

OUR LADY of GRACE CHURCH —Advent and Christmas 2018—

The Christmas Gospel speaks to us of a family, rejoicing at a child's birth, their lives uniquely affected by God's presence in their midst, responding with faith and trust to their special role in the history of salvation.

The example of the Holy Family, under the special protection of St. Joseph, inspires us as we celebrate Christmas. As Mary and Joseph rejoice at Jesus' birth, so too do we, remembering the new divine life made possible by Jesus' life on earth.

Together with all who serve you here at Our Lady of Grace parish, I extend my prayers and best wishes for a joyous and blessed Christmas. I am deeply grateful to all of you for everything that is being accomplished in the life of our parish. As we ask for your prayers, please be assured of ours, that in the New Year we who are God's family on earth may serve him with gladness.

Yours in Christ,



Fr. Peter McGuine
Pastor



SOLEMNITY of THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Holy day of obligation.

Mass on Fri, Dec 7 at 5:30 pm (vigil)
& Sat, Dec 8 at 8:00 am

OUR LADY of GRACE SCHOOL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Students from all grades will perform and sing!



Tues, Dec 18 at 10:00 am & 7:00 pm in the Parish Center

*Come early as these performances fill up quickly!
No charge for admission.*

SACRAMENT of PENANCE & RECONCILIATION

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER & RECONCILIATION

Wed, Dec 19 at 7:00 pm

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

Mondays, 6:00 pm; Thursdays, 8:30 am;
Saturdays, 4:00 pm

Note: No confessions on Dec 22, 24 & 31.

*Please see the bulletin for a list of Advent Penance Services
at other parishes in the El Cajon Deanery.*



CHRISTMAS EVE | *Mon, Dec 24*

*Christmas hymns and songs will precede all three
Christmas Eve Masses for thirty minutes.*

3:30 pm Mass with homily for
children & their families

6:30 pm Mass with homily for
children & their families

10:00 pm Mass at Night



CHRISTMAS DAY | *Tues, Dec 25*

Mass at 9:00 & 11:00 am



MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER of GOD | *Tues, Jan 1, 2019*

Holy day; obligation to attend Mass dispensed.

Mass at 9:00 am

THE EPIPHANY of THE LORD | *Sun, Jan 6*

THE BAPTISM of THE LORD | *Sun, Jan 13*

*Mass on Sat at 5:30 pm (vigil) &
Sun at 8:00, 11:00 am & 5:30 pm*

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST FROM THE ROMAN MARTYROLOGY

The announcement of the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord from the Roman Martyrology draws upon Sacred Scripture to declare in a formal way the birth of Christ. It begins with creation and relates the birth of the Lord to the major events and personages of sacred and secular history. The particular events contained in the announcement help pastorally to situate the birth of Jesus in the context of salvation history.

The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

The Twenty-fifth Day of December,
when ages beyond number had run their course
from the creation of the world,
when God in the beginning created heaven and earth,
and formed man in his own likeness;
when century upon century had passed
since the Almighty set his bow in the clouds after the Great Flood,
as a sign of covenant and peace;
in the twenty-first century since Abraham, our father in faith,
came out of Ur of the Chaldees;
in the thirteenth century since the People of Israel were led by Moses
in the Exodus from Egypt;
around the thousandth year since David was anointed King;
in the sixty-fifth week of the prophecy of Daniel;
in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad;
in the year seven hundred and fifty-two
since the foundation of the City of Rome;
in the forty-second year of the reign of Caesar Octavian Augustus,
the whole world being at peace,

JESUS CHRIST, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father,
desiring to consecrate the world by his most loving presence,
was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and when nine months had passed since his conception,
was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judah,
and was made man:

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.

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