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**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time
July 5th, 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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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,

Summer has arrived, bringing a beautiful shift in our daily rhythms and an invitation from the Lord to rest, reflect, and renew. Whether you are staying close to home, embarking on a family vacation, or planning a quiet personal retreat, this season provides a sacred space to step away from the relentless rush of everyday obligations.

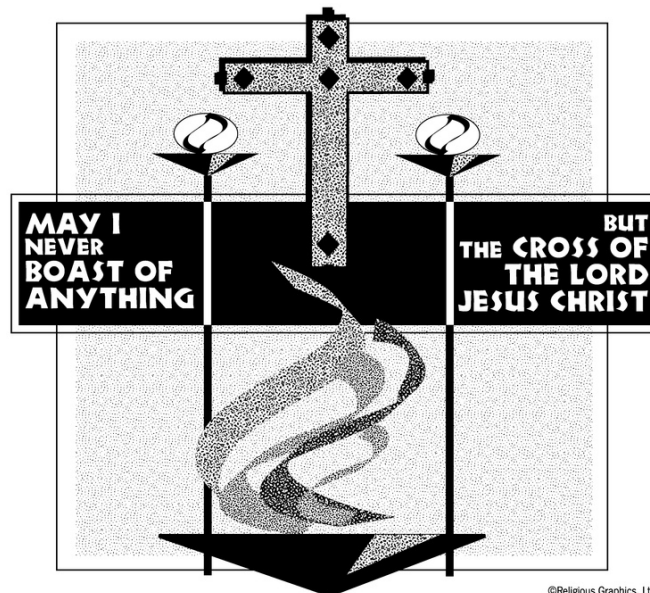
In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus offers a beautiful and tender invitation: *"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."* (Matthew 11:28). True rest is not merely escaping our responsibilities; it is laying our weariness at the feet of our Savior and allowing Him to renew our spirits.

To help us unpack this divine rest, we can look to St. Francis of Assisi as our companion for summer contemplation. St. Francis perfectly embodied the "little ones" Jesus praises in the Gospel—the humble souls to whom the Father reveals the mysteries of the Kingdom. Francis knew that true rest is found by unburdening ourselves of pride, ambition, and material anxieties. When we strip away the noise of our busy lives, we can look at the world with the same childlike wonder that Francis did.

This summer, we are invited to step into nature—whether it is a quiet park, a hiking trail, or your own backyard. Look at the beauty of creation, mimic the stillness of St. Francis, and practice a simple prayer of presence. Sit quietly, open your hands, and repeat Jesus' words: *"Learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart."* Let Jesus lift the heavy yokes you have been carrying alone.

As I write this, I am preparing to travel to the Mary & Joseph Retreat Center in Southern California for the second part of our Provincial Chapter. During the first part of our gathering, Brother James M. Reiter, OFM Conv., was elected Minister Provincial. Now, we come together once again with many of our fellow Friars to pray, rest, discern, and make important decisions regarding our ministries and our Franciscan way of life. Please keep all of us in your prayers during this important time.

-Fr. Luke



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The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 12th)

Matthew 13:1-23

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

NEWS FROM FESCO**FESCO Backpack Drive
July 11th-12th**

OLG is again supporting the FESCO backpack drive to help needy children get the school supplies they will need for the upcoming academic year. If you would like to help, you can sign up to provide the backpack supplies for a specific grade level student. Our FESCO reps will be outside the entrances to the church after the Masses on the weekend of **July 11th-12th** to give out the supply lists. If you are not able to get one of the lists after Mass, you may pick one up in the Parish Office during the week after July 12th if there are any left.

'Thank You' From FESCO Shuffle

Thank you to the OLG Parish community for supporting the FESCO Shuffle fundraiser. The families that receive the services benefit from the generosity of the participating churches and community members. Our Lady of Grace has been a loyal supporter of FESCO for many years! Thank you!!

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION**There's Still Time to Give!**

Thank you to those who gave generously last weekend. This special collection supports the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Leo XIV to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression and disasters. Please be generous! Envelopes are in the pews for your use. Please make your check out to "*Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland*".

**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/>.

**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!

**CONFIRMATION
REGISTRATION 2026-2027**

Grades 9th-12th

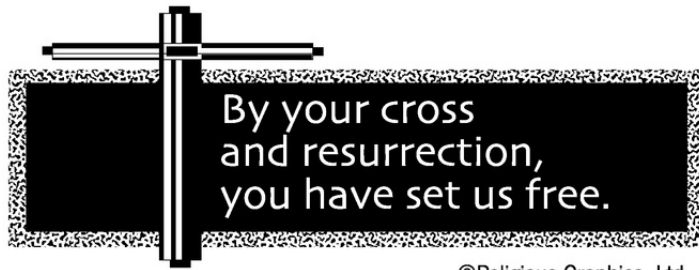


Online Registration and payment is available on our website at www.olgcv.org. On the homepage, scroll down and click on the 'Confirmation' box.

