

# OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 3rd, 2026**



## MASSES:

**Saturday:** Vigil Mass 5:00pm  
**Sunday:** 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00am  
**Spanish Mass:** 1:00pm

**Weekdays:** Monday-Friday 7:00am  
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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,

As we continue our journey through this Easter season, our readings today offer profound comfort and a clear roadmap for our lives as disciples. In the Gospel of John (14:1-12), we hear Jesus' tender words to his disciples: "*Do not let your hearts be troubled*". He reassures us that he is going to prepare a place for us and that He himself is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. In a world often filled with confusion and shifting values, these words are our anchor. To follow the "Way" is not merely to follow a set of rules, but to enter into a relationship with a person. When we look at Jesus, we see the Father; when we follow his example of selfless love, we find our path to eternal life.

Our first reading (Acts 6:1-7) shows us this path of life as faith in action. As the early Church grew, the Apostles recognized the need for diverse ministries to ensure no one—especially the vulnerable widows—was overlooked. This led to the appointment of the first deacons, reminding us that every member of our parish has a unique vocation and a role to play in serving the Body of Christ.

St. Peter further illuminates this in our second reading, calling us "living stones". We are not just passive observers in a building; we are the spiritual house, built upon Christ the cornerstone. By virtue of our baptism, we share in a "royal priesthood," called to offer spiritual sacrifices through our daily work, our family life, and our service to one another.

For Francis of Assisi, he first chose the "Way" of radical poverty and humility, reminding us that to follow Christ, we must often travel light. He taught us that the way to the Father is not through power or prestige, but through the simple, narrow path of service to the "least of these." Francis then famously lived the Gospel *sine glossa*—without gloss. He saw the "Truth" of Christ in the eyes of the leper and the beauty of creation. In a world of complex arguments, Francis's truth was simple: God is Love, and we are all brothers and sisters. He reminds us that the Truth isn't just something we believe; it is someone we encounter. Finally, Francis found "Life" by dying to himself. By embracing the cross, he discovered a joy that the world couldn't understand. His life was so aligned with Jesus that he even bore the marks of the Stigmata, proving that when we lose our life for Christ's sake, we truly find it.

This week, I invite you to reflect on your own place in this "spiritual house": How can you better trust in Jesus as the "Way" when your heart is troubled? Where is God calling you to serve as a "living stone" in our community? I pray that we, like Francis, may have the courage to trust in God, even when the future is uncertain and a "perfect" path is not visible. Let us simply look to Jesus. Let us walk his Way, speak his Truth, and breathe his Life.

Peace in the Risen Lord,

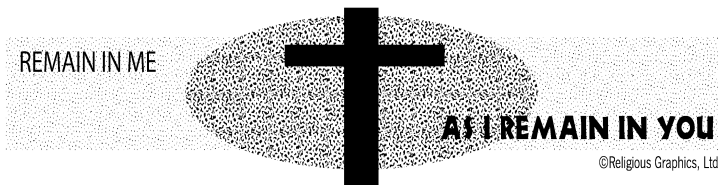
Fr. Luke



**The Sixth Sunday of Easter (May 10th)**

**John 14:15-21**

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**  
**Our Lady of Grace Goal is \$29,000**  
*What If My Parish Exceeds Its Goal?*  
*Where Does the Excess Go?*

100% of all funds collected over a parish's goal will be returned to the parish for its own special needs in the form of a rebate check paid at the conclusion of the Appeal (i.e., first quarter 2027)

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.

