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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

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Thursday: 6:00-7:00pm

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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 navigate the pastoral transition of Transfiguration Parish, I want to share a clear overview of the church's canonical (legal) process. Church law guides us through this period using three separate steps: suppression, relegation, and alienation. It is important to know that each of these terms has a completely different meaning, and moving through one step does not automatically trigger the next.

We are preparing to submit our formal request to the Diocese of Oakland for the suppression of Transfiguration Parish. While the term "suppression" may sound alarming, it is a technical legal term regarding the parish's canonical status. It does not mean our church building is closing immediately.

1. SUPPRESSION — THE PARISH
Canon 515 §1 calls a parish "a certain community of the Christian faithful." Canon 515 §2 states: *"It is only for the diocesan bishop to erect, suppress, or alter parishes...unless he has heard the presbyteral council."*

"Suppression means that Transfiguration would no longer exist as a separate juridic parish. Its people, spiritual heritage, responsibilities, and pastoral life would continue within Our Lady of Grace –Transfiguration Parish. Suppression does not, by itself, close the church or remove its sacred status. Our liturgies and ministries will continue according to the pastoral timeline already announced.

This is not merely an administrative or legal process—it is a sacred pastoral journey. Transfiguration is a sacred place where our community has worshiped, celebrated sacraments, grieved loved ones, and formed enduring friendships. Throughout this transition, we promise to communicate openly, listen respectfully, preserve our spiritual heritage, and faithfully accompany every member of our church family.

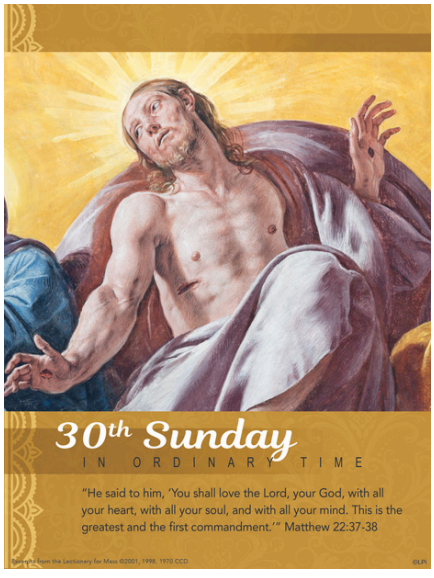
2. RELEGATION — THE CHURCH
Relegation concerns the sacred status of the building. Canon 1222 §2 provides that, for grave causes, the diocesan bishop, after hearing the presbyteral council, may relegate a church "to profane but not sordid use," provided that "the good of souls suffers no detriment." This requires a separate decision and decree.

3. ALIENATION — THE PROPERTY
Alienation is the canonical term for the sale or transfer of ownership. Canon 1291 requires the permission of the competent Church authority for the valid alienation of property belonging to a public juridic person when its value exceeds the amount established by law. Canon 1293 also requires a just cause and a written appraisal by qualified experts.

This means if a church entity tries to sell valuable property without a just cause, a written expert appraisal, and official permission from the Bishop or Vatican, the sale is considered canonically invalid.

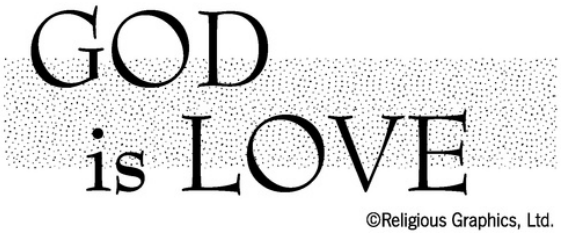
Let us pray for our Transition Team, our Bishop Barber, and all who are guiding this process.

-Fr. Luke



All Saints Day (November 1st) **Matthew 5:1-12**

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





TOWN HALL MEETING
October 27th at 7:00pm at Transfiguration

We want to express our gratitude to those who submitted the many questions in preparation for our next Town Hall Meeting. We are committed to navigating this transition with transparency, dignity, and care for every parishioner. You are invited to our Town Hall Meeting to discuss our next steps, hear the answers to your submitted questions, and share memories. Thank you for your continued engagement and prayers during this transition period. We look forward to your participation.



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.

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

We recently welcomed

Lia Rayne Montecillo Baul
Luke Jovell Duong

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

ALL SAINTS DAY & ALL SOULS' DAY



All Saints Day Masses will be celebrated on **October 31st** at the 5:00pm Vigil and at our Sunday Masses on **November 1st** at 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am and 1:00pm in Spanish.

All Souls' Day Masses will be celebrated on **November 2nd** at 8:15am and 7:00pm.

The envelopes for All Saints and All Souls' are located on the altar in November for those wishing to remember their loved ones. Our Book of Remembrance also provides an opportunity to record names of deceased loved ones to be lifted up in prayer during this month.

You may also bring a picture of your loved one to the Parish Office and Jay will assist you in placing it in front of the St. Joseph statue in the church. It will remain there during the month of November. Please put your name and contact info on the back of the photo.



ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
November 11th

This special Mass has proved to be a very memorable liturgy for us who recall, in a particular way, those who have died in the past twelve months, as well as those who have gone before us in faith and death. Votive candles will be provided. Everyone is invited to come and pray. **Join us at 7:00pm**.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY & CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

There's still time to give! 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 are in the pews for your use. Please make your check out to *"Propagation of the Faith"*. May God bless you for your generosity!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
November 1st

Don't forget to set your clocks BACK one hour on the evening of October 31st.



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!



COFFEE AND DONUTS
November 1st

Come join us after the 9:00am Sunday Mass on **November 1st** in the Gathering Area for coffee, donuts and community. *We thank the Knights of Columbus and Confirmation volunteers for this ministry of hospitality.* See you there!

MOREAU CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
November 7th

Families of prospective students are warmly invited to visit our campus, meet our faculty and Student Ambassadors, and experience the Holy Cross spirit that makes Moreau Catholic feel like family. **Join us on November 7th from 9:00am-12:00pm**.

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PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on **November 6th and 13th**. We thank you for your understanding.



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!

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
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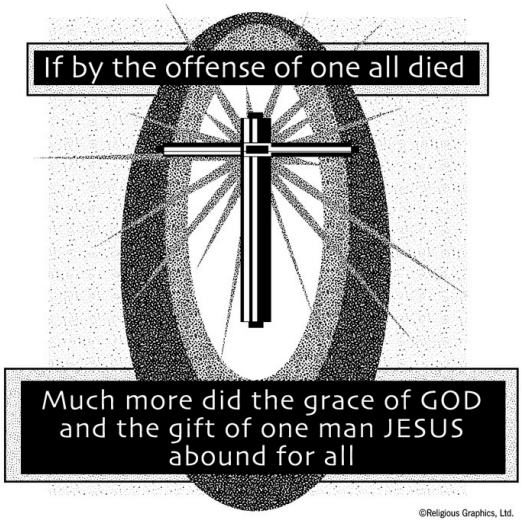
May God bless your continuing generosity.



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
Sheryl Michaud
Diana Riley
Tim Schantin



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

VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

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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.

1ST FRIDAYS OF EACH MONTH EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION November 6th



All are invited to join us after the 8:15am Mass for Exposition and Benediction of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



DRESS-A-GIRL MINISTRY November 11th

Join us for our monthly *Dress-a-Girl* gathering and help make sundresses for young schoolgirls in foreign countries. We will meet on Wednesday, **November 11th** 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.

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

"Let this day be a day of rebirth for our souls, a day of renewal in our zeal for expanding the kingdom of the Most Loving Queen of Heaven and earth."

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

THIS WEEK

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

Tuesday, October 27th:

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

Town Hall Meeting
7:00pm—Transfiguration Church

Wednesday, October 28th:

Youth Bible Study
6:00pm—Stack Center

OCIA
6:30pm—Stack Center, Room 8

Thursday, October 29th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

Saturday, October 31st:

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am —Church

All Saints Day Vigil Mass
5:00pm —Church



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY, October 26th
8:15am Eileen Shrader--D

TUESDAY, October 27th
8:15am Jose Alberto Reveles--L

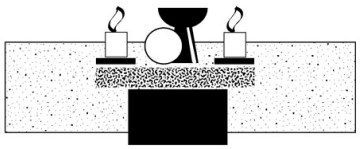
WEDNESDAY, October 28th
Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles
8:15am Terrence Catap--L

THURSDAY, October 29th
8:15am Eileen Shrader--D

FRIDAY, October 30th
8:15am Martha Melendez--L

SATURDAY, October 31st
8:15am Luz Martinez Villapan--D
5:00pm Francisco Gomes Jardim--D

SUNDAY, November 1st
ALL SAINTS DAY
7:30am OLG Community
9:00am Maria Que Nguyen--D
11:00am Mary Gomes--D
1:00pm Rosa Martinez Reyes--D



WINGS - WOMEN'S IN GOD'S SPIRIT

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

Next Meeting: **November 5th**, 9:00am-11:15am
Speaker: Meri McCoy Thompson
Topic: *"Rooted in Trust-Finding Hope in a Chaotic World"*

For further information or if you would like to attend, please contact: Judy Harven at judyhaze@yahoo.com

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

October 26th through November 1st

Monday:	Ephesians 4:32-5:8; Luke 13:10-17
Tuesday:	Ephesians 5:21-33; Luke 13:18-21
Wednesday:	Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16
Thursday:	Ephesians 6:10-20; Luke 13:31-35
Friday:	Philippians 1:1-11; Luke 14:1-6
Saturday:	Philippians 1:18-26; Luke 14:1,7-11
Sunday:	Revelations 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

THIS WEEK-Continued
Sunday, November 1st

All Saints Day

All Saints Day Masses
7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am &
1:00pm (Spanish) —Church

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

Confirmation Class
11:15am —Stack Center



PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The earth which sustains humanity must not be injured. It must not be destroyed."

-St. Hildegard of Bingen, 1152

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