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**Twenty-Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 30th, 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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Please contact Parish Office for information.

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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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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,

Peace and all good to you!

I am writing to share some joyful and humbling news with you. As recently announced by Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, I have officially been appointed as your new pastor, effective August 1, 2026. Having previously served you as parochial vicar and parochial administrator, it is a profound joy to continue ministering to this vibrant faith community. I look forward to walking alongside you as we shepherd the Our Lady of Grace — Transfiguration Cluster here in Castro Valley.

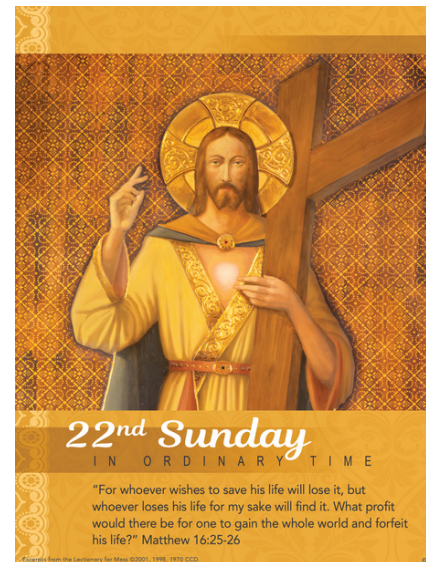
This weekend's readings speak straight to my heart as I take on this new responsibility, and they offer a road map for all of us as disciples. In the Gospel (Matthew 16:21–27), Jesus gives us the real cost of following him. Right after Peter confesses that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus explains that he must suffer and die. Peter tries to stop him, but Jesus corrects him quickly: *"You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."* Then, Jesus lays down the law of love: *"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."*

"Serving as pastor for our two vibrant, "Martha and Mary" parishes is both a beautiful gift and a heavy cross. It requires self-denial, deep trust, and constant energy. I cannot carry this mantle alone. While I am here to serve you, I need you to walk with me and help bear this cross. Discipleship is never a solo journey. We must collectively sacrifice our time, comfort, and preferences to build God's Kingdom together.

Saint Paul gives us our instructions for this transition in our second reading: *"Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind"* (Romans 12:2). The secular world tells us to focus on individual status, division, and control. But as we blend our unique gifts across Our Lady of Grace and Transfiguration, we are called to think anew. Let us offer our shared ministry as a living, holy sacrifice, looking beyond parish boundaries to focus entirely on our unity in Christ.

As I assume my official duties as your pastor, I humbly request your prayers. Pray that I may shepherd this flock with a servant's heart. May the Lord grant me wisdom, patience, and strength to guide our cluster, and may he preserve holy unity across both of our wonderful parishes. Please know that I am praying daily for you and your families as well. May the Transfigured Lord fill our community with his divine light. And may Our Lady of Grace protect us with her maternal care.

-Fr. Luke



The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 6th)

Matthew 18:15-20

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

He first  loved us

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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!

Get Your Pancake Breakfast Tickets! September 27th 8:30-11:00am

Join us for a delicious breakfast prepared by OLG parents in Stack Center. Cost is \$10 per adult and \$7 per child (10 & under).



Get Your Pasta Dinner Tickets! September 27th Doors open at 3:30pm

Join us for a delicious pasta dinner in Stack Center. Cost is \$20 per adult and \$10 per child (10 & under). Advanced purchase required by 9/22.



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.*



Purchase 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.



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION 2026-2027 1st Communion & Whole Family Grades 1st-8th

Last day to register is September 15th! Online Registration and payment is available 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.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION 2026-2027 Grades 9th-12th



Last day to register is September 15th! Online Registration and payment is available 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.



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!

DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT BENEFIT TRUST Next Weekend-September 5th & 6th

This special collection for the Diocesan Priest Retirement Benefit Trust next weekend allows us to express gratitude and support for our retired and soon-to-be retired priests, many of whom are still "*laboring in the vineyard*" in service to the faithful. They now face retirement with minimal government assistance. Please prayerfully consider how you can match their generosity to the Church by contributing to the Retirement Fund. Envelopes will be in the pews for your use. Please make your checks out to "*Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland*". Thank you and God bless!

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.

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 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/>



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.olgvcvco.com. Questions? Email olgcyocv@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.olgvcvco.com.

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
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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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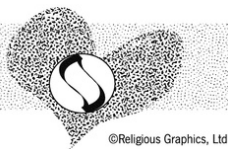


ICF BITES & BINGO

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!

**LORD, enkindle the fire
of your love in our hearts**



**"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



**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 **September 2nd** in Stack Center, OLG Room at 7:00pm. Please call Jay at 510-537-0806 to register.

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.



**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@olgcgv.org

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 30th:

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confirmation Class
11:15am—Stack Center

Tuesday, September 1st:

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

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

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

Wednesday, September 2nd:

Pre-Baptism Class
7:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Thursday, September 3rd:

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

Friday, September 4th:

1st Friday Exposition & Benediction
After the 8:15am Mass—Church

Saturday, September 5th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

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

Sunday, September 6th:

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 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

MONDAY, August 31st

8:15am Vincent Quintana--L

TUESDAY, September 1st

8:15am Ron Emory--D

WEDNESDAY, September 2nd

8:15am Frank Groves--D

THURSDAY, September 3rd

St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Mary Chocha--L

FRIDAY, September 4th

8:15am Cristina Castellanos--D

SATURDAY, September 5th

St. Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin

8:15am Robert, Pauline, Dennis
& Phyllis Latzy--D

5:00pm Lasalette & Andrew Capote--L

SUNDAY, September 6th

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am OLG Community
 9:00am Manuel Reyes--D
 11:00am Sophie Nguyen--L
 1:00pm Rosa Martinez Reyes-D

**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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

August 31st through September 6th

Monday: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Luke 4:16-30
 Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 2:10-16; Luke 4:31-37
 Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Luke 4:38-44
 Thursday: 1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Luke 5:1-11
 Friday: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Luke 5:33-39
 Saturday: 1 Corinthians 4:6-15; Luke 6:1-5
 Sunday: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

**1ST FRIDAYS OF EACH MONTH
 EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION
 September 4th**

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


**DRESS-A-GIRL MINISTRY
 September 9th**

Join us for our monthly *Dress-a-Girl* gathering and help make sundresses for young school girls in foreign countries. We will meet on Wednesday, **September 9th** at the Transfiguration Church Hall, 10:00am-12:00pm. If you're interested, please contact Yolanda Arredondo at 510-303-4023 or email: Yarredondo747@gmail.com.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"For every fundamental human right draws its indestructible moral force from the natural law, which in granting it imposes a corresponding obligation. Those, therefore, who claim their own rights, yet altogether forget or neglect to carry out their respective duties, are people who build with one hand and destroy with the other."

-Pope John XXIII, 1963

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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