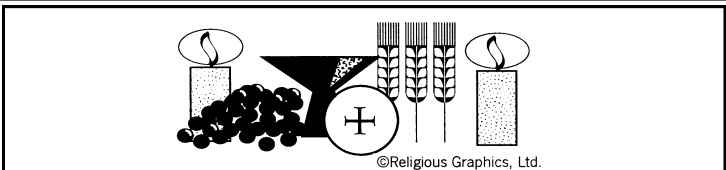


*Thank you for your time and response as faithful stewards of God's Church. God bless you!*

**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.



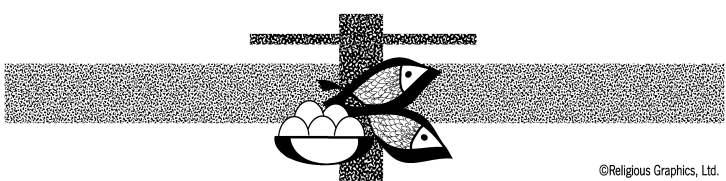
**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION**  
**May 16th**  
**9:00am, 11:00am & 1:00pm (Spanish)**  
 Please join us in welcoming these young members of our community to the table for the first time.

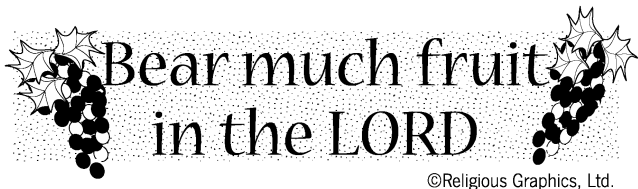
**First Holy Communion Recipients**

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| Eliyana Ava Anora            | Aaliyah Lowery         |
| Kaden Benassi                | Siena Magdael          |
| Joseph Bui                   | Sydney Magdael         |
| Cristopher Calderon          | Mateo Mariscal         |
| Ezio Calderon                | Olivia Mariscal        |
| Isabella Cárdenas Cano       | Jaylene Marquez Villa  |
| Jaden Carrasco               | Xavier McGowan         |
| Morgan Castañeda Cortes      | Nicolas Melero         |
| Declan Castañeda Cortes, III | Zikora Onwukeme        |
| Carlos Castañeda, III        | Cole Quintero          |
| Madeline Castellanos         | Dylan Rien             |
| Francisco Chavez López       | Kendra Rodriguez Loza  |
| Catalina Dones               | Juan Ruiz              |
| Leonardo Fernandez           | Elettra Sangalli       |
| Luna Gil-Romero              | Aliana Tercero         |
| Crosby Godiel Gutierrez      | Bianca Tercero         |
| Yarenni Gonzalez             | Raphael Thomas         |
| Margaret Hanley              | Gabriel Topete         |
| Guise Haven Ho Bui           | Maria Torres Fuentes   |
| Elijah Kim                   | Alegria Vazquez        |
| Joseph Layug                 | Melannie Villegas Diaz |
| Cherie Gabriella Le          | Sofia Zambrano         |

**MOTHER'S DAY**

As a means of honoring our mothers, deceased and living, a Triduum of Masses will be celebrated on **May 11th, 12th and 13th**. Spiritual Bouquet Forms are available in the Parish Office and in the Church. Please pick one up if you would like to honor your loved one and return it to the Parish Office with you donation. If you choose to use Online Giving, please list the names of your loved ones there. The names of those remembered will be placed at the altar for 3 days.





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**BREAD FOR THE WORLD**

***"When I Was Hungry, You Gave Me To Eat"***

OLG Parish is participating in our annual Bread for the World "Offering of Letters" on the weekend of **May 16th-17th**. Bread for the World is an interfaith Christian group that lobbies our nation's decision-makers to pass legislation that will alleviate hunger at home and abroad. The need is greater than ever! So we are asking you to take a few minutes after Mass to stop at one of the tables at the entrances to the church to sign a postcard to our senators asking them to support legislation that will strengthen these programs.

**COME VISIT OUR PRAYER GARDEN**

We welcome all parishioners who seek a bit of time away from the hustle and bustle for prayer and spiritual reflection in our lovely Prayer Garden, located between the Parish Office and the rear entrance to the church. Come to the Parish Office during our business hours so Jay may let you in.



*Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus and volunteers who have consistently cleaned the Prayer Garden with care once a month! We are grateful for your time!*

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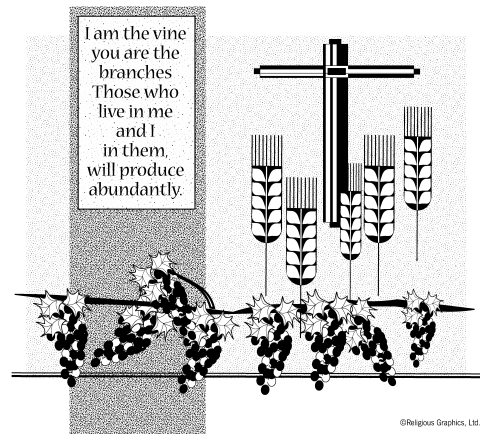
*May God bless your continuing generosity.*



**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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| Glen Alcorn          | Joan Lewis            |
| Wayne Blackard       | Brian Linney          |
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I am the vine  
you are the  
branches  
Those who  
live in me  
and I  
in them,  
will produce  
abundantly.

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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**

- STAN FUTAGAKI**  
**MIRIAM GARCIA**  
**THOMAS GRAVES**

**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE**  
**VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE**

Let us LOVE  
not in word and speech  
but in deed and truth



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**THIS WEEK**

*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

*Tuesday, May 5th:*

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, May 6th:*

Pre-Baptism Class  
7:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

*Thursday, May 7th:*

Adoration & Reconciliation  
6:00pm—Church

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

*Saturday, May 9th:*

Adoration & Reconciliation  
8:45am—Church

*Sunday, May 10th:*

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Happy Mother’s Day!**

**WINGS - WOMEN IN GOD’S SPIRIT**

WINGS is a faith enhancement group that encourages spiritual growth through prayer, scripture study, Catechesis, life sharing and community. Our meetings are held at Transfiguration’s Church Hall.

Next Meeting: **May 7th**, 9:00am to 11:30am

Speaker: Sr. Joan Burke SND

Topic: “*Hope for the Body*”

For further information or if you would like to attend, please contact: Rose Anne Ryken at [raryken39@gmail.com](mailto:raryken39@gmail.com).



**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.

**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 **May 20th**, 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>



**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!

**MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*“Impenetrable are the admirable ways of Divine Providence and action in the souls through the Immaculata. She enters into a soul, through an interior inspiration or through the use of a particular environment when she manages to get in, or even when the doors of the soul slightly open, she penetrates the interior of the soul, purifying her from sins and defects, adoring her with virtues and leading her to ardent love.”*

# Mass Intentions for the Week

## 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

## MONDAY, May 4th

8:15am Roberta Shomon – L

## TUESDAY, May 5th

8:15am Jose & Manuel Silva – D

## WEDNESDAY, May 6th

8:15am Lisa Tortora – L

## THURSDAY, May 7th

8:15am Rodrigo Reveles Ramos – L

## FRIDAY, May 8th

8:15am Scarlett Hinkson – L

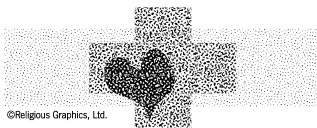
## SATURDAY, May 9th

8:15am Linda De Guzman – D  
 5:00pm Lilia Sousa – D

## SUNDAY, May 10th

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30am Maria Ha Vo – D  
 9:00am Antonio S. Barroso – D  
 11:00am OLG Community  
 1:00pm Esperanza Alonso Ortega – D



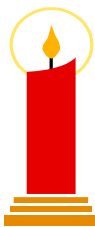
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### ROSARY BEFORE MASS

Come join in prayer of the Rosary 20 minutes before each of the weekend liturgies. Pray for our Parish. All are welcome!



### DEVOTIONAL CANDLES



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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

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

May 4th through May 10th

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26  
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31  
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8  
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11  
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17  
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21  
 Sunday: Acts 8:5-8,14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

*the Body of Christ*  
**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.

### 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.



### PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"A Peace that is not the result of true respect for man is not true Peace. And what do we call this sincere feeling for man? We call it Justice.*

*-Pope Paul VI, 1972*

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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