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**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary
Time
September 20th, 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,

This past week, I attended the Pastoral and Canonical Workshop for Merging Parishes. While navigating structural changes can naturally bring a sense of uncertainty, I am deeply grateful for the time spent collaborating with diocesan leaders and fellow pastors. Through shared prayer and careful planning, I have returned with a much clearer vision for our transition. We are being called to build a vibrant, sustainable future, and I am entirely confident that the Lord is guiding our steps.

We cannot walk this path alone. To help lead our community through this process, we have established a dedicated Transition Team. This team is comprised of parishioners who are deeply committed to listening well and serving as a bridge during this chapter. The names of our Transition Team members will be officially announced at all Masses this weekend.

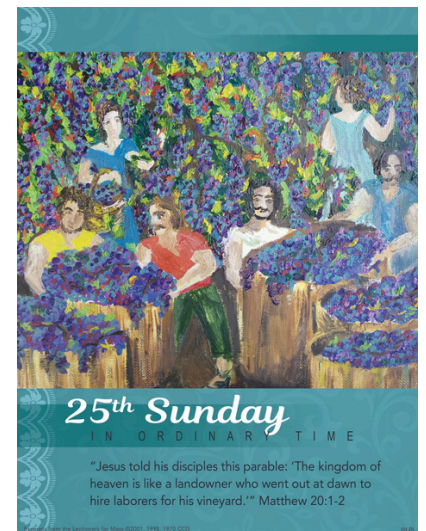
In the Gospel of Matthew, the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard challenges our human concepts of fairness and points us toward God's overwhelming generosity. It is completely natural that a church merger brings up tender questions: *Who arrived first? Which of our cherished traditions will be preserved? How will leadership be shared?* Yet Jesus reminds us that in the Kingdom of God, we are not competing for a limited harvest; we are all equally valued laborers in his vineyard. As our Transition Team begins its work, they are guided by this very sense of divine equity. Together, they will be tasked with establishing a unified liturgical schedule, shared ministries, and collaborative parish structures that honor every member of our newly combined family.

In the months ahead, I encourage every one of you to seek out these team members. They are here to serve as your advocates and listeners. Please take the time to speak with them and share your thoughts, concerns, hopes, memories, and ideas. Your unique experiences shape who we are, and your feedback is essential as we build our new faith community together.

Let us approach these coming months not merely as a logistical transition, but as a sacred pilgrimage of faith. Leaving the familiar behind often brings sadness and anxiety. However, we travel this road together, comforted by the certainty that God is already waiting for us at our next destination.

Please continue to pray for one another, for our Our Lady of Grace and Transfiguration Cluster, and for our Transition Team as we embark on this journey of renewal.

-Fr. Luke



The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 27th)

Matthew 21:28-32

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!

Get Your Food & Game Tickets

Avoid the long lines! Purchase tickets ahead of time by scanning the QR code. Food and Game tickets are \$1 each.



Volunteers Are Still Needed

Slots are being filled but we could still use more hands! Scan the QR code to sign up.



**Purchase Your Festival
T-Shirts**



Hurry before we run out! Cost is \$15 each child size and \$20 each adult size. Get yours today! 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.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST
September 27th (8:30-11:00am)**



Join us for a delicious breakfast prepared by our OLG School parents in Stack Center. Cost is \$10 per adult & \$7 per child (10 & under) and includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit salad, coffee, tea and OJ.

Scan the QR code or stop by the Parish Office to purchase your tickets!



**PASTA DINNER
September 27th
Doors open at 3:30pm**

Join us for a delicious, homemade Pasta Dinner prepared by the Italian Catholic Federation in Stack Center. Cost is \$20 per adult & \$10 per child (10 & under) and includes Caesar salad, pasta bolognese (veggie option--specify when purchasing), sourdough bread, butter, wine (2 glasses per adult), juice, lemonade, coffee and water. **Advance purchase by 9/22.**

Scan the QR code or stop by the Parish Office to purchase your tickets!



DONATIONS NEEDED FOR OUR FESTIVAL

Kid Zone Prizes

The Fall Festival Kid Zone is requesting as prizes new or gently used and clean: stuffed animals, Happy Meal toys, small puzzles, small Lego sets and other little items that you child no longer plays with. Donation may be brought to the Parish Office by **Friday, September 25th**. Thank you!

Cake Booth Goodies

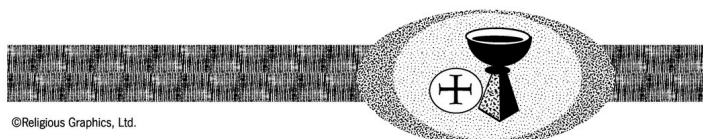
We are looking for donations of baked goods or store bought cakes, tarts, pies, cookies and pastries. Please make sure your baked goods are packaged in small portions (ex: 4 cookies, ¼ cake or pie, 2 cupcakes per package) You may use paper plates and cling wrap to secure the goodies. All items **MUST** be clearly labeled: nut-free items should be separate from items with nuts. **Please drop off donations on September 25th, 9am-3pm at the Parish Office or September 26th-27th, 8-10am at the Cake Wheel Booth.** Thank you!

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!



THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



Saturday, October 3rd

Join us in the church at 6:30pm for the *Transitus of St. Francis*, with prayer service, narration and singing, commemorating his passage from earthly life to everlasting life.

