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**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary
Time
August 16th, 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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Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm

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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,

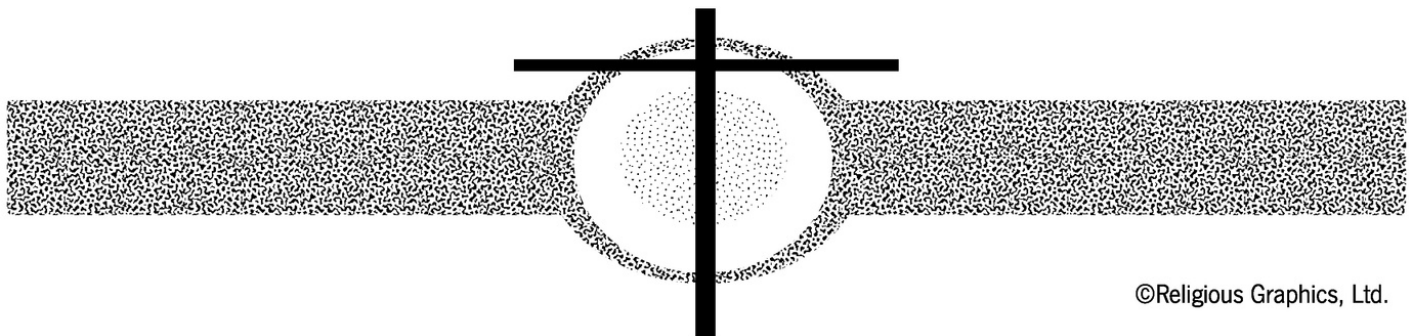
As we gather for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, our scriptures present us with a powerful, beautiful, and challenging theme: the radical, boundary-breaking scope of God's love and mercy. In a world that so often seeks to draw lines, build walls, and categorize people into "us" and "them," the Word of God opens the way for all of us.

In our first reading, the prophet Isaiah delivers a stunning message from the Lord: *"My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."* God explicitly welcomes the foreigner and the outsider, promising to bring them to His holy mountain and fill them with joy. This theme of universal welcome echoes powerfully in the Gospel of Matthew, where we encounter the Canaanite woman. By all social and religious standards of the time, she was an outsider—someone to be ignored or sent away. Yet, through her fierce, persistent, and humble faith, she moves the heart of Jesus, who proclaims, *"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."*

Inspired by the profound faith and persistence of the Canaanite woman, let us place our complete trust in the Lord, who never revokes His gifts and faithfully guides us toward a hopeful future. In this season of transition, I invite each of you to pray fervently for our sister parish, Our Lady of Grace – Transfiguration. Let us always assume the best of intentions and actively seek new ways to welcome one another. As our circle widens and our house of prayer grows, we can be certain that Christ is walking right beside us every step of the way.

Commending our shared journey to the loving intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, I remain.

-Fr. Luke



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The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 23rd)

Matthew 16:13-20

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

WE ASK IN THE NAME OF JESUS

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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!

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.



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!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, **August 21st and 28th.** We thank you for your understanding.



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.



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 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.olgcvcyo.com.



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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! 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.



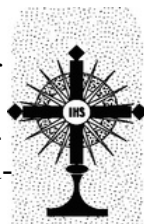
Thank you for your time and response as faithful stewards of God's Church. God bless you!

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://olgc.org/franciscan-jubilee-year/>

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.



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.

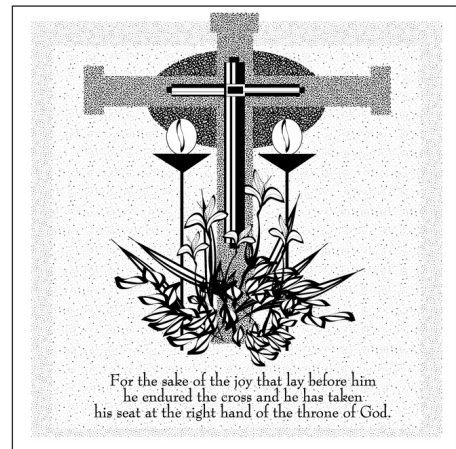


Your Prayers Are Requested

Please lift up in your prayer those among us who are ill and those who have asked for our prayerful remembrance:

Wayne Blackard
Jeff Brown
Jot Brown
Mary Chocha
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



For the sake of the joy that lay before him
he endured the cross and he has taken
his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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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

PEGGY WINKENBACH

EILEEN SHRADER

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**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
MONTHLY DONATIONS**

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:

Lizzie is a grandmother taking care of her daughter and 3 children, ages 1 to 17. She got behind on her rent because her disability payments were discontinued; fortunately, they have since been reinstated. She has received a 3 day pay or quit notice, and has requested rent assistance. She is in Section 8 housing, and her new rent is an affordable \$257 per month. She has paid the March rent, but needs help with December through February. Her landlord says she has been a good tenant for the last four years, paying her rent on time, and the recent payment problem is unusual. He was very supportive of her, and does not want to start eviction proceedings if at all possible. He was very appreciative that SVdP might be able to help. Between Transfiguration, Our Lady of Grace and some special help from the District; we were able to keep this family in their home.

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 this 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. Please bring your donations to the Parish Office and thank you for your generosity.

THIS WEEK

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

Tuesday, August 18th:

Men's Cursillo Meeting

6:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Men's Faith Share

7:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Wednesday, August 19th:

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

7:00pm—Parish Office

Thursday, August 20th:

Adoration & Reconciliation

6:00pm—Church

Friday, August 21st:

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, August 22nd:

Adoration & Reconciliation

8:45am—Church

Sunday, August 23rd:

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"One to whom the Immaculata has deigned to grant such grace [of an MI vocation], cannot be content with what others are doing and of the usual way of acting."

Mass for the Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY, August 17th

8:15am Lisa & Bob Rosenbusch--L

TUESDAY, August 18th

8:15am Pat Estorga--L

WEDNESDAY, August 19th

St. John Eudes, Priest

8:15am Louis Rodriguez--D

THURSDAY, August 20th

St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Jay Barroso--L

FRIDAY, August 21st

St. Pius X, Pope

8:15am Mary Oman--D

SATURDAY, August 22nd

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15am Martin Flores Martinez--D

5:00pm Eugenia Bartolo--D

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



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

August 17th through August 23rd

Monday: Ezekiel 24:15-23; Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ezekiel 28:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday: Ezekiel 36:23-28; Matthew 22:1-14

Friday: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday: Ezekiel 43:1-7; Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday: Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

his word *and* gospel
are our light

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EXECUTION ALERTS

The following execution is scheduled to take place in
August:

August 18th William Frances Silvia Jr. Florida

We ask for your prayers for this person, for the
victims of his crimes, and for their families.

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!

**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 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** 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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OUR LADY OF GRACE - LIST OF MINISTRIES

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 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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