

OUR LADY of GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

Sun, Dec 11	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
5:30 pm	† Frank & Regina Fritz
(Vigil)	
8:00 am	For the People of the Parish
11:00 am	† Victoria Head
5:30 pm	Sp Int Ricky & Bernadette Soltero
Mon, Dec 12	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (USA)
8:00 am	† John & Helen Porterfield
Tue, Dec 13	Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr
8:00 am	† Yolanda Schreiber
Wed, Dec 14	Saint John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church
8:00 am	† Frank Cotter
Thu, Dec 15	Advent Weekday
8:00 am	† Betty Spivack
Fri, Dec 16	Advent Weekday
	No Mass
Sat, Dec 17	Advent Weekday
8:00 am	† Joseph A. Birney Jr.
5:30 pm	† Ryan O'Connell
(Vigil)	
Sun, Dec 18	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:00 am	For the People of the Parish
11:00 am	† Don Weber
5:30 pm	† Jesusa Tydingco

Advent REFLECTIONS

Jesus is coming! Mary was probably just as excited as we are for the birth of her Son. It is so hard to wait for Christmas Day. We aren't ready for Him yet, but if we spend each day of Advent preparing, we will be!

-OLGSR 3rd Grade Students

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass.

Dec 11 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 Catholic Education.

Dec 18 Knights Sunday

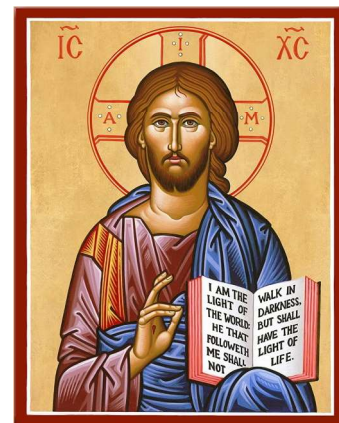
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Frances Cabrini Council 8879
Complimentary coffee and donuts. Donations are gratefully accepted. Proceeds provide wheelchairs for those in need.

Dec 25 Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas!

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 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 our Director of Catechetical Ministry, Lissa Hutcheson, at (619) 466-5656. For those interested in joining the Catholic Church, please contact Deacon John Sawaya at (858) 869-5079. You can also contact them 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 11 - DEC 18

Sun: Is 35:1-6a,10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Mon: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab; Lk 1:26-38

Tue: Zep 3:1-2,9-13; Mt 21:28-32

Wed: Is 45:6c-8,18,21c-25; Lk 7:18b-23

Thu: Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30

Fri: Is 56:1-3a,6-8; Jn 5:33-36

Sat: Gn 49:2,8-10; Mt 1:1-17

Sun: Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Third Sunday of Advent

Mass readings:

Is 35:1-6a, 10

Jas 5:7-10

Mt 11:2-11

GROW: Today many of us light a rose Advent candle as we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice," and today's readings hint at the joy of Christ's coming. Who among us can't relate to the concrete examples from the prophet Isaiah that give us many reasons for hope and joy as we anticipate Christ's birth. Those of us who have experienced fear or doubt find reassurance: "Be strong, fear not!" During the holidays when many will grieve those who have died this past year, we hear that "sorrow and mourning will flee." In today's Gospel, John the Baptist points us to the source of our joy in the person of Jesus Christ. As we continue to prepare for his coming, we can take comfort knowing that God is with us now and for eternity. As we hear in today's Psalm, "The Lord God keeps faith forever."



GO: I am not a patient person. Waiting in the slow grocery line raises my heart rate, and I have to use cruise control in 35 mph zones (it works!). Despite my impatience, I've grown to love planting a vegetable garden in the spring and never cease to be amazed at the rich harvest of tomatoes in July

or August. As St. James reminds us, we can learn from the farmer who patiently waits for the rains. "You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." Whether we have patient personalities or not, we can rest assured that the Lord is with us for the long game. Just as the rains help our tomatoes to come in – a miracle that still surprises me each summer – our faithfulness, prayer, and good works can nurture our hearts and our souls. They also remind us of the true joy of the season: Our Savior, Jesus Christ, has taken on our humanity for our salvation. "Lord, come and save us."

ACTION: Need something to brighten your living area during the deep of winter? You can find amaryllis "bulbs in a box" online. They bloom inside and can be moved outside when spring comes, serving as a visible reminder that patience pays off. This can also be a nice gift for a friend or perhaps an elderly relative who does not have access to a garden.

