

OUR LADY of GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

HAPPY LABOR DAY!



PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

Sun, Aug 31 TWENTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:30 pm † Baldomero Acosido (Vigil)
 8:00 am For the People of the Parish
 11:00 am † Alberto Sanchez
 5:30 pm † Robin Blankinship;
 † William Blankinship

Mon, Sep 1 Weekday (Labor Day)

9:00 am † Kevin Goodwin

Tue, Sep 2 Weekday

8:00 am † Rylan O'Neal; † Mark Habina

Wed, Sep 3 SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

8:00 am † Rebecca Tabadisto

Thu, Sep 4 Weekday

8:00 am † Jan Nugent

Fri, Sep 5 Weekday

8:00 am † All Souls in Purgatory

Sat, Sep 6 Weekday

8:00 am † Mark & † Mary Steckbauer

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.



Labor Day

The OLG Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 1st, in observance of Labor Day. Mass will be at 9:00 am, and there will be no evening confessions. We will re-open at 8:30 am on Tuesday, September 2nd. We hope you have a safe and restful holiday!



FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass

Aug 31 Strawberry Delight Sunday

Sponsored by the Events Committee & CWC

The Events Committee and the CWC are teaming up for Strawberry Delight (Strawberries & Pound Cake with Whipped Cream). Mary's Donuts, complimentary juices, milk, coffee and tea will also be available.

Sep 7 Food & Fellowship Sunday

Sponsored by the International Catholic Families

Slide into September with the ICF! Join us in the parish center after morning Masses for food and fellowship. On the menu is Breakfast Sliders filled with ham, egg and cheese and a side of hash browns. Round it off with a donut and wash it all down with juice, milk, coffee or tea!

Sep 14 School Sunday

Sponsored by OLG School Families

Complimentary coffee & refreshments. Contributions not necessary but gratefully accepted. Proceeds benefit OLG School's Tuition Assistance Fund, the Gerard Family Endowment for Catholic Education.

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 31 - SEPTEMBER 7

Sun: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

Mon: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30

Tue: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37

Wed: Col 1:1-8; Lk 22:24-30

Thu: Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11

Fri: Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39

Sat: Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5

Sun: Wis 9:13-18b; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

GROW: There's a well-known story about an actor who was asked by an elderly priest to recite Psalm 23. The actor agreed only if the priest also recited the psalm. While the actor's delivery was met with esteem and applause, the priest's was met with raw emotion, stunned silence, and tears. The actor, smiling, said, "I may know the psalm, but the priest, he knows the Shepherd." I can't help but be reminded of this story when reading today's Gospel. Like the Pharisees, the actor represents the one who was the "center of attention" who was humbled whereas the priest, in his humble service to God, found himself exalted. That is where true humility lies, when our actions and our everyday lives are rooted in God first and not ourselves.

GO: As Jesus reminds us today, "Every one who exalts himself will be

humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Beyond telling us this truth, Jesus lived it. Scripture tells us that Jesus – the second Person of the Holy Trinity – "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave..." (Phil 2:7), and that he came not "to be served but to serve" (Mk 10:45). Each of us is invited to consider the ways we can imitate the same



humble servant-leadership which Jesus showed throughout his life. What does servant leadership look like, practically speaking? Some simple examples: At work, it might look like signing up to do

those less desirable tasks that others would prefer to avoid. In our homes, it could look mean letting your children or spouse choose what's for dinner rather than asserting your own preferences over meal planning. In our relationships, it might mean allowing a friend to talk through their struggles without offering advice or sharing how you might have handled things differently. With the eyes of faith, each of us can see countless opportunities to practice the virtue of humility in daily life.

WITNESS: Like the priest in the story above who revealed God to the crowd in his recitation of Psalm 23, you have the opportunity to let God shine through in your life to others. Be a servant leader, seeking to glorify God rather than yourself. When you are humble you "will be exalted" and "repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Written by: The Faithful Disciple

OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH

Founded 1954

CLERGY

PASTOR

Rev. Lauro Minimo

PRIEST IN RESIDENCE

*Rev. Celsius Offor,
CH, LT, USN*

DEACON

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 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, Dcn. John Sawaya.

