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**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time
August 2nd, 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. Angel Garcia, OFM Conv., Parochial Vicar
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.

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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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Principal: Mark Manifesto

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.

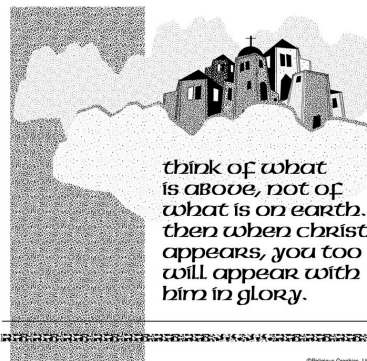
Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 14:13–21), we hear the familiar and beautiful story of the Multiplication of the Loaves and the Fishes. When the disciples saw only a massive, hungry crowd and a meager five loaves and two fish, they grew anxious. But Jesus took what little they had, blessed it, broke it, and gave it back to them. Not only was everyone fed, but they filled twelve baskets with the fragments left over.

This miracle points directly forward to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Every time we gather for the Eucharist, Jesus takes our modest offerings—our time, our struggles, our simple gifts—and transforms them into the true Bread of Life. He reminds us that when we give what little we have to God, He multiplies it to bless others. Just as the Lord provides for the multitudes, He continues to bless and guide our parish. As we move through the summer, please note these important parish transitions:

- **Clergy Changes:** We bid a fond farewell to Fr. Paul Fazio as he moves to the Provincial House on Redwood Road. Please join us for a potluck reception in his honor on Sunday, August 9th, following the 11:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church. We also warmly welcome Fr. John Heinz as the new Guardian of St. Maximilian Kolbe Friary (Casa) and Fr. Tammylee Ngo as our new priest in resident.
- **Welcome Our New Principal:** It is a special privilege to welcome Mr. Mark Manifesto as the new Principal of Our Lady of Grace School. Moving into this role from his previous positions as a 5th-grade teacher and Vice Principal, Mr. Manifesto brings a deep personal faith and a clear vision to our community. We are excited for him to lead our students in cultivating both academic excellence and strong spiritual formation.
- **Official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony & Blessing of the Facilities:** We have been so blessed to witness the culmination of our community's shared sacrifice, labor, and prayers with the completion of our newly remodeled school facilities. Please join us on August 9th for fellowship, coffee, and doughnuts on the newly refurbished school patio after the 9:00AM Mass. I invite you to keep our outgoing clergy in your prayers. At the same time, I ask you to extend a warm, joyful welcome to our new principal and priests as they transition into their roles. Let us move forward with open hands, confident that the Lord will continue to bless and provide for our parish community.

-Fr. Luke



The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 9th)

Matthew 14:22-23

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! 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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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

August 1st & 2nd

We are privileged to welcome 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 are in 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!**



OLG CATHOLIC SCHOOL RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

August 9th

Fr. Luke along with the administration, faculty, and staff of Our Lady of Grace Catholic School warmly invite you to celebrate the joyful milestone in the life of our school community. Join us for a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for our newly remodeled school facilities. Join us at the 9:00am Mass, followed by the Official Ribbon Cutting and refreshments in the School Courtyard. See you there!

MASS OF THE ASSUMPTION**August 15th**

We welcome you to join us to celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on **August 15th at 8:15am.**



**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.

**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.

**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@olgcv.org

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****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!



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We deeply thank the following donors who have given generously towards sponsoring our Altar Candle Memorial.

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**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
SEEKING DONATIONS FOR OUR
HOMELESS**

St. Vincent de Paul continues to collect hygiene items during the month of 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.

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.

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The soul that has given itself to [the Immaculata] in this way, even unwittingly affects the environment that surrounds it, diffuses light around itself and drives others to emulation, however, that is not enough. It desires to do everything it can for the sake of the Immaculata."

THIS WEEK**Sunday, August 2nd:*****The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Coffee & Donuts

After the 9:00am Mass—Gathering Area

Tuesday, August 4th:

Men's Cursillo Meeting

6:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Men's Faith Share

7:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Wednesday, August 5th:

Pre-Baptism Class

7:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Thursday, August 6th:

Adoration & Reconciliation

6:00pm—Church

Friday, August 7th:

1st Friday Exposition & Benediction

After the 8:15am Mass—Church

Saturday, August 8th:

Adoration & Reconciliation

8:45am—Church

Sunday, August 9th:***The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

OLG School Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

After the 9:00am Mass—School Courtyard

Fr. Paul Reception

After the 11:00am Mass—Stack Center

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.



Mass for the Intentions Week

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

MONDAY, August 3rd

8:15am Joel Tejeda--D

TUESDAY, August 4th

St. John Vianney

8:15am Jesusa Perdido--D

WEDNESDAY, August 5th

The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

8:15am Jose & Manuel Silva--D

THURSDAY, August 6th

The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:15am Yolanda Reveles Covarrubias--D

FRIDAY, August 7th

St. Sixtus II, Pope & Companions, Martyrs

St. Cajetan, Priest

8:15am Cristina Castellanos--D

SATURDAY, August 8th

St. Dominic, Priest

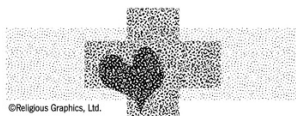
8:15am Taciana Sandoval--D

5:00pm Concepcion Lugo--D

SUNDAY, August 9th

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

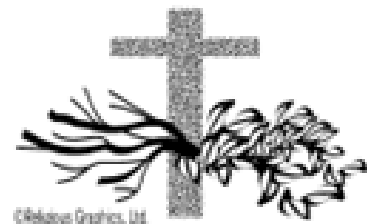
7:30am OLG Community
9:00am Helen Star--D
11:00am Antonio Oliveira Chocha--D
1:00pm Rosa Martinez Reyes--D



READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

August 3rd through August 9th

Monday: Jeremiah 28:1-17; Matthew 24:22-36
Tuesday: Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22;
Matthew 14:22-36
Wednesday: Jeremiah 31:1-7; Matthew 15:21-28
Thursday: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19;
Matthew 17:1-9
Friday: Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7;
Matthew 16:24-28
Saturday: Hebrews 1:12-2:4; Matthew 17:14-20
Sunday: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13; Romans 9:1-5;
Matthew 14:22-23



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

"If we really want to conquer the world, we will not be able to do it with bombs or with other weapons of destruction. Let us conquer the world with our love. Let us interweave our lives with bonds of sacrifice and love, and it will be possible for us to conquer the world."

-St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, 1997

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



DRESS-A-GIRL MINISTRY August 12th

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, August 12th 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.

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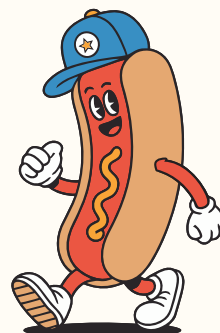
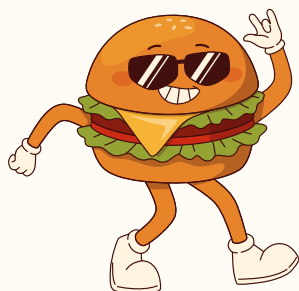
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PARKING LOT PICNIC

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 or 1:00 masses 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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