Written by The Faithful Disciple

OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH

Founded 1954

CLERGY

PASTOR

Rev. Lauro Minimo

PRIESTS IN RESIDENCE

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

Rev. John Lager, OFM Cap

DEACON

Dcn. John Sawaya

SCHEDULE of MASSES

SUNDAY VIGIL

(Saturday) 5:30 pm

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SUNDAY

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

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MONDAY-THURSDAY AND 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. 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.

MASS IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF

Guadalupe

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022 8:00AM

Living Our Mission

Visit olg-church.org and click on the "Living Our Mission - 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal" ad to make your gift or pledge to this year's appeal. Thanks!

K of C Christmas Greenery Pick-up


All those who ordered greenery from the Knights of Columbus can pick up their orders after all weekend masses this weekend. If you did not pre-order, a limited number of items will be available for purchase. For more info, please contact Mitchell Diccianni, at (619) 743-6844




Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Sunday, December 18th KNIGHTS SUNDAY

Enjoy a delicious Pancake Breakfast after the 8:00 and 11:00 am Masses. The proceeds provide wheelchairs for those in need. We'll see you there!



**Please pray for the repose of the souls of
WILLIAM BLANKINSHIP | WOODRUFF TOPPING**

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



Our Jr. High and Middle School New Life Teens are Christmas Caroling!

New Life teens, join us for Christmas Caroling on **Wednesday, December 14** at the Good Samaritan Retirement Home from 6-7:00 pm (check-in begins at 5:45 pm) You are also welcome to join us for Hot Cocoa at the Starbucks Coffee Shop on Avocado Blvd from 7-8:30pm. Please wear a Santa hat or scarf! *Permission forms are required and are available on the Youth Ministry page on our church website. Parents must provide transportation to and from both locations.



Good Samaritan Retirement Home
1515 Jamacha Way, El Cajon, CA 92019

Starbucks Coffee Shop
3777 Avocado Blvd, La Mesa, CA 91941

Advent PENANCE SCHEDULE

St. Martin of Tours, La Mesa | 12-Dec-22, 7:00 PM

St. Therese, San Diego | 13-Dec-22, 7:00 PM

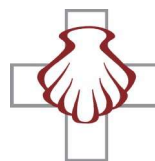
Guardian Angels, Santee | 14-Dec-22, 7:00 PM

St. Luke, El Cajon | 15-Dec-22, 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside | 19-Dec-22, 10:00 AM

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside | 19-Dec-22, 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Grace, El Cajon | 20-Dec-22, 7:00 PM



Welcome to the Christian Family

Baptized at OLG on Sun, **Dec 11**

MICHAEL JAMES DAVIES

*"You have become a new creation,
and clothed yourself in Christ..."*

“What happens in Baptism is the beginning of a process that embraces the whole of our life: it makes us fit for eternity.” **-Pope Benedict XVI**

Come celebrate the birth of our Lord with our OLG school students!



Christmas PROGRAM

Wednesday, December 14 in the Parish Center at 9:15am





GIFT CARD SALE!

Shop for everyone on your list,
our parish school earns 2-20% on every card!

SCHEDULE

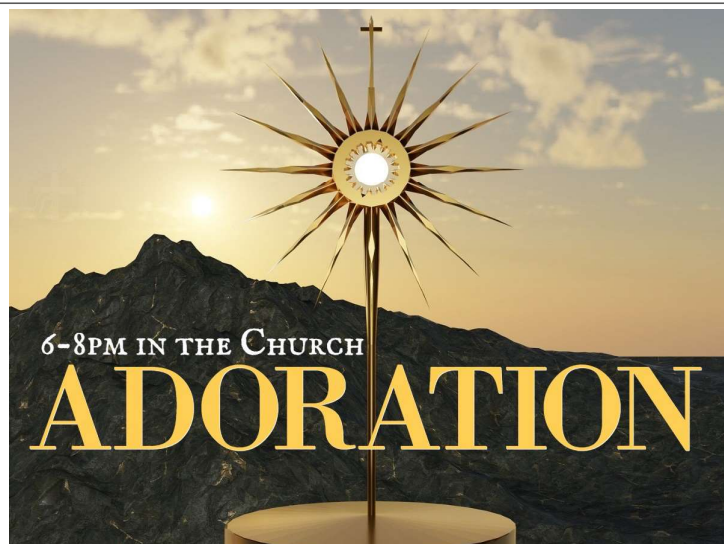
Order 11/19 & 20 - Pick up 11/26 & 27

Order 11/26 & 27 - Pick up 12/3 & 4

Order 12/3 & 4 - Pick up 12/10 & 11

Go to the school website for the Vendor List & Forms!
<https://olg.org/events>

Over 200 restaurants, retail, gas & grocery!