PENANCE AND

RECONCILIATION

Monday 6:00 pm
Wednesday 8:45 am
Saturday 4:00 pm
or by appointment.

ANointing of the Sick

Call the parish office
(619) 469-0133.

PRAYER TO ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

St. Gregory, you are known for your zeal for the Catholic faith, love of liturgy, and compassion and mercy toward those in need.

Please help and guide us so that we may share in these virtues and thereby bring Jesus into the hearts of our families and all we encounter. We especially ask for blessings on our parish family, our priests and our deacons.

I also ask that you graciously intercede for me before God so that I might be granted the special assistance and graces that I seek.

Help me to live as a faithful child of God and to attain the eternal happiness of heaven.

St. Gregory the Great, pray for us.



OLG OPEN HOUSE 2025

This past weekend, we held our annual **OLG Open House!** We welcomed all to learn more about Our Lady of Grace School and our Parish Ministries such as the Catholic Women's Club, Pro-Life Ministry, the OLG Food Pantry and the Prayer Quilt Ministry. We also held a raffle with a prize of a \$50 gift card! For more information about our parish, please visit olg-church.org.



WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT**August 12-August 18, 2025****\$18,710.04**

Plate	\$2,607.19
Envelopes	\$10,223.05
Online Giving	\$5,879.80

Breakdown of Gifts Received

\$0.01 - \$5.00	38
\$5.01 - \$10.00	44
\$10.01 - \$25.00	122
\$25.01 - \$50.00	72
\$50.01 - \$100.00	34
\$100.01 - \$150.00	10
\$150.01 - \$500.00	15
\$500.01 - Over	2

Total Contributing Households 337

Assumption of Mary	\$4,580.61
Building Fund	\$936.00
Faith Formation & Youth	\$226.00
Food Pantry	\$1,348.50
School-General	\$400.00

OLG Has a New Media Coordinator!

We are excited to announce that **Alexa Alcantara has joined Our Lady of Grace Parish as our new Media Coordinator!** Alexa is eager to begin this journey to continue enhancing our communication and engagement within the parish. Alexa is native to San Diego and has been involved with various Catholic Ministries since 2010. We look forward to

her innovative ideas and creative contributions as she helps us connect more deeply with our community. As we welcome Alexa, we also want to take a moment to express our gratitude to Mike Sibal, our former Media Coordinator who is now a Seminarian for the Diocese of San Diego. Mike's dedication and creativity have greatly enriched our community, and he will be deeply missed. Please join us in praying for Mike as he continues his Seminary Studies as a Theology Student at the Franciscan School of Theology at USD.



SPONSORED BY THE ICF

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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.

Faith Formation FALL 2025-26 IS NOW OPEN!

Kinder through Grade 8,
First Penance,
First Communion Prep,
High School Confirmation

Please visit our website to register!
<https://olg-church.org/our-lady-grace-religious-education>

For more info, please call (619) 466-5656

**1 Student
\$150**

**2 Students
\$225**

**3 Students
\$300**



Please pray for the eternal repose of:

CAROLYN SABLAN

1950-2025

Funeral Mass Tues, Aug 26 at 10:00 am
Reception at OLG following Mass

OTILLIE O'HAVER

1933-2025

Funeral Mass Tues, Sep 2 at 2:00 pm

JAMES & MARY PITT

1943-2025 & 1956-2024

Funeral Mass Wed, Sep 3 at 3:00 pm

MARY ANDREWS

1932-2025

Funeral Mass Mon, Sep 8 at 10:00 am
Reception at OLG following Mass

*May their souls and the souls of all the
faithful departed rest in peace!*

RED, WHITE & BLUE

55 Plus Lunch

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Welcome back! The new lunch price is \$15 per person with a late price of \$20. The doors open at 10:30 am and announcements and the door prize drawing will begin at 11:30 am. The theme for September is PATRIOTIC, so wear your red, white and blue! The membership price is \$8 per person. For questions call Mary at 619-463-1129.



