



PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

Sun, Dec 12	THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT		
5:30 pm	† Rylan O'Neal		
8:00 am	† Alberto M. Sanchez		
11:00 am			
5:30 pm	† Margie Hays		
Mon, Dec 13	Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr		
8:00 am			
Tue, Dec 14	Saint John of the Cross, Priest,		
	Doctor of the Church		
8:00 am	† John & † Helen Porterfield		
Wed, Dec 15	Advent Weekday		
8:00 am	† Joseph Papin		
Thu, Dec 16	Advent Weekday		
8:00 am	† Charles Choi		
Fri, Dec 17	Advent Weekday		
	No Mass		
Sat, Dec 18	Advent Weekday		
8:00 am	† Mark Steckbauer		
Sun, Dec 19	FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT		
5:30 pm	Sp Int Genevieve Gamma		
8:00 am	For the People of the Parish		
11:00 am	† Markell Treanor		
5:30 pm	† Tom Guarnotta		



We love having you as a part of our flock! Get updates about Masses and parish life via email or text! Sign up! Visit <u>olg-church.org</u> and scroll to the blue and white sheep.

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass.

Dec 12 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 19 Wheel Chair Sunday

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

Dec 26 Merry Christmas!

Food and Fellowship will return on Jan 2!

The Parish Events Committee thanks all the volunteers and contributors who made our **Dec 4** "We Need A Little Christmas" luncheon a grand success! The food, decorations, music and fun filled the Parish Center with community spirit. Keep watch for info about our next parish-wide event!



Welcome to OUR LADY of GRACE!

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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 lifelong 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 <u>olg-church.org</u>.

Allergies

The first morning Mass of the Sunday or holy day will always be incense-free. The Sunday 11:00 am Mass will almost always include the use of incense.

Mindfulness of Others

Please silence all devices and refrain from using them during the liturgy.

Readings for Dec 12 - 19		
Sun:	Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18	
Mon:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27	
Tue:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt:21:28-32	
Wed:	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23	
Thu:	Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30	
Fri:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17	
Sat:	Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25	
Sun:	Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45	

Third Sunday of Advent

Mass readings:

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

GO: Although spontaneous outbursts of joy are not part of our liturgy, today's readings alert us that we have much reason to rejoice. Even in times of anxiety, we can rely on the words of St. Paul, who writes that we can rest assured that "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard [our] hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." As we prepare for his coming during this Advent season, we don't need to leap out of our pews and make a show of our praise (but go for it, if that's your style!). However, in our hearts and in our prayer, we can follow the psalmist's lead and "cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel." We can praise God in many ways, through fervent prayer, simple acts of kindness and, as John the Baptist did so well, sharing the Good News.

GROW: "What should we do?" The crowds asked John the Baptist a deceptively simple question many of us wrestle with today. How do we prepare for Christ's coming? How should we spend the next hour, the day, the next year, the next five? John



the Baptist answers without reservation: Share what you have. Don't be greedy. Do not falsely accuse others. In other words, get it together! The

Thinking of opportunities for year-end giving?

onsider a donation to the OLG School Gala! The evening's highlight is a lively auction with many kinds of offerings, and your help will make it a great success! Here are some ideas:

- Retail and Restaurant Gift Cards Salon & Spa Services/Products
- Unique Experiences "Behind-the-Scenes" or Special Tours
- Children's Lessons or Classes: Music, Gymnastics, Dance, Art, etc.
- Tickets to Sporting Events, Museums, Theater, Amusement Parks
- Timeshare and Rental Home stays, Airline Miles, or Hotel Points
- Autographed Memorabilia •
- New and Unused Items, like gifts that weren't on your Santa list!!

For more info call (619) 466-0055 ext 16, email info@olg.org or visit the event page at www.olg.org.

Lord is coming. Advent is a wonderful time to do just that, and St. Paul reminds us that we don't have to know all the answers. "The Lord is near," he writes, "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." Last week, the readings encouraged us to discern what is truly valuable in our lives as Christians. Today's readings encourage us to ask the Lord: "What should we do?" Just as John the Baptist showed the people how to prepare for Christ's coming, the Lord shows us how to live out and share our faith through the Scriptures and in the silence of prayer.

