Mass Schedule and Priest's Intentions

Sun, Dec 9	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
5:30 pm	† Jose C. Cruz; † Jose A. Cruz	
8:00 am	† Archbishop Paul Bùi Văn Đoc	
11:00 am	† Alan and † Rosanne Head	
5:30 pm	pm For the People of the Parish	
Mon, Dec 10	Advent Weekday	
8:00 am	† Frank and † Regina Fritz	
Tue, Dec 11	Advent Weekday	
8:00 am	† Alan and † Rosanne Head	
Wed, Dec 12	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (USA)	
8:00 am	Sp Int Lupe Nyffenegger	
Thurs, Dec 13	St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr	
8:00 am	† Alan Heffernan	
Fri, Dec 14	St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor	
	of the Church	
8:00 am	† Lola Barks	
Sat, Dec 15	Advent Weekday	
8:00 am	† Edythe Heath	
Sun, Dec 16	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
5:30 pm	† Frank and † Aurora Echeandia	
8:00 am	† Nick Petersen	
11:00 am	† Mary Ciesielski	
5:30 pm	For the People of the Parish	

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) — Masses

Mon, Dec 24 — 3:30, 6:30 and 10:00 pm Christmas Carols will be sung 30 minutes before each Mass.

Tues. Dec 25 — 9:00 and 11:00 am

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass.

Dec 9 **School Sunday**

Sponsored by OLG School Families Stop by for complimentary coffee and refreshments. Contributions not necessary but gratefully accepted. Proceeds benefit OLG's Tuition Assistance Fund, the Gerard Family Endowment for Catholic Education.

Dec 16 Wheelchair Sunday

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Frances Cabrini Council 8879 Complimentary coffee, donuts, and baked goods from Flour Power Cakery. Funds received help to provide wheelchairs for children in Mexico.

Dec 23 Coffee and Donut Sunday

Sponsored by the Events Committee Keeping it simple: on the menu... coffee, juice and donuts!

FUNERAL MASS AT OUR LADY of GRACE



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Thurs, Dec 27 at 11:00 am

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

Welcome to Our Lady of Grace!

• elcome 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. We ask that this chapel, like the church itself, remain free of food and drink.

Allergies—The first morning Mass of the Sunday or feast day will always be incense-free.

Invitation to the RCIA

ur 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 *RCIA* process and experience a new and enriched

meaning to your life through renewed faith and love. For more information, please contact Deacon John Sawaya at (858) 869-5079 or jsawaya@olg-church.org.

Readings for Dec 9-16

Sun: Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Mon: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

Tue: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Zec 2:14-17 or Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;

Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Thu: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

Fri: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Sat: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sun: Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

GUEST COLUMNIST

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Incarnation Lessons

here now: Doesn't the church look pretty? You'd have to be a Scrooge not to feel the heightened sense of expectation and wonder that accompanies this season, when the world around us is transformed by lights and colors and music that can only mean one thing: Christmas is on its way. Sure, the retail community works hard to sell us other holidays and make us think of them as "seasons," like Halloween, Valentine's Day, and the Fourth of July. But we know better. These weeks between Thanksgiving and the end of the year are, by any other name, a time unto themselves. Advent is a season set apart because these are weeks of promise. Even those who don't believe that Jesus is coming do believe that Christmas is best testimony to the idea coming; and strained down to its most secular components, Christmas still seems to be the answer to a great many of the world's problems.

Christmas means warmth and togetherness, generosity, remembrance, and surprise. It is an invitation to care about everyone, even those we routinely ignore or forget. Christmas is the season of peace on earth, a time for draining the moat and lowering the drawbridge, for forgiveness and coming home. It's our annual moral inventory, as well as the chance to become children once more, to dream about the way things used to be-or perhaps could be.

Bucking the trend in the Christian world, I honestly

don't worry too much about the secularization of Christmas. I have confidence in this great feast. I think it would be impossible to ruin Christmas, even if you managed to forget that "Jesus is the reason for the season," and even if you take every last explicitly religious sentiment out of it. For the gospel message of Christmas is incarnation, which means the Word of God has decided to take on flesh and run with it. Christmas is a word that has been spoken into our society so deeply that it affects even those who try their best not to observe it. Christmas is our annual opportunity to be born again in spirit and in truth, even if we don't pay homage to the baby lying in the manger. And that is the that incarnation works.