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.*

Nettie Aguinaldo	Elizabeth Fromm
Ron Aguinaldo	Griselda Freund
Heriberto Albanez	Colette Gerard
Griselda Albanez	Philip William Hessling
Angie Arrayan	Ed Howell
Kali'a Arrayan	Adrienne Jones
David Bandrowski	Jason Laccone
Miriam Biro	Rebecca Leyden
Angela Biner	Marisa Lieu
Eileen Black	Jacklich Lonero
Donna Botzer	Charlotte Locy
Stephen Botzer	Lorene MacLaird
Matt Bradley	Vern MacLaird
Catalina Branch	Dawn MacNabb
Edward Brown	Annika Maun
Lucy Caballero	Claire Miller
Cheryl Casey	Steven Mull
Justo Casillas Jr.	Phil Panuco
Humberto Castañeda	Mary Jo Piazza
Carol Colonelli	Frank Principato
Floyd Connor	Gayle Regan
Luzanne Coyne	Karen Scott
Msgr. John Cusack	David Smith
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Irma Eichinger	Marlene Tuyay-Scott
Mike Egan	Lilian Valencia
Michael Farber	Frederic Varelas
Frank Ferrone	Nina Vyzinkar
Lucy Forcier	Cindy Katan Wallace
David Foster	Joseph Wilson
Katti Freeman	Marilyn Winger
Joseph Fromm	Florence B. Willkomm

*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 are needed for our next
24-hour Adoration on **Friday,
Sep 5**. To sign-up, please e-mail
Lesley Bradley at:
lesleybradley.lb@gmail.com

OUR LADY of GRACE PARISH AND SCHOOL DIRECTORY

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 WEB: OLG-CHURCH.ORG
 HOURS: MON-THU 8:30 AM-4:30 PM
 FRI 8:30AM - 12:00PM

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 Deacon **JOHN SAWAYA** | (858) 869-5079
 Business Manager **PATRICIA KANE** | Ext. 12
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 Maintenance & Facilities **PATRICK ROGERS & MATTHEW HILGEMAN**

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Wedding and Funeral Coordinator **CECILIA JONES** | Ext. 24

Interim Coordinator of Liturgical Music **THERESA PIA TOVEY** | Ext. 26
Cantate Kids and Gaudete Choir (11:00 am Sun)

Director **ROBERT FILLEY**
Laudate Ensemble (5:30 pm Sun)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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PHONE: (619) 466-5656

Coordinator of Catechetical Ministry **HENRIETA VYZINKAR**
 Youth Ministry Coordinator **DORIS HERTZIG** (619)466-5451
 Junior & Senior HS
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PARISH SCHOOL

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PARISH MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

To e-mail 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 — Peggy Breslin

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB (CWC)

CWC — Linda LeNeve
 Book Club — Julie Hazelton
 Craft Fair — Kathy Porterfield

CENTERING PRAYER — Irma Eichinger (619) 980-7966

CURSILLO — Dcn. John Sawaya

EVENTS COMMITTEE — Deborah Renick

FOOD PANTRY — Since 1981 (619) 469-0061
 Doug Perl M-F, 9:30-11:00 am

HOLIDAY ANGELS — Since 1988 — Lesley Bradley

INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC FAMILIES (ICF)

Carla Pedroncelli

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS — Frances Cabrini Council 8879

Juan Bernal, Grand Knight

MEN FOR CHRIST — Steve Faucher

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Ken Discenza

PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY — Since 2006

Maretta Clauson & Sharon Stevens

PRO-LIFE — Vicki Whitmire (40 Days for Life)

CULTURE OF LIFE — Elena & Emily Ruta

WALKING WITH PURPOSE — Vicky Szymanski

(WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY)



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