We will now be having a weekly night of Adoration at our Parish! Join us in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament **EVERY WEDNESDAY from 6-8pm.** Let us gather as one community of faith with our Eucharistic Lord and ask Him for the grace of more holy vocations!

“Where the Eucharist is, there is the King. And where the King is, there is the Kingdom.” -**Scott Hahn**

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.

Griselda Albanez
Heriberto Albanez
Tilly Allison
Gabriela Alvarenga
Marvin Alvarenga
Carol Anderson
Angie Arrayan
Cheryl Becker
Mary Benoit
Lori Berry
Carol Bessone
Sam Bigknife
Angie Biner
Stephanie Butcher
Loretta Ceres
Chris Cohan
John Coyne
Barbara Cyr
Marge Deibert
Steve Duggins
Dawn Garofalo
Anthony Gazzola
Henry Gonzales
Mark Habina
Angela Harbin
Susan Hori
Aida Inocencio

Richard Jensen
Angelina Jones
Lily Klavins
Nora Klavins
Rebecca Leyden
Tim Leyden
Donald Marsh
Michael McCormick
Dawn MacNabb
Rosalie Muns
Leslie Roberts
Charisse Rola
Danny Rubio
David Schultheis
Karen Scott
Linda Scott
Vicki Stumpf
Dale Swan
Christian Valdez
Eveline Wilson
Kyle Wollett
Madeline Pospichal
Lynda Kimsey
Michael Andreoli
Behnam Kazemi
Mary Beth Castin-Lane
Jason Laccone

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



Stock and IRA Charitable Gift Donations

A gift of your securities, including stocks, mutual funds and IRA Charitable Rollover Distributions are an easy way to make a gift to the Church. By making a gift of your appreciated securities or retirement account, you can avoid paying capital gains tax that may otherwise be due if you sold these assets. Contributions are deductible for tax purposes. There are no transaction fees or other costs and the full value of the sold securities benefits the parish, school or other Catholic charities you select. For more information on making a gift, please visit the diocesan website at www.sdcatholic.org and click on Giving – Stock Donations at the top of the screen. Or call Thomasina Sanchez at Merrill Lynch, the Diocese’s Client Associate, at (760) 930-3122.

Quilt Ministry

Payer Quilts continue to be available. They are for anyone in need of prayer for sickness, surgery, injury, healing, comfort or strength. The quilts are for all ages and recipients do not have to be a member of our parish. Quilts are blessed and members of the parish tie a knot and say a prayer for the recipient. Prayer Squares are available for emergency situations. You can request a quilt online at olg-church.org and click on "Request a

Women's Retreat: Women of the Bible and the Spirit of God

The women of Guardian Angels Church invite the women of OLG to join them on **Jan 27- 29** at Prince of Peace Abbey, 650 Benet Hill Rd., Oceanside, 92054 for a quiet weekend of prayer, reflection, relaxation and renewal of faith.

Mary Szymanski will present an insightful picture of some of the women we read about in both the Old and New Testaments. The cost is \$250.00 which covers your room and all meals, including Friday dinner (if you arrive by 6:00 pm) through Sunday lunch. There are double and single rooms – singles are limited and are on a first come, first served basis (a \$50.00 deposit is required to reserve your space).

For more information, contact Mary Szymanski at 619-504-9483 or Elsa O'Loughlin at 619-917-6079.

