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**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
October 18th, 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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Please contact Parish Office for information.

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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 weekend, as we celebrate the 100th World Mission Sunday, our hearts are filled with a profound sense of gratitude and urgency. A century ago, in 1926, Pope Pius XI established this special day to remind us that the Church is missionary by its very nature. Today, under the guidance of Pope Leo XIV, we are called to renew that same fire of evangelization.

This year's celebration is beautifully layered with grace. Not only do we mark this historic centenary, but we also journey through the Jubilee Year of St. Francis, drawing inspiration from the Poverello of Assisi, whose entire life was a testament to radical gospel witness and peace. Furthermore, our scripture readings for this 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time speak directly to the core of our missionary identity.

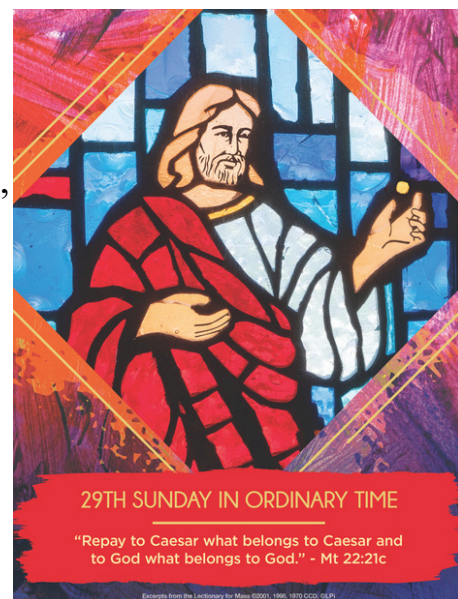
In today's Gospel, the Pharisees attempt to trap Jesus with a question about tribute, prompting His famous reply: *"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God"* (Matthew 22:21). As Christians, we live as citizens of this world, fulfilling our earthly obligations. Yet, Jesus reminds us that our primary allegiance—our very souls, stamped with the divine image—belongs entirely to God.

Eight hundred years ago, St. Francis of Assisi took this commandment literally. He stripped himself of worldly wealth and status to return everything to the Father. He became a living coin stamped with the love of Christ, modeling a radical, Gospel-rooted simplicity that transformed the Church. Like Francis, our primary mission is to return our hearts to God and help others discover that they, too, belong to Him.

World Mission Sunday is our collective chance to put that Franciscan love into practice. The second collection taken this weekend directly funds the Pontifical Mission Societies. In the Oakland Diocese, this special collection is combined with the Home Mission Appeal. Your generosity provides tangible relief: seminaries and training for priests, educating catechists, supporting religious, and feeding the poor in over thousand mission territories.

Thank you for your generosity, your steadfast prayers, and your willingness to let the light of Christ shine through you. May we walk together as one family, giving back to God what belongs to God, and offering the Gospel to a world that desperately needs His peace.

-Fr. Luke



The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (October 25th)

Matthew 22:34-40

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



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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!*



ST. VINCENT de PAUL ANNUAL PASTA & BINGO FUNDRAISER

When: Saturday, November 7th at 5:00pm

Where: Transfiguration's Parish Hall

Tickets: \$50 (includes dinner, one Bingo card, and one door prize ticket!)

Join the St. Vincent de Paul conferences of Transfiguration and Our Lady of Grace for a great evening! Stop by the SVdP table after Mass to purchase your tickets. Please make checks payable to "St. Vincent de Paul".

Be sure to checkout our **Silent Auction poster** near the entryway to see this year's prizes!

100% of proceeds go directly to helping people in need in our local community.

YEARLY MASS ATTENDANCE COUNTING

October is a very important month for our church. 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!

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY & CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL October 17th & 18th

World Mission Sunday is not just another Sunday; it is a powerful reminder of our call to be missionaries. The collection taken up next weekend is unique as it is mandated by the Code of Canon law and is essential for the survival and growth of the Church in mission territories. These funds support the pastoral and evangelizing work of the Church, including building churches, providing healthcare and education, and training future priests and religious. Envelopes will be in the pews for your use. Please make your check out to "Propagation of the Faith". May God bless you for your generosity!

HOLY LAND SALE October 17th & 18th

A group from the Holy Land (Bethlehem and Jerusalem) will be selling religious articles after all the Masses on **October 17th and 18th** in the Gathering Area. Take this opportunity to help and support our Catholic brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. Many beautiful religious items, handcrafted from olive wood will make wonderful gifts for the holidays!

TOWN HALL MEETING October 27th at 7:00pm at Transfiguration How to Pre-Submit Your Questions

Dear Parishioners, as we prepare for our upcoming Town Hall, we want to ensure your voice is heard. If you have questions regarding the upcoming **church closure or merger with OLG**, we invite you to submit them in advance.

To help us address as many unique topics as possible, please review the current **Parish Closure FAQs** at <https://transfigchurchev.org/closure-faqs/> before submitting. Questions that have already been answered in the FAQs will not be considered for the meeting.

Ways to Submit Your Questions:

- **Email:** Send your question directly to Questions@TransfigCV.org.
- **Parish Office Drop-Box:** Drop your written questions off directly at the Parish Office or mailslot.

Submission Deadline: All questions must be submitted by Tuesday, October 20th.

Thank you for your continued engagement and prayers during this transition period. We look forward to your participation at the Town Hall.



