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**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time
October 4th, 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

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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,

Peace and goodness to you all!

I want to extend my deepest, most heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for making our Annual Parish & School Fall Festival last weekend at Our Lady of Grace Church an overwhelming success. Whether you spent months praying and planning, volunteered for a shift, donated items, or simply came out to enjoy the fellowship with your family and neighbors, you brought our community to life. Our church grounds were filled with laughter, joy, and the clear presence of the Holy Spirit.

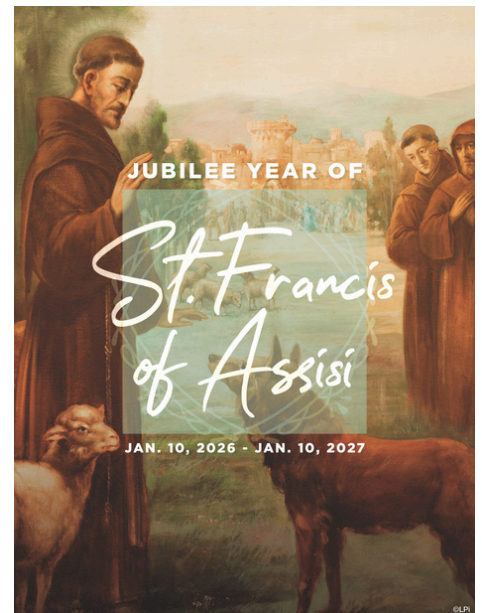
Reflecting on the beautiful chaos and community warmth of our festival, my heart turned to the scripture readings from the Solemnity of St. Francis of Assisi. In our first reading from Sirach (50:1, 3-4, 6-7), we hear about the high priest Simon, who "renovated the house of God" and "took thought for his people to keep them from falling." The text describes him shining "like the sun shining on the temple of the Most High." Last weekend, I saw that same radiant light in you. Our volunteers worked tirelessly to fortify our parish community, taking thought for one another and ensuring that every visitor felt welcomed, safe, and loved. You are the living stones renewing our spiritual home.

St. Paul reminds us in Galatians 6:14-18 that our ultimate joy and boast is found in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which we become a "new creation." A parish and school festival is a beautiful social celebration, but for us, it is rooted in something much deeper. The selflessness, patience, and generosity you demonstrated are the fruits of that new creation. We do not labor for our own glory, but to bear witness to the grace of Christ alive in our neighborhood.

Finally, in the Gospel of Matthew 11:25-30, Jesus invites us: *"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."* He praises the Father for revealing the mysteries of the Kingdom to the childlike. I saw this childlike joy and simplicity everywhere last weekend—in the children playing games, in the dances performed, in the songs sung, in the simple sharing of a meal, and in the easy laughter between old friends and new faces. After days of heavy lifting and hard labor to pull this festival together, I pray that you now find your true rest and replenishment in the gentle heart of Jesus.

Thank you for your tireless stewardship, your joy, and your deep love for our parish. May the Lord bless you, and through the intercession of St. Francis, may we continue to be instruments of His peace.

-Fr. Luke



The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 11th)

Matthew 22:1-14

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

FALL FESTIVAL 2026

A special word of thanks to all the many generous Sponsors who contributed financially to our Festival this year! This money enables us to do the many things that are a necessary part (and expense) of the Festival and provides operating capital to fund things prior to the weekend. Many of these sponsors and donors have been longtime and faithful contributors to Our Lady of Grace and we are most grateful to them. In turn, we especially encourage your consideration and support of these local businesses.

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THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL FALL FESTIVAL 2026

Many thanks to everyone in our Parish and School communities who worked very hard to make our Festival a success once again! We also give thanks to those who patronized the booths, to the entertainers, to our Sponsors and Donors, to the behind-the-scene folks and to our gracious God. We are truly grateful to all of you!

This was a great witness to our parish spirituality and our school values at Our Lady of Grace. It will take a while to determine the final outcome financially, but know we are working on it and will announce it as soon as we are able. We hope all those who volunteered in the booths as well as set up and take down and accounting have recovered! May God bless us this year and may we trust in His providence to supply our needs.

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 Vigil, 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 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.

**INSTALLATION OF FR. LUKE VU
October 24th at 5:00pm**



Join us for the installation of Fr. Luke Vu as Pastor of Our Lady of Grace and Transfiguration. Our celebration will take place on **October 24th at the 5:00pm Mass**. Reception will immediately follow in Stack Center. You are welcome to bring a dish to share. Please bring it on Friday, October 23rd to the Parish Office by 4:00pm or bring it to Stack Center beginning at 3:30pm just before Mass. See you there!



