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**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time
July 12th, 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.

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest!

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

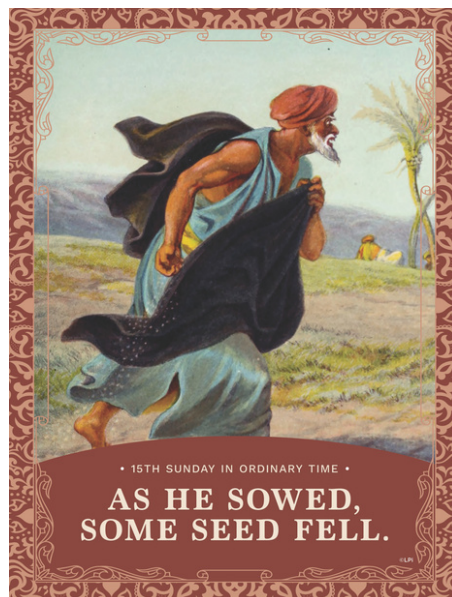
As we celebrate the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, our liturgy presents us with the beautiful image of Christ the Sower scattering the seed of His Word across the landscape of our lives. In the First Reading, the prophet Isaiah reminds us that God's Word never returns to Him empty; rather, it waters the earth, making it fertile and fruitful.

This Parable of the Sower serves as a perfect reflection on the value of Catholic education, Faith Formation and Youth Ministry. Our primary mission as a Catholic community is to ensure our young people become that "good soil". The environment where we plant our children matters deeply, which is why we must continually champion the irreplaceable value of a Catholic education and active Faith Formation. Our Catholic schools and parish catechetical programs are not just spaces for academic or intellectual instruction. They are sacred ecosystems where minds are nurtured, hearts are formed, and souls are drawn closer to Jesus Christ. By integrating daily prayer, sacramental life, and the Gospel into our young people's routine, we break up the "rocky ground" of modern secularism and pull out the "thorns" of worldly anxiety that threaten to choke their faith.

However, cultivating this rich soil does not end when the school bell rings. Faith must be lived in joyful community. This is why our Youth Ministry is so vital—it provides our teenagers and young adults with a peer community where their unique gifts are celebrated and their hunger for truth is fed. Our youth ministry programs are designed to help teens and young adults build a lasting community, develop their God-given talents, and learn to navigate the ethical and moral demands of the modern world.

I am asking every member of our community to get involved and support our young people. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, volunteer, or parishioner, your prayers and presence are vital. We are called to be fellow sowers, helping the next generation discover the beauty of the Gospel and deepen their personal relationship with Christ. I warmly encourage every family to register for our upcoming Faith Formation classes and get involved in Youth Ministry. Teens are especially invited to join us at Transfiguration Church for the 11:00 AM Mass, immediately following will be our BBQ Kick-Off. Let us work together to remove the rocks and thorns of anxiety and doubt. Together, we can prepare the hearts of our youth to be rich soil, yielding a lifelong harvest of faith, love, and service.

-Fr. Luke



The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 19th)

Matthew 13:24-43

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

**POTLUCK RECEPTION
FOR FR. PAUL FAZIO
August 9th**



Join us for a very special reception for Fr. Paul who will be transferred to the Provincial House on Redwood Road. Fr. Paul will preside at the 11:00am Mass and the reception will immediately follow in Stack Center. Please bring a dish to share. **We will celebrate his almost 10 years of service at Our Lady of Grace Church. Fr. Paul will be deeply missed!**



**THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF
CASTRO VALLEY PARISH PICNIC**

Save the Date!

**Sunday, August 16th
11:00am-3:00pm**

Join us for a wonderful day of faith and community with both of our parishes at Lake Chabot, Cove Picnic Area. We will begin the celebration with a bilingual Mass in the park at 11:00am, followed by lunch. *Please note that there will be no 11:00am Masses at OLG and Transfiguration and no 1:00pm Spanish Mass at OLG.* More details to come on how you can help with food, set-up and clean-up!



2026 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL

Following is the status of this appeal through **June 30th**:

Overall Goal for 2026:	\$29,000.00
# of Donors:	69
Funds Raised (includes pledges):	\$22,960.00

We are currently at 79% 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!

**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 this weekend, **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.



**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. Register today and avoid the late fee after September 15th. 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. Register today and avoid the late fee after September 15th. 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/>.

**OCIA 2026-2027****Order of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Our OCIA program begins 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.

**AN INVITATION TO ATTEND
A CURSILLO WEEKEND
St. Elizabeth Seton in Pleasanton**

Would you like to understand Christ's action in your personal life and in the lives of others? Develop a better understanding of church teachings while making new friends? During the Cursillo weekend, you will have time to discuss your faith, discover your unique gifts from God, and an opportunity for an examination of conscience that fosters new spiritual growth. Discover a way to impact your community and to bring the presence of Christ to all you meet.

