

# OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 26th, 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

## **CONFESSIONS:**

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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,

On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. The Church invites us to pause and reflect on the beautiful image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. It is a Sunday filled with hope and deep comfort, reminding us that we are not going through life alone, but are under the careful watch of a shepherd who knows each of us by name and leads us to life in abundance.

In today's Gospel (John 10:1-10), Jesus describes himself not only as the shepherd but also as the gate of the sheepfold. In the ancient world, the shepherd would often sleep across the entrance of the sheepfold, literally becoming the gate to protect the flock from predators and thieves. As the Good Shepherd, Jesus will not abandon his flock. He is willing to die to protect his sheep. In fact, Jesus did die on the cross for his flock. He laid down his life so that we, his sheep, might be able to live. But even in death Jesus did not abandon us. He is still with us as our Good Shepherd, leading us to where we need to be.

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for each of us. He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, others to the diaconate, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations—and teaching young people how to discern God's call—is a serious duty, but also a joyful one. In his message for the 63rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations, titled "The Interior Discovery of God's Gift," Pope Leo XIV defines vocation as a "path of beauty" and a personal adventure of love rather than a strict imposition. He emphasizes cultivating interior life, silence, and prayer to discover God's call.

During this week, we pray specially for those discerning the priesthood, religious life, and other vocations in the Church. We pray for the priests who have ministered to us throughout our life, both living and dead. Let us join together asking the Lord to send laborers into his harvest! Let us encourage young people – our children, grandchildren, students, and friends – to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life. Finally, let us remember that we are all called to be "shepherds" in our own fields—whether as parents, teachers, or coworkers. May we always guide others with the same tenderness and sacrifice that Jesus has shown us.

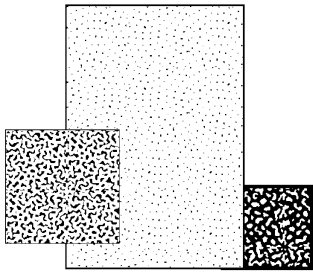
Fr. Luke



**The Fifth Sunday of Easter (May 3rd)**

**John 14:1-12**

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



The stone rejected  
by the  
builders has become  
the cornerstone

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**OPERATING INCOME AND EXPENSES YTD  
AS OF DECEMBER 31st, 2025**

Income	2025 Actual	2025 Budget
Plate Collections/Unrestricted	613,395	596,800
Plate Collections/Restricted	4,735	5,400
Donations Unrestricted	34,818	15,200
Donations Restricted	30,354	25,000
*Fundraising Restricted/Scrip(includes Festival Income)	8,645	6,250
Edu. Programs/Ministries	18,252	23,400
Interest Income	10,421	10,401
Othe Operating Income	63,155	57,679
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>783,775</b>	<b>740,130</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Salary Expense/Benefits	334,409	335,544
Administration	162,011	152,408
Parish Property	71,439	74,300
Priest/Rectory Living	76,796	79,205
Liturgy/Music	23,094	17,263
Faith Formation	10,304	10,700
Adult Ed/Evangelization	2,557	2,800
Fellowship/Other Ministries	3,406	4,475
Festival Expense	41,077	31,029
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>725,093</b>	<b>707,724</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>58,682</b>	<b>32,406</b>

\*Gross Income from the Festival was \$62,413 after expenses of \$41,077 a net of \$21,336, \$12,802 was given to the School and \$8,534 was retained at the Parish.

First and foremost, we extend our sincere thanks to all parishioners who contributed to Our Lady of Grace financially throughout the past year. Your generosity and continued support reflect the spirit of God’s grace and the stewardship we share as a parish community.

We finished the 2025 fiscal year with a 1% increase in contributions over last year. Expenses were up considerably from the previous year, but we were able to meet all expenditures with a Total Net Income for 2025 of \$58,682 which was a \$26,276 increase over Budget.

Thanks to your generous support, the Parish was able to accomplish several important projects this year, including paying off the Solar Project, paving the parking lots, replacing three aging heating units in the Augustine Center, and addressing long-needed tree trimming throughout the property. Your donations continue to support the Parish’s religious education programs, liturgies, and the day-to-day needs of maintaining our facilities. We are also deeply grateful to the many volunteers who generously share their time and talents—serving on parish committees and councils, assisting with fundraising efforts, reaching out to those less fortunate, and helping our community celebrate important moments such as weddings, funerals, and other milestones of faith and life. Our Lady of Grace remains a strong and vibrant parish because of the generosity and service of all of you. Thank you.



