

OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
October 11th, 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:

Fr. Luke Vu, OFM Conv., Pastor
Fr. Angel Garcia, OFM Conv., Parochial Vicar
Fr. Kevin Schindler-McGraw, OFM Conv., Parochial Vicar
Fr. Paul Fazio, OFM Conv., In Residence

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Sacramental Preparation for Adults:**

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,

"May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 15:5-6)

As we continue our journey of faith together, I am deeply grateful for the patience, grace, and open hearts you have shown throughout our ongoing merging process. Walking this path of unity allows us to share our resources, strengthen our ministries, and better serve the spiritual needs of our entire community. Following recent collaborative meetings with our Pastoral Council and Liturgy Committee, we are taking several significant steps toward full integration beginning Monday, November 2, 2026.

1. A Combined Weekly Bulletin

Starting next month, we will transition to a single, combined parish bulletin. This unified publication will feature news, spiritual reflections, and event calendars for the Our Lady of Grace– Transfiguration Cluster. It will serve as a shared space to celebrate our collective milestones and keep everyone fully informed of our vibrant parish life.

2. Updated Mass Schedule

To provide more opportunities for worship and to better accommodate our combined community, we are adjusting our Mass times. Please note the following changes and additions to our schedule:

- *Daily Mass:* The 7:00 AM weekday Mass (Monday–Friday) will move from the Conventual Franciscan Friary to Our Lady of Grace Church.
- *Saturday Vigil Mass:* An additional Saturday evening Vietnamese Mass will be offered at 7:00 PM at Our Lady of Grace Church.

A complete, updated schedule of all weekday and weekend Masses for both locations will be available in the new combined bulletin and on our parish websites.

3. Shared Parish Office Support

To streamline our administration and better serve you, our parish office staff will begin operating as a unified team. Whether you need to schedule a Mass intention, register for faith formation, or speak with a staff member, you may contact either office location for assistance.

4. Welcoming Our New Friars and Deacon

You may already recognize Fr. John Heinz and Fr. Tammylee Ngo, who are in residence at Kolbe Friary (Casa) and have been wonderfully serving both Our Lady of Grace and Transfiguration Church. We are also blessed to have Friar Joseph Vu Doan serving as a transitional deacon for our cluster. We deeply appreciate their presence, ministry, and guidance as we continue to grow together in faith.

5. Updated Pastoral Transition

As previously shared, we now have an official timeframe for the closing of Transfiguration Church, which will take place between Easter and September 2027. Our Transition Team is currently working closely with me to determine the specific date that best serves our community, as well as the necessary pastoral and canonical steps we must take. Please know that this is a pastoral journey, not just an administrative process. We deeply value your memories, friendships, and the rich spiritual heritage of Transfiguration Church. We are fully committed to walking through this transition together with transparency and open communication, and we will share updates with you as soon as they become available.

6. Upcoming Town Hall Meeting

Our next Town Hall Meeting at Transfiguration is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, at 7:00 PM. I encourage everyone to attend as we continue this open dialogue.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us in this process.

-Fr. Luke



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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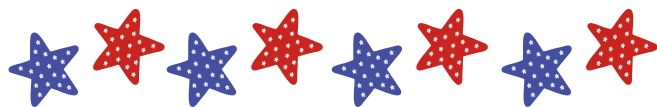
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Our Grand Prize Winner is Gail Swartzendruber! Our Second Prize Winner is Katelyne Phan! Our Third Prize winner is Michael Rollins! Congratulations to you all!



"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

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!



CATHOLIC VOICE **ANNUAL APPEAL**

There's still time to give! 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.



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".

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.

**HOLY LAND SALE**

Next Weekend-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!

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY &
 CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL**
Next Weekend-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!



YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
October 14th

All teens are invited to join us for Youth Bible Study in Stack Center from 6:00-7:15pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month (except holidays). **Our next dates are October 14th, 28th and December 9th** and we will be studying Genesis. It is open to all teens ages 14-17, so bring a friend!

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

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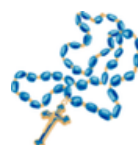
Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of the loved one.

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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.

**ROSARY BEFORE MASS**

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



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.

ADORATION WITH OLG SCHOOL Every 2nd Wednesday of the Month

Join us for Adoration with OLG School at 9:00am, after Mass.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

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 **October 22nd**.

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!

MAXIMILIAN KOLBE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Acknowledge that you received everything from [the Immaculata] and that nothing comes from yourself. The whole fruit of your work depends on your union with her. just as she is the instrument of God's mercy."

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 11th

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday, October 13th:

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 14th:

Adoration w/ School
9:00am—Church

Youth Bible Study
6:00pm—Stack Center

Thursday, October 15th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
6:00pm—Church

Saturday, October 17th:

Adoration & Reconciliation
8:45am —Church

Day of Renewal Retreat
9:00am —Church

Confirmation Parent & Sponsor Session
7:00pm —Stack Center

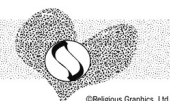
Sunday, October 18th

The Twenty- Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Confirmation Class
11:15am —Stack Center

**LORD, enkindle the fire
of your love in our hearts**



Mass for the Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY, October 12th

8:15am Gina Castillo--D

TUESDAY, October 13th

8:15am Molly Maher--D

WEDNESDAY, October 14th

St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr

8:15am Visitacion Perdido--D

THURSDAY, October 15th

St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Marty Martin--D

FRIDAY, October 16th

St. Hedwig, Religious

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

8:15am Stephanie Sigmon--L

SATURDAY, October 17th

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

8:15am Narciso Edmundo Paguio--D

5:00pm Antonio Oliveira Chocha--D

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

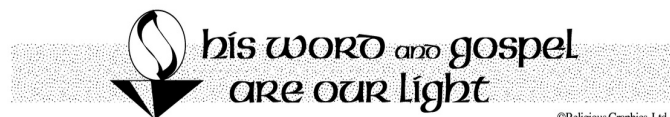


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READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

October 12th through October 18th

Monday: Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1;
 Luke 11:29-32
 Tuesday: Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41
 Wednesday: Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46
 Thursday: Ephesians 1:1-10; Luke 11:47-54
 Friday: Ephesians 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7
 Saturday: Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12
 Sunday: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5;
 Matthew 22:15-21



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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

"Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words 'division', 'hatred', and 'war' be banished from the heart of every man and woman."

-Pope Francis, 2014

To join our work with Pax Christi, our Peace and Social Justice Ministry, please contact the Parish Office at 510-537-0806.

EXECUTION ALERTS

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

October 7th	Jamaal Howard	Texas
October 20th	William Reaves Jr.	Florida

We ask for your prayers for these persons, for the victims of their crimes, and for their families.

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Date:

Saturday, November 7, 2026

Time: 5:00 pm

Place:

Transfiguration Parish Hall,
4000 East Castro Valley Blvd.,
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- Catering by Gilda
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