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/>.



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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@olgcv.org (First Communion) or Leanne leeanne.thomas@olgcv.org (Confirmation and Youth Ministry) for more information.

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:

Alejandra Amador
Wayne Blackard
Jeff Brown
Jot Brown
Marcelo Cabrera
Yolanda Caro
Norma Dockter
Theresa Hull-Nye
Skeet Jennings
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Cecilia Laverne

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Richard Lindgren
Maria Flores Martinez
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Diana Riley
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Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of the loved one.

In Memorial

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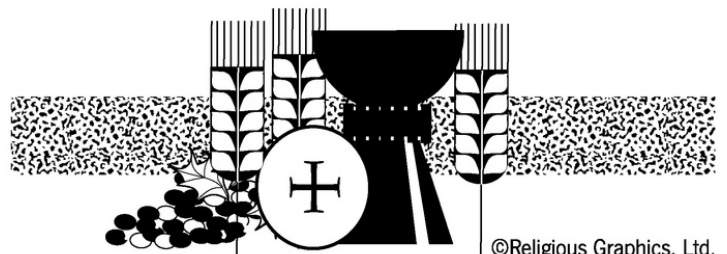
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*Sing joyfully to God, all the earth
Sing praise to his name!*

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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:

Leanne has been visited by the Sunday Team since 2020 and has been helped with food, tents, clothing and blankets. She was also given assistance applying for Cal Fresh and GA benefits. On April 10, 2026 after being homeless for 14 years she became housed at the new BACS St. Regis Center. This was truly a team effort with many people and agencies coming together to bring this about.

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

"It is painful to see there is so much potential work to do and to find that circumstances prevent us from getting started. But the Immaculata knows that as well and she will provide."

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 5th

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Tuesday, July 7th:

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

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

Thursday, July 9th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

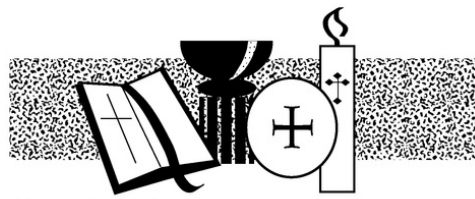
Saturday, July 11th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

Cursillo-Grand Ultreya
2:00pm—Stack Center

Sunday, July 12th

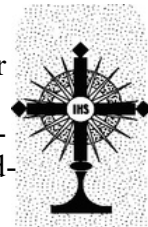
The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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.



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Mass for the Intentions Week

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

MONDAY, July 6th

St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr

8:15am Alejandro Ramirez--D

TUESDAY, July 7th

8:15am Racquel Kelly--D

WEDNESDAY, July 8th

8:15am Stan Futagaki--D

THURSDAY, July 9th

St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs

8:15am Thomas Graves--D

FRIDAY, July 10th

8:15am Eleuterio Jardim--D

SATURDAY, July 11th

St. Benedict, Abbot

8:15am Alice Nobleza--D

5:00pm Lilia Sousa--D

SUNDAY, July 12th

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

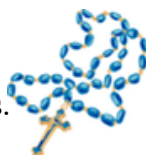
7:30am Cheryl Miraglia--L
 9:00am Antonio Oliveira Chocha--D
 11:00am OLG Community
 1:00pm Alfonso & Agapita Vazquez--D

**DEVOTIONAL CANDLES**

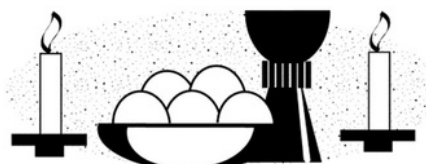
Candles for our candle stand are available for purchase. The candles will burn for 5 days and are only intended for use in the church. Please do not remove the glass globes from the stand. **The cost per candle is \$5.00.** You may put your payment in the slot, located at the candle stand.

**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!

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:****July 6th through July 12th**

Monday: Hosea 2:16-18, 21-22; Matthew 9:18-26
 Tuesday: Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:32-38
 Wednesday: Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8,12; Matthew 10:1-7
 Thursday: Hosea 11:1-4, 8-9; Matthew 10:7-15
 Friday: Hosea 14:2-10; Matthew 10:16-23
 Saturday: Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 10:24-33
 Sunday: Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23



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**SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING DURING THE SUMMER**

While you are away on summer trips, you can still stay up-to-date on your giving and continue your weekly offering through the summer months. Visit our parish website at www.olgcv.org and select "Online Giving" at the top of the homepage to register and get instructions on how to make offerings online. If you need help, contact Sharon at 510-537-0806 or email slsangco@olgcv.org.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Peace firstly means there are no wars...but it also means that there is friendship between all, that every day a step ahead is made for justice, so that there are no more children who are hungry, that there are no more sick children who do not have the possibility of receiving healthcare. Doing all of this means making peace."

-Pope Francis, 2015

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

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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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