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**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time
June 28th, 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

PARISH:

Email: parish@olgcv.org

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm

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Please contact Parish Office for information.

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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

WHOLE FAMILY FAITH PROGRAM:

510-582-9266

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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,

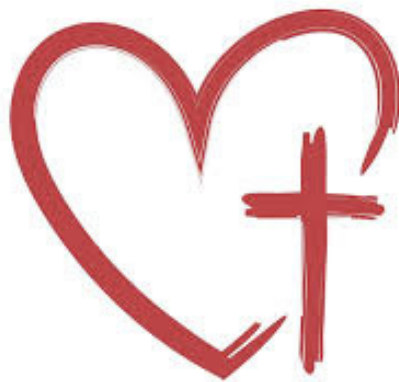
As we reflect on the readings for this Sunday, we are reminded of the profound mutual support that defines a vibrant church community. In the First Reading from 2 Kings (4:8–11, 14–16), we witness the hospitality of the Shunammite woman who warmly welcomed the prophet Elisha, providing for his needs. She was rewarded for her generosity with the blessing of a son. This story serves as a beautiful reminder of how caring for our spiritual leaders and the physical needs of our parish allows God to pour out His abundant blessings upon our community.

In the Gospel of Matthew (10:37–42), Jesus reminds us that even the smallest act of kindness—like giving a cup of cold water to a disciple—holds an eternal reward. While it is easy to give when a church is growing and prosperous, it requires a deep, sacrificial faith to continue giving during a time of transition and closure. Our financial support, regular offering, and shared talents do not belong to a physical building; they belong to God's people. The vulnerable who rely on our food pantries, the children in our religious education programs, our dedicated staff, and the sacramental life of our community depend entirely on our continued stewardship. Choosing to sustain our support right now ensures we continue to protect and nurture the "little ones" Jesus calls us to serve.

As we navigate this season of transition, we also prepare to honor those who have shepherded us through the years. This Sunday marks a historic milestone for our Transfiguration Church as we celebrate the retirement of our beloved Deacon Burt Rigley, who has beautifully sung, lived, and shared the goodness of the Lord among us for 38 remarkable years. He has walked along side us through life's most sacred moments: baptizing our children, witnessing our marriages, burying our loved ones, and breaking open the Word of God for us.

While Deacon Burt is stepping back from official, active parish assignments, the character of the Diaconate is lifelong. He remains a deacon and a vital pillar of our parish community. To honor his 38 years of extraordinary diaconal service, we are hosting a retirement potluck party on Sunday, June 28, at Transfiguration Church following the 11:00 AM Mass. All parishioners are warmly invited to join us in celebrating his vocation, expressing our gratitude, and wishing him God's richest blessings in retirement.

-Fr. Luke



The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 5th)

Matthew 11:25-30

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

GOD is LOVE

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4TH OF JULY

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, **July 3rd**. We will reopen on Monday, **July 6th**. We wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday!



OUR PRIESTS WILL BE AWAY

Our priests will be away this week, **June 29th to July 3rd**. Please keep them in your prayers.

July 2nd: There will be no Adoration and Reconciliation in the evening. We will resume on July 9th.

July 3rd: There will be no 1st Friday Benediction and Exposition after the 8:15am Mass. We will resume on August 7th.



2026 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL

Following is the status of this appeal through **May 31st**:

Overall Goal for 2026:	\$29,000.00
# of Donors:	54
Funds Raised (includes pledges):	\$16,325.00

We are currently at 56% 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.



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



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION 2026-2027

*1st Communion & Whole Family
Grades 1st-8th*

Online Registration and payment is available on our website at www.olgcv.org. On the homepage, scroll down and click on the 'Faith Formation' box.

Registration forms are also available in the Parish Office. Please bring your payment of check or cash when registering in person.

Cost is \$130 for the 1st child and \$80 for each sibling in the same household. If there is an issue with the fee, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

For more information about our Faith Formation program, please visit: <https://olgcv.org/youth-faith-formation/>.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION 2026-2027

Grades 9th-12th



Online Registration and payment is available on our website at www.olgcv.org. On the homepage, scroll down and click on the 'Confirmation' box.

Registration forms are also available in the Parish Office. Please bring your payment of check or cash when registering in person.

Cost is \$130 per child and \$80 for each sibling in the same household. Cost for the Retreat is \$80 for the 1st child and \$60 for each sibling in the same household. If there is an issue with the fees, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

For more information about our Confirmation program, please visit: <https://olgcv.org/youth-ministry-2/>.



