

OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Third Sunday of Easter
April 19th, 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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Saturday: Following the 8:15 Mass

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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 the Risen Lord,

As we continue to celebrate the joy of the Easter season, this Sunday's Gospel takes us on the road to Emmaus. Like the two disciples walking away from Jerusalem, we often encounter moments where we feel downcast, overwhelmed by the events of the world, and unable to see the presence of God in our struggles.

The disciples did not recognize Jesus who was walking beside them until the breaking of the bread. This brings a vital message to us today: the Risen Lord is present in our community, even when everything seems to be falling apart. Easter is not just a past event; it is a present reality. When we gather in Jesus' name, in the Eucharist, and in service to one another, we encounter the living Christ.

As I wrote this letter, I was travelling with my brothers and sisters to Vietnam to celebrate our first memorial Mass for our loving mother. The journey home has always been a long and tiring one, but I felt different this time. As I passed through the familiar customs and streets, I wasn't just returning to a place; I was returning to the woman who first taught me how to pray. As I held the memories of my mother—her quiet strength, her unshakeable faith, and her boundless love—I realized that she is now living in me. I rejoiced in knowing that my mother is more alive now than she has ever been, safe in the presence of our Savior. I was reminded that our God is a compassionate God who walks with us each step of the way.

Celebrating the memorial Mass was one of the most challenging, yet profoundly grace-filled experiences of my life. As I held the chalice, my hands trembled, not just with the weight of sorrow, but with the weight of gratitude. I saw families, relatives, childhood friends, and members of my home parish gathered together. I also remembered Fr. Angel and many of you who will gather together at Our Lady of Grace Church for a memorial Mass of his loving mother Eusebia Rodas. Through the lens of the Eucharist, I felt a special bond, a connection between heaven and earth.

I want to thank all of you for your prayers, messages, and understanding while I was away. Your prayers and support meant a lot to me. Please continue to keep Fr. Angel's mother, my mother, and all our beloved deceased, in your prayers. Let us not allow the challenges of life to take away from us the hope of the resurrection. Just as Jesus encouraged those disciples, he walks with us now. Let us invite Jesus into our own "road to Emmaus," allowing him to turn our fears into joy and our despair into mission. May we recognize him in the breaking of the bread and be worthy witnesses of his love to all we meet.

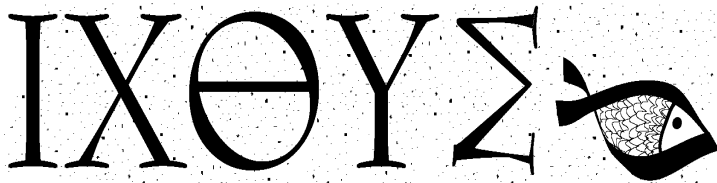
Fr. Luke



The Fourth Sunday of Easter (April 26th)

John 10:1-10

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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**OLG SCHOOL'S
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May 1st at 6:00pm
Transfiguration Church Hall

Join us for a festive evening as parents, faculty, parishioners, and community members come together to celebrate in true Kentucky Derby style! Enjoy delicious food and drinks, lively music, and of course an exciting auction featuring fantastic items and experiences.

Guests must be 21 years or older to attend. Dressy casual or Derby-inspired attire is encouraged—think festive, stylish, and fun!

Cost is \$85 per person and \$680 for a table of 8 people. Proceeds benefit Our Lady of Grace School. Get your tickets online by visiting: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/kentucky-derby-gala-and-auction>



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Diocese of Oakland

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.

Catholic School & Parishes in Need

Each year, the diocese provides subsidies and grants to assist with operating expenses at our inner-city Catholic schools and for parishes and faith communities that are facing extraordinary and immediate financial challenges.

- Operating Subsidies
- Capital Expenditure Grants
- Emergency Funding Support

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!

PRIESTS' RETREAT

During the week of April 20th, our priests will be attending their yearly Retreat. May our prayers for them be a source of comfort and strength, so our priests may continue their sacred mission with renewed passion and divine assistance.

On April 21st, instead of our morning Mass, we will have a Communion Service at 8:15am. We thank you for your understanding.

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!



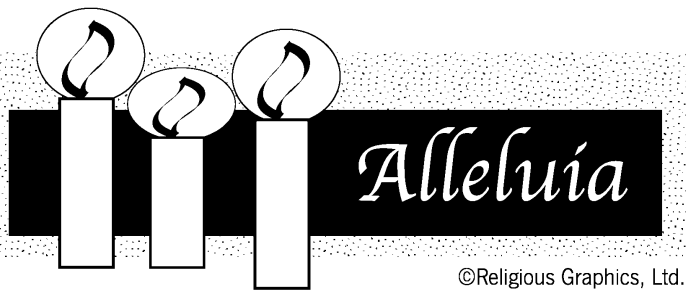
**PRE-BAPTISM CLASS
FOR PARENTS & GODPARENTS**

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.



