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**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time
July 26th, 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

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Fr. Kevin Schindler-McGraw, OFM Conv., Parochial Vicar
Fr. Paul Fazio, OFM Conv., In Residence

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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

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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,

What is the Kingdom of Heaven worth to you? This weekend, Jesus tells us it is like a hidden treasure or a pearl of great price. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a "treasure hidden in a field" or a "pearl of great price". When a merchant finds it, he goes and sells all that he has to buy it. Jesus reminds us that the Kingdom of Heaven is worth sacrificing everything to gain.

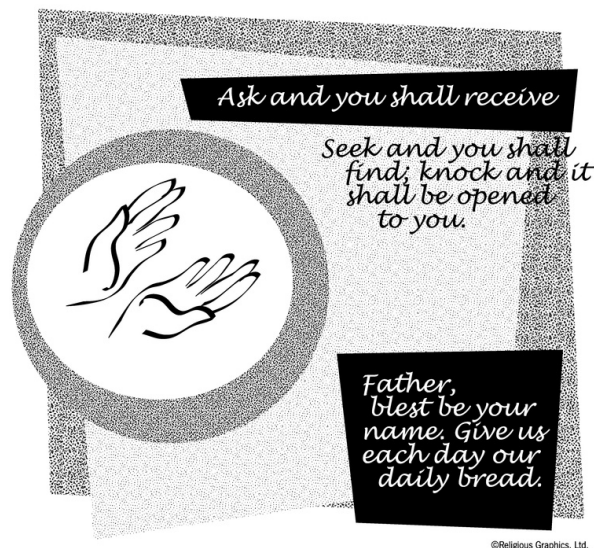
As we look forward to our joint parish picnic on Sunday, August 16 at 11:00 AM at Transfiguration Church, we can see a beautiful parallel between this weekend's parable and our two communities. Much like the merchant who discovers a priceless treasure, we recognize the great value of our shared faith and fellowship. Come celebrate this treasure together!

Building God's Kingdom requires us to share our gifts. Just as King Solomon asked God for an "understanding heart" to lead the people (1 Kings 3:9), we, too, ask for wisdom and discernment as our two parishes come together to plan and work as one. Organizing a gathering of this scale is a wonderful opportunity to live out St. Paul's encouragement to "live in a manner worthy of the call" by bearing with one another through love (Romans 8:28).

By sharing our resources, talents, and volunteers, we are mirroring the early Christian communities who shared all things in common. This picnic is not just an afternoon of food and games; it is an active expression of our unity in Christ and an opportunity to welcome new faces. I warmly invite all representatives, volunteers, and parishioners from both Our Lady of Grace Church and Church of the Transfiguration to help make this picnic of unity a reality. Together, let's plan a joyful, faith-filled event that brings our families and communities closer in fellowship.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our church families. May God bless our collaborative efforts, and may we always recognize the treasure we have in one another.

-Fr. Luke



The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 2nd)

Matthew 14:13-21

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

Transfiguration Church & Parking Lot

Join us for a wonderful day of faith and community with both of our parishes! ***Our picnic location has been changed to Transfiguration.*** We will begin with a bilingual Mass in the church at 11:00am. Lunch will begin at Noon, followed by fun and games! Please note that there will be no 11:00am and 1:00pm Masses at OLG.

There are many ways you may contribute to make this year's Parish Picnic a memorable one. Just scan each of the QR codes below to assist with letting us know how many in your household are coming, what dish you will share and if you are able to help with set-up, replenishing food and beverages or clean-up.



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BRING FOOD



VOLUNTEER

See You There!



OLG'S PARISH & SCHOOL

FALL FESTIVAL

September 26th & 27th

Save the Date!

Our annual Festival planning is in the works! As always, our Festival will have Outdoor Sunday Mass, delicious food, live music and entertainment, exciting Raffle and carnival games.

Be on the lookout for your Raffle tickets which will be mailed to you. Fill them out with your contact information and turn them in to the Parish Office. *You could be the \$1000 Grand Prize Winner!*

The Festival cannot succeed without the time and talent of our parishioners and School families. Stay tuned for more details on how you can help make this year's Festival a memorable one for all!

ANNUAL MISSION CO-OP APPEAL

Next Weekend-August 1st & 2nd

We are privileged to welcome next weekend Bishop Benny Varghese Edathattel of the Diocese of Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, India to Our Lady of Grace. He has been assigned by our Diocesan Mission Office, asking for an appeal to assist the very poor. He is a zealous missionary and he brings the message of Christ's love to remote villages and cities close to the border of Tibet. His life and ministry has been marked by a deep commitment to faith, education and pastoral care. The Diocese of Itanagar is comprised of 17 civil districts of Western Arunachal Pradesh. The Diocese is bounded by Tibet in the north, Bhutan on the west, Diocese of Miao to the east and the state of Assam in the south.

Please consider supporting the outreach to the extremely poor people of the Diocese of Itanagar with your donation to the Mission Co-op Appeal. Envelopes will be the pews for your use. You may make your checks out to "Propagation of the Faith". Bishop Benny and all the Missionary groups who benefit from this appeal are deeply grateful for your generosity.