TEEN BBQ AT TRANSFIGURATION! July 12th

We invite all 12-17 year olds to a *Youth Group Kick-Off BBQ* on **July 12th** after the 11:00am Mass at Transfiguration Church! Come meet other teens, make new friends, play games and share a meal as we kick-off our new Youth Group this summer for twice a month gatherings at OLG and Transfiguration. Bring a friend and get ready for lots of fun!

ALTAR SERVING MINISTRY**Calling All Students
in Grades 5th to 12th!**

Altar Serving is a privilege, and an important ministry, assisting priests at Masses and other liturgical services. If you have already received the first three Sacraments of the Church such as Baptism, 1st Reconciliation and 1st Holy Eucharist and interested in serving your Parish in this special way, please pick up a sign-up form on the organ in the church or click below. If you are a Confirmation student, you may also earn Service Hours. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

**OCIA 2026-2027****Order of Christian Initiation of Adults
Classes Begin on September 30th**

Our 2026-2027 OCIA program begins this fall, on **September 30th** at 6:30pm in Stack Center, Room 7. If you or someone you know is interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith or is seeking full initiation into the Church, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806. All are welcome!

**FAITH FORMATION AND CONFIRMATION
NEED YOUR HELP!**

Faith Formation is seeking more volunteers to help with our many ministries. The First Communion class needs an instructor for the fall. The Confirmation and Youth Ministry team are looking for more volunteers to help as small group leaders and chaperones at events.

If you would like to find out more about being involved in these ministries, please reach out to Roberta at roberta.santiago@olgcgv.org (First Communion) or Leanne leeanne.thomas@olgcgv.org (Confirmation and Youth Ministry) for more information.

**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 **July 1st** in Stack Center, OLG Room at 7:00pm. Please call Jay at 510-537-0806 to register.

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 MAY:**

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 49,592.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 38,126.36
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 11,465.79
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 5,639.61

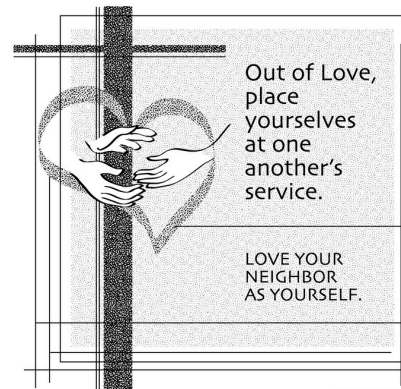
May God bless your continuing generosity.

**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:

Wayne Blackard
Jeff Brown
Jot Brown
Norma Dockter
Theresa Hull-Nye
Skeet Jennings
Mark Jerome
Cecilia Laverne
Joan Lewis
Brian Linney

Catherine Lucas
Richard Lindgren
Maria Flores Martinez
Sheryl Michaud
Diana Riley
Lisa Tortora
Mark Vaz
Peggy Winkenbach
Maria C. Yarbrough



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

In Memorial

AMBROSE WARDLE

RICHARD SIOUI

VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

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**COFFEE AND DONUTS****July 5th**

Come join us after the 9:00am Sunday Mass on **July 5th** in the Gathering Area for coffee, donuts and community. *We thank the Knights of Columbus for this ministry of hospitality. See you there!*

CALLING ALL CURSILLISTAS!

Join us for a **Grand Ultreya** at OLG-Stack Center on **July 11th** from 2:00-4:00pm. We will have Fellowship, Prayer, Singing and Snacking! Our guest speaker will be Francine Peters. Bring a snack to share and bring a friend who you think would like to learn more about Cursillo. *Come join the fun and experience the Love and Joy! De Colores!*



**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 some-times 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:

Ami has been living in her car at First Pres. She recently got into a tiny home in Oakland and was offered a job at Hertz. She needed to renew her driver's license before she could begin her new job. We paid the DMV fee of \$48, gave her a Clipper card and referred her to the SVdP Conference that is now closest to her.

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

"The crosses are only a school. They oppress us, but at the same time elevate our spirit and teach us not to rely on our own deceptive strength, but only in the Immaculata. God, therefore, sends them to us out of mercy."

