

# OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 10th, 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,

***“I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.”*** (John 14:18) These words of Jesus, spoken to his disciples on the night before his death, resonate with profound urgency for us today. I know that the news regarding the closing of our sister parish Transfiguration has brought shock, grief, and many tears. It is natural to feel as though our foundation is shaking and to ask "why?" in the face of such a great loss.

On this Sixth Sunday of Easter, however, we are called to look beyond the physical walls of the building and remember the central truth of our faith: The Resurrection is a story of life returning from death, not a story of ending.

I want to share three reflections of hope as we navigate this transition together:

**1. The Church is people, not a place:**

We are not losing our church; we are changing how we exist as the church. As St. Peter reminds us in last Sunday’s second reading, we are living stones being built into a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:5). The community we have formed here—the holy sacrifice of the Mass, the prayers, the baptisms, the weddings, and the quiet moments of communion—lives on in us.

**2. The promise of the Advocate:**

Jesus promised that even when he was no longer physically present, he would send the Holy Spirit to be our counselor, comforter, and guide. This same Spirit walks with us now, in our grief, and will guide us to where we are needed next. We are not alone, nor are we abandoned.

**3. God’s plans for a future:**

The Prophet Jeremiah tells us, *“For I know well the plans I have in mind for you—oracle of the Lord—plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future full of hope”* (Jeremiah 29:11). As hard as it is to see right now, this closing is part of a larger plan that will allow our ministries to flourish in new ways.

**Our Next Steps & Town Hall Meeting**

We are committed to navigating this transition with transparency, dignity, and care for every member. I invite you to a Town Hall Meeting to discuss our next steps, ask questions, and share memories:

**When:** May 13, 2026 at 7:00 PM (tentative)

**Where:** Church Hall of Transfiguration

Let us walk through this transition together, not in fear, but in faith, looking forward to how God will continue to use us in our community. Our decision to close our church is not about mourning, but about honoring the journey God has allowed us to share. Our love for each other and for Christ remains the center.

With you in the Risen Lord,

Fr. Luke



**The Ascension of the Lord (May 17th)**

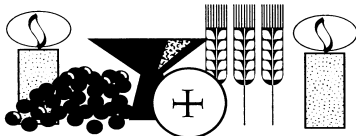
**John 17:1-11**

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

# Happy Mother's Day

## 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 your 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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## 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

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

I will send the SPIRIT to you



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## CONFIRMATION 2026

Please pray for the Confirmation Candidates of our Parish Community who will be Confirmed in Faith.

### Cathedral of Christ the Light **Bishop Michael C. Barber** **May 17th at 4:00pm**

- |                      |                             |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Valeria Acosta       | Andrea Lopez                |
| Alexis Avila         | Stephanie Lopez             |
| Michael Bazan        | Oscar Martinez              |
| Milagros Burgos      | Isabella Nas                |
| Montserrat Burgos    | Anne Delaili Ornelas        |
| Hugo De Santiago     | Andrea Perez                |
| Samantha De Santiago | Marco Perez-Enriquez        |
| Camila Fregoso       | Sebastian Plantilla         |
| Camille Goduco       | Leslie Ramirez              |
| Sharlene Goduco      | Yesenia Ramirez             |
| Carlos Gonzalez      | Isabel Robles               |
| Marianne Igrobay     | Ashley Rodriguez            |
| Samantha Jauregui    | Daniella Sanchez            |
| William Layug        | Samantha Trujillo-Gutierrez |
| Raelyn Leary         | Mia Virgen Torres           |
| Takeo Leary          |                             |

## 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.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES SPECIAL COLLECTION May 16th & 17th

For over 90 years, Catholic Charities has been helping our neighbors right here in the East Bay. They assist with rent and utility payments, support our youth, and help neighbors legally on the path to citizenship. Join us in making a difference and being a Modern Good Samaritan! Please make your checks out to "Catholic Charities" or scan the QR code to make your donation. Thank you for your generosity!





**FUNERAL MASS FOR  
STAN FUTAGAKI  
May 19th at 11:00am**

The Funeral Mass for long-time parishioner Stan Futagaki will be held on **May 19th** and presided by Fr. Kevin Mullins at 11:00am. Afterwards, all are invited for a reception in Stack Center.



**CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM**

We recently welcomed

- Kiaan Frimpong-Boateng**
- Kairo Frimpong-Boateng**
- Kylian Frimpong-Boateng**
- Grace Caroline Gudino**

into Our Lady of Grace Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. May God Bless you!

**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 APRIL:**

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 34,875.00
<b>Month Budgeted Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 46,044.90</b>
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [11,169.90]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [8,112.68]

*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:

- |                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Glen Alcorn          | Joan Lewis            |
| 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      |



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BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL 2026 MINISTRIES OF HOPE

Diocese of Oakland

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

*Many thanks to those parishioners who have already generously contributed towards our Bishop's Ministries Appeal.*

Following is the status of this appeal through **April 30th**.