ACTIONS: Remember the last time you felt unadulterated joy? For me it was when my son smacked a game-winning goal at a hockey game. As we move through Advent, we can reawaken a sense of childlike joy as we prepare to celebrate Christ among us. As you light the Advent candle, take time to share with one another something that gave you joy within the past week.

Written by The Faithful Disciple



Deacon Sawaya.

PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

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

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OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH Founded 1954

CLERGY

PASTOR Very Rev. Peter McGuine

AUXILIARY PRIEST Rev. Maxime Villeneuve, OSA

> PRIEST IN RESIDENCE Rev. Minh Do

DEACON Dcn. John Sawaya

SCHEDULE of MASSES

SUNDAY VIGIL (Saturday) 5:30 pm

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

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. Peter McGuine or



Retirement Fund for Religious

This weekend, **Dec 11-12** donation envelopes are in the pews for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priess have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously using the special envelopes or click the "Online Giving" ad at <u>olg-church.org</u>.

Last Day to Pick Up OLG School Gift Cards

The OLG School Gift Card Purchase program is now closed. Your gift card purchases can be picked up before or after the weekend Masses of **Dec** 11-12.

New Life Christmas Fun Night

New Life high school youth celebrate Christmas tonight, Sun, **Dec 12** in the Youth Room from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Don't miss this one!



Visit <u>olg-church.org/parish groups</u> and choose Youth Group, then **Escape** (Jr. High) or **New Life** (High School) to learn about other upcoming events and activities, or call Doris, Youth Minister, at (619) 466-5451.





OLG | SAN DIEGO YOUNG ADULTS

n Thu, **Dec 16** at 7:00 pm East County Young Adults (ages 18-39) will gather for a Christmas party at the Church of St. Luke, 1980 Hillsdale Rd, El Cajon, 92019.



The OLG Young Adults get

together weekly on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm in the East Room of Lauerman Hall.



To receive texts or emails about activities text OLGYA to 84576 and follow us on Instagram@sd.ecya and at facebook.com/groups/youngadultsolg.

For more opportunities for San Diego Catholic adults in their 20s & 30s follow Instagram @sd.ecya or visit <u>sdcatholic.org/office-for/young-adult-ministry</u>.

Advent Penance Services	Date	Time
St. Martin of Tours, La Mesa	13-Dec	7:00 PM
Guardian Angels, Santee	14-Dec	7:00 PM
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside	14-Dec	9:00 AM
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside	14-Dec	7:00 PM
Santa Sophia, Spring Valley	15-Dec	7:00 PM
Holy Trinity, El Cajon	16-Dec	7:00 PM
St. Pius X, Jamul	16-Dec	7:00 PM
St. John of the Cross, Lemon Grove	17-Dec	7:00 PM
Our Lady of Grace, El Cajon	21-Dec	7:00 PM

Catholic Answers Local Lecture Series What is the Mass? Do You Really Know the Answer? The Secret to Understanding the Eucharist.

as the Mass become so routine to you that you have lost sense of what it is? Of what is actually

going on? Time stops. Heaven and Earth are united. The Sacrifice of Calvary is represented. Fr. Hugh Barbour, O.Praem, chaplain of Catholic Answers and former Prior of St. Michael's Abbey, will rekindle—or ignite for the first time—your love



of the Mass by giving you the key to understanding it. Gather on Fri, **Dec 17**, at St. Therese of Carmel, 4355 Del Mar Trails Rd, SD, 92130 for wine and cheese at 6:30 pm followed by the lecture at 7:00.

Walk for Life: All Stages of Life Celebration

SAN DIEGO ver 2,000 members of the faithful are expected to stand up for life—especially for those yet to be born—on Sat, **Jan 15** at 8:30

am. Bring your family and friends to enjoy inspiration speakers, live music, exhibitors and more. For more info visit <u>tinyurl.com/4jasse5v</u> or call (858) 490-8324.

