



Hosanna in the Highest!

PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

Sun, Apr 5	PALM SUNDAY of THE PASSION OF THE LORD For the People of the Parish † David Hilgeman † Ken Eichinger & deceased members of the Eichinger family † Craig Botzer
Mon, Apr 6	Monday of Holy Week † Bernard Kitnovski
Tues, Apr 7	Tuesday of Holy Week † Rylan O'Neal
Wed, Apr 8	Wednesday of Holy Week † Gilbert Grajeda
Thurs, Apr 9	HOLY THURSDAY of THE LORD'S SUPPER † Evelio Bautista Tirona
Fri, Apr 10	FRIDAY of THE PASSION of THE LORD (Good Friday)
Sat, Apr 11	HOLY SATURDAY
Sun, Apr 12	THE EASTER VIGIL in THE HOLY NIGHT For the People of the Parish EASTER SUNDAY of RESURRECTION of THE LORD † Joan Maucere † Mark Steckbauer † Jack Cloward † Ryan Borunda

Masses are being Streamed Online

On the parish website, olg-church.org, we have listed multiple links to options to participate in Mass online.

In addition, the Diocese of San Diego will be streaming Sunday and daily Mass celebrated in the Pastoral Center Chapel. They will also provide streaming and recording of Holy Thursday Mass, the Good Friday liturgy, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Mass. More information and/or access is available at sdcatholic.org.

The Church is Open

The church and Blessed Sacrament Adoration Chapel are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm **each day**. The Chapel is accessible to all by way of the church.

Parish Calendar

The event status' in this bulletin were accurate as of Mar 31. Visit the website listed in the article or olg-church.org for updates.



The OLG website also offers the most current schedule information and links to faith sustaining resources. New links will be added for Holy Week and Easter so check often!

“The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road. The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying: ‘Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is the he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest.’”
Mt 21:8-9



Welcome to OUR LADY of GRACE!

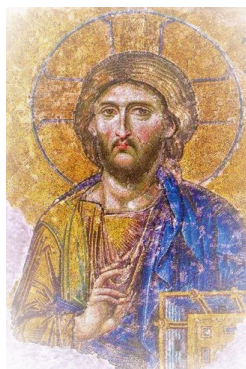
Welcome to all who are joining us for the celebration of the Eucharist. There are many ways and parish organizations to participate in our life in Christ. See the directory on page 7.

We invite all who attend OLG to become registered members of our parish. Registration forms are available on the table in the main entry of the church or the parish office. Registration allows us to communicate and effectively provide for your needs. It is necessary for baptism, marriage, and godparent or sponsor certification.

Mindfulness of Others—Please silence all devices and refrain from using them during the liturgy. The parish has a Children's Chapel located in the northwest corner of the church. Parents with restless children are welcome to make use of this chapel at any time during Mass should it be necessary. We ask that this chapel, like the church itself, remain free of food and drink.

Allergies—The first morning Mass of the Sunday or holy day will always be incense-free. The Sunday 11:00 am Mass will always include the use of incense.

Our Lady of Grace Parish welcomes all who seek to enrich their faith life and explore the possibility of becoming a Catholic Christian. Our community shares and celebrates this journey with them through a process called “*The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*.” If you



are curious about what Catholics believe and may be interested in learning more about joining the Catholic faith—or perhaps you are an adult Catholic looking to be fully initiated—you are cordially invited to enter the R.C.I.A. process and experience a new and enriched meaning to your life through renewed faith and love. Please contact Deacon John Sawaya at (858) 869-5079 or use the “Contact us” link at olg-church.org.

READINGS FOR APR 5 - 12

Sun:	Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54
Mon:	Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
Tue:	Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wed:	Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
Thu:	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Fri:	Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42
Sat:	Gn 1:1—2:2; Gn 22:1-18; Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mt 28:1-10
Sun:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Luke 24:13-35

GUEST COLUMNIST

ALICE CAMILLE

I Have a Friend in Jesus

It has become a nearly dogmatic element of contemporary religious education to assert that Jesus is our friend. We teach this to children, herald it in devotional meditations, sing it in hymns, and hear it wafting down from pulpits far and wide. Of course, it's not just the bumper stickers that make the claim; no less a resource than the Gospel of John implies that Jesus "lay down his life for his friends." I'm not in a position to argue that Jesus is *not* our friend, but I would question the reverse assumption: that we are friends of Jesus or that we even understand the implications of being a friend to Jesus.