**2026 BISHOP’S MINISTRIES APPEAL  
Our Lady of Grace Goal is \$29,000**

***How Was the Bishop’s Ministries Appeal Goal of \$3 Million Determined? How are Parish Goals Determined?***

Considering the needs and costs of diocesan programs and ministries, the diocese decided to keep the 2026 goal at \$3 million. Parish goals are determined by unrestricted parish revenue over a given period.

By participating in the Bishop’s Appeal, you strengthen our shared mission to be instruments of God’s mercy and grace—and you help secure a foundation of hope for thousands we are called to serve.

Envelopes are in the pews for your use. You may also scan the QR Code or visit: [www.oakdiocese.org/bishops-ministries-appeal](http://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!***

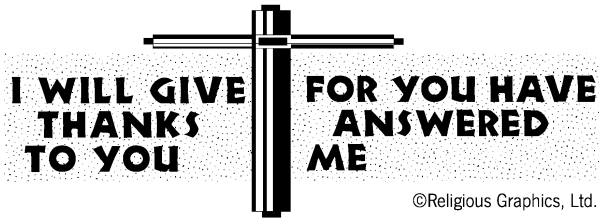


**OLG SCHOOL’S  
KENTUCKY DERBY GALA &  
AUCTION  
May 1st at 6:00pm  
Transfiguration Church Hall**

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>



**FLOWERS, DECORATIONS, AND AN EASTER ALLEUIA!**

We at Our Lady of Grace want to give an extra special thank-you to John Barbuzano and his family for the beautiful cymbidiums, red lilies, roses and more flowers that they donated to make the sanctuary soo beautiful on Easter Sunday and throughout the Easter season! We are grateful for their loving generosity.

Also much continuous gratitude to Imelda Gurrero for the lovely bouquets that she makes every week to adorn the tabernacle and our statues of our Blessed Mother Mary and Holy Joseph. They were especially lovely on Easter Sunday.

Finally, many thanks to Margaret Speranza, Susan Klas, Claudia Dobbs, Martha Duarte, members of the Hispanic Community and the Confirmation students who beautifully decorated the sanctuary in praise of our risen Lord.

Blessings,  
The Environment Committee



**COFFEE AND DONUTS  
May 3rd**

Come join us after the 9:00am Sunday Mass on **May 3rd** in the Gathering Area for coffee, donuts and community. *We thank the Knights of Columbus for this ministry of hospitality. See you there!*

**MARIAN CONCERT &  
MAY CROWNING  
May 6th**

Our Blessed Mother will be crowned on **May 6th**, at a special liturgy honoring school and parish moms. Mass will immediately be followed by a concert by the students honoring Mary and all mothers.



All are welcome to join for Mass and the concert. Reminder that the doors are locked at 8:15am and will briefly re-open at around 9:00am to allow attendees who do not wish to stay for the concert to leave or entrance to those who are unable to join for Mass. Please remember that the doors will be locked for the duration of the concert, so plan accordingly.

**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
<b>Month Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 47,714.93</b>
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 3,371.57
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ <b>2,274.35</b>

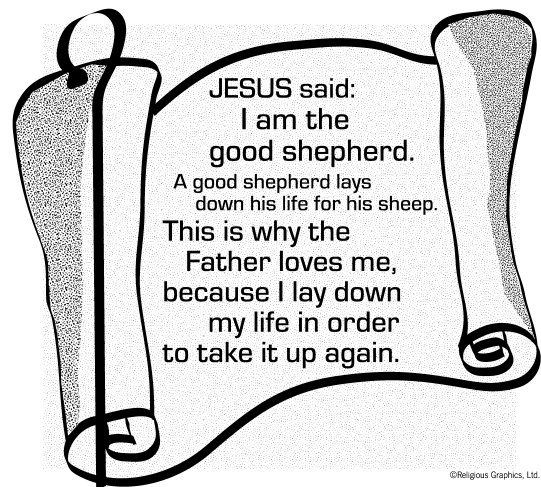
*May God bless your continuing generosity.*