THIS WEEK**Sunday, June 28th:*****The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*****Tuesday, June 30th:**

Men's Cursillo Meeting
6:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

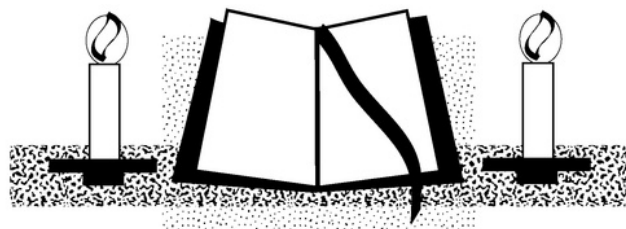
Men's Faith Share
7:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Wednesday, July 1st:

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

Thursday, July 2nd:***No Adoration & Reconciliation*****Friday, July 3rd:*****Parish Office Closed*****Sunday, July 5th*****The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

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



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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.



Mass for the Intentions Week

SUNDAY, June 28th

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Johnny & Esperanza Lopez--D
 9:00am Frank Lopez--D
 11:00am Ron Sponsel--D
 1:00pm OLG Community

MONDAY, June 29th

Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles

8:15am Merville Ferrari--D

TUESDAY, June 30th

8:15am Socorro Hernandez--D

WEDNESDAY, July 1st

St. Junipero Serra, Priest

8:15am Jose & Manuel Silva--D

THURSDAY, July 2nd

8:15am Lasalette & Andrew Capote--L

FRIDAY, July 3rd

8:15am Stan Futagaki--D

SATURDAY, July 4th

8:15am Maria Ha Vo & Paul Phoc Nguyen--D
 5:00pm Glen Alcorn--D

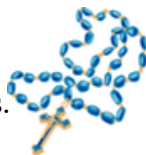
SUNDAY, July 5th

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Gerry Fagalde--L
 9:00am OLG Community
 11:00am James Martins--D
 1:00pm Rosa Martinez Reyes--D

**ROSARY BEFORE MASS**

Come join in prayer of the Rosary 30 minutes before each of the weekend liturgies. Pray for our Parish. All are welcome!



You shall love your neighbor as yourself

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**June 29th through July 5th**

Monday: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19
 Tuesday: Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Matthew 8:23-27
 Wednesday: Amos 5:14-15, 21-24; Matthew 8:28-34
 Thursday: Amos 7:10-17; Matthew 9:1-8
 Friday: Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29
 Saturday: Amos 9:11-15; Matthew 9:14-17
 Sunday: Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30

**PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"I believe we live in a time in which one cannot help making decisions for or against man, for or against life, for or against justice, for or against truth. And according to my way of thinking, all these decisions rolled into one (for they are inseparable) amount to a decision for or against God."

-Thomas Merton, 1971

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OUR LADY OF GRACE - LIST OF MINISTRIES

Community Outreach Ministries

Helping Hands: Assist with hospitality after OLG's funerals for family members and friends of the deceased.

Pastoral Care to the Sick: Visit the sick while praying & distributing the Eucharist.

Pax Christi: Upholding the Gospel values of peace & social justice in our community & the world at large.

St. Vincent de Paul: Assist the poor & those in temporary need with food & financial assistance.

Faith Formation Ministries

Baptism Preparation: Assist with instruction to parents & godparents preparing to have their infants baptized. 1st Wednesday of the month

Family Faith Formation: Assist with religious education of students of grades 1st-8th on Sundays.

Men's Faith Share: Gather with other men of our Parish to discuss the upcoming Sunday readings.

Women's Bible Study: Gather with other women of our Parish during Advent & Lent in preparation for Christmas & Easter.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults): Assist with guidance of adults seeking membership into the Church on Wednesday evenings.

Sacrament Preparation: Assist with Baptism, 1st Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion (ages 7 & up) and Confirmation (High School) on Sundays.

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers: Assist priests at liturgical services, especially the Masses, for grades 5th-12th.

Extraordinary Ministers: Distribute the Holy Eucharist at Mass & to the homebound.

Lectors: Proclaim the 1st & 2nd Readings at Mass.

Music: Choir sings at the 11:00am Mass, *Folk Group* sings contemporary Catholic music at the 9:00am Mass & 5:00pm Mass. *Ensemble* sings at the 5:00pm Mass. Coro en la misa de español a la 1:00 p.m.

Ushers: Assist with greeting parishioners, taking up the collections, seating people as needed.

Parish Life Ministries

Columbiette's: Women's auxiliary assisting the Knights of Columbus with Parish activities & fundraising.

CYO (Catholic Youth Organization): Sports program for grades 2nd-8th.

Fall Festival: OLG's biggest fundraiser event held on the last weekend of September.

Italian Catholic Federation (ICF): Non-profit fraternal organization promoting activities that build faith & family.

Knights of Columbus: Catholic Men's fraternal organization organizing year-round fundraising events to benefit OLG.

If you are interested in knowing more about our Ministries, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

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