th

Have you ever wanted to get more out of the readings you hear at Sunday Mass? In this study with Dr. Brant Pitre, we will focus on the upcoming Sunday Mass Readings and how the Gospel reading connects with the Old Testament reading and Responsorial Psalm. This study includes questions for discussion and personal reflection.

This Study will begin on Tuesday **April 14th** at 7:00pm in Stack Center, Room 7. We will meet every Tuesday through June 9th. After a summer break, the study will pick up again on September 1st and take us through the end of the year. Total cost for both sessions is \$10. If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Denzler-Halsey at 510-881-7850.



TRANSFIGURATION
CLEAN-UP DAY!
April 18th

Our sister church needs your help! Transfiguration is looking for volunteers to assist with sprucing up their church grounds. Join them on Saturday, **April 18th, 8:30am-Noon**. Bring your gardening tools, gloves, hat and water. See you there!

1ST COMMUNION RETREAT
April 19th

Our Sacrament students will attend their yearly Retreat next Sunday on **April 19th**. *Please pray for our children so that their hearts may be filled with joy and anticipation as they prepare for the gift of 1st Holy Eucharist!*



MONTHLY OLG SCHOOL MASS

This month, the members of our 1st Grade class will participate in Sunday's 9:00am Mass on **April 19th**. 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'S MINISTRIES APPEAL
Our Lady of Grace Goal is \$29,000

How Your Gift Is Used

The overall goal for the 2026 Bishop's Ministries Appeal is \$3 million. These funds help to offset the total costs of services and ministries.

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Through the Bishop's Ministries Appeal, we invest in our clergy's growth and well-being, providing essential support and continuing education from their initial calling through retirement, strengthening their ability to serve our faith community.

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- Seminarian Education and Formation
- Priest Retirement and Long-term Care
- Continuing Education 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.

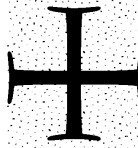


Thank you for your time and response as faithful stewards of God's Church. God bless you!



COFFEE AND DONUTS
April 19th

Come join us after the 9:00am Sunday Mass on **April 19th** in the Gathering Area for coffee, donuts and community. *We thank Our Lady of Grace School for this ministry of hospitality. See you there!*

 Blessed are they
who have not seen
and yet have believed.

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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 **April 15th**, 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>



**ICF'S 90th ANNIVERSARY
May 2nd**

All are invited to the Italian Catholic Federation's 90th Anniversary! Join us in the celebration on May 2nd at the 5:00pm Mass. Reception will follow in Stack Center. Cost is \$25 per person and includes cocktails, and hors d'oeuvre. **RSVP by April 17th**. Contact Lisa Crudo at 510-861-9835 or email. watkins6pk@aol.com. We hope to see you there!



**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 **May 6th** in Stack Center, OLG Room at 7:00pm. Please call Jay at 510-537-0806 to register.

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.



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 MARCH:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 51,086.50
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 47,714.93
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 3,371.57
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 2,274.35

May God bless your continuing generosity.



Your Prayers Are Requested

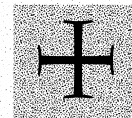
Please lift up in your prayer those among us who are ill and those who have asked for our prayerful remembrance:

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| Wayne Blackard | Brian Linney |
| Jeff Brown | Catherine Lucas |
| Jot Brown | Bella Martinez |
| Beatriz Campos | Maria Flores Martinez |
| Cristina Castellanos | Sheryl Michaud |
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| Diego Gonzalez | Lisa Tortora |
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GOD of MERCY

You wash away our sins,
give us
new birth
in the
SPIRIT
and redeem us in the
Blood of **CHRIST**



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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.

In Memorial

**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE
VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE**



ALTAR CANDLE MEMORIAL

We are looking for sponsors to give \$20 towards our monthly Altar Candle Memorial. Our donors will be recognized in the 1st bulletin of the month. Many blessed thanks for those who have donated. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.



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.

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!



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 **May 2nd**.

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"O Immaculata, please intercede, that we may become able to discern and bring to maturation the miracle the "seeds of the Word" present in our culture."

THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 12th:

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Whole Family Class-Year 1
10:15am—Stack Center

Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:00pm—Church

Tuesday, April 14th:

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, April 15th:

Columbiette's Meeting
6:30pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
7:00pm—Parish Office

Thursday, April 16th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

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

Saturday, April 18th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

Sunday, April 19th:

Third Sunday of Easter

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

1st Communion Retreat
10:15am—Stack Center

Confirmation Class
11:15am—Stack Center

EXECUTION ALERTS

The following executions are scheduled to take place in April:

April 21st Chadwick Willacy Florida

April 30th James Broadnax Texas

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, April 12th
 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)
 7:30am Maddie Fagalde – L
 9:00am OLG Community
 11:00am Maria Que Nguyen – D
 1:00pm Rosa Martinez Reyes – D

MONDAY, April 13th
 St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr
 8:15am Rafael Ibarra – L

TUESDAY, April 14th
 8:15am Ida Mae Kempel – D

WEDNESDAY, April 15th
 8:15am Juan Villegas – D

THURSDAY, April 16th
 8:15am Lisa Tortora – L

FRIDAY, April 17th
 8:15am Antonio Oliveira Capote – D

SATURDAY, April 18th
 8:15am Tortora Family – D
 5:00pm Huang Family – D

SUNDAY, April 19th
 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
 7:30am Lucille & Francis Devine – D
 9:00am Ruth Picha – D
 11:00am OLG Community
 1:00pm Raul Ortega – D

the Body of Christ
 Amen



1ST FRIDAYS OF EACH MONTH EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION May 1st

All are invited to join us after the 8:15am Mass for Exposition and Benediction of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

April 13th through April 19th

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21
 Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35



To the Word of the Lord we say Amen

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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.

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PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If our poor die of hunger, it is not because God does not care for them. Rather it is because either you nor I are generous enough. It is because we are not instruments of love in the hands of God. We do not recognize Christ when once again He appears to us in the hungry man, in the lonely woman, in the child who is looking for a place to get warm."

-St. Teresa of Calcutta, 1997

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