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**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 13th, 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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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,

We are navigating a season of significant transition in our parish life—a time that can naturally bring about feelings of uncertainty, anxiety, or disagreement. As we face these changes together, the liturgy for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time offers a profound blueprint for how we must treat one another. The readings challenge us to anchor our community in radical forgiveness, mutual love, and an unwavering commitment to unity, reminding us that we belong to the Lord amid every change.

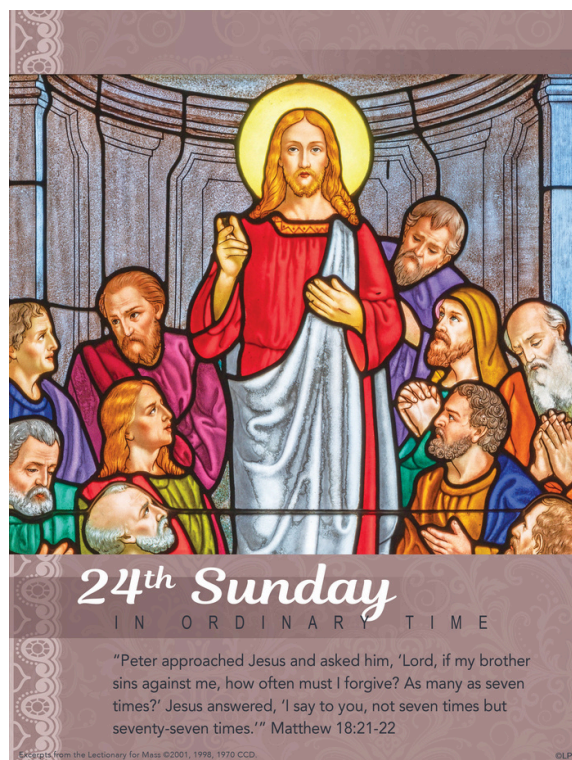
In the Second Reading, Saint Paul reminds us of a fundamental truth: *"None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself... whether we live or die, we are the Lord's."* During times of parish transition, it is easy to become fiercely protective of our own preferences, specific ministries, or the ways things "have always been done." However, Paul calls us to look outward and upward. Our parish does not belong to any single individual, committee, or past tradition; it belongs entirely to Jesus Christ. When we shift our focus from "what I want" to "what serves the Lord," our anxieties begin to fade. This shared perspective requires us to view every fellow parishioner not as an opponent to a new idea, but as a brother or sister who also belongs to Christ.

When we go through seasons of change, unexpected friction can sometimes lead to misunderstandings, hurt feelings, or quiet resentment. Our First Reading gives us a stark, urgent warning: *"Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight"* (Sirach 27:30). Clinging to frustration or resisting change out of anger only divides the Body of Christ. Sirach explicitly asks: *"Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins?"* If we want our parish to remain a sanctuary of grace and peace, we must proactively release our grip on grievances. Let us choose to overlook human faults and intentionally set aside conflict to protect our communal peace.

In the Gospel, Peter asks a very practical question that many of us whisper during times of stress: *"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?"* (Matthew 18:21). Peter thought he was being incredibly generous. But Jesus shatters human calculations by responding, *"Not seven times but seventy-seven times."* Through the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant, Jesus reminds us of the massive, unpayable debt of sin that God has already wiped away for each of us. In light of that infinite mercy, how can we withhold patience and kindness from one another as we sort through the complex logistics of a transition?

I encourage you to pray specifically for anyone in our community with whom you feel tension or strain. Let us extend the hand of fellowship, listen with empathy, and forgive wholeheartedly from the heart, just as Jesus commands. By this love and unity, everyone will know that we are His disciples.

-Fr. Luke



The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 20th)

Matthew 20:1-16a

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


 He first loved us

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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!

Get Your Pancake Breakfast Tickets! September 27th - Stack Center 8:30-11:00am



Join us for a delicious breakfast prepared by OLG parents in Stack Center. Cost is \$10 per adult and \$7 per child (10 & under).

Get Your Pasta Dinner Tickets! September 27th - Stack Center Doors open at 3:30pm



Join us for a delicious pasta dinner in Stack Center. Cost is \$20 per adult and \$10 per child (10 & under). Advanced purchase required by 9/22.

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.*



Purchase 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.

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!

DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT BENEFIT TRUST

There's still time to give! This special collection for the Diocesan Priest Retirement Benefit Trust allows us to express gratitude and support for our retired and soon-to-be retired priests, many of whom are still "*laboring in the vineyard*" in service to the faithful. They now face retirement with minimal government assistance. Please prayerfully consider how you can match their generosity to the Church by contributing to the Retirement Fund. Envelopes are in the pews for your use. Please make your checks out to "*Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland*". Thank you and God bless!