**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            | Maria Flores Martinez |
| Cristina Castellanos | Sheryl Michaud        |
| Norma Dockter        | Diana Riley           |
| Pat Grasso           | Lisa Tortora          |
| Theresa Hull-Nye     | Mark Vaz              |
| Skeet Jennings       | Peggy Winkenbach      |
| Cecilia Laverne      |                       |



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

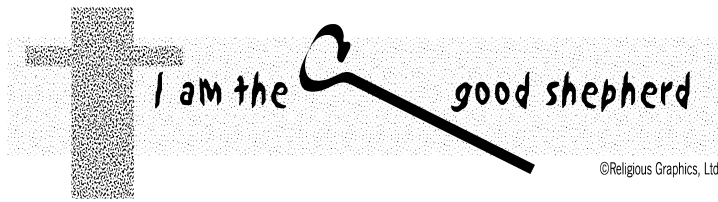
**In Memorial**

**MARIE BELZER**

**CONNIE DAKAI**

**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE**

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**THANK YOU FROM TRANSFIGURATION!**

We would like to thank all our hard-working volunteers from Our Lady of Grace who helped at Transfiguration's Spring Cleanup last Saturday. Everyone did a beautiful job and made a big difference at our sister parish!

**WHAT IS GOD'S DREAM FOR YOU??**

Join the Daughters of Charity "*Search & Serve Retreat*", a religious vocation discernment retreat in the Bay Area on **May 20th-25th!** *SEARCH* your heart for answers. *EXPLORE* your future. *SERVE* those living in poverty, side-by-side with Sisters. Stay with the Sisters. Housing, meals and daily transportation to our Ministry Services is provided. For single, Catholic women, ages 18-40.

For information and to register, visit: <https://daughters-of-charity.com/retreats/> or scan the QR code.



**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.

**MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*"Dearest children, how would I like to tell you, to repeat to you how good the Immaculata is in order to stave off sadness, inner dejection, or discouragement from your little hearts. What great echo does the mere invocation of "Mary" - perhaps with a soul steeped in darkness, dryness, and even in the misfortune of sin - produce in her heart who loves us so much." God bless."*

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, April 26th:**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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

Confirmation Class  
11:15am—Stack Center

**Tuesday, April 28th:**

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

**Thursday, April 30th:**

Adoration & Reconciliation  
6:00pm—Church

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

**Friday, May 1st:**

1st Friday Exposition & Benediction  
After the 8:15am Mass—Church

**Saturday, May 2nd:**

Adoration & Reconciliation  
8:45am—Church

1st Communion Rehearsal  
10:30am—Church

ICF Anniversary Dinner  
6:00pm—Stack Center

**Sunday, May 3rd:**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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

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

Confirmation Class  
11:15am—Stack Center

**EXECUTION ALERTS**

The following execution is scheduled to take place in **April:**

**April 30th** James Broadnax Texas

We ask for your prayers for this person, for the victims of his crimes, and for their families.

# Mass Intentions for the Week

**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

**MONDAY, April 27th**

- 8:15am Gloria Bazan – D

**TUESDAY, April 28th**

St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr  
St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

- 8:15am Tortora Family – D

**WEDNESDAY, April 29th**

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

- 8:15am Huang Family – D

**THURSDAY, April 30th**

St. Pius V, Pope

- 8:15am Lisa Tortora – L

**FRIDAY, May 1st**

St. Joseph the Worker

- 8:15am Roderick Family

**SATURDAY, May 2nd**

St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

- 8:15am Alberto Reveles & Crucita Covarrubias – D
- 5:00pm Gloria Porciuncula – D

**SUNDAY, May 3rd**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 7:30am OLG Community
- 9:00am Zoe Barroso – L
- 11:00am James Martins – D
- 1:00pm Rosa Martinez Reyes – D

**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.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

April 27th through May 3rd

- Monday: Acts 11:1-18; John 10:11-18
- Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30
- Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5; John 12:44-50
- Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14
- Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12



Renew your spirit at the Lord's table

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**DRESS-A-GIRL MINISTRY  
May 13th**

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, May 13th 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).

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**PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*"Open our eyes and our hearts and give us the courage to say: 'Never again war! With war everything is lost.' Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace."*

*-Pope Francis, 2014*

To join our work with Pax Christi, our Peace & Social Justice ministry, please contact the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

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## WAYS to GIVE

**MAIL** Send check or money order to: **Bishop's Ministries Appeal**  
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