Consider the historical friends of Jesus whose hearts are laid bare for us in the story of the Passion. One of them turns out to be his betrayer. Another denies multiple times that Jesus has ever made his acquaintance. The rest of his friends are so shaken in their faith that they make themselves scarce at the first sign of trouble. The companions of Jesus are in fact so unreliable that when it comes time for him to carry his cross to his execution, a stranger and foreigner named Simon has to be drafted to shoulder the burden. As Matthew tells the story, Jesus is so bereft of support at his final hour that the last words on his lips are, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

As the revolutionaries abuse him and passersby

taunt him, only the women of Galilee stand at a distance and keep vigil with Jesus in his suffering.

Numbered among the friends

If we claim to be friends of Jesus, then we have to consider seriously how the historical friends of Jesus behaved. They were not a trustworthy bunch, not perceptive or loyal or useful much of the time. They followed him out of amazement, perhaps, or with hopes of bettering themselves should the tide of fortune rise with him. Maybe in time they followed Jesus simply out of habit or because the alternative—returning to a life of mundane fishing with no promise of glory at the end—seemed even drearier than the irregular reception offered to itinerant preachers. If they had any convictions about Jesus or his message mixed into their motivations, these were not solid enough to withstand the threat of personal harm.

Clearly, the friends of Jesus were not an admirable bunch. Do we still want to identify ourselves among their number?

Regrettably, it would seem, the name is all too appropriate. Most of us are archetypical friends of Jesus: the denying, betraying, cowardly kind. No matter how pure our motivations and convictions about following him, they are dramatically shaken whenever harsh realities impose themselves. We doubt Je-

sus the moment things go wrong for us: Shouldn't this friendship shield us in some way from the dark side of life? Doesn't our alliance with Jesus guarantee a certain tranquility and stability in our fortunes? Don't we "get" peace in our hearts, protection for our families, a blessing on our country, immunity from disease, anguish, and the power of evil?

If it wasn't true for the group that traveled with Jesus the first time, I'm not sure why we imagine it will be different for us.

Models of friendship

If we are looking for a clearer understanding of what it means to be a true friend to Jesus, we need look no further than the first two readings. Isaiah tells us about the faithful servant of God who speaks the divine word fearlessly despite rejection and persecution. Beatings and humiliations and disgrace may result, but the true ally of God does not turn a back on the truth. Those who spent three years as the companions of Jesus seemed to be unfamiliar with this prophecy—or perhaps unconvinced by it. They liked the teaching and preaching and display of miracles, but they were unwilling to consider the cost of proclaiming this gospel.

The second model of friendship with Jesus is Saint Paul, who knows the cost of the gospel in his own flesh. In the Philippians hymn, he describes the

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OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH

Founded 1954

CLERGY

PASTOR

Very Rev. Peter McGuine

AUXILIARY PRIEST

Rev. Gino Correa, OFM

PRIESTS IN RESIDENCE

*Rev. Jerome Molokie,
O Praem.*

*Rev. Curtiss Dwyer,
LT, CHC, USN*

DEACON

Dcn. John Sawaya

SCHEDULE of MASSES

SUNDAY VIGIL

(Saturday) 5:30 pm

SUNDAY

8:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:30 pm

MONDAY–SATURDAY

8:00 am

*Holy days and holidays
listed separately in bulletin.*

SACRAMENTS

INFANT BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 12:30 pm. Preparation packet is available in the parish office.

RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULTS

Contact Deacon Sawaya
(858) 869-5079.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Marriage preparation begins nine months in advance.
Please contact
Fr. Peter McGuine or
Deacon Sawaya.

PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

Monday 6:00 pm
Thursday 8:30 am
Saturday 4:00 pm

ANointing of the Sick

Call the parish office
(619) 469-0133.