The reign of Tiberius

n some ways, the incorporation of this season into the world outside of religious faith only makes sense. According to Luke's gospel, that's how the story began. Luke is anxious to situate Jesus into human history, not just salvation history. Up to now, the previously written gospels (counting Mark and presuming Matthew) have emphasized the significance of Jesus within the story of God's chosen people. Jesus was God's gift to the faithful of Israel. But Luke locates Jesus within the reign of the great empire of his age, specific to a particular Roman governor, three is still being prepared. The somewhat suspicious Jewish monarchs, and a high

priest or two. Jesus is not simply born into the sweeping saga of the Bible. Jesus is born into time, and into the world.

This is also why Luke elongated his genealogy of Jesus. Mark did not include one, rendering Jesus peculiarly without patrimony. Matthew traced Jesus back to Abraham, anchoring him securely to the Jewish revelation. But Luke connects the dots between Jesus and Adam, as if to suggest that what is happening in this birth has ramifications for the whole human race, not just for the obscure believers of a religious story that has yet to exceed its regional signifi-

John says it all

uke's shaping of the story makes John's message, announced in the earlier gospels, sound new in this context. When John says "every" valley shall be filled, it sounds more global than the mere terrain of Judea. When he insists that "all flesh shall see the salvation of God," the implication is greater than the people of Israel. Baruch's prophecy of this event was tight and parochial, but today we couple it with Paul's message to the Gentiles of Philippi, evidence that the word has already gone beyond Jerusalem and is on its way to the heart of the empirewhich was the "world" as Luke knew it.

Prepare the way of the Lord, John once cried out, to all the earth. And in this season of Advent, that way

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(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

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Advent Penance Services El Cajon Deanery

Parish	Day	Date	Time
St. Martin of Tours, La Mesa	Mon	12/10	7:00 pm
St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Lakeside/Barona	Tues	12/11	7:00 pm
Guardian Angels, Santee	Tues	12/11	7:00 pm
Santa Sophia, Spring Valley	Wed	12/12	7:00 pm
St. Luke, El Cajon	Thurs	12/13	7:00 pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside	Mon	12/17	9:00 am
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside	Mon	12/17	7:00 pm
OUR LADY OF GRACE, El Cajon	Wed	12/19	7:00 pm
St. Pius X, Jamul	Thurs	12/20	7:00 pm

OLG's Family Christmas Dinner ... Thank vou!!

he Events Committee thanks everyone who attended last Saturday's Christmas Dinner Dance all 265 of you! Volunteers made this occasion possible so thank you to the ladies of the CWC, the ICF, Knights, the youth of the parish, and parishioners who do not belong to one of the previously mentioned organizations. Thanks also to Flour Power Cakery who provided five Christmas-themed decorated cakes, and to Santa for making time in his busy schedule and coming by for a visit! Three gifts cards were presented to those wearing the ugliest sweaters and two gift cards served as door prizes. David Whitson, grandson of long-time parishioner John Swanke, now deceased, was our D.J.. Two gentlemen from our parish helped the rest of us with dance moves. The Events Committee is always open to new members who would be willing to help plan parish events or simply volunteer at an event. Contact Nettie at (619) 251-2214 for details. Merry Christmas!

Food Pantry Collection Sunday

ood Collection Sunday, the third



Sunday of the month, is next week! Please support our pantry by bringing non-perishable food to any of the entrances of the church before or after Mass. Monetary gifts are welcome and gratefully accepted. Gifts may be made by way of the special envelopes marked "Food Pantry" or the "Online Giving" link on the parish website, olgchurch.org. Thank you!

RCIA Rite of Welcome



lease pray for the following parishioners who.

this weekend, formally begin their journey to full communion with the Catholic Church or complete their Christian initiation through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

Candidates

- Jose Marcelo Mejia
- Marielena Mejia
- · Gabriel Zachary Pacheco

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Ultreva Reminder

🤜 an Diego Cursillo's Fletcher Hills Ultreva will be held on Sun,



Dec 9 at 5:00 pm. For location and details, call Dan Breslin at (619) 889-2418. Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ!



he Catholic Women's Club invites both men and women to a postholiday "chill-out" fun time!!! Come play Bunco on **Sat. Dec 29** at 11:00 am in the Parish Center. \$20.00 per person, lunch included! Cash prizes and raffle tix prizes. RSVP with Nettie at (619) 251-2214.





