

OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary
Time
August 23rd, 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:

Fr. Luke Vu, OFM Conv., Parochial Administrator
Fr. Angel Garcia, OFM Conv., Parochial Vicar
Fr. Kevin Schindler-McGraw, OFM Conv., Parochial Vicar
Fr. Paul Fazio, OFM Conv., In Residence

**Parish Registration, Baptism, Marriage, and
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

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,

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make last Sunday's joint parish picnic a truly joyful and successful celebration! I want to extend a special thank you to:

- The planning committee for organizing the logistics.
- The liturgy committee and the joint choir.
- Our volunteers who cooked, set up, and cleaned up.
- Everyone who brought food and shared our meal together.
- All who attended and brought your warm, welcoming spirits.

Seeing our communities come together as one family of faith brought great joy to my heart.

Our gathering was a beautiful reflection of this weekend's readings for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time. In our first reading from the prophet Isaiah, God establishes a firm place of honor and entrusts leadership within the house of David. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus builds upon this divine authority, asking Peter, "Who do you say that I am?" and declaring Peter the rock upon which His Church is built. Peter's bold profession—"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God"—is the bedrock of our identity. Just as Peter answered the call to build up the church, we are called to build up our community together.

When I looked around at our vibrant parish community sharing a meal, laughing, and supporting one another at the picnic, I saw that living faith in action. Like St. Paul exclaims in our second reading from Romans, "Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!", I too marveled at the blessings the Lord pours out on our parish. Thank you for letting the love of Christ shine through your fellowship and service. May God continue to bless our sister parish, strengthen our unity, and deepen our love for one another.

Please mark your calendar for our upcoming parish retreat on Saturday, October 17th, from 9:00AM to 5:00 PM at Our Lady of Grace Church. This year, we are blessed to gather under the theme, "REBUILD MY CHURCH" — A FRANCISCAN JUBILEE YEAR DAY OF RENEWAL. This special day of reflection offers our community a powerful opportunity to come together, renew our faith, and grow closer to Christ. All are welcome to attend, and I look forward to sharing this sacred time of grace and fellowship with you.

-Fr. Luke

REJOICE
in the LORD our GOD

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The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 30th)

Matthew 16:21-27

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



OLG'S PARISH & SCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL September 26th & 27th

Family Fun for All!

Free admission, Sunday Morning Mass (in the church), Exciting Raffle, Carnival Games, International Gourmet Food, Pancake Breakfast, and much more!

Become a Volunteer!

Sign up for a timeslot and offer your time and talent by scanning the QR code. Signups are available for *Game Booths, Food and Beverages Booths, Kid Zone and Operations.*



Reserve Your Festival T-Shirts!



Cost is \$15 each child size and \$20 each adult size. Get yours today (before they run out!). Scan the QR code to place your order and pick up at the Parish Office. You may also purchase T-shirts at the Parish Office. Please bring your payment of cash or check.

Raffle Tickets!

Be sure to turn in your Raffle Ticket stubs to the Parish Office for a chance to win the \$1000 Grand Prize! Cost is \$1 per ticket or \$25 for 26 tickets.

WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY/FAITH SHARE Begins September 1st



Have you ever wanted to get more out of the readings you hear at Sunday Mass? In this study with Dr. Brant Pitre, we will focus on the upcoming Sunday Mass Readings and how the Gospel reading connects with the Old Testament reading and Responsorial Psalm. This study includes questions for discussion and personal reflection.

This Women's Evening Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, **September 1st at 7:00pm** in Stack Center Room 7. We will meet every Tuesday through the end of the year. Cost is \$10 and can be paid on the first night.



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.

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.



DEEP GRATITUDE FROM FR. PAUL FAZIO

I deeply thank everybody who participated at the 11:00am Mass on August 9th. I was deeply moved by all your presence. For me, it has been a joyous occasion to be part of the OLG Community. Whatever the future holds, I will remember you. I will remember you in my thoughts and prayers. I hope this is not farewell, but that we will see each other again soon.

Thank you very much,
Fr. Paul

WITH HEART-FELT GRATITUDE...

The family of Catherine Mullins Lucas express their most sincere appreciation to the Our Lady of Grace family for its prayers and many kindnesses following Catherine's death. In a particular way we thank Fr. Luke, the members of Helping Hands, and the OLG Folk Group for their support. You have honored Catherine in that way, and we thank you for that.



-Anthony & Mary Mullins, Sabina & Merle Hill
& Fr. Kevin Mullins, OSA

AMAZING PARISH PICNIC TURNOUT!

What a wonderful picnic last Sunday! Deepest thanks to everyone from Transfig and OLG who volunteered, brought delicious food, and participated. We proved that when we come together as one community, we can achieve amazing things and enjoy great fellowship.



OCIA 2026-2027

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Our OCIA program begins on September 30th at 6:30pm in the Parish Office. 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!



CYO FALL SPORTS 2026 REGISTRATION

Boys Basketball & Girls Volleyball

Registration for Boys Basketball (Grades 2nd-8th) and Girls Volleyball (Grades 4th-8th) is open to all students living within our parish boundaries. **Registration closes on September 5th.** Space is limited! Fee is \$250 plus uniform fee. Sibling discount code for 15% off: SIBLINGS.

For more information and to register online, visit:

www.olgcvcyo.com. Questions? Email

olgcycv@gmail.com

Cross Country

Registration for Cross Country is open to all students (Grades K-8th) living within our parish boundaries. **Registration closes on September 5th.** Fee is \$75 and includes a t-shirt. Sibling discount code for 15% off: SIBLINGS. For more information and to register online, visit: www.olgcvcyo.com.