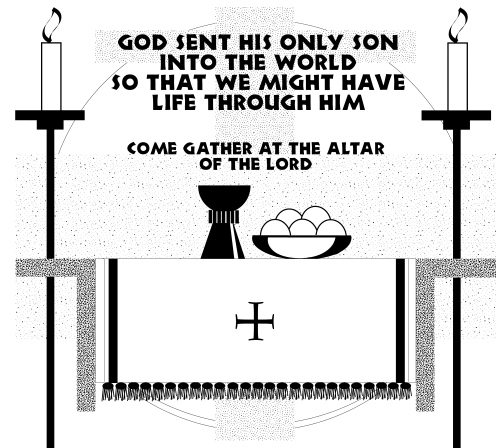
Overall Goal for 2026:	<b>\$29,000.00</b>
# of Donors:	<b>41</b>
Funds Raised (includes pledges):	<b>\$12,210.00</b>

*We care currently at 42% of our goal! We are looking for 100% participation from our parishioners. Please make your contribution today!*

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!*



*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**



**MONTHLY OLG SCHOOL MASS**

This month, the members of our Kindergarten class will participate in Sunday's 9:00am Mass on **May 17th**.

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.

**COFFEE AND DONUTS**

**May 17th**

Come join us after the 9:00am Sunday Mass on **May 17th** in the Gathering Area for coffee, donuts and community. *We thank OLG School for this ministry of hospitality. See you there!*



**THANK YOU FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL**

The Our Lady of Grace St. Vincent de Paul ministry is grateful for your ongoing support. Your contributions allow us to minister to those in need in our community and sometimes even beyond our borders. Many that we serve are under extreme stress due to loss of income often caused by serious illness, car problems and loss of work or job cutbacks. Though we often are not able to help with all their needs; we can offer our love and the promise that we will walk with them during this time in their lives. Here is a story we'd like to share:



*Nicole had accumulated some serious tax debt over the years. She has worked hard and just made the last payment. This has left her with no money this month for food or gas. She has been living on canned foods. We gave her some additional groceries from our pantry and some Lucky gift cards to get her through until her next pay check.*

If you would like to be a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry at OLG, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

**MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*"I am not afraid of what others will do. I fear lest laziness or selfish quietism make me overlook something that I could do under these circumstances and that the Immaculata wants from me. For others will only be able to do what she herself allows. Because it is her cause, with the help of the Immaculata I wish to respond to any difficulty with a more intense and more loving offensive."*

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, May 10th:**

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

*Happy Mother's Day!*

**Tuesday, May 12th:**

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 13th:**

Town Hall Meeting  
7:00pm—Transfiguration Hall

**Thursday, May 14th:**

Adoration & Reconciliation  
6:00pm—Church

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

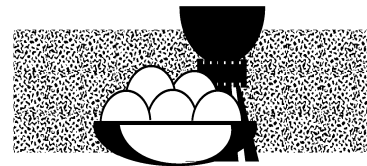
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1st Holy Communion Masses  
9:00am, 11:00am & 1:00pm (Spanish)—Church

**Sunday, May 17th:**

*The Ascension of the Lord*

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



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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).



# Mass Intentions for the Week

## 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

## MONDAY, May 11th

- 8:15am Mother's Day Remembrance

## TUESDAY, May 12th

Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs  
St. Pancras, Martyr

- 8:15am Mother's Day Remembrance

## WEDNESDAY, May 13th

Our Lady of Fatima

- 8:15am Mother's Day Remembrance

## THURSDAY, May 14th

St. Matthias, Apostle

- 8:15am Veronica Ismael – L

## FRIDAY, May 15th

St. Isidore

- 8:15am Tortora Family – D

## SATURDAY, May 16th

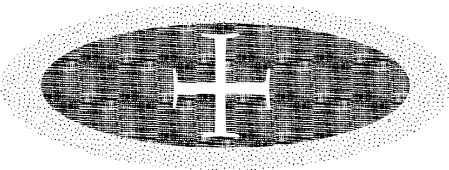
- 8:15am No Intention

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

## SUNDAY, May 17th

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

- 7:30am Andy Zaldivar – D
- 9:00am Sue Klas – L
- 11:00am OLG Community
- 1:00pm Jose Marengo – D



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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

### May 11th through May 17th

- Monday: Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-8:1; John 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23-28
- Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11

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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.

## EXECUTION ALERTS

The following executions are scheduled to take place in May:

<b>May 14th</b>	Raymond Johnson	Oklahoma
<b>May 14th</b>	Edward Busby	Texas
<b>May 20th</b>	Leroy McGill	Arizona
<b>May 21st</b>	Tony Carruthers	Tennessee
<b>May 21st</b>	Richard Knight	Florida

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

## PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"There is no dichotomy between man and God's image. Whoever tortures a human being, whoever abuses a human being, whoever outrages a human being, abuses God's image."*

-St. Oscar Romero

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



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus monthly meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of every month at 6:30pm in Stack Center, OLG Room. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, visit <https://www.kofc.org> or join them at their next meeting on **May 28th**.

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