"Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern."

- Mother Teresa

# 3RD WEEK OF ADVENT

### PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

### Sun, Dec 14 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:30 pm For the People of the Parish

(Vigil)

8:00 am † Frank Cotter

11:00 am † Serlita Dela Rosa

5:30 pm † Carlos S. Avila

Mon, Dec 15 Advent Weekday

8:00 am † Frances McPhillips

Tue, Dec 16 Advent Weekday

8:00 am † George Gaspar

Wed, Dec 17 Advent Weekday

8:00 am Sp Int Colleen Llamas

Thu, Dec 18 Advent Weekday

8:00 am † Robert Segerland

Fri, Dec 19 Advent Weekday

8:00 am Collective Intentions

Sat, Dec 20 Advent Weekday

8:00 am † Gerald Cruz

The Parish Office would like to announce that we are now open Monday - Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

### FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass

### Dec 14 School Sunday

Sponsored by the OLG School Families

Complimentary coffee and refreshments. All proceeds benefit OLG's Tuition Assistance Fund, the Gerard Family Endowment for Education.

### Dec 21 Parish Christmas Party

Sponsored by the Events Committee

Join us for a fun and festive Christmas Party with food, a program and prizes! Details on **page 4.** 

### Dec 28 Donut Sunday

Sponsored by the CWC

The Catholic Women's Club will be serving donuts and more! You can find more information on **page 5.** 



### 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 offer 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 DECEMBER 14 - DECEMBER 21

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

**Mon:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27

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

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

**Thu:** Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

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

**Sat:** Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

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

# Third Sunday of Advent

### GROW:

One morning, I woke up feeling exhausted after a fitful night of sleep. I was achy and generally under the weather. Despite this, I made a to -do list because the day's work still needed to be accomplished. I was determined to not let this sickness interrupt my productivity, even though I knew I needed to rest. It occurred to me, then, that rest - and dependence on others and God - is sacred also. In today's psalm, we hear of the many ways the Lord provides: The Lord gives, the Lord raises, the Lord loves, the Lord protects, the Lord saves. We cannot accomplish our own salvation, but we can rest in the promise the Lord provides, and we can hope in the salvation offered in Christ. As we wait in joyful anticipation for the coming of Jesus at

Christmas, let us find time to rest in his Word and his presence, trusting that our salvation does not depend on us and has already come to fruition in Christ.

### GO:

As we saw in our psalm, God is the one who



takes initiative, who provides for our salvation. In our work to share the faith with others, sometimes our task is simply to help others become aware of the ways God is providing for them by pointing out the signs of his action in their lives. When the disciples of John came to Jesus asking if he was "the one who is to come" or whether they should "look for another," Jesus reminds them of the

evidence all around them: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised. As we help others to see God's work in their lives, we are also leading them to greater faith and trust in him.

### **REST:**

We are more able to see the signs of God's providence in our lives when we take time to reflect. Make time to rest in God's presence this week. This could mean stopping into a chapel for a couple minutes of quiet prayer, reflecting on Scripture using Lectio Divina, or reading the story of Christ's nativity in the Gospel. These simple practices will prepare our hearts to recognize Christ's presence and goodness at each moment of our lives.

Written by: The Faithful Disciple

### OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH

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**DEACON** John Sawaya

### 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 Dcn. John Sawaya (858) 869-5079.

### HOLY MATRIMONY

Marriage preparation begins nine months in advance. Please contact Fr. Lauro Minimo or Dcn. John Sawaya.

# PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

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

### Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office (619) 469-0133.

# Third Sunday of Advent: Gaudete Sunday

This third candle is pink/rose and symbolizes rejoicing. During the third week of Advent, we are filled with joy for the near arrival of Jesus on Christmas day. This Sunday is often called "Gaudete Sunday" as we reflect on the joy the shepherd's felt at the birth of Jesus. Here is a prayer for this weekend of Advent:

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas.

Amen.











elcome to the Divorce Support Ministry! Since our first meeting in September, we've been prayerfully considering what we want this ministry to become, and how we can best support one another moving forward.

Our next gathering will be **Monday**, **December 15th**, **from 6:00–7:30pm** (see above) at St. Therese Parish.