Emergency Food Distribution Network

In partnership with the Diocese of San Diego, Catholic Charities has created the Emergency Food Distribution Network to distribute food to those in



need in a safe, effective and reliable manner that complies with COVID-19 social distancing requirements. Through drive-thru food pantries and online request home-delivered food package pick-ups from distribution sites. To learn more about using this service or volunteering please visit ccdsd.org/efd

Blood Donors Needed

San Diego Blood Bank is very low on blood and blood product reserves due to the Corona-virus. If you are able to donate, please call (619) 326-4926 or go to SDBB website to make an appointment at any of the convenient locations. You can also read about their COVID-19 precautions and restrictions at: sandiegobloodbank.org/COVID-19-FAQS.



The next scheduled Blood Drive is not until **June 14**, so please donate now if you are able.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Mary Lou Calderon

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Pray for our Catechumens and Candidates

Inspirational notes can be placed in the parish office drop slot. Put in an envelope and write "A Special Prayer for you" — then be sure to include the person's name. *Thank you!*

Elect

Bronwen Borunda
Danielle Buska
Meghan Dawkins
Ryan Dawkins

Asia Goodwin
Matthew Jones
Brett Laff
Julio Loera

Angelina Ortega
Andrew Pereira



Candidates

Andrew Abuyen
Marissa Alvarez
Joseph Arzillo
Federica Benini
Sam Bigknife
Nicholas Boyden
Stephen Butcher
Katherine Caires
Domenico Carini
Bryce Dalton
Devan Bourbeau

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Elias Sanchez
Paul Serrano
Christopher Sulier
Francisco Szymanski
Julia Torres
Zachary Van Vechten
Victoria Vega

The Diocese expects the Elect will be baptized Pentecost weekend. Easter Masses are cancelled and the OLG/St. Therese Confirmation Mass is still tentative for May 20.

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glory and infamy awaiting the Christ. One who bears the form of God takes on the form of a slave. One who contains the fullness of God is persuaded to empty himself to the point of death. The Pauline parable is traced: What goes down must come up in the paradox of the Kingdom. The one willing to go down in humility is raised up in exaltation. It was this understanding that permitted Paul to go down, again and again, until his final martyrdom. He knew that the only way up is down.

The final example of friendship is, of course, the women of Galilee, traditionally among the "uncounted" of every crowd in ancient cultures. They stood in the anonymity of the costume of their gender, unnoticed and irrelevant to most of the men on the scene. Silent witnesses to a great atrocity, by their presence and observation they made the return to the tomb on Easter morning possible.

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Called to friendship

When Judas kisses Jesus in the fateful garden, Matthew alone tells us that Jesus responds with an intimate address: "Friend, do what you have come for." (The other gospels do not use the word *friend*, and John omits the kiss altogether.) Matthew offers us a rare glimpse of the intimacy with which Jesus holds the sinner even in the moment of love's betrayal. This bond is not shaken even when we are most false, and we can consider it an invitation to be a real friend to Jesus, as he is to us.

In the same way, we can offer our friendship to others even when they do not meet our expectations or live up to our hopes for loyalty, bravery, and integrity. The only way to accept such impossible terms for friendship, of course, is the way Jesus outlined with his words and his life. We have to forgive those who trespass against us, just as Jesus forgives us.

A PRAYER AMID A PANDEMIC

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

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Pope Francis' Urbi et Orbi Blessing Coronavirus and Jesus calming the storm

The term *Urbi et Orbi* means "for the city and for the world" which signifies that a papal blessing is for the City of Rome as well as the entire world.



Pope Francis gave an Urbi et Orbi blessing on Mar 27. There is a link to watch the address on our parish website homepage at olg-church.org.

Photo credit: Vatican Media.

Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

All Diocese Penance Services have been cancelled. Confessions are by appointment only. Request an appointment with Father Peter by using the "Contact Us" link at olg-church.org or call (619) 469-0133.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Escape Middle School Youth Group

Escape will not meet until further notice.
• Watch for updates on the ESCAPE page of the parish website: olg-church.org.

New Life High School Youth Group

New Life youth will not meet until further notice.
Watch for updates on the New Life page of the parish website: olg-church.org or contact Doris at dhertzig@olg-church.org.

REGISTRATIONS ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED!

