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#### PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

#### Sun, Dec 10 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 5:30 pm † Leona Pecsi (Vigil) 8:00 am For the People of the Parish 11:00 am † Frank & † Regina Fritz 5:30 pm Sp Int Patrick & Sp Int Amanda Lowery Mon, Dec 11 Advent Weekday 8:00 am † John & † Helen Porterfield Tue, Dec 12 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE 8:00 am Sp Int John & Sp Int Bernadette Soltero Wed, Dec 13 St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr 8:00 am Sp Int Shane Baum & Sp Int Andrew Baum Thu, Dec 14 St. John of the Cross, **Doctor of the Church** 8:00 am Sp Int Rosa Lee DeLuca Fri, Dec 15 Advent Weekday 8:00 am † Frank Cotter Sat, Dec 16 Advent Weekday 8:00 am Sp Int Colleen Llamas

will not judge us on our earthly possessions and human success, but rather on how much we have loved...Never give up prayer, and should you find dryness and difficulty, persevere in it for this very reason. God often desires to see what love your soul has, and love is not tried by ease

**66** T n the twilight of life, God

-St. John of the Cross

and satisfaction.."

#### FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass.

#### Dec 10 School Sunday

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

#### Dec 17 Coffee and Donut Sunday

Sponsored by the Events Committee
Stop by for delicious donuts and coffee!

#### Dec 24 Christmas Eve

May you all have a very blessed and joyful Christmas!

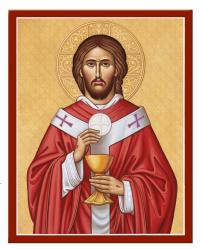
#### Welcome to Our Lady of Grace!

elcome 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 invite you to enrich your life through joining our parish family. In addition to our liturgies there are many 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 Dec 10 - Dec 17

**Sun:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

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

**Tue:** Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38

**Wed:** Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

**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:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the

Americas

The Virgin of Guadalupe, like the shroud of Turin, appears on a piece of fabric. Both are sacred objects, hundreds of years old, and both depict an image said to be miraculous. The Virgin of Guadalupe was declared Queen of Mexico and is Patron of the Americas.

First apparition: Our Lady of Guadalupe first introduced herself as the Mother of God and the mother of all humanity when she appeared on the hill of Tepeyac in Mexico in 1531. An indigenous peasant, Juan Diego, saw a glowing figure on the hill. After she had identified herself to him, Our Lady asked that Juan build her a shrine in that same spot, in order for her to show and share her love and compassion with all those who believe. Afterwards, Juan Diego visited Juan de Zumárraga, who was Archbishop of what is now Mexico City. Zumárraga dismissed him in disbelief and asked that the future Saint provide proof of his story and proof of the Lady's identity.

Juan Diego returned to the hill and encountered Our Lady again. The Virgin told him to climb to the top of the hill and pick some he had never seen before. The Virgin bundled the flowers into Juan's cloak, known as a tilma. When Juan Diego presented the tilma of exotic flowers to Zumárraga, the flowers fell out

and he recognised them as

Castilian roses, which are
not found in Mexico.

What was even more significant, however, was that the tilma had been miraculously imprinted with a colorful image of the Virgin herself.

Tilma: This actual tilma, preserved since that date and showing the familiar image of the Virgin Mary with her head bowed and hands together in prayer, represents the Virgin of Guadalupe. It remains perhaps the most sacred object in all of Mexico. The story is best known from a manuscript written in the Aztec's native language Nahuatl by the scholar Antonio Valeriano. It was written sometime after 1556.

Over 20 million people visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe each year, now situated on the very same hill on which she appeared. In 1990, Pope Saint John Paul II visited Mexico and beatified Juan Diego. 10 years later, in the year 2000, he was declared a Saint.

Written By: Vatican News



flowers to present to the Archbishop.

**Winter bloom:** Although it was winter and nothing should have been in bloom, Juan Diego found an abundance of flowers of a type



## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE Christmas Eve - 3:30pm, 6:30pm, 10pm Christmas Day - 9am, 11am \*Please plan accordingly and try to arrive early for our Christmas Masses.

#### OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH

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**CLERGY** 

#### **PASTOR**

Rev. Lauro Minimo

#### **ASSOCIATE PASTOR**

Rev. Marc Gandolfo

#### PRIEST IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Celsius Offor, CH, LT, USN

#### DEACON

Dcn. John Sawaya

Seminarian in Residence Jesse Lopez

#### 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 Deacon Sawaya (858) 869-5079.

#### HOLY MATRIMONY

Marriage preparation begins nine months in advance.

Please contact Fr. Lauro Minimo or Deacon Sawaya.

### PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

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

#### ANOINTING of THE SICK

Call the parish office (619) 469-0133.

#### WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

November 14, 2023 - November 20, 2023	\$18,355.73	
Plate	\$2,526.08	
Envelopes	\$10,793.15	
Online Giving	\$5,036.50	

#### Breakdown of Gifts Received

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\$0.01 - \$5.00	27
\$5.01 - \$10.00	39
\$10.01 - \$25.00	122
\$25.01 - \$50.00	60
\$50.01 - \$100.00	36
\$100.01 - \$150.00	7
\$150.01 - \$500.00	20
\$500.01- Over	1

312

289

#### **Total Contributing Households**

Building Fund	\$2,232.00
Food Pantry	\$1,076.50
Holiday Angels	\$5,149.00
School - Greatest Need	\$300.00

November 21, 2023 - November 27, 2023	\$19,247.08	
Plate	\$3,026.08	
Envelopes	\$7,936.50	
Online Giving	\$8.284.50	

#### Breakdown of Gifts Received

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\$0.01 - \$5.00	27
\$5.01 - \$10.00	36
\$10.01 - \$25.00	111
\$25.01 - \$50.00	64
\$50.01 - \$100.00	31
\$100.01 - \$150.00	4
\$150.01 - \$500.00	14
\$500.01- Over	2

#### **Total Contributing Households**

Building Fund	\$2,341.00
Faith Formation & Youth	\$201.00
Flowers Donation	\$531.00
Food Pantry	\$731.00
Holiday Angels	\$2,380.00
School - Tuition Assistance	\$509.00
Thanksgiving Day Offering	\$1,650.00

t Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern." - St. Ambrose



We completed a joyful and beautiful distribution of Thanksgiving help to 55 families in need in East County. This would not be possible without the generosity of our parish family. Thank you so much! The Holiday Angel Program is still accepting monetary donations for Christmas. Any donation amount is helpful. We will serve as many people as possible with the donations we receive. Use the "Online Donation" link at olg-church.org, or place your check with "Holiday Angels" in the memo line, in the offertory basket during Mass.

For more information, please contact Angel Coordinator, Lesley Bradley, at 619-878-0278.

## LAST WEEK TO ORDER GIFT CARDS!

See our School Representatives in the Rack of the Church this weekendl



Check the Information Table for a Shopping List and Order Forms!

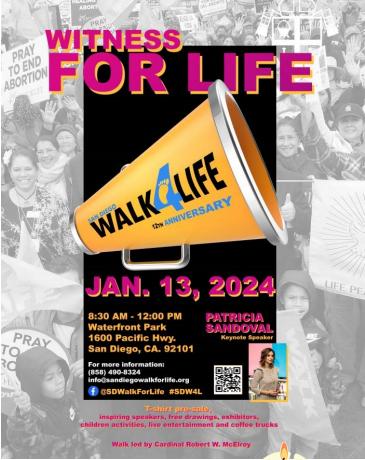
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#### **HOLIDAY 2023 BULLETIN DEADLINES!!!**

Bulletin	Deadline	Submission
Date	Date	Date
December 10	November 30	December 4
December 17	December 7	December 11
December 24	December 12!!!	December 14!!!
December 31	December 21!!!	December 26!!!

The holidays are a busy time, even for our Parish Bulletin! If you have any ministry or community events that you'd like to promote in the bulletin, please e-mail all info and graphics to Mike Sibal at **msibal@olg-church.org** before the deadline date of that bulletin. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!



dvent is the time we are given to welcome the Lord who comes to encounter us, and also to verify our longing for God, to look forward and prepare ourselves for Christ's return." -Pope Francis



#### Dec 11 7:00 PM Guardian Angels, Santee 7:00 PM St. Martin of Tours, La Mesa Dec 11 St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Lakeside/Barona Dec 12 7:00 PM St. Therese, San Diego Dec 13 7:00 PM St. Luke, El Cajon Dec 14 7:00 PM Holy Trinity, El Cajon Dec 15 7:00 PM Queen of Angels, Alpine Dec 15 7:00 PM Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside Dec 18 10:00 AM Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside 7:00 PM Dec 18 Our Lady of Grace, El Cajon 7:00 PM Dec 19



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.

Michael Andreoli Carol Anderson Ron Aguinaldo Heriberto Albanez Griselda Albanez Angie Arrayan Kaila Arrayan Cheryl Asaro Mary Barnes Cheryl Becker Lori Berry Angie Biner Juan Carlos Erazo Blum Walter Butcher Donna Butler Lesley Bradley Margaret Emily Bresee Carter Brenner Patricia Carr Cheryl Casey Mary Beth Caston Wes Ciesielski Mark Castro Anamarie Cunanan Patricia Crean Gerry Cruz Mary Downs Steve Duggins Mike Egan Lolita Elegado Michael Elsword Herm Freeh Dawn Garofalo Anthony Gazzola Jenny Geb Patricia Gonzales Thomas Harrison Susan Hori Ed Howell

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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 Mike Sibal at: **msibal@olg-church.org** 



# The Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest

The contest is open to all children in Grades K - 8, and entries must be submitted by December 14th.

Entry Forms are available in the

Our Lady of Grace School and Parish Offices.



The Knights hope that by engaging the talents of our youth, they will come to a deeper understanding of the true meaning of Christmas, and that their artwork will bring others to remember Christ in Christmas. The contest is conducted locally with winning entries advancing through district/regional and jurisdictional competitions to the international level. The winning entries will serve as the basis for a series of international Keep Christ in Christmas posters, with creative credit going to the artists.

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

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