

PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

Sun, Dec 13	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
3:30 pm	Spec Int of the Mix family
8:00 am	For the People of the Parish
11:00 am	† Don & † Muriel Sloan
3:30 pm	† John & † Helen Porterfield
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Mon, Dec 14 Saint John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church

8:00 am	† Frank Cotter
Tue, Dec 15	Advent Weekday
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8:00 am Spec Int of the Ibarrola family

Wed, Dec 16 Advent Weekday 8:00 am † Nicholas Petersen Thu, Dec 17 Advent Weekday

8:00 am † Fred & † Barbara Cosgrove

Fri, Dec 18 Advent Weekday
No Mass

Sat, Dec 19 Advent Weekday 8:00 am † Elizabeth Nguyen

Sun, Dec 20 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

3:30 pm † Arthur Vitalis 8:00 am † Mark Steckbauer 11:00 am † James Sayler

3:30 pm For the People of the Parish



We love having you as part of our flock! Get updates about Masses and parish life via email or text!

Sign up! Visit <u>olg-church.org</u> and look for the blue and white sheep.

Public Mass Update

an Diego County is in the COVID-19 Purple Tier meaning Masses must be celebrated outside. If Mass is canceled due to inclement weather, a Flocknote

email will be sent. Visit <u>olg-church.org</u> for current info. When Mass is celebrated outside in front of the church, bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on. Face coverings are required, as is physical distancing. Bottled water, hats, hand sanitizer, and sunscreen are recommended. Our Ambassadors will be present to assist you.

The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation continues to be dispensed by Bishop McElroy.

Streamed Online Mass Information Available

n the parish website we have listed multiple links to options to participate in Sunday and daily Mass online in the Diocese of San Diego and beyond. Visit the olg-church.org homepage and click on the gold "Online Mass Info and Other Sustaining Faith Resources in the Time of Pandemic" bar. Scroll to Mass links.

the Spirit secretly anoints the soul and heals our deepest wounds."

~ St. John of the Cross, Feast Day Dec 14

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 at any time during Mass should it be necessary. We ask that this chapel, like the church itself, remain free of food and drink.

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

Invitation to the R.C.I.A.

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 *R.C.I.A.* process and experience a new and enriched meaning to your life through renewed faith and love. Please contact Deacon John Sawaya at (858) 869-5079 or use the "Contact us" link on the parish webpage.

READINGS FOR DEC 13 - 20

Sun: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn1:6-8, 19-28

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, 21c-25; Lk 7:18b-23

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

Fri: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

Sat: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27;

Lk 1:26-38

Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Readings:

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

GROW: The prophet's words in the Book of Isaiah are bursting with hope: "The Lord ... has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the Lord." As we enter the third week of Advent, these words may resonate more deeply for many of us as we look back on 2020. We know that for many of the world's people, struggle can be an everyday reality; however, after this year marked by pandemic, mourning, racial injustice, and mounting unemployment, the prophet's hopefilled words may hit home more acutely. Regardless of what 2020 has been like for us. Advent is a reminder that we have reason for hope: in Emmanuel, God

with us. Let us prepare our hearts and our minds for Christ's coming through prayer, confident



that the Lord will fulfill the promises of the prophet.

GO: Light! Here in the Midwest in December we

don't see nearly enough of it. Every year I consider purchasing a "happy lamp" and vow to "up" my Vitamin D intake. Perhaps that's why I was taken by the line in today's Gospel describing John the Baptist: "He came ... to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him." As predicted by John the Baptist and the prophet, Christ came to dwell among us, and remains within us through the Eucharist and the working of the Holy Spirit. We, like John the Baptist, can "testify to the light" by sharing Christ's presence through our witness to others.

WITNESS: Last week we focused on making God's kindness visible through our words and actions toward the people with whom we live and interact regularly; this week, let our witness focus on testifying to the light in our digital presence and encounters. Make your words be those that foster hope and promise rather than incite division.

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SCHEDULE of MASSES

SUNDAY VIGIL

(Saturday) 3:30 pm

SUNDAY

8:00 am, 11:00 am, 3:30 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 Deacon Sawaya.

PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

Monday 6:00 pm Thursday 8:30 am Saturday 2:00 pm

Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office (619) 469-0133.

COVID-19 Vaccines

n Dec 3, the California Catholic Conference released a statement on behalf of all 12 California arch/dioceses endorsing the use of the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines and pledging their support for state and local efforts to distribute the vaccines to vulnerable populations:

"All the arch/dioceses in California together with Catholic health care ministries and Catholic Charities support the eradication of disease that disrupts human life. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines promote health in face of a devastating pandemic that no one expected.

We want to reemphasize that the origins of the vaccines are morally acceptable from a Catholic perspective and

their advancement fosters the common good. We also affirm that those who are most vulnerable must have a privileged place in their distribution and allocation." These vaccines do not rely on fetal stem cells and there are no moral impediments to recommending

The full statement is available at cacatholic.org/covid-vaccines.

their use.



Welcome to the Christian family Baptized at OLG on Sun, Dec 13

ANDREW MICHAEL ZEBIAN

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

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 12** and 13.



Parish Funeral Liturgy Notices

Did you know that you can sign-up to receive parish funeral liturgy notices by email? It's simple! If you already receive the Weekly Bulletin Note or Parish Life Note emails each week you have a Flocknote account.

- From an open Flocknote email click on the "My Info" link at the bottom.
- Click the "Groups" icon under your profile picture, and then "+Join another group".
- Click on "OLG Funeral Note" and you are done!



If you are not receiving parish Flocknotes, but would like to start, visit olg-church.org and click on the blue and white sheep to sign up.

New Walking With Purpose Women's Series

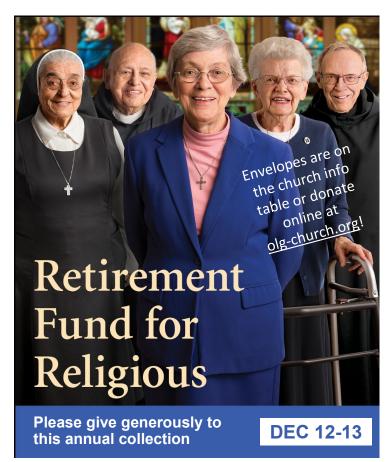
an we trust God's love for us? Bring your doubts to the table and learn to feed on the truth! WWP meets via Zoom on **Dec 16** at 6:30 pm. Email danicalew@gmail.com for a Zoom link or to learn more. No previous participation is necessary.





Ninth Annual San Diego Walk for Life

stand up for Life at the 9th annual San Diego Walk for Life: a hybrid week-long event, **Jan 11-16**, which includes a series of webinars, a virtual concert, two Masses and a vehicle caravan that will replace the actual walk. The theme is "Never Alone: Meeting their Needs at Every Turn." Mass will be outdoors with a livestream option. We encourage you to show your pro-life spirit by wearing blue for the webinars and Mass and by decorating your cars with life-affirming signs. Check the entire program at sdcatholic.org/event/san-diego-walk-for-life.



Year-round Prayers Needed

The team of 40-Days for Life reminds us to continue prayers to close two abortion providers in El Cajon. Prayer from home is just fine but if you are able, please gather with them to peacefully pray the Rosary in front of Planned Parenthood, 1685 E. Main St, El Cajon, any Fri or Sat from 9:00 to 10:30 am. For more details, call Vicki at (619) 647-5793.

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A Little Humor for Gaudete Sunday!

y 8 year-old in the car today: Do you want me to throw the confetti in my pocket?

Me: No, not in the car! Why do you have confetti in your pocket?

8yo: It's my emergency confetti, I carry it everywhere in case there is good news!"

Mental Health Resources from our Diocese

√he "Mental Health" webpage of the Office for Family Life & Spirituality at the Diocese of San Diego offers a comprehensive list of links to help with many mental health challenges.

The webpage provides links to sites that provide face-to-face online therapy sessions with licensed psychologists, social workers and other mental health disciplines with a wide variety of specialties.