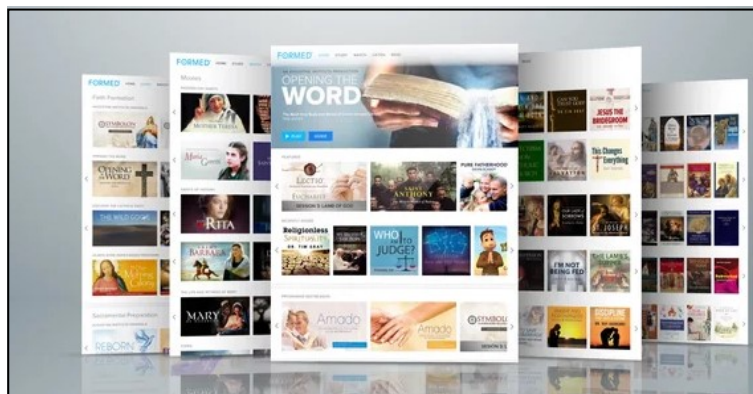


Steubenville San Diego
Jul 24-26 ~ 4,000 teens
on the USD Campus

Ministry team includes Father Leo Pantalinghug, Sister Miriam James Heidland, SOLT and returning musicians WAL. Visit the New Life page at olg-church.org to learn more.

EAST COUNTY YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

To learn the status of events for San Diego East County Young Adults follow Instagram @sd.ecya or visit sdcatholic.org/office-for/young-adult-ministry to see a complete list of spiritual development and social opportunities for 18-39 year old Catholic Young Adults.



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PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who have requested prayer and for the special intentions written in the Book of Intentions in the Baptistry of our church.

Joan Acord
Patricia Adams
Heberto Albanez
Grizelda Albanez
Tess Alison
Gabriela Alvarenga
Marvin Alvarenga
Angie Arrayan
Angie Biner
Anita Branch
Pat Burke
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Ann Renzi
Anthony Renzi
Carter Santos
Clayton Schenkelberg
Marilyn Silva
Pattie Sloan-Deacon
Hibe Thornton
Andy Tong
Woody Topping
Marilyn Winger

Names remain listed for four weeks and can be renewed by contacting Marie Pospichal at mpospichal@olg-church.org.

Gratitude in Action



2020 Annual Catholic Appeal supports Catholic Schools, Clergy & Seminarian Support, Faith Formation and Catholic Charities.

Visit olg-church.org to give or pledge!

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Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.



Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

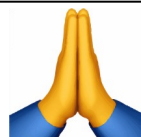
Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us.

By Kerry Weber, an executive editor of *America* magazine.



“You pay God a compliment by asking great things of Him.”

~ St. Teresa of Avila

Support Your Parish

Don't forget to continue to support your parish and parish school financially. Even though public celebration of the Eucharist has been suspended ministry



at OLG is alive and parish life continues: the parish and school offices will remain open, operating expenses accrue, employees need to be paid, those who are hungry need to be helped by way of our Food Pantry, and more! Offertory envelopes or checks can be mailed to the parish

office or, to make one-time or weekly, monthly or annual recurring gifts, online giving is available and is an excellent option. Donate through the Online Giving link at olg-church.org. Be sure to use either a Chrome, Firefox or Edge browser!

Diocesan Pentecost Mass and Festival of All Cultures

Bishop McElroy invites all parishioners, ministries, families, and cultural communities to celebrate our “oneness” in the love of Jesus Christ on Sat, **May 30**, at Cathedral Catholic High School (5555 Del Mar Heights Rd, SD, 92130) from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Experience the diocese’s diversity of cultures, languages, and traditions within the Mass and during the festival.



Click on the “Upcoming Events” link on the parish website for more information.