Sunday, October 4th

We celebrate the Eucharist in honor of St. Francis at the 5:00pm Vigil and at 7:30am, 9:00am and 11:00am (bilingual Mass). There will be no 1:00pm Spanish Mass.

Sunday, October 4th - Friary Open House

All are welcome to St. Joseph of Cupertino Friary's Open House (19697 Redwood Road) from Noon to 3:00pm. We will have a Finger Food Potluck. Please bring a dish to share! Parking is available on the side streets and at the high school lot.



JOIN US FOR YOUTH GROUP! September 23rd

We are excited to invite all 12-17 year olds to Stack Center at 6:00pm! Come together in Faith, Friendship and Prayer. Join us for games and snacks. See you there!

COME VISIT OUR PRAYER GARDEN



We welcome all parishioners who seek a bit of time away from the hustle and bustle for prayer and spiritual reflection in our lovely Prayer Garden, located between the Parish Office and the rear entrance to the church. Come to the Parish Office during our business hours so Jay may let you in. *Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus and volunteers who have consistently cleaned the Prayer Garden with care once a month! We are grateful for your time!*

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

Devotional candles 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.** Please put your payment in the slot, located at the candle stand.



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 AUGUST:**

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$45,424.50
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$42,807.88
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 2,616.62
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 301.31

May God bless your continuing generosity.

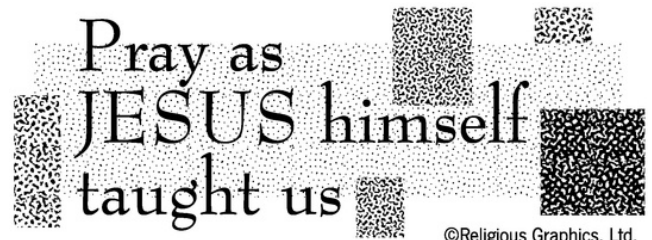


Your Prayers Are Requested

Please lift up in your prayers 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

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



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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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MEN'S FAITH SHARE

The OLG's Men Faith Share Group meets on Tuesdays at 7:00pm in Stack Center, OLG Room. All men of the Parish are invited to come. This group meets each week to read and discuss the upcoming Sunday's readings for the Mass. If you are looking for a small group setting to pray with and explore the Word each week, plan on joining us!



WINGS - WOMEN'S IN GOD'S SPIRIT

WINGS is a faith enhancement group that encourages spiritual growth through prayer, scripture study, Catechesis, life sharing and community. Our Meetings are held at Transfiguration Hall.

Next Meeting: **October 1st, 9:00am-11:15am**

Speaker: Dr. Lydia Tinajero-Deck

Topic: TBA

For further information or if you would like to attend, please contact: Carolyn Willkie at willkiefam@sbcglobal.net



"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 **October 7th** in Stack Center, OLG Room at 7:00pm. Please call Jay at 510-537- 0806 to register.



RELEVANT RADIO - 1260 AM

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THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 20th:

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confirmation Class
11:15am—Stack Center

Tuesday, September 22nd:

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 23rd:

Youth Group
6:00pm—Stack Center

Thursday, September 24th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

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

Saturday, September 26th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am —Church

Parish & School Festival
10:00am—Rear Parking Lot

Sunday, September 27th:

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish & School Festival
10:00am—Rear Parking Lot

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We can assert without any fear, that our sole and highest desire is to fulfill the will of the Immaculata in the strictest manner possible. To becoming every day more her property. To allow the Immaculata to take possession of our whole being."

Mass for the Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, September 20th

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Louis Rodrigues--D

9:00am Fr. Raphael Zwolenkiewicz,
OFM Conv.--L

11:00am OLG Community

1:00pm Jose Rogelio Duarte--D

MONDAY, September 21st

ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

8:15am Raul Hernandez--D

TUESDAY, September 22nd

8:15am Robert Perino--D

WEDNESDAY, September 23rd

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

8:15am Adriana Reveles--L

THURSDAY, September 24th

8:15am Victoria & Sonia Quintana--L

FRIDAY, September 25th

8:15am Tony Pestana--D

SATURDAY, September 26th

Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

8:15am Alfredo de la Torre--D

5:00pm Ambrose Wardle--D

SUNDAY, September 27th

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Catherine Lucas--D

9:00am Frank Lang--D

11:00am Thanh Nguyen--D

1:00pm OLG Community

Come
LORD JESUS

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EXECUTION ALERTS

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

Sept. 23	Ker'Sean Olajuwa Ramey	Texas
Sept. 29	Crutis Beasley	Florida
Sept. 30	Christa Pike	Tennessee

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

September 21st through September 27th

Monday: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13

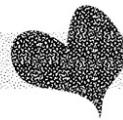
Tuesday: Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday: Proverbs 30:5-9; Luke 9:1-6

Thursday: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9

Friday: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22

Saturday: Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8; Luke 9:43b-45

Sunday: Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11;
Matthew 21:28-32

if today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts

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FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

Flower donation envelopes may be found at the entrances of the church to make a donation in memory of or in honor of a loved one or other occasion. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jay at 510-537-0806. Your donation in honor of your loved one will be mentioned in the bulletin.

**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**

"Those who remain silent are responsible."

-St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

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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