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**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time
July 19th, 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

Staffed by the Conventual Franciscans:

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Fr. Kevin Schindler-McGraw, OFM Conv., Parochial Vicar

Fr. Paul Fazio, OFM Conv., In Residence

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Sacramental Preparation for Adults:

Please contact Parish Office for information.

Secretary: Jay Aquitania

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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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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 Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

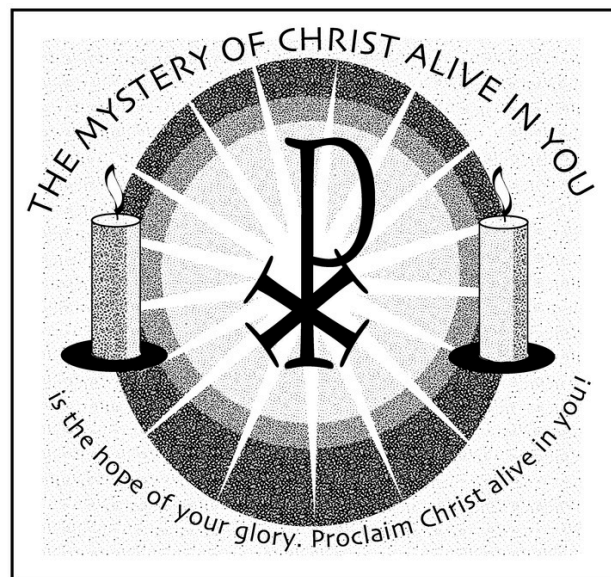
This Sunday's Liturgy of the Word brings us a powerful message of patience, unity, and growth. In the Gospel, Jesus shares the parable of the wheat and the weeds growing side by side until the harvest. It is natural to look at the world—or even our own parish—and want to immediately uproot every flaw, struggle, and disagreement. However, the landowner counsels patience, commanding, *"Let them grow together until harvest."*

In the Second Reading (Romans 8:26-27), the Apostle Paul reminds us that Christ is our peace, the one who breaks down dividing walls and reconciles us into one body. Just as the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness, guiding our prayers when we do not know how to pray, we are called to lean on one another.

Our parish is a rich field of diverse gifts, backgrounds, and perspectives. We are called not to judge or separate, but to work together as one family in Christ. True unity does not mean we are all identical; rather, it means combining our unique gifts to build up God's Kingdom. Let us commit to nurturing the good seed within our community, working together with patience, and welcoming one another as Christ has welcomed us.

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to everyone who helped make our Teen BBQ Kick-Off at Transfiguration Church last Sunday such a fantastic success. Seeing our community come together to support our youth is a beautiful reminder of the vibrant spirit here at our church. Because of your hard work, our teens enjoyed great food, fun games, and a welcoming environment to kick off the new youth ministry together. Whether you grilled the hotdogs, served drinks, set up tables, cleaned up afterward, or spent time talking with and welcoming the youth, your contribution made a difference. You did not just serve food; you helped build a space where our young people feel valued, seen, and loved by their church community. Please know that your time, energy, and joyful service are greatly appreciated. We could not have done this without you.

-Fr. Luke



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The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 26th)

Matthew 13:44-52

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



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CASTRO VALLEY PARISH PICNIC

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

Join us for a wonderful day of faith and community with both of our parishes. More details to come!



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!

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

We recently welcomed

Abigail Tena Collier
Thiago Haziell Alvarado Lopez
Abraham Marquez Villa
Mairani Marquez Villa

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

POTLUCK RECEPTION FOR FR. PAUL FAZIO August 9th



Join us for a very special potluck 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 call the Parish Office to let us know what dish you will be sharing. **We will celebrate his almost 10 years of service at Our Lady of Grace Church. Fr. Paul will be deeply missed!**



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/>.



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**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@olgc.org or call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

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 **July 23rd**.



**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 **August 5th** 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 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:

Wayne Blackard
Jeff Brown
Jot Brown
Norma Dockter
Catherine Godric
Theresa Hull-Nye
Skeets Jennings
Mark Jerome
Cecilia Laverne

Joan Lewis
Brian Linney
Richard Lindgren
Maria Flores Martinez
Sheryl Michaud
Diana Riley
Lisa Tortora
Peggy Winkenbach

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

In Memorial

CATHERINE LUCAS

ANTONIA FERRICK

VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

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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.





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:

Several years ago, Abby fell while working at Macy's. She has had two neck surgeries. Her balance is off and she has fallen a number of times. She is losing her sight now and will need surgery. Though she has worked out a payment plan with PG&E for past due bills, she needs help with this month's payment so that the money she has can be used for her eye surgery.

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. Many thanks to those who have already contributed! 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

"He who truly consecrates himself unreservedly to the Immaculata is very happy here in the midst of difficulties, poverty, suffering and so on."

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 19th

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday, July 21st:

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

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

Thursday, July 23rd:

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

Knights of Columbus Meeting
6:30pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

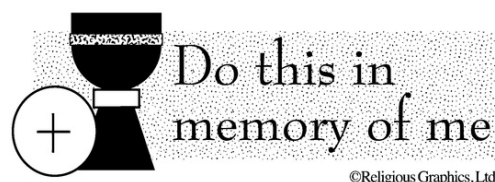
Saturday, July 25th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

Garden Clean-up
10:00am—Prayer Garden

Sunday, July 26th

The Seventeenth 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!



1ST FRIDAYS OF EACH MONTH EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION August 7th

All are invited to join us after the 8:15am Mass for Exposition and Benediction of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



Mass for the Intentions Week

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

MONDAY, July 20th

St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr

8:15am Louis Rodriguez--D

TUESDAY, July 21st

St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Teresita Tible--D

WEDNESDAY, July 22nd

St. Mary Magdalene

8:15am Rhett Sigmon--L

THURSDAY, July 23rd

St. Bridget, Religious

8:15am Modesta Lachica--D

FRIDAY, July 24th

St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

8:15am Cristina Castellanos--D

SATURDAY, July 25th

St. James, Apostle

8:15am Stan Futagaki--D
 5:00pm Gloria Porciuncula--D

SUNDAY, July 26th

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

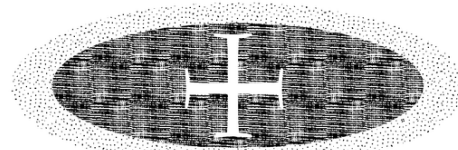
7:30am John & Shirley Fagundes--D
 9:00am Peter Crone-Simmons--D
 11:00am OLG Community
 1:00pm Imelda & Ramiro Navarro Sanchez--D

His presence among us continues forever

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**July 20th through July 26th**

Monday: Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Matthew 12:38-42
 Tuesday: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Matthew 12:46-50
 Wednesday: Song of Songs 3:1-4; John 20:1-2, 11-18
 Thursday: Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Matthew 13:10-17
 Friday: Jeremiah 3:14-17; Matthew 13:18-23
 Saturday: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28
 Sunday: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52



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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.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Let us not tire of preaching love; it is the force that will overcome the world. Let us not tire of preaching love. Though we see that waves of violence succeed in drowning the fire of Christian love, love must win out; it is the only thing that can."

-St. Oscar Romero, 1980

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 execution is scheduled to take place in July:

July 28th Dominick Anthony Florida
 Occhicone, Jr.

We ask for your prayers for this person, for the victims of his crimes, and for their families.

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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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