Women's Retreat: Choose Joy

The women of Guardian Angels Church invite the women of OLG to join them on **Jan 28-30** at Prince of Peace Abbey, 650



Benet Hill Rd, Oceanside, 92054 for a quiet weekend of prayer, reflection, relaxation and renewal of faith. Presenter Mary Szymanski will help all explore the way in which we experience joy, what takes our joy away and how to live the joyous life Christ promised. The cost is \$200.00 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. For more info contact Carol Ann DeMars (619) 562-0658.

A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.



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 info on making a gift, please visit <u>sdcatholic.org</u> and click on Giving, then Stock Donations or IRA Charitable Contribution. Or call Daniel Pritchard at Merrill Lynch, the Diocese's broker, at (760) 930-3122.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who have requested prayer and for the special intentions written in the Book of Intentions in the Baptistery of our church.

Griselda Albanez Heriberto Albanez Tilly Allison Gabriela Alvarenga Marvin Alvarenga Angie Arravan Patrick Attardo Violetta Bacniss Gary Barker Susie Bellenbaum Carol Bessone Angie Biner Anita Branch Deborah Butcher Stephanie Butcher Pam Carlson Linda Coit David Conway **Rosemary Cosgrove** Barbara Cyr Catherine Dizon Steve Duggins Nubia Grimes Mark Habina Susan Hori **Richard Jensen** Lynn Jolivet

Danka Jankura Stephen Kane John Kleine Rebecca Leyden Tim Leyden Susan Lindquist Mickey Lyle Dawn M. MacNabb Donald Marsh Karen Matvichuk Barbara Messier Tessie Montano Mary Montoya Anthony Renzi Charlisse Rola Danny Rubio Theresa Smith Christine Stanley Tony Tabadisto Terry Tedrow Christian Valdez Roy Wheeler Marilyn Winger Kyle Wollett

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



Visit <u>olg-church.org</u> and scroll to the "Annual Catholic Appeal" ad. Click the "2021 ACA video" link to see how funds raised will support diocesan and local efforts to announce the Gospel and serve God's people. Click the "Renewing Hope" image to make a pledge and/or gift to this year's Appeal. Thank you!



n the cover and more: The OLG Prayer Quilt Ministry fulfills requests to make quilts for those in need, especially for those in need of healing. The quilts are blessed at Mass and then are available outside the doors of the church for parishioners to tie the quilt knots and pray for the individual who will receive the quilt. The quilt is then given to the requester to be delivered.

This ministry is best described through these words included in the quilt blessing... "Make our hearts reach out to those who call upon our prayers and support. And may the fabric of Faith, the threads of Hope, and the hands of Love You have blessed us with, in turn, bless those who receive these prayer quilts..."

To learn more, help with making these quilts or to request a prayer quilt for someone in need visit <u>olg-church.org/parish-ministries</u>, then scroll to Service Ministries and click on Prayer Quilts.

Welcome to the Christian Family

Baptized at OLG on Sun, **Dec 12**

Eva Jane Sawaya Jude Anthony Wilbert Roman Alexander Williamson

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

Please Consider Online Giving

Give a one-time gift or set up recurring gifts

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



New, Easier-to-Use Online Giving Feature

I takes financial resources to accomplish the work God has called us to do and OLG made it easier than ever to use our online giving feature. Visit <u>olg-church.org</u> and click on the Online Giving link or ad to use this feature. *Good to know:* Current recurring online givers were converted to the new format!

Medical Equipment

The Knights of Columbus Francis Cabrini Council 8879 has gently-used medical equipment such as walkers, canes, wheelchairs and commode chairs available for use by those in need.

If you need medical equipment or have something to donate contact Frank at (619) 672-8332 or Michael at (619) 823-4000 to make arrangements to pick up or drop off.



Let us pray together for catechists, called to announce the Word of God: that they may be courageous and creative witnesses through the power of the Holy Spirit.

~ Pope Francis, @Pontifex, 11/30/21



Teach me to know of the things that are right. Teach me, teach me to walk in the light."

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