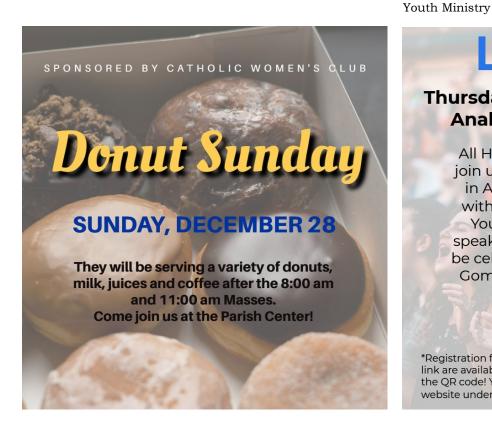
6-6:30pm: Potluck for light refreshments and time for fellowship. If you'd like, please bring a small dish or snack to share - though your presence is the most important thing!

6:30-7pm: Advent Meditation

7-7:30pm: Fellowship

Please RSVP to Kimberlee: centerak@yahoo.com.

| Weekly Offering Report                |             | WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT               |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| November 17, 2025 - November 24, 2025 | \$17,519.30 | November 25, 2025 - December 1, 2025 | \$26,519.56 |
| Plate                                 | \$2,804.50  | Plate                                | \$2,696.26  |
| Envelopes                             | \$9,473.00  | Envelopes                            | \$17,443.50 |
| Online Giving                         | \$5,241.80  | Online Giving                        | \$6,379.80  |
| Breakdown of Gifts Received           |             | Breakdown of Gifts Received          |             |
| \$0.01 - \$5.00                       | 42          | \$0.01 - \$5.00                      | 48          |
| \$5.01 - \$10.00                      | 47          | \$5.01 - \$10.00                     | 52          |
| \$10.01 - \$25.00                     | 125         | \$10.01 - \$25.00                    | 138         |
| \$25.01 - \$50.00                     | 78          | \$25.01 - \$50.00                    | 89          |
| \$50.01 - \$100.00                    | 31          | \$50.01 - \$100.00                   | 37          |
| \$100.01 - \$150.00                   | 8           | \$100.01 - \$150.00                  | 10          |
| \$150.01 - \$500.00                   | 17          | \$150.01 - \$500.00                  | 17          |
| \$500.01 - Over                       | 1           | \$500.01 - Over                      | 3           |
| Total Contributing Households         | 349         | Total Contributing Households        | 394         |
| Building Fund                         | \$20,978.50 | Building Fund                        | \$973.18    |
| Food Pantry                           | \$388.00    | Christmas                            | \$1,025.00  |
| Holiday Angels                        | \$1,380.63  | Food Pantry                          | \$741.00    |
| National Needs                        | \$364.00    | Holiday Angels                       | \$3,755.00  |
| Retirement for Religious              | \$230.00    | National Needs                       | \$1,213.00  |
| Thanksgiving                          | \$300.00    | Thanksgiving                         | \$2,625.00  |
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# L.A. Youth Day

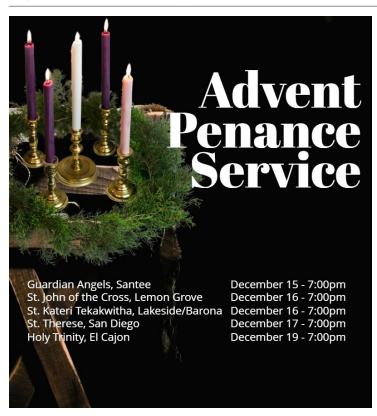
### Thursday, February 19, 2026 at the Anaheim Convention Center

All High School Teens are invited to join us for the annual L.A. Youth Day in Anaheim. We will be gathering with several thousands of Catholic Youth to be inspired by national speakers and musicians. We will also be celebrating Mass with Archbishop Gomez. Please note that we will be travelling by charter bus.

\*Registration form & Permission Docusign link are available at New Life, or you can scan the QR code! You can also find it on the OLG website under the Ministries Tab.



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Please pray for the eternal repose of the soul of

DEBBIE FITZPATRICK

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace!



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.

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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 **Alexa Alcantara** at: **aalcantara@olg-church.org**.



dorers are needed for our next 24-hour Adoration on **Friday**, **Jan. 2**. To signup, please e-mail Michael Gross at: **pnmgross1@gmail.com**.

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

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