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.olgev.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.



COFFEE AND DONUTS

August 2nd

Come join us after the 9:00am Sunday Mass on **August 2nd** in the Gathering Area for coffee, donuts and community. *We thank the Knights of Columbus for this ministry of hospitality.* See you there!

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.



Join Us for Youth Group! July 29th at Transfiguration Hall

We are excited to invite all 12-17 year olds to Transfiguration Hall on July 29th at 6:00pm! Come together in Faith, Friendship and Prayer. Join us for games and snacks. See you there!



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!

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

JEFFREY McMASTER

CATHERINE LUCAS

VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

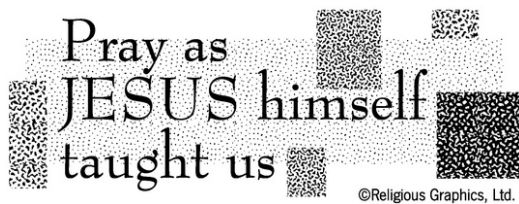
VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE



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!



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MONTHLY DONATIONS

This weekend, members of St. Vincent de Paul will be at the entrances after the Masses to accept donations for their work with those in need in our community. We want to thank you for your continued support to make this ministry possible. Recently we teamed with the Transfiguration Conference to assist this neighbor:

Abraham lives with his mother and 2 children in subsidized housing in CV. He has been out of work for the past 4 months and has fallen behind in his rent. He has received a 3-day notice to pay and his landlord is not interested in giving him a payment plan. He has been homeless in the past and is quite fearful of that happening again. He will begin a new job in 2 weeks and feels confident that he can keep up on his rent after that.

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 during the months of July and August. Many thanks to those who have already contributed! 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

"It is admittedly hard to do everything at once but those who are truly consecrated to the Immaculata never even think of it and are happy to be able to suffer a little, at times, for the Immaculata."

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 26th

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday, July 28th:

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

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

Thursday, July 30th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

Saturday, August 1st:

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

Militia Immaculata
10:00am—Stack Center, OLG Room

Sunday, August 2nd:

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

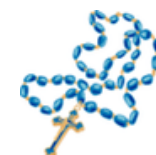


PRE-BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS & GODPARENTS

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.

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!



Mass for the Intentions Week

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

MONDAY, July 27th

8:15am Claudia Garcia--L

TUESDAY, July 28th

8:15am Theresa Ho--L

WEDNESDAY, July 29th

Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus

8:15am Gina Castillo--D

THURSDAY, July 30th

St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Stan Futagaki--D

FRIDAY, July 31st

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

8:15am Cristina Castellanos--D

SATURDAY, August 1st

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Doug Reetz & Family--L

5:00pm Glen Alcorn--D

SUNDAY, August 2nd

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am OLG Community
 9:00am Mark Ismael--L
 11:00am Paul Nguyen--L
 1:00pm Esperanza Alonso Ortega-D

DO not
be AFRAID

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**July 27th through August 2nd**

Monday: Jeremiah 13:1-11; Matthew 13:31-35
 Tuesday: Jeremiah 14:17-22; Matthew 13:36-43
 Wednesday: Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21;
 Matthew 11:19-27
 Thursday: Jeremiah 18:1-6; Matthew 13:47-53
 Friday: Jeremiah 26:1-9; Matthew 13:54-58
 Saturday: Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24;
 Matthew 14:1-12
 Sunday: Isaiah 55:1-3; Romans 8:35, 37-39;
 Matthew 14:13-21



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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.

**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.

**PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"The first job of all is to understand the psychological forces at work in ourselves and in society."

-Thomas Merton, 1961

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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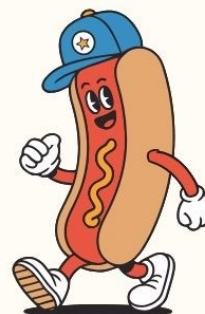
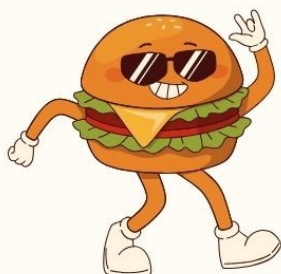
Unity in Community

PARKING LOT PICNIC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Transfiguration Church



MASS AT TRANSFIGURATION

Please join us at 11:00 AM in Transfiguration Church to celebrate mass. Please note: There will be no 11:00 mass at OLG that day.

RSVP

Online by 8/8 at <https://tinyurl.com/PicnicRSVP2026> or by calling the OLG parish office at 510.537.0806 or the Transfiguration parish office at 510.538.7941.

FOOD

The parishes are providing barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs as well as beverages; lunch at NOON. You can sign up to bring salad or dessert here: <https://tinyurl.com/picnicfood2026>

FUN AND GAMES for Kids and Adults!

HOW ELSE TO HELP: We really need help setting up, replenishing food and beverages and cleanup. Many hands make light work! Please sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/cvpicnicvolunteer2026>

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