Additional resources include a Crisis Text Line

and links to local Affiliated Groups to help with overcoming depression, post-abortion healing, survivors of suicide loss and more.



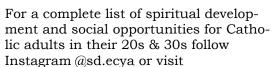
Also, a list of therapists for referral is available by calling (858) 490-8299.

To access these resources visit olg-church.org then click on the image shown above.

EAST COUNTY YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY

ue, **Dec 15 and 22:** Advent Series on the topics of Hope, Love and Joy respectively, at 7:00 pm. St. Therese Parish, 6400 St Therese Way, SD

92120.



sdcatholic.org/office-for/young-adult-ministry.

In addition, OLG will host the December Young Adult Monthly Night of Worship. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Advent Evening Prayer and Benediction takes place on **Dec 16** at 6:00 pm in the Mary Grotto near the Parish Center.

SAN DIEGO ADULT COMMUNITY

ctivities and a social network for adult Catholics: College Age, Young Adults (20s & 30s), Adult (40s & 50s), Active 60s+. Learn more at sandiegocac.org.

Discern the Spirit

ften we get an intuition, a burning in the heart that feels motivating. It may tell us to speak up or shut up; to reach out or keep our hands off a situation; to admit we need help or to stop leaning on others. Do we obey the prompt, or ignore it? The problem with following what may be a divine nudge is that we can't always discern the Holy Spirit from a lesser kind. Discernment involves prayer, familiarity with scripture, consultation with faithful others, and sometimes spiritual direction. Above all, it needs to be practiced. Befriend the Spirit!

YOUTH MINISTRY AND FORMATION

Calendar Update: New Life youth group will not meet on Sunday evenings during December.

isit olg-church.org to get Jr. High and/or High School event details. Click "Serve" then "Parish Groups" and under "Youth Groups" choose ESCAPE (Jr. High) or New Life (High School).



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.

Patricia Adams Griselda Albanez Heriberto Albanez Tilly Allison Gabriela Alvarenga Marvin Alvarenga Mari Kay Ames Angie Arrayan Patrick Attardo Gary Barker Carol Bessone Angie Biner Anita Branch Pat Burke Stephanie Butcher David Byram Pam Carlson Brian Cashman Tim Clasemen Helen Dalton Mark Habina Brenda Hilgeman

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



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Some End-of-Year Requests and Reminders

DECEMBER

fter all that has happened this year — from the quarantine of our families, to the shuttering and Reopening of our parish, school classes moving to online instruction, and the complexities of politics and calls for social justice — there is a clear take away: God is calling us for more. And, for our staff and ministry teams to answer this calling, we need your

For so many months this year, our church had to "reverse engineer" how to safely bring the sacraments to parishioners, sustain our ministries and reopen our school. As we continue this "new way of life" (for now), please prayerfully consider a yearend gift to Our Lady of Grace parish.

When you make a contribution to your parish, you allow amazing things to happen! Families are fed, the sick are visited, people are catechized, and Jesus strengthens His people through the sacraments. Gifts may be made online, by check or by cash. Big or small, all donations make a difference.

If you haven't already signed up to give online, please consider it today — online giving is fast, easy and safe. And, if you set up recurring gifts, you have a huge impact on the stability of funding our ministries and outreach programs.

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support.

- Visit <u>olg-church.org</u> and click the "Online Giving" image or link.
- Create a new account, log in (if you already have an account) or choose "Quick Give" for a fast, one-time giving option.

• Follow the prompts to set up your donation with your credit card or bank information.

Thank you for all you do to make an impact in our faith community and the community at large. With your prayers and financial support, we'll come out of this pandemic stronger than ever before!

Donations received or postmarked by Dec 31 will be included in your 2020 contribution statement which will be mailed no later than Jan 31, 2021.

Also, please remember to complete all payments for your 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal pledge before Dec 31. If you have yet to participate in this year's Appeal, it's not too late! Visit sdcatholic.org/giving/annual-catholic-appeal.

Thank you!

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If any of your personal information has changed please call the Parish Office to let us know. We strive to keep our family records up-to-date.



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To email 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.

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