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

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Saturday: Following the 8:15 Mass

Thursday: 6:00-7:00pm

CONFESSIONS:

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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,

"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." These comforting words from Jesus to his terrified disciples in this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 14:27) echo deeply in our lives today. Like the disciples tossing on the stormy Sea of Galilee, we often navigate heavy personal, familial, or professional storms. We battle the fierce winds of anxiety, grief, economic pressures, or sudden life disruptions that leave us feeling overwhelmed and exhausted. This weekend's liturgy invites us to examine how we respond to these turbulent times—and reminds us to fix our eyes on Christ, who walks with us through every storm.

In the Gospel, St. Peter bravely steps out of the boat to walk on water but sinks the moment he focuses on the wind instead of Jesus. We often do the same when we let world crises, social media, or personal failures overwhelm our faith. Remember this vital truth: without Christ we drown, but with Him we live. When Peter cried, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately caught him. Christ is just as ready to grasp your hand and calm your storms right now.

To keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, we must intentionally cultivate spaces of silence. In the First Reading from the First Book of Kings, the prophet Elijah seeks the Lord. He discovers that God is not present in the spectacular, destructive forces of the roaring wind, the earthquake, or the fire. Instead, God reveals His presence in a "tiny whispering sound" (1 Kings 19:12). True spiritual attentiveness requires us to step back from the constant clamor of modern life. This week, find a few brief moments of quiet reflection daily. Turn off the television, put away your phone, and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart in that quiet whisper.

Please join us for our joint Parish Picnic next Sunday, August 16, at 11:00 AM at Transfiguration Church. Bring your family, friends, a favorite side dish, and an open heart to celebrate our community together.

-Fr. Luke



The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 16th)

Matthew 15:21-28

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



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there your heart will be.

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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 at 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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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**. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.



ANNUAL MISSION CO-OP APPEAL

There's Still Time to Give

Last weekend, we were blessed to have Bishop Benny of the Diocese of Itanagar visit Our Lady of Grace. **Thank you to those who have given so generously. If you have not yet given, there is still time.** 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.



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

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

Be on the lookout for your Raffle tickets which have been 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!*



Reserve Your Festival T-Shirts!



Cost is \$15 each child size and \$20 each adult size. Pre-order today (before they run out!). Scan the QR code to place your order. You may also pre-order at the Parish Office. Please bring your payment of cash or check. T-shirts will be available for pick up on August 12th at the Parish Office.

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!



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.



2026 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL UPDATE!

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! 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!



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.

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:

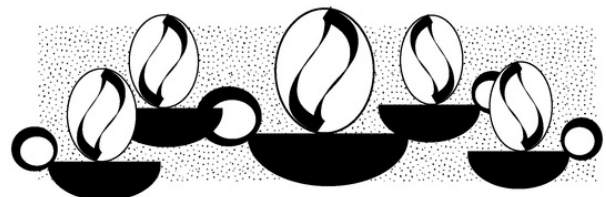
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Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of the loved one.

In Memorial

**VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE
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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!

FRANCISCAN JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE**September 5th**

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, beginning at 8:00am at Old Mission San Jose in Fremont and concluding at 4:30pm at St. Francis of Assisi in Concord. 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/>

**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



**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.

THIS WEEK***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

Tuesday, August 11th:

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

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

Thursday, August 13th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

Saturday, August 15th:

Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
8:15am—Church

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am—Church

Sunday, August 16th:***The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time******PARISH PICNIC***

Transfiguration Church & Parking Lot
11:00am—Mass
Noon-3:00pm—Lunch & Games

No 11:00am & 1:00pm Masses at OLG

**MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"The Immaculata as our goal, and poverty as our capital: here are the two features that Niepokalanow cannot renounce in any respect whatsoever. Without such goal it would cease to be "Niepokalanow", it would betray its mission."

Mass for the Intentions Week

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

MONDAY, August 10th

St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

8:15am Sandra Quintana--L

TUESDAY, August 11th

St. Clare, Virgin

8:15am Lilia Sousa--D

WEDNESDAY, August 12th

St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

8:15am Glen Alcorn--D

THURSDAY, August 13th

Sts. Pontian, Pope, & St. Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

8:15am Alberto Sandoval--D

FRIDAY, August 14th

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

8:15am Tony Pestana--D

SATURDAY, August 15th

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:15am Anthony & Mary Shomon--D

5:00pm Glen Alcorn--D

SUNDAY, August 16th

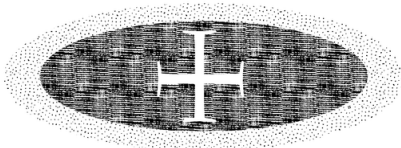
THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Pat Grasso--D

9:00am OLG Community

11:00am Ron Sponsel--D

1:00pm Mariano Navarro Sanchez--D



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DRESS-A-GIRL MINISTRY **Change of Date!!** **August 19th**

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 19th, instead of 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

August 10th through August 16th

Monday: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26

Tuesday: Ezekiel 2:8-3:4;
Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14Wednesday: Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22;
Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday: Ezekiel 12:1-12; Matthew 18:21-19:1

Friday: Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63;
Matthew 19:3-12Saturday: Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6, 10;
1 Corinthians 15:20-27;
Luke 1:39-56Sunday: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7;
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32;
Matthew 15:21-28**EXECUTION ALERTS**

The following executions are scheduled to take place in **August**:

August 13th Anthony Darrell Dugard Hines Tennessee

August 13th Carlos Cuesta-Rodriguez Oklahoma

August 13th Jeremy Williams Alabama

August 18th William Frances Silvia Jr. Florida

We ask for your prayers for these persons, for the victims of their crimes, and for their families.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"A serious threat to peace is posed by intolerance, which manifests itself in the denial of freedom of conscience to others. The excesses to which intolerance can lead has been one of history's most painful lessons."

-St. John Paul II, 1971

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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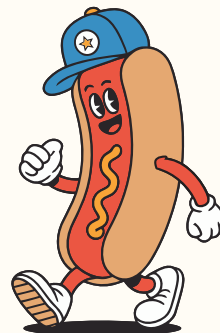
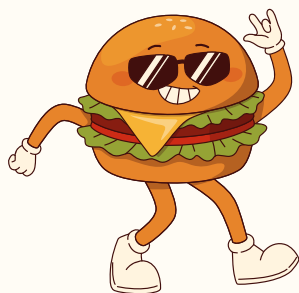
Unity in Community

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 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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