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

Mar 24 - 30, 2020

\$8,027.00

Plate	\$	0.00
Envelopes	\$	2,834.00
Online Giving	\$	5,193.00

Breakdown of gifts received

\$0.01 - \$5.00	6
\$5.01 - \$10.00	11
\$10.01 - \$25.00	33
\$25.01 - \$50.00	36
\$50.01 - \$100.00	15
\$100.01 - \$150.00	7
\$150.01 - \$500.00	8
\$500.01 - Over	2

Total Contributing Households

118

Additional Gifts

Building Fund	\$7,783.00
Easter Offering	\$413.00
Faith Formation & Youth Ministry	\$1,033.00
Easter Flowers	\$1,125.00
Food Pantry	\$7,925.00
Prayer Quilt Ministry	\$1,000.00
Retirement for Religious	\$115.00
School Support - Greatest Need	\$1,054.00

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Liturgy Coordinator **ROSA HILGEMAN** | Ext. 14
 Director of Liturgical Music **PAUL MAY** | Ext. 26
Cantate Kids and Gaudete Choir (11:00 am Sun)
 Director **ROBERT FILLEY**
Laudate Ensemble (5:30 pm Sun)

FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

PHONE: (619) 466-5656

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PARISH MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

To email members of the parish staff or the ministry leaders listed below please visit our website at:

olg-church.org - click on the "Contact Us" link in the upper right corner of the browser window.

For a ministry leader phone number please call the Parish Office at (619) 469-0133.

55 PLUS CLUB—Mary Cloward

BLOOD DRIVE—Debbie Ipsen

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB—CWC

CWC—Mary Cloward

Book Club—Julie Hazelton

Craft Fair—Kathy Porterfield

CENTERING PRAYER—Irma Eichinger or Beatrice Doblado

CUB SCOUTS—Pack 951—Crystal Carr

CURSILLO—Dcn. John Sawaya

EVENTS COMMITTEE—Nettie Aguinaldo

FOOD PANTRY—Since 1981

Bob Cosgrove

(619) 469-0061

M–F, 9:00–11:00 am

HOLIDAY ANGELS—Since 1988—Lesley Bradley

INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC FAMILIES—ICF

Carla Pedroncelli

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—Frances Cabrini Council 8879

Kelly Missey, Grand Knight

LADIES OF GRACE—Rosemarie McLain

LEGION OF MARY—Since 1987—Dee Draper

MEN FOR CHRIST—Steve Faucher

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Rosa Hilgeman

PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY—Since 2006

Nettie Aguinaldo

PRO-LIFE

Mary Dixon

Vicki Whitmire (40 Days for Life)

WALKING WITH PURPOSE—Women's Bible Study

Rebecca Krawczak



God's Work in
Our Hands



ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO **2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL** **BIWEEKLY BULLETIN UPDATE** **FOR OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH**

April 5, 2020 — Report Number 3



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

God is the author of every blessing that we know in this world, every grace that brings joy to our heart, every strength and hope that

carry us through the difficult times that come to all of us.

For this reason, the fundamental stance we as Catholics have toward our God is one of gratitude, and the fundamental disposition of the Christian moral life is to root every dimension of our journey of life on this earth in an abiding sense of thanksgiving.

Such a stance of gratitude orients our life of prayer and union with the Lord, understanding that God always stands with us. Gratitude enriches our life of family and friendship, of work and citizenship in this blessed land, and of encounter with those in need.

Christian gratitude also embraces our life of faith and membership in the Church, leading us to contribute our time, talent and financial resources to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ in San Diego and Imperial Counties through our parishes and the work of the diocese that goes beyond the capabilities of any one parish. The diocese supports a vital array of ministries, vocations and charities in the name of Our Lord — through Catholic Schools, Religious Education Programs, Clergy and Seminarian Support and Catholic Charities.

Our Annual Appeal provides the foundation for enabling us to carry out these vital works of faith and service in your name, and for that reason I ask you to prayerfully consider participating generously in this year's appeal, with the knowledge that in doing so, you enter more fully into the work of Christ and the mission of discipleship at this crucial moment in human history.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Robert W. McElroy
 Bishop of San Diego

Numbers at a Glance

Overall Diocesan Goal: \$3.5 million

Our Lady of Grace Church Goal: \$89,000.00

Number of Active, Registered Households at OLG: 1,506

Pledges & Gifts as of April 2: \$128,812.50 from 269 households!

100% OF ANY OVERAGE RECEIVED WILL BE RETURNED TO OLG FOR DEFERRED MAINTENANCE & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.

Thank you to the following donors!

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