SUPPORT OUR EVANGELIZATION PROGRAM WITH SCRIP

*Do you shop at Amazon and Safeway
or get coffee at Starbucks?*

Simplify your shopping and support OLG's Evangelization Program at the same time by purchasing SCRIP gift cards! With each gift card purchase, our Evangelization Program earns 2%-17% of the gift card value. Stop by the Parish Office and take a look at our list of gift cards offered. *Orders placed on the 1st and 3rd week of the month will be ready for pickup on the 2nd and 4th week of the month.* Payment is due at the time of purchase, cash or check please. Questions? Call Jay at the Parish Office, 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 **November 4th** 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.



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.



*Sing joyfully to God, all the earth
Sing praise to his name!*

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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 SEPTEMBER:**

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$40,258.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$46,174.77
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [5,916.77]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [5,509.46]

May God bless your continuing generosity.

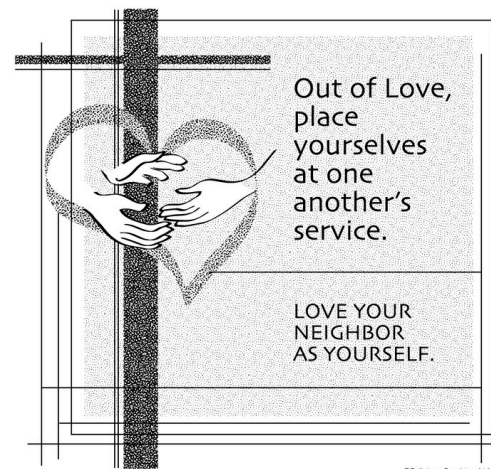


Your Prayers Are Requested

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

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
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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

KATHLEEN BENASSI

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CELEBRATE CHILDREN!

Dear Parents,

Our parish enthusiastically welcomes your growing family to fully celebrate with us. May we suggest:

- ***Relax.** God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house.
- ***Sit** towards the front or aisle where it is easier for little ones to see & hear.
- ***Quietly** explain the parts of the Mass.
- ***Sing** the hymns and pray the prayers together. Children learn from your actions.
- *If necessary, the Family Room located at the right side of the Church is available for your use.

To all Parishioners:

The presence of children is a gift to your Church. Like all of us, they are members of the Body of Christ and a reminder of the growth and future of our Church. Please welcome our children and their parents, and give them a big smile of encouragement!



ROSARY BEFORE MASS

Come join us in prayer of the Rosary, 20 minutes before each of the weekend liturgies. Pray for our clustered Parishes. All are welcome!

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The Militia of the Immaculata....is a global vision of Catholic life in a new form, consisting in the bond with the Immaculata, our universal Mediatrix before Jesus."

To learn more about the Militia of the Immaculata, join us at Stack Center, Room 7, each FIRST SATURDAY after Mass and Adoration.



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THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 18th

The Twenty- Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Confirmation Class
11:15am —Stack Center

Tuesday, October 20th:

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 21st:

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

Thursday, October 22nd:

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

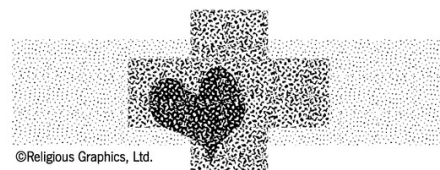
Knights of Columbus Meeting
6:30pm—Stack Center, OLG Room

Saturday, October 24th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am —Church

Prayer Garden Clean-up
10:00am—Prayer Garden

Fr. Luke Installation
5:00pm —Church
Followed by Reception in Stack Center



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Mass for the Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, October 18th

THE TWENTY- NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Benigna Tongson--D

9:00am Aaron Alcorn--D

11:00am OLG Community

1:00pm Angelica Ramirez--D

MONDAY, October 19th

Sts. John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests, & Companions, Martyrs

8:15am Louis Rodrigues--D

TUESDAY, October 20th

St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

8:15am Camille Barroso--L

WEDNESDAY, October 21st

8:15am Jay Barroso--L

THURSDAY, October 22nd

St. John Paul II, Pope

8:15am Lourdes Villanueva--D

FRIDAY, October 23rd

St. John of Capistrano, Priest

8:15am Rose Nicasio--D

SATURDAY, October 24th

St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

8:15am Rosalie Shomon--L

5:00pm Jose, Teresa & Julia Sousa--D

SUNDAY, October 25th

THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am Falgade Family--D

9:00am Natalie Ingram--L

11:00am Randy, Larry & Garry Lawrence--D

1:00pm OLG Community



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EXECUTION ALERTS

The following execution is scheduled to take place in October:

October 20th William Reaves Jr. Florida

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

October 19th through October 25th

Monday: Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21
 Tuesday: Ephesians 2:12-22; Luke 12:35-38
 Wednesday: Ephesians 3:2-12; Luke 12:39-48
 Thursday: Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 12:49-53
 Friday: Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59
 Saturday: Ephesians 4:7-16; Luke 13:1-9
 Sunday: Exodus 22:20-26;
 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10;
 Matthew 22:34-40

THIS WEEK-Continued**Sunday, October 25th***The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

1st Communion Class-Year 1

10:15am —Stack Center

Confirmation-Discipleship Conferences
 Beginning at 11:45am —Stack Center

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK*"Violence in any form is a denial of human dignity."**-Pope John Paul II, 1993*

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Saturday, November 7, 2026

Time: 5:00 pm

Place:

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4000 East Castro Valley Blvd.,
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