

OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17th, 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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Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: CHURCH

Saturday: Following the 8:15 Mass

Thursday: 6:00-7:00pm

CONFESSIONS:

During Eucharistic Adoration or by appointment

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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 come together this Sunday for the Solemnity of the Ascension, Our Lady of Grace –Transfiguration Parish Cluster marks a significant moment in its journey. The Ascension isn't just Jesus' "departure" into history; as Pope Benedict XVI observed, it begins a new way of being with us. No longer confined by geography, Jesus is now present to everyone, everywhere, through his Body, the Church.

Following last Wednesday's town hall meeting, this feast feels especially relevant. I am deeply grateful to everyone from both parishes who came together, sharing our hopes, anxieties, and voices regarding our shared future. As we listened to the Spirit together, I've been moved by the profound love you hold for our communities and your dedication to service and vibrant worship. Yet, I also heard the weight of your concerns—the fear of losing who we are and the uncertainty that comes with navigating such significant structural changes.

In the Acts of the Apostles, when Jesus is taken up, the disciples stand looking up at the sky, perhaps confused or paralyzed. Two messengers tell them: "Why are you standing there looking at the sky?" (Acts 1:11). They are essentially being told to stop waiting and start acting. Like the disciples, we cannot spend our time looking backward or merely waiting for someone else to build the future. The ascended Lord is now calling us—you and me—to be his witnesses, not just in our separate buildings, but as one united family of faith.

Please note that this year marks two significant anniversaries for our sister parish. On May 18, we observe the 46th anniversary of the dedication of the Church of the Transfiguration, and on September 19, we commemorate the 79th anniversary of Our Lady of Grace Church. Many years ago, these holy buildings were set apart—not merely as a structure of brick and mortar, but as a dedicated house of prayer, a beacon of hope in our community, and a sanctuary for the broken. When our founders cut those ribbons in 1947 (OLG) and 1980 (Transfiguration), they were planting a seed of faith that has grown into a mighty oak, sheltering thousands through the years. As I reflect on our history, I am reminded of the words: "Let's Go Higher!". This 79th and 46th year is a moment to honor the labor of those who came before us—the prayers, sacrifices, and dedication that built this foundation—while simultaneously looking forward with anticipation to what God will do next.

The Ascension tells us that Jesus is now seated at the right hand of the Father, making all things new. Therefore, our uniting is not a loss, but an opportunity for growth. We are being asked to move from being two distinct households to becoming one strong community of faith. I ask you to pray during this upcoming week for the grace of unity and love as we wait for the out pouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Holding you close in my thoughts and prayers,

Fr. Luke



Pentecost Sunday (May 24th)

John 20:19-23

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

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

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

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 to make a gift online and for more information regarding parish goals.



Will Any of These Funds Be Used for Anything Other Than the Defined Case Elements?

No. Funds raised through the Bishop's Ministries Appeal will be used exclusively for the ministries and services noted.

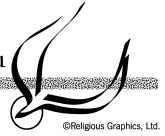
Thank you for your time and response as faithful stewards of God's Church. God bless you!

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" this 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.

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

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| 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 |
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| Sharlene Goduco | Yesenia Ramirez |
| Carlos Gonzalez | Isabel Robles |
| Marianne Igrobay | Ashley Rodriguez |
| Samantha Jauregui | Daniella Sanchez |
| William Layug | Samantha Trujillo-Gutierrez |
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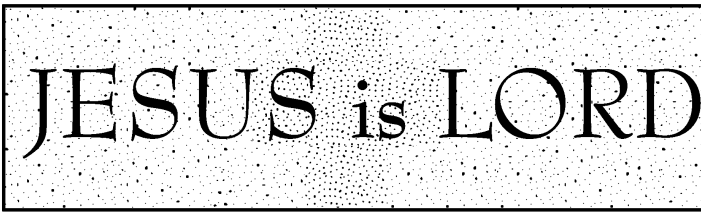
This Weekend-May 16th & 17th

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" and place your check in the Parish Office mail slot or scan the QR code to make your donation. Information post cards are also available at the tables at the church entrances. 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.



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CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

We recently welcomed

Olivia Avelino Guerrero
David Forrest

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



WAY TO GO
TRANFIGURATION CYO!

Transfiguration Girls 8th Grade Basketball team won the Metro League playoffs! The team heads to the diocesan playoffs this weekend as the #1 seat!

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:

Ashley and her 3 kids fled to California from another state due to abuse. They currently live in low-income housing. Previous to moving in to this apartment, they were homeless. She has been offered a 30 hr/ week job and will also take on a second job as a security guard on weekends. She has a friend who will help with child care giving her the flexibility she needs to get back on her feet. We helped with a portion of her rent and reached out to the Transfiguration SVdP for additional help.

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.