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ESCAPE—MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRIES (GR. 6-8)



Christmas Caroling

Good Samaritan Rest Home **Tues, Dec 11**, 6:00-7:00 pm

Trip to Starbucks follows, 7:00-8:30 pm! Permission forms are required and may be found on the parish website on the "Escape" page. Or contact Doris at (619) 466-5451 to have one emailed to you.

NEW LIFE—HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

pm in the Youth Room located on the back side of Lauerman Hall. All high school students are welcome!

END OF YEAR STOCK AND/OR IRA DONATION INFO

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s scripture reads, —"Jesus said, Give and it will be given to you...For the measure you give will be in turn, the measure that you get back." After vears of contributing to tax -deferred IRAs and 401(k)s, income tax is due on that money when a person withdraws it in retirement. Annual withdraws from traditional retirement accounts are required after age 70½. But, IRA owners that are 70½ or older may make charitable contributions of up to \$100,000 per year directly to an eligible charity (e.g., Catholic Parish, School, Foundation, etc.) without paying income tax on the transaction. If you file a joint return, your spouse may also make a charitable contribution of up to \$100,000, meaning couples can exclude up to \$200,000 of their retirement savings from income tax if they do-

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Young Adults—Ages 18-39

LG's Young Adult Group meets in Lauerman Hall on the **first three Thursdays** of every month, 7:30 -9:00 pm. The next meeting is **Dec 13**. All young adults are welcome! For more information, contact Bernadette at bernhilge@gmail.com.



atholic Young Adult Sports is hosting a recreation outdoor basketball league starting Jan 6 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church (13208 Lakeshore Dr, Lakeside). Come play with us on Sundays! Got friends who might want to play? Think about being a team captain! Either way, call Jim Palen for pricing and other details!

(Hint: it's cheaper than other leagues!) Contact Jim at (619) 384-2918 or james@catholicyoungadultsports.com for more information.

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old-fashioned biblical approach to filling the valleys and lowering the mountains still applies. We have to live in peace with our neighbor, see that justice is done, mend our broken relationships, and wait in joyful hope for what is coming. Even folks with few religious leanings make efforts to do all this just for the sake of Christmas morning! Those of us who

await something far greater can do no less.

The baptism of repentance

'm not saying that Jesus *isn't* the reason for the season, or that we can throw the baby out with the manger and not lose something crucial. But the Incarnation of God in Christ—a reality for those who believe—has tangible results resounding in a season of kindness, generosity, and peace even for those who don't give Jesus a second thought. This isn't terrible; it's actually a wonderful starting point for the pronouncement of good

And the good news has to come from those who have heard it: That's us. We begin in the ancient way, as John bids us, with repentance. This makes Advent sound a little like Lent (and historically, it was exactly like Lent, down to the fasting and length of the season). If we want to begin something new, we have to give up something old, like the banal habits of sin that separate us from God and one another. In this season epitomized by the birth of a child, we can participate most wholeheartedly by becoming those little children to whom the Kingdom most perfectly comes. If we believers do that, society's Christmas will not lack its incarnate message.

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November 26—December 2, 2018	\$19,782.61
Plate	\$1,559.44
Envelopes	\$14,159.17
Online Giving	\$4,064.00
Breakdown of gifts received	
\$0.01 - \$5.00	68
\$5.01 - \$10.00	72
\$10.01 - \$25.00	127
\$25.01 - \$50.00	82
\$50.01 - \$100.00	53
\$100.01 - \$150.00	15
\$150.01 - \$500.00	21
Total Contributing Households	438
Additional Gifts	
Building Fund	\$2,045.00
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9	\$423.00 \$105.00
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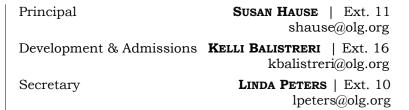
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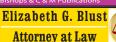
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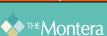


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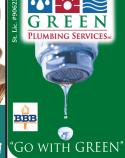


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