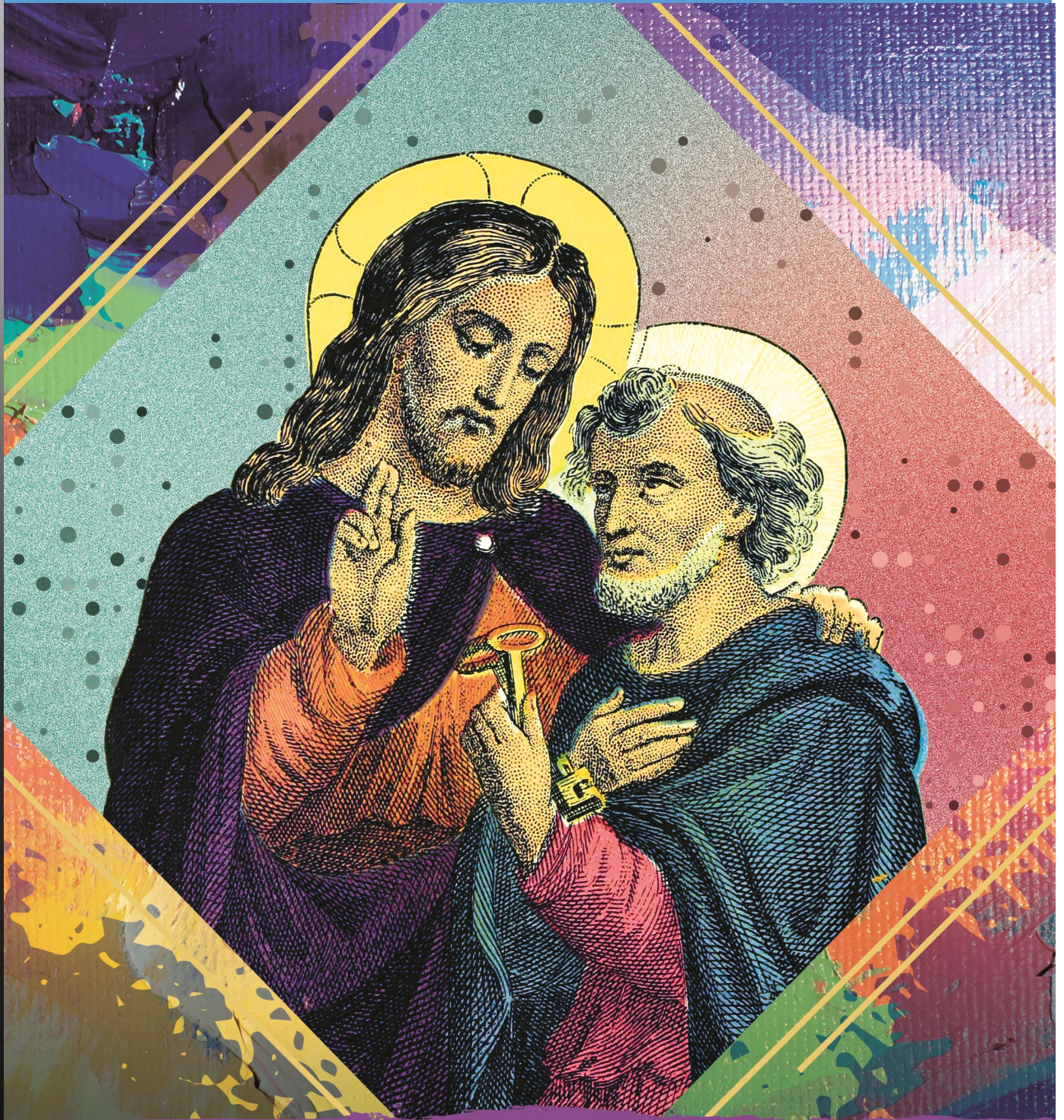




21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God." - Mt 16:15-16

PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

Sun, Aug 23	TWENTY - FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
5:30 pm	† Eula Berthalotte (Vigil)
8:00 am	† June Pitt
11:00 am	† Liz Vanvalkenburgh & † Ed Vanvalkenburgh
5:30 pm	For the People of the Parish
Mon, Aug 24	ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE
8:00 am	† Bartolome Rosales
Tue, Aug 25	Weekday; St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
8:00 am	† Elenor Seppi Mathis
Wed, Aug 26	Weekday
8:00 am	† Antonino Calandra
Thu, Aug 27	St. Monica
8:00 am	† Mary Meadows Pitt
Fri, Aug 28	St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
8:00 am	† Augustin Azua Sr.
Sat, Aug 29	The Passion of St. John the Baptist
8:00 am	† Diane Henry



FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass

Aug 23	OLG Open House <i>Sponsored by the Events Committee</i> Learn more about our parish school, clubs, activities and ministries while enjoying complimentary refreshments!
Aug 30	Donut Sunday <i>Sponsored by the Events Committee</i> The Events Committee will be hosting Food & Fellowship with donuts and more!
Sep 6	ICF Food & Fellowship <i>Sponsored by the International Catholic Families</i> ICF will be serving breakfast sandwiches (egg, sausage, cheese on an English muffin), donuts and beverages!