**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 Blessed Sacrament.



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**PRAYER GARDEN CLEAN-UP
April 25th**



Help Wanted! The Knights are looking for volunteers to assist with sprucing up our Prayer Garden. Join us on Saturday, **April 25th at 10:00am** and bring your gloves, hat and water. The Prayer Garden is located next to the rear entrance of the church. Tools will be provided but you may also bring your own from home. See you there!



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!

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

What is "Helping Hands"? This very special ministry started by Dianne Fisher many years ago, assists with making and serving food to those attending a funeral reception in Stack Center. *If you would like to periodically assist us on a weekday by making food for these gatherings (each entrée, salad or dessert enough for 10 people) or help with set-up and clean-up in Stack Center, your time and talent would be most appreciated!* Please call Margaret McKean (510-340-1871) or you may leave your name and number at the Parish Office. Thank you and God Bless!

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

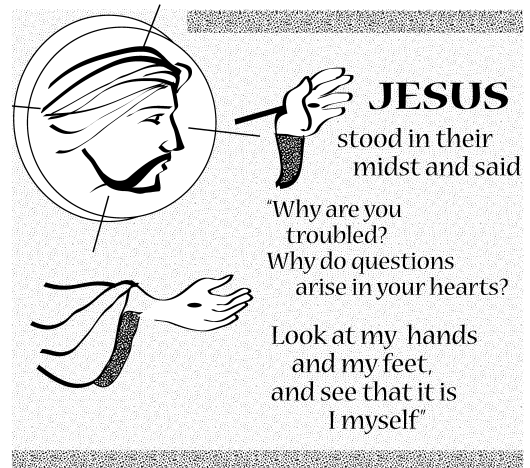
May God bless your continuing generosity.



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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| Jeff Brown | Catherine Lucas |
| Jot Brown | Maria Flores Martinez |
| Cristina Castellanos | Sheryl Michaud |
| Norma Dockter | Diana Riley |
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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.

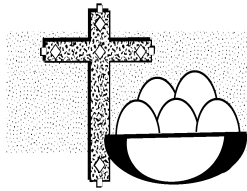
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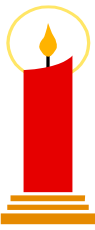


**THEY KNEW HIM
IN THE BREAKING
OF THE BREAD**

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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.

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!



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.

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"My dear ones, a thought, almost a melancholy nostalgia, a plea, a cry may occur to you. "Who knows if the Immaculata still loves me?" Most beloved children! I am telling you all and each individually in her name, take note, in her name: she loves each of you and love you very much and at any time without exception. That, my dearest children, I repeat in her Name."

THIS WEEK

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

Tuesday, April 21st:

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 22nd:

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

Thursday, April 23rd:

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

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

Saturday, April 25th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

Prayer Garden Clean-up
10:00am—Prayer Garden

Sunday, April 26th:

Fourth Sunday of Easter

1st Communion Class-Year 1
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 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

MONDAY, April 20th

8:15am Louis Rodrigues – D

TUESDAY, April 21st

St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Carlos Tible – D

WEDNESDAY, April 22nd

8:15am Huang Family – D

THURSDAY, April 23rd

St. George, Martyr

St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr

8:15am Tortora Family – D

FRIDAY, April 24th

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr

8:15am Lisa Tortora – L

SATURDAY, April 25th

St. Mark, Evangelist

8:15am Mr. & Mrs. Joyce Czeck – D

5:00pm Joao & Henriqueta Gomez-Rodrigues – D

SUNDAY, April 26th

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30am Gregory Prinsze – D

9:00am Ramon Periquet, Sr. – D

11:00am OLG Community

1:00pm Isabel Alvarado – D

GRIEF SUPPORT

The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Grief Support meetings are held at St. Elizabeth Seton at 4001 Stoneridge Drive in Pleasanton. The next meetings will be held on Thursdays, **June 11th & 25th** at 7:00pm.

If you are interested in an afternoon session, please visit <https://www.catholicsofpleasanton.org/grief-ministry.html> to view the schedule. Sessions are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. There is no need to register in advance but please arrive early for check in. If you have additional questions, please call Chris at 925-846-5524.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

April 20th through April 26th

- Monday: Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29
- Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1; John 6:30-35
- Wednesday: Acts 8:1-8; John 6:35-40
- Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51
- Friday: Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59
- Saturday: 1 Peter 5:5-14; Mark 16:15-20
- Sunday: Acts 2:14,36-41; 1 Peter 2:20-25; John 10:1-10



*Be doers of the Word
and not hearers only*

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“There is no wilderness so terrible, so beautiful, so arid and so fruitful as the wilderness of compassion. It is the only desert that shall truly flourish like the lily.”

-Thomas Merton, 1953

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