SAN DIEGO
WALK 4 LIFE

January 14
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Waterfront Park
1600 Pacific Hwy.
San Diego, CA. 92101

CHANGING HEARTS

SAVING LIVES

Inspiring speakers, free drawings, exhibitors, children activities, live entertainment, coffee truck

(858) 490-8324
SanDiegoWalkForLife.org
info@sandiegowalkforlife.org
(Facebook, Instagram) @SDWalkForLife

Keynote speaker:
Star Parker
MCs: Marioly Galván and Jake McDonnell
Music and entertainment: Santiago Fernandez

“The first and most fundamental of all human rights is the right to life, and when this right is denied all other rights are threatened.” –**St. John Paul II**

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT**Nov 15, 2022 - Nov 21, 2022**

Plate	\$2,048.69
Envelopes	\$9,568.92
Online Giving	\$3,821.50

\$15,439.11**Breakdown of Gifts Received**

\$0.01 - \$5.00	33
\$5.01 - \$10.00	38
\$10.01 - \$25.00	104
\$25.01 - \$50.00	74
\$50.01 - \$100.00	31
\$100.01 - \$150.00	11
\$150.01 - \$500.00	15
	306

Total Contributing Households

Archdiocese Military Services Collection	\$1,330.00
Building Fund	\$266.00
Faith Formation & Youth Donation	\$224.00
Food Pantry	\$1,235.00
Holiday Angels Donation	\$2,894.00
School - Tuition Assistance	\$284.00
Thanksgiving Day Offering	\$340.00

Please Consider Online Giving**Give a one-time gift or set up recurring gifts**

Visit olg-church.org and click on the "Online Giving" image or link (or use the QR code with your smart phone app). Thank you!



Shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/27-3860489 or with AmazonSmile in the Amazon shopping app and Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to Our Lady of Grace parish! Thank you for your support!

OUR LADY of GRACE PARISH AND SCHOOL DIRECTORY

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PARISH OFFICE

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 FAX: (619) 469-0575
 WEB: OLG-CHURCH.ORG
 HOURS: MON-THU 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

Pastor **FR. LAURO MINIMO** | Ext. 17
 Deacon **DCN. JOHN SAWAYA**
 Business Manager **PATRICIA KANE** | Ext. 12
 Special Projects Coordinator **KEN DISCENZA** | Ext. 24
 Bookkeeper **SIONI BAUTISTA** | Ext. 16
 Bookkeeper **EDWARD HAGERTY** | Ext. 16
 Office Manager **MARIE POSPICHAL** | Ext. 10
 Publicity & Media Coordinator **MIKE SIBAL** | Ext. 33

Housekeeping **MARIA ARIAS**
 Maintenance & Facilities **DAN BRESLIN & VINCE OLIVER**
MATTHEW HILGEMAN

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Liturgy Coordinator **ROSA HILGEMAN** | Ext. 14

Director of Liturgical Music **DANIEL MENDOZA II** | Ext. 26
Cantate Kids and Gaudete Choir (11:00 am Sun)

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**SCHOOL OF RELIGION, CONFIRMATION
 & ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

PHONE: (619) 466-5656

Director of Catechetical Ministry **LISSA HUTCHESON**
 Youth Ministry Coordinator **DORIS HERTZIG**
 Jr. High, Sr. High (619) 466-5451
 Young Adults (18-39 yrs.) **BERNADETTE ROSE SOLTERO**



PARISH SCHOOL

PHONE: (619) 466-0055
 FAX: (619) 466-8994
 WEB: OLG.ORG
 HOURS: WEEKDAYS 7:15 AM-3:30 PM
 (DURING SCHOOL YEAR)

Principal **ERIN MARES** | Ext. 11 | emares@olg.org
 Administrative Assistant to the Principal
LINDA PETERS | Ext. 12 | lpeters@olg.org
 Development & Admissions
KELLI BALISTRERI | Ext. 16 | kbalistreri@olg.org
 Office Manager
BRANDI TORRES | Ext. 10 | btorres@olg.org

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 — 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 (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

Robert Yslas, Grand Knight

MEN FOR CHRIST — Steve Faucher

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND
 Rosa Hilgeman

PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY — Since 2006
 Nettie Aguinaldo

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



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And please Like Us on Facebook!

Reporting Sexual Abuse: The diocese of San Diego treats all allegations of sexual misconduct by clergy or Church personnel seriously and deals them in a prompt, confidential manner. To report sexual misconduct by clergy or Church personnel, including abuse please call Mary Acosta at (858) 490-8353 or email misconduct@sdccatholic.org. Situations of recent or ongoing sexual abuse should be reported to local law enforcement.



God's Work in
 Our Hands