**Men's Cursillo: September 10-13th
Women's Cursillo: September 24th-27th**

**Combined 4th Day: October 3rd (2-4pm)
St. Joan of Arc in San Ramon**

If you are interested in attending, please contact Roberta Santiago by email: roberta.santiago@olgcgv.org or 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 JUNE:**

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 41,839.94
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 48,439.48
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [6,599.54]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [228.93]

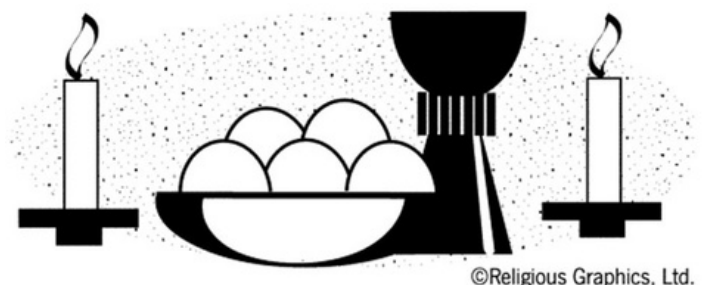
May God bless your continuing generosity.

**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
Catherine Godric
Theresa Hull-Nye
Skeet Jennings
Mark Jerome
Cecilia Laverne

Joan Lewis
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Maria Flores Martinez
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Diana Riley
Lisa Tortora
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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

ANTONIA FERRICK

RON EMORY

ESTHER AFANADOR

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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:

Hank is a self-employed handyman who lives in his truck. Though he is eligible to receive social security, he is determined to work until he can physically no longer do so. Every few months he comes into Castro Valley to do some jobs and we help him out with food and a gas card.

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.

Donations Needed for Our Homeless

St. Vincent de Paul continues to collect hygiene items for our unhoused neighbors during the months of July and August. Regular size items can be donated as well as travel size. Here are some of the products that are useful: toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand soap, body wash, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, combs, shaving products, feminine hygiene products, and hand sanitizer. They will be given to the homeless people who are visited each Sunday by the Encampment team. Please bring your donations to the Parish Office and thank you for your generosity.

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The Immaculata knows everything: let us remain, therefore, completely at peace!"

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 12th

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday, July 14th:

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

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

Wednesday, July 15th:

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

Thursday, July 16th:

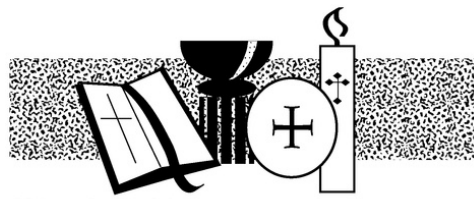
Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

Saturday, July 18th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

Sunday, July 19th

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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!



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!

Mass for the Intentions Week

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

MONDAY, July 13th

St. Henry

8:15am Antonio Manuel Capote--L

TUESDAY, July 14th

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

8:15am Esther Ramos--L

WEDNESDAY, July 15th

St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Ed Fagalde--D

THURSDAY, July 16th

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8:15am Francisco Hernandez--D

FRIDAY, July 17th

8:15am Barbara Wilson--L

SATURDAY, July 18th

St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

8:15am Margarita Ramos--L

5:00pm Johann Wolf--D

SUNDAY, July 19th

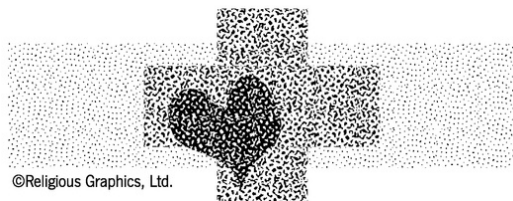
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Glen Alcorn--D

9:00am Dennis Cande--D

11:00am Brent White--D

1:00pm OLG Community

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:****July 13th through July 19th**

Monday: Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 10:34-11:1

Tuesday: Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday: Isaiah 10:5-7, 13-16; Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday: Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19;
Matthew 11:28-30Friday: Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8;
Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday: Micah 2:1-5; Matthew 12:14-21

Sunday: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:26-27;
Matthew 13:24-43**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.

**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.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Movements like Pax Christi are precious. They draw people's attention to the violence which shatters the harmony between human beings which is at the heart of creation. You help to develop conscience, so that justice and the search for the common good can prevail in the relations between individuals and peoples."

-St. John Paul II, 1995

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

EXECUTION ALERTS

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

July 14th Dennis Sochor Florida

July 28th Dominick Anthony Occhicone, Jr. Florida

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

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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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