Welcome to OUR LADY of GRACE!

Welcome to all members and visitors who are joining us for the celebration of the Eucharist.

If you have been away from the Church for a little while or for quite some time, but now feel a tug at your heart calling you back to the Catholic Church, welcome home!

If you feel drawn to the Catholic Church yet come from another faith tradition - or have no faith experience at all - we are glad you are here!

The Catholic Church has been teaching truth since she was founded by Christ over 2,000 years ago. We offer ministries and service groups that help you to build friendships and serve our parish along with the greater community. We also offer life-long learning through our many faith formation opportunities for children and adults.

For baptized Catholics needing to complete their Sacraments of Initiation please contact Deacon John Sawaya at: jsawaya@olg-church.org. For those interested in joining the Catholic Church, please also contact Deacon John Sawaya. You can also contact him by using the "Contact us" link at olg-church.org.



Allergies

The first morning Mass of a holy day will always be incense-free.

Mindfulness of Others

Please silence all devices and refrain from using them during the liturgy to avoid distracting those around you.

READINGS FOR AUGUST 23 - AUGUST 30

Sun: Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Mon: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

Tue: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26

Wed: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32

Thu: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51

Fri: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13

Sat: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mk 6:17-29

Sun: Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Twenty - First Sunday in Ordinary Time

GROW

In today's second reading, St. Paul reflects in awe over the "depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God." God's judgments are inscrutable, his ways unsearchable, he goes on to say. While on our own, we cannot know the depth of who God is and the beauty of his plan for us, we have been given access to this knowledge by the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel, Peter is able to grasp that Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the living God," not by "flesh and blood," but by a revelation from our heavenly Father. The Church that is still led by Peter's successor continues to be guided by the Spirit into the fullness of truth. (Jn 16:13) As individual believers, we, too, have received the Spirit in our hearts. By living in communion with our Holy Father and by seeking to listen to the Spirit who also speaks into the depths of our hearts, we can rest assured that we are in a "sure spot" where we can receive all that the Lord wishes to reveal to us about what it means to live in him.

GO

Today's Gospel demonstrates that Christ desired to place Peter – and his successors – as the visible head of his Church. Yes, God willed from the beginning to leave his Church with a leader who could safeguard the



quintessential confession of Christ as the "Son of the living God," but there's more to it than this. Peter is given keys to the kingdom of heaven. And what are keys for if not to open doors? In a very real way, the mission of our Holy Father is to open up access to God's kingdom, and there are many examples of this. On World Mission Sunday in 2011, Pope Benedict said, "The proclamation of the Gospel is intended for all peoples." And Pope Francis, speaking at World Youth Day in 2023, emphasized that

the Gospel is for todos, todos, todos – everyone, everyone, everyone, without exception. As we pray for our Holy Father and the immense task with which he has been entrusted, let us work in our own way to ensure that the doors of our churches, the way to the kingdom of heaven, remain open for all.

PRAY

As we reflect on the gift that Jesus left us by making Peter and his successors the visible head of his Church on earth, take some time to pray for our Holy Father and his intentions. You can pray along with the Pope at the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (a site which contains a short video of the Pope's monthly prayer intention and other prayer resources) at www.popesprayer.va.

Written by:

The Faithful Disciple

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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 Sundays at 12:30 pm. Preparation packet is available in the parish office.

ORDER of CHRISTIAN

INITIATION of ADULTS

Contact Dcn. John Sawaya
(858) 869-5079.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Marriage preparation begins nine months in advance. Please contact Fr. Lauro Minimo or Dcn. John Sawaya.

PENANCE AND

RECONCILIATION

Monday 6:00 pm
Wednesday 8:45 am
Saturday 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm

ANOINTING of THE SICK

Call the parish office
(619) 469-0133.

OLG COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

August 22 & 23

Come and learn more about our Parish ministries and groups. There will be complimentary refreshments after the Sunday morning Masses, along with wine & snacks after both evening Masses. Don't miss an opportunity drawing for a \$50 giftcard at each Mass! We hope to see you there!



55 PLUS CLUB IS BACK!

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

The 55 Plus Club starts again this September! This is a catered event. Due to an increase in food and other products, Cupid's Catering has increased the cost of lunch to \$17 per person. Membership will remain the same at \$8 per person. Reservation and membership forms will be available at the back of the church.