FRANCISCAN JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

September 5th (8:00am-6:00pm)

Faithful from the Diocese of Oakland are invited to a day of deep spiritual reflection in celebration of the 800th Anniversary of the Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi in 1226. Join us for a pilgrimage featuring a rigorous, faith-filled schedule across the Diocese, including Adoration and Benediction at Our Lady of Grace at 9:30am. Pilgrims are encouraged to arrange carpools early due to tight travel windows between stops. Lunch and snacks are self-provided. A prayer guide will be prepared and distributed, so kindly RSVP by emailing rector@oakdiocese.org. For more details on the pilgrimage schedule, please visit: <https://olgcv.org/franciscan-jubilee-year/>

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 JULY:**

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 38,709.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 40,795.38
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [2,086.38]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [2,315.31]

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:

Kathleen Benassi
Wayne Blackard
Jeff Brown
Jot Brown
Mary Chocha
Norma Dockter
Catherine Godric
Theresa Hull-Nye
Skeets Jennings
Mark Jerome

Mark Jerome
Cecilia Laverne
Joan Lewis
Brian Linney
Richard Lindgren
Maria Flores Martinez
Sheryl Michaud
Diana Riley
Lisa Tortora

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

In Memorial

PEGGY WINKENBACH

EILEEN SHRADER



ICF BITES & BINGO

September 19th

Join the Italian Catholic Federation of Castro Valley Branch #343 for "Bites & Bingo" on **September 19th** from 11:30am to 2:30pm in Stack Center. Enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and 5 bingo cards for \$30 per person (\$15 for children under 10). Win cash, gifts and raffle prizes! To register, pick up a flyer at the back of the church and mail it with your payment (please make checks payable to *ICF Br#343*) to: Lisa Crudo at 20965 San Miguel Ave., CV, 94546. Proceeds benefit seminarians, fund Thalassemia research and the scholarship fund. See you there!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, **August 28th**. We thank you for your understanding.



**"REBUILD MY CHURCH"
A Franciscan Jubilee Year
Day of Renewal
October 17th (9am-5pm)**

In this Jubilee Year proclaimed by Pope Leo XIV, join fellow parishioners in Stack Center for a one-day Franciscan retreat (no overnight stay). Through conferences, prayer, and Holy Mass, discover what it means to be *living stones* in the rebuilding of Christ's Church today. Suggested donation is \$10. To register, please call the Parish Office at 510-537-0806



**2026 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES
APPEAL**

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

Overall Goal for 2026:	\$29,000.00
# of Donors:	76
Funds Raised (includes pledges):	\$25,912.00

We are currently at 89% of our goal!

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.



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



During the Cursillo weekend, you will have the opportunity 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 10th-13th
Women's Cursillo: September 24th-27th
Combined 4th Day: October 3rd (2-4pm) at
St. Joan of Arc in San Ramon**

If you are interested in attending, please contact Roberta Santiago by email: roberta.santiago@olgc.org

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 23rd:

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Communion-Year 2 Class
10:15am—Stack Center

Tuesday, August 25th:

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

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

Wednesday, August 26th:

Youth Group
6:00pm—Stack Center

Thursday, August 27th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

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

Friday, August 28th:

Parish Office Closed

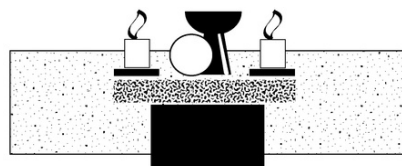
Saturday, August 29th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

Sunday, August 30th:

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confirmation Class
11:15am—Stack Center



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MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We absolutely need to be able to break through the walls of hearts."

Mass for the Intentions Week

SUNDAY, August 23rd

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Gregory Prinsze--D
 9:00am Theresa Erwin--L
 11:00am OLG Community
 1:00pm Ortega-Duarte Family--L

MONDAY, August 24th

St. Bartholomew, Apostle

8:15am Ron Emory--D

TUESDAY, August 25th

St. Louis

St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

8:15am Teresa Ramos--D

WEDNESDAY, August 26th

8:15am Antonia Ferrick--D

THURSDAY, August 27th

St. Monica

8:15am Theresa Ho & Family--L

FRIDAY, August 28th

St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Agustin Ramos--D

SATURDAY, August 29th

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:15am Fernando Flores Martinez--D

5:00pm Pat Grasso--D

SUNDAY, August 30th

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am OLG Community
 9:00am Debbie & Doug Reetz & Family
 11:00am Henrigueta Gomes--D
 1:00pm Federico & Gese Valerio--D

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

August 24th through August 30th

Monday: Revelations 21:9-14; John 1:45-51
 Tuesday: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3, 14-17;
 Matthew 23:23-26
 Wednesday: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18;
 Matthew 23:27-32
 Thursday: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9;
 Matthew 24:42-51
 Friday: 1 Corinthians 1:17-25;
 Matthew 25:1-13
 Saturday: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Mark 6:17-29
 Sunday: Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2;
 Matthew 16:21-27

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PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"...the basic problem is not political, it is a-political and human. One of the most important things to do is to keep cutting deliberately through political lines and barriers and emphasizing the fact that these are largely fabrications and that there is another dimension, a genuine reality, totally opposed to the fictions of politics: the human dimension which politics pretend to arrogate entirely to themselves."

-Thomas Merton, 1983

OLG CONFIRMATION INTERNSHIP

Have you been confirmed at OLG? Would you like to serve as a leader to help guide our young people through their confirmation as well? Our OLG Confirmation Team is beginning an internship program for youth and young adults who have been recently confirmed and would like to be mentored and to gain experience in helping young people to understand and embrace their faith. (Internships also are great for college applications!) If you're interested in learning more and serving with us, contact Leeanne and Matt at leeanne.thomas@olgcv.org.

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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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