**"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



**ST. VINCENT de PAUL
ANNUAL PASTA &
BINGO FUNDRAISER
November 7th at 5:00pm**

Join the St. Vincent de Paul conferences of OLG and Transfiguration for a great evening of Bingo and a deliciously catered Pasta dinner at Transfiguration Hall! Cost is \$50 per person and includes dinner, one Bingo card, and one door prize ticket. Be sure to check out the Silent Auction poster near the church entryway to see this year's prizes! 100% of our proceeds go directly to helping people-in-need in our local community. **Tickets go on sale after all the weekend Masses starting October 10th.** Please make your checks payable to "St. Vincent de Paul".

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.

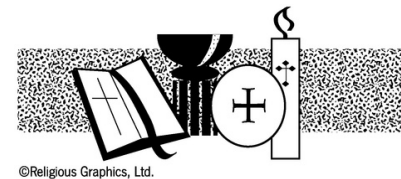


Your Prayers Are Requested

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

Kathleen Benassi
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Mary Chocha
Norma Dockter
Catherine Godric
Theresa Hull-Nye
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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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NEIL LINNEY**

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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.





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YEARLY MASS ATTENDANCE COUNTING

October is a very important month for our church. Beginning on October 4th at each of the weekend Masses, there will be ushers walking down the side aisles counting the number of parishioners present at the Masses. These numbers will be submitted to the Diocese of Oakland. Let us take this opportunity to invite friends and to bring your entire family to OLG to worship!

WEEKDAY 7:00AM MASS TO BEGIN ON NOVEMBER 2ND

Beginning on Monday, November 2nd, OLG will schedule an additional weekday morning Mass at 7:00am in the church. This Mass will take place Mondays to Fridays.



BAPTISM

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.

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Be calm and serene continually return to the tranquility and serenity of the spirit, even if your reason were to tell you absolutely and quite clearly the opposite. Our intelligence is limited and does not receive light from above, when it is not necessary, since obedience has already solved the problem."

THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 4th

The Solemnity of St. Francis of Assisi

Masses at 7:30am, 9:00am &
11:00am (Bilingual)
No 1:00pm Spanish Mass

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

Friary Open House
Noon—19697 Redwood Road

Tuesday, October 6th:

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, October 7th:

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6:30pm—Stack Center, Room 7

Pre-Baptism Class
7:00pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Thursday, October 8th:

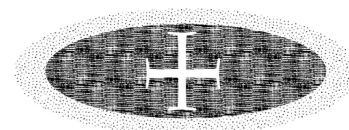
Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

Saturday, October 10th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am —Church

Sunday, October 11th

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, October 4th

THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

7:30am OLG Community
 9:00am Paul Vu Nguyen--D
 11:00am Luis Armando Barba--D
 1:00pm Rosa Martinez Reyes--D

MONDAY, October 5thSt. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin
Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

8:15am Alberto Reveles--D

TUESDAY, October 6thSt. Bruno, Priest
Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

8:15am Aster Lim--D

WEDNESDAY, October 7th

8:15am Larry Perino--L

THURSDAY, October 8th

8:15am Ester Perdido Baclig--D

FRIDAY, October 9thSt. Denis, Bishop, & Companions, Martyrs
St. John Leonardi, Priest
St. John Henry Newman, Priest & Doctor of the Church]

8:15am Sean Maher--D

SATURDAY, October 10th

8:15am Ernie Selmeczeki--D
 5:00pm Lilia Sousa--D

SUNDAY, October 11th

THE TWENTY- EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Ernesto Bautista--D
 9:00am OLG Community
 11:00am Maria Lau Chan--D
 1:00pm Esperanza Alarcon--D

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

October 4th through October 11th

Monday: Galatians 1:6-12; Luke 10:25-37
 Tuesday: Galatians 1:13-24; Luke 10:38-42
 Wednesday: Galatians 2:1-2,7-14; Luke 11:1-4
 Thursday: Galatians 3:1-5; Luke 11:5-13
 Friday: Galatians 3:7-14; Luke 11:15-26
 Saturday: Galatians 3:22-29; Luke 11:27-28
 Sunday: Isaiah 25:6-10; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14



*if today you hear his voice,
 harden not your hearts*

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**DRESS-A-GIRL MINISTRY
October 14th**

Join us for our monthly *Dress-a-Girl* gathering and help make sundresses for young schoolgirls in foreign countries.

We will meet on Wednesday, **October 14th** 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.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace."

-Pope Francis, 2013

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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Saturday, November 7, 2026

Time: 5:00 pm

Place:

Transfiguration Parish Hall,
4000 East Castro Valley Blvd.,
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- Catering by Gilda
- Cash Prizes for Bingo
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