Please turn in both forms **before** Thursday, September 3, by 3:00pm. The late fee is \$20. Call Mary for information or questions at 619-463-1129.

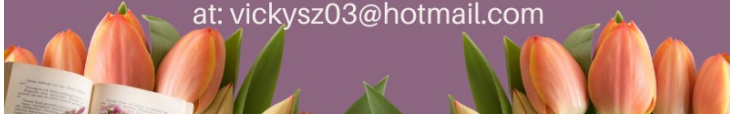
WALKING *With Purpose*

EVERY THURSDAY BEGINNING ON AUGUST 27
6:30pm - Parish Center

We invite all women to join this Bible Study that will meet weekly to read and study the book, *Grounded in Hope*, which is based on the Letter to the Hebrews.

The book can be purchased at:
www.walkingwithpurpose.com

For more information, please contact Vicky Szymanski at: vickysz03@hotmail.com



Thou hast made us for thyself,
O Lord, and our heart is restless
until it finds its rest in thee.

- St. Augustine, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church (*Feast Day:*
August 28)

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FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

DONUT SUNDAY

August 30, 2026

The Events Committee will be serving delicious donuts in the Parish Center after the 8:00am and the 11:00am Masses. Please stop by!



OLG FOOD PANTRY

The Our Lady of Grace Food Pantry is open Monday through Friday (except major holidays) from 9:30am to 11:00am providing supplemental food and hygiene products to needy clients. We are located in the Ministry Center behind Lauerman Hall. If you would like more information, please call (619) 469-0061 during open hours.



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We are grateful for your contribution and support of OLG!

Baptism at OLG



As the first Sacrament into the Catholic faith, we are excited to have your child join our community!

A preparation packet is available in the Parish Office. Please feel free to stop by during our office hours, Mon.- Fri. from 8:30 am-4:30 pm.

For more information, contact us at 619-469-0133.

WELCOME TO THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY!

*Drew James Melker
Richie Matthew Kurtz*

*Casey Donald Eversoll
Parker Nello Eversoll*

BAPTIZED AT OLG ON AUGUST 23, 2026

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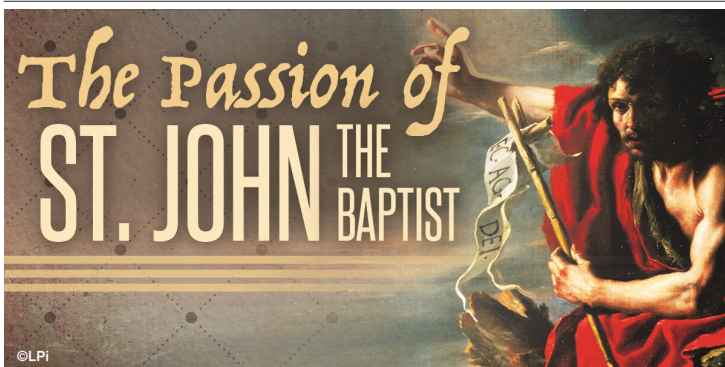
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<https://olg-church.org/our-lady-grace-religious-education>

F A I T H

For more information, please contact Dcn. John Sawaya at JSawaya@olg-church.org, or call the Parish Office at 619-469-0133.

**Prayer:**

Saint John the Baptist, you were given a holy mission and sanctified in the womb of your mother in preparation for that mission. You never deviated from your calling and always pointed the way to Christ, the Savior of all. Please pray for me, that I will have the same courage you had and the resolve to fulfill my duties, no matter the cost.

Saint John the Baptist, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

Feast Day - August 29

Marriage Help!
September 25 - 27

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Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. It helps a husband and a wife rediscover or re-awaken the love, trust, and commitment that originally brought them together.

For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, call 951-259-9474 or visit helpourmarriage-sandiego.org.

 Please be advised that Fr. Lauro or anyone else from our parish staff will never send out e-mails, text messages or Flocknotes requesting any form of monetary assistance such as cash, Amazon, iTunes, gift cards etc. If you receive such suspicious e-mails, please delete or disregard.

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.

Osberto Agarma	Joe Hilgeman
Netti Aguinaldo	Rosa Hilgeman
Ron Aguinaldo	Philip Hessling
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Griselda Albanez	Patricia Ann Kiley Kueber
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Tom Dean	Marie Staffiero
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Joseph Fromm	Srisuda Walsh
Mary Jane Garcia	Marilyn Winger
Colette Gerard	Mike Zaspal
Dave Harlan	

Names will remain listed in the bulletin for 4 weeks. If you would like to add a name to the list, or have names removed/renewed, please contact Alexa Alcantara at: aalcantara@olg-church.org.



Adorers will be needed for our next 24-hour Adoration on **Friday, Sept. 4.** To sign-up e-mail Michael Gross at: pnmgross1@gmail.com.

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