

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Catholic Community of Castro Valley Picnic – August 10th!

We've entered into a new month. We're in August. So, as families are getting ready to have children start a New School Year, we here at Our Lady of Grace and Transfiguration have one more week before we enjoy our picnic together at Lake Chabot. If you haven't done it already mark your calendar. The picnic starts with Mass at the Cove at Lake Chabot at 11:00AM. Give yourself enough time to get to Lake Chabot, get a parking spot and be ready for Mass. There is some seating but you may want to bring some of your own or simply find a comfortable spot and relax.

**11:00AM MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ONLY AT LAKE CHABOT
THERE WILL BE NO 11:00AM MASSES
AT OUR LADY OF GRACE OR TRANSFIGURATION**

Then, enjoy a picnic lunch followed by an array of outdoor games and activities. The next day, Monday August 11th, is the start of **A New School Year**. Check out the School website: www.olgschool.org and if you have any questions please contact the School Office at 510-581-3155. Let your family members and friends know that the only Catholic Grammar School in Castro Valley is Our Lady of Grace School, 19920 Anita Avenue, CV, and, it's not too late to make arrangements to have a tour of the School and register for the 2025-2026 School Year. The *Opening School Mass* takes place on Friday, August 15th, The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary with the School then participating in Weekly Masses throughout the School Year and so much more. On August 15th as well, there is an *All School Social Welcome Event* starting at 5:30PM. It's a great way for everyone involved in the life of the School to start off the year.

Whether we're talking about Our Lady of Grace Church or Transfiguration Church or Our Lady of Grace School, an involved community is so important. There is a lot being offered by the Catholic Community here in Castro Valley, Scripture Study, Faith Formation Classes, Dual Language/Quality Education, Outreach Ministry and Parish Organizations, and most importantly the various ministries which are so important for our Sunday Worship, Greeters, Ushers, Altar Servers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Music Ministry, Choir, Cantors, and not forgetting Hospitality. Everything and everyone are essential for a vibrant faith community. If you are not yet actively participating in one or another of the various aspects of our Church Life, consider joining in. Just contact the Parish Office and let us know. Your presence enhances who we are as a Faith Community.

SEE YOU AT THE DOCK AT LAKE CHABOT!

**GET INVOLVED IN THE LIFE OF
THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CASTRO VALLEY.**

SEE YOU AT CHURCH!!!!

-Fr. Raphael