ICF BITES & BINGO September 19th

Join the Italian Catholic Federation of Castro Valley Branch #343 for "Bites & Bingo" on **September 19th** from 11:30am to 2:30pm in Stack Center. Enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and 5 bingo cards for \$30 per person (\$15 for children under 10). Win cash, gifts and raffle prizes! To register, pick up a flyer at the back of the church and mail it with your payment (please make checks payable to *ICF Br#343*) to: Lisa Crudo at 20965 San Miguel Ave., CV, 94546. Proceeds benefit seminarians, fund Thalassemia research and the scholarship fund. See you there!



**FAITH FORMATION
REGISTRATION 2026-2027
1st Communion & Whole Family
Grades 1st–8th**

Last day to register is September 15th! Online Registration and payment is available at www.olgcv.org. 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.

**CONFIRMATION
REGISTRATION 2026-2027
Grades 9th–12th**



Last day to register is September 15th! Online Registration and payment is available at www.olgcv.org. 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.

**CALLING ALL TEENS
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!



**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!

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.



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.

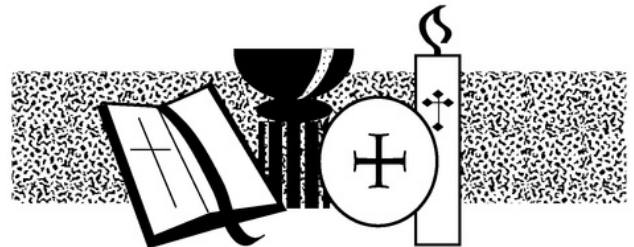


Your Prayers Are Requested

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
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.

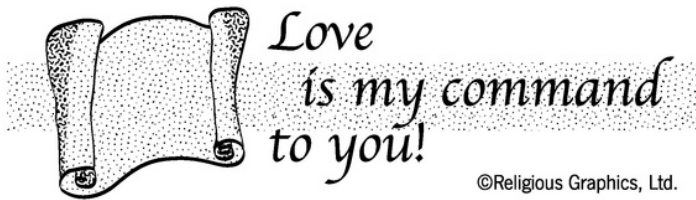
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MEN'S FAITH SHARE

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!



"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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING
September 24th

The Knights of Columbus monthly meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of every month at 6:30pm in Stack Center, OLG Room. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, visit <https://www.kofc.org> or join them at their next meeting on **September 24th**.

OLG CONFIRMATION INTERNSHIP

Have you been confirmed at OLG? Would you like to serve as a leader to help guide our young people through their confirmation as well? Our OLG Confirmation Team is beginning an internship program for youth and young adults who have been recently confirmed and would like to be mentored and to gain experience in helping young people to understand and embrace their faith. (Internships also are great for college applications!) If you're interested in learning more and serving with us, contact Leeanne and Matt at leeanne.thomas@olgcgv.org.

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.



THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 13th:

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Communion-Year 2 Class
 10:15am—Stack Center

Whole Family Class
 10:15am—Augustine Center

Confirmation Class
 11:15am—Stack Center

Tuesday, September 15th:

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 16th:

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
 7:00pm—Parish Office

Thursday, September 17th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
 6:00pm—Church

Saturday, September 19th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
 After 8:15am Mass—Church

Bites and Bingo
 11:30am—Stack Center

Sunday, September 20th:

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confirmation Class
 11:15am—Stack Center

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Offer yourself up to the Immaculata!Let her work through you, and you shall disseminate much happiness on the earth even during this our time. To many a restless soul, you will give peace and serenity in God."

Mass for the Intentions Week

SUNDAY, September 13th

THE TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Geraldine Bargiacchi--D

9:00am OLG Community

11:00am Lan Nguyen--L

1:00pm Xavier Ramos--D

MONDAY, September 14th

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:15am Kate Rider--L

TUESDAY, September 15th

Our Lady of Sorrows

8:15am Leona Butler--D

WEDNESDAY, September 16th

Sts. Cornelious, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

8:15am Ron Emory--D

THURSDAY, September 17thSt. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Amor T. Guerrero--D

FRIDAY, September 18th

8:15am Martha Gonzalez--L

SATURDAY, September 19th

St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr

8:15am Ron Emory--D

5:00pm Ambrose Wardle--D

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



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EXECUTION ALERTS

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

Sept. 16	LeJames Norman	Texas
Sept. 16	Stacey Humphreys	Georgia
Sept. 17	Jeffery Lee	Alabama
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 14th through September 20th

Monday: Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11;
John 3:13-17Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a;
John 19:25-27Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13;
Luke 7:31-35Thursday: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11;
Luke 7:36-50Friday: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20;
Luke 8:1-3Saturday: Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49;
Luke 8:4-15Sunday: Isaiah 55:6-9;
Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a;
Matthew 20:1-16a

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PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"For Christians, non-violence is not merely tactical behavior but a person's way of being, the attitude of one who is so convinced of God's love and power that he is not afraid to tackle evil with the weapons of love and truth alone."

-Pope Benedict XVI, 2007

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 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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