

OUR LADY of GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Joy



MASS SCHEDULE AND PRIEST'S INTENTIONS

Sun, Dec 16	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
5:30 pm	† Frank and † Aurora Echeandia
8:00 am	† Nick Petersen
11:00 am	† Mary Ciesielski
5:30 pm	For the People of the Parish
Mon, Dec 17	Advent Weekday
8:00 am	† Danica Davis
Tue, Dec 18	Advent Weekday
8:00 am	<i>Sp Int</i> Michael R. Bryant; <i>Sp Int</i> Marlee J. Bryant
Wed, Dec 19	Advent Weekday
8:00 am	† Florence San Filippo
Thurs, Dec 20	Advent Weekday
8:00 am	† Ann Scott
Fri, Dec 21	Advent Weekday
8:00 am	† Jose Q. Cruz
Sat, Dec 22	Advent Weekday
8:00 am	† Paul Orallo, Jr. <i>Afternoon confessions are cancelled.</i>
Sun, Dec 23	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
5:30 pm	† Rylan O'Neal
8:00 am	For the People of the Parish
11:00 am	† Mary Ciesielski
5:30 pm	† Deceased Members of the Cruz & Hilgeman Families

Welcome to OUR LADY of GRACE!

Welcome 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. We ask that this chapel, like the church itself, remain free of food and drink.

Allergies—The first morning Mass of the Sunday or feast day will always be incense-free.

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) — Masses

Mon, Dec 24 — 3:30, 6:30 and 10:00 pm
Christmas Carols will be sung 30 minutes before each Mass.
Tues, Dec 25 — 9:00 and 11:00 am

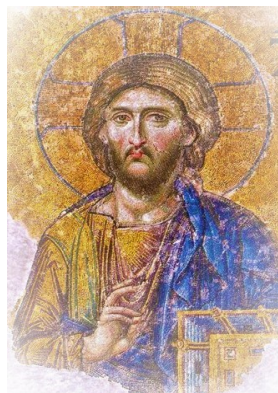
FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass.

- Dec 16 Wheelchair Sunday**
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Frances Cabrini Council 8879
Complimentary coffee, donuts, and baked goods from Flour Power Cakery. Funds received help to provide wheelchairs for children in Mexico.
- Dec 23 Coffee and Donut Sunday**
Sponsored by the Events Committee
Keeping it simple: on the menu... coffee, juice and donuts!
- Dec 30 "Farewell 2018!"**
Sponsored by the Catholic Women's Club
Come say farewell to 2018 with fellow parishioners and friends of OLG. On the menu... coffee, juice and donuts!

Invitation to the RCIA

Our 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 RCIA process and experience a new and enriched meaning to your life through renewed faith and love. For more information, please contact Deacon John Sawaya at (858) 869-5079 or jsawaya@olg-church.org.



READINGS FOR DEC 16-23

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

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

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

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

Thu: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Fri: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

Sat: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

Sun: Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

FUNERAL MASS AT OUR LADY of GRACE



OLIVE BAUER

Thurs, Dec 27 at 11:00 am

May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

GUEST COLUMNIST

ALICE CAMILLE



Reason to Rejoice

This is the season to be jolly, as the song goes. But even if the jolly gene has managed to escape you, or this particular season finds you with plenty of specific reasons not to be happy, there is cause for rejoicing here, as the Bible tells us. In fact, we Christians are called to the vocation of joy, a fruit of the Holy Spirit not dependent on our present circumstances or our emotional frame of mind.

Maybe that's why the presider is wearing an unusually upbeat color like pink today, and why the church year includes a day called Gaudete Sunday, which means "rejoice." We are called to rejoice, even though it's not Christmas yet. We are invited to joy, even though the fulfillment of our hope is yet to be realized. Without seeing, we believe. Without holding it in our hands, we already claim what has been promised.

These ideas are foreign to our culture. Why should we be happy about something we don't have? If what we long for has not arrived, how can we celebrate it? The kind of joy to which Christians are invited is not the sort that comes when the reward has already been achieved and there is nothing left to wait for. We are the people who "wait in joyful hope," as we say at every Mass. The time of anticipation is part of the season of joy, because our faith makes us confident that God's promises are as good as accomplished.

Every day is "almost"

It is the nature of being human that we are never quite at home in our world. There is always something missing even in the most perfect day, and something still to be wished for in the most ideal season of our lives. As children, we long to be old enough, and we spend adulthood wishing we were younger. We may be strong and healthy, but we wish for love. When we have love, we wish for more security. When we have security, we may want more time and freedom to enjoy it. When we finally have freedom, our health may begin to fail or those we love may have moved beyond us. Being human means we rarely if ever can gather up all the fragments of our longing and hold them in one place for more than a moment.

That's why we can appreciate the idea of celebrating a day that is almost here, a reality that is almost close enough to touch. We know that this world, with all of its remarkable beauty and wonder and promise, cannot give us everything we hope for. Life is too short, and too fragile, to deliver every desire to our door. Even the happiest person on the planet right now is only "almost home" to his or her deepest fulfillment. Because a really perfect day would never end, and its finality reminds us that suffering and death are always right around the corner.

To place our hopes in what "is," then, would be a grave mistake. Yet to place our hopes in what is yet to be—ah, now that is a challenge only faith is prepared to meet.

The question in our hearts

In the time of John, the people were filled with expectation and asking in their hearts if he was the Christ. He was a great prophet and preacher, of that they had no doubt. And he gave them practical moral advice about how to live: to be generous with what they had, honest in their dealings with each other, and content with their material wealth. But was he the answer to the question in their hearts? Would he put the waiting of many generations to rest at last?

John replied that there was more to come, specifically that One mightier than he was coming who could bring more to the people than John himself could dream of. The actual, original Christmas had come and gone without much notice, and the world was still in Advent, waiting and hoping.

When Jesus finally burst upon the scene, did he bring the waiting to an end? Yes, and no. Jesus announced a coming Kingdom, and a pending hour, and a Holy Spirit that would descend when the time was right. Still more waiting, still more preparation to do. The hour arrived with its glory and suffering, the disciples became the

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OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH *Founded 1954*

CLERGY

PASTOR

Very Rev. Peter McGuine

AUXILIARY PRIESTS

Rev. Gino Correa, OFM

Very Rev. Kevin Mullins, OSA

PRIEST IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Hugh Barbour, O.Praem.

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–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 4:00 pm

