

OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary
Time
September 27th, 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
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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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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 prepare for the closing of Transfiguration Church, I am committed to keeping our parish family fully informed of every step ahead. More than anything, I pray that grace, gratitude, and faith will guide our hearts through this time of transition.

Our parish Transition Team has been formed. The team consists of 12 members, co-chaired by Deacon Tim Moore and Kathleen Cande. The other dedicated members serving our community are: Beth Snow, Catherine Mifsud Heller, Claudia Dobbs, George Hall, Karen Rossi, Matthew J. Thomas, Patrick Devine, Robert Lindberg, Roberta Santiago, and Wendy Estrada.

As they begin their work, the team's primary focus extends far beyond logistics. Their first and most important task is listening. They are here to gather our community's concerns, memories, ideas, and hopes for the future. This team's mission is not simply about deciding what physical items to move. Instead, they are entirely dedicated to figuring out how we carefully and faithfully carry the people, spirit, traditions, and heritage of Transfiguration into the continuing life of Our Lady of Grace - Transfiguration Church. Please keep our Transition Team and our entire parish community in your prayers during this journey of faith and renewal.

I want to extend my deepest, most heartfelt gratitude to everyone who came to our gathering last Sunday at Transfiguration Church to share their precious memories and stories of our beloved church. As we navigate the bittersweet reality of our upcoming closing, listening to your reflections has been a great source of strength and comfort. Your shared histories reminded us all that while a building may close, the vibrant faith community fostered within its walls remains alive.

The stories you told perfectly mirror the spirit of this weekend's liturgy, which calls us to reflect deeply on how we live out our faith. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus shares the Parable of the Two Sons, reminding us that true obedience is found not in empty words, but in humble, faithful action. Our parish's history is a testament to the son who rolled up his sleeves and went to work in the vineyard. For decades, your hands have built this community, fed the hungry, comforted the grieving, and passed the torch of faith to your children. Your actions have spoken louder than words.

Thank you for your vulnerability, your laughter, your tears, and your unwavering faithfulness. May the Lord continue to guide our steps, heal our hearts, and bless us abundantly.

-Fr. Luke



The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 4th)

Matthew 21:33-43

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 Rear Parking Lot

Let Us Entertain You!

September 27th

9:00-10:00am	Mass (inside Church)
10:30-11:30am	Ballet Folklórico de Carlos Moreno
12:00-12:45pm	Bishop O' Dowd Band
12:45-1:45pm	School of Rock
2:00-3:30pm	CV Performing Arts
4:00-5:30pm	The Rhinestone Reinhardtts
5:50-6:00pm	Raffle Drawing & Closing

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



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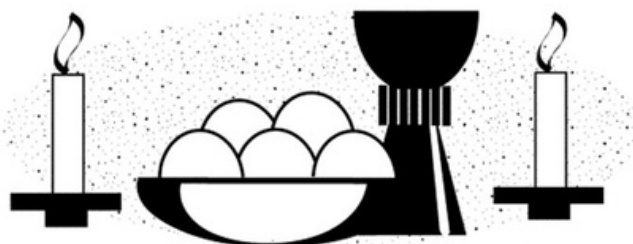
FESTIVAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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.

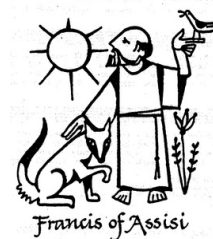


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THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



Saturday, October 3rd

At 11:00am, *Blessing of the Animals* will take place in the Gathering Area. Bring your well-socialized pet in appropriate tether. At 5:00pm, we celebrate the *Eucharist in honor of St. Francis*. Join us again 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 7:30am, 9:00am and 11:00am (bilingual). There will be no 1:00pm Spanish Mass. *Blessing of the Animals* will take place at 1:00pm at Transfiguration, in front of the church.

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.



**CATHOLIC VOICE
ANNUAL APPEAL
October 3rd and 4th**

This annual appeal next weekend helps our Diocese offset its payment for this important communication ministry. The Voice is the only regular source of Catholic news and information delivered to all parishioners in the diocese. We thank you for your support. **Checks may be made out to "Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland".** Envelopes will be in the pews for your use.

2026 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL

We achieved 110% of our yearly goal!

Thank you all who have given so generously!

Overall Goal for 2026:	\$29,000.00
# of Donors:	77
Funds Raised (includes pledges):	\$31,930.00

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.



CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

We recently welcomed

Antonio Augustus Arce
Victoria Gabriela Arce
Natalia Isabel Buenrostro
Satniago Valentin Buenrostro
Anais Mendoza
Arlette Mendoza
Mozzie Mochizuki
Michael Mochizuki

into Our Lady of Grace by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. May God bless you!

TRANSFIGURATION-OLG TRANSITION TEAM

We are excited to announce the members of our newly formed Transition Team:

Beth Snow	Matthew J. Thomas
Catherine Mifsud Heller	Patrick Devine
Caludia Dobbs	Robert Lindberg
George Hall	Roberta Santiago
Kathleen Cande	Tim Moore, Deacon
Karen Rossi	Wendy Estrada

Please keep these parishioners in your prayers during this journey of faith and renewal.



"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

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

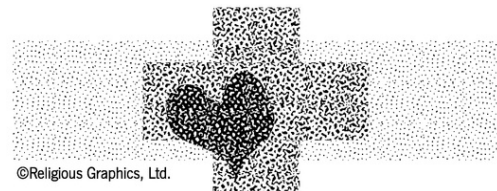
May God bless your continuing generosity.



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	Cecilia Laverne
Wayne Blackard	Joan Lewis
Jeff Brown	Brian Linney
Jot Brown	Richard Lindgren
Mary Chocha	Maria Flores Martinez
Norma Dockter	Sheryl Michaud
Catherine Godric	Diana Riley
Theresa Hull-Nye	Tim Schantin
Skeets Jennings	Lisa Tortora
Mark Jerome	



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

In Memorial
NEIL LINNEY

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



**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.

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.

**MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"Mary [offers to Gpd] all [our] activities, flawed and full of imperfections as they may be, not as if they were our own but as her personal property. For we, with all that is ours, belong to her. Consequently, each of our activities belong to her."



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THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 27th:

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Tuesday, September 29th:

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 30th:

OCIA
 6:30pm—Stack Center, Room 7

Thursday, October 1st:

Adoration & Reconciliation
 6:00pm—Church

Friday, October 2nd:

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

Saturday, October 3rd:

Adoration & Reconciliation
 8:45am —Church

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

Blessing of the Animals
 11:00am—Gathering Area

The Solemnity of St. Francis
 5:00pm Vigil—Church

The Transitus of St. Francis
 6:30pm—Church

Mass for the Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY, September 28th

St. Wenceslaus, Martyr

St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs

8:15am Fr. Luke Vu--L

TUESDAY, September 29th

Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

8:15am Fr. Angel Garcia--L

WEDNESDAY, September 30th

St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Zenaida Herrero

THURSDAY, October 1st

St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Jaime Gonzalez, Jr.--L

FRIDAY, October 2nd

The Holy Guardian Angels

8:15am Cristina Castellanos--D

SATURDAY, October 3rd

8:15am Carlo Barroso--L

5:00pm Rosary Group--L

SUNDAY, October 4th

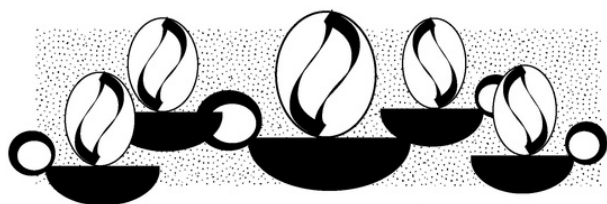
THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am OLG Community

9:00am Paul Vu Nguyen--D

11:00am Luis Armando Barba--D

1:00pm Rosa Martinez Reyes--D



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EXECUTION ALERTS

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

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 28th through October 4th

Monday: Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; John 1:47-51

Wednesday: Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Luke 9:57-62

Thursday: Job 19:21-27; Luke 10:1-12

Friday: Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5;

Matthew 18:1-5, 10

Saturday: Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10:17-24

Sunday: Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9;

Matthew 21:33-43

THIS WEEK - Continued

Sunday, October 4th

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Solemnity of St. Francis

7:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am (Bilingual)

—Church, No 1:00pm Spanish Mass

1st Communion Class -Year 2

10:15am—Stack Center

Friary Open House

Noon—19697 Redwood Road

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"No one walks so safely as one who walks humbly and harmlessly with great love and great faith. For such a person gets through to the good of others (and there is good in everyone), therefore cannot be harmed. This works between individuals, it works between groups and it would work between nations if nations had the courage to try it."

-Peace Pilgrim

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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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 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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