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:

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

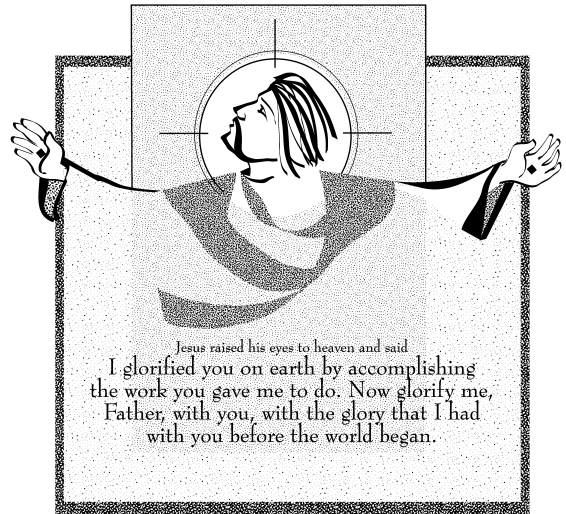
May God bless your continuing generosity.



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:

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| Glen Alcorn | Joan Lewis |
| Wayne Blackard | Brian Linney |
| Jeff Brown | Catherine Lucas |
| Jot Brown | Maria Flores Martinez |
| Norma Dockter | Sheryl Michaud |
| Pat Grasso | Diana Riley |
| Theresa Hull-Nye | Lisa Tortora |
| Skeet Jennings | Mark Vaz |
| Cecilia Laverne | Peggy Winkenbach |



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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

CRISTINA CASTELLANOS

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His presence among us continues forever

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ALTAR FLOWER MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Do you have an eye for beauty? Do you enjoy arranging flowers? We are looking for volunteers to assist with arranging the flowers for the Altar on a weekly basis. If you are interested in offering your time and talent, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

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 June 3rd in Stack Center, OLG Room at 7:00pm. Please call Jay at 510-537-0806 to register.



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.

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!



MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“We therefore strive to give the Immaculata a complete sway over every soul. For if she only manages to enter a soul...she cannot possibly allow it to be lost. Rather, she swiftly obtains the grace of enlightenment for its intelligence and the grace of strength for its will, so that the soul may repent and rise up again.”

THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 17th:

The Ascension of the Lord

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

Tuesday, May 19th:

Funeral Mass for Stan Futagaki 11:00am—Church

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 20th:

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

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

Thursday, May 21st:

Adoration & Reconciliation 6:00pm—Church

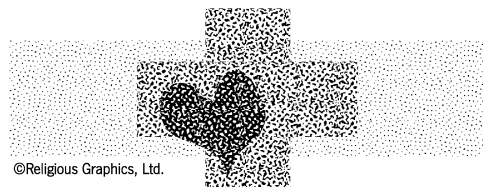
AA Serenity Group 7:30pm—Stack Center, Room 9

Saturday, May 23rd:

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

Sunday, May 24th:

Pentecost Sunday



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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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, May 17th

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

7:30am Anty Zaldivar – D

9:00am Sue Klas – L

11:00am OLG Community

1:00pm Jose Marengo – D

MONDAY, May 18th

St. John I, Pope & Martyr

8:15am Huang Family – D

TUESDAY, May 19th

8:15am Mary & Antonio O. Chocha

WEDNESDAY, May 20th

St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

8:15am Louis Rodrigues – D

THURSDAY, May 21st

8:15am Marta Sanchez – D

FRIDAY, May 22nd

St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

8:15am Evelyn Ansai – D

SATURDAY, May 23rd

8:15am Amor T. Guerrero – D

5:00pm Vanessa Alvarez – L

SUNDAY, May 24th

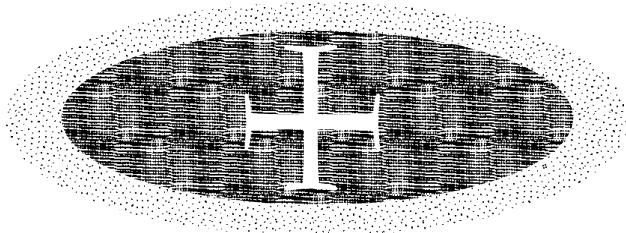
PENTECOST SUNDAY

7:30am Frankie Fagalde – L

9:00am Bill & Delia Lawrence – D

11:00am Maria & Manuel Jardim – D

1:00pm OLG Community



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**1ST FRIDAYS OF EACH MONTH
EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION
June 5th**

All are invited to join us after the 8:15am Mass for Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

May 18th through May 24th

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11-19
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26
 Friday: Acts 25:13-21; John 21:15-19
 Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25
 Sunday: Acts 2:1-11;
 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13;
 John 20:19-23

EXECUTION ALERTS

The following executions are scheduled to take place in **May**:

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| May 20th | Leroy McGill | Arizona |
| May 21st | Tony Carruthers | Tennessee |
| May 21st | 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

“Christians must become active in every possible way, mobilizing all their resources for the fight against war...Peace is to be preached, non-violence is to be explained as a practical method and not left to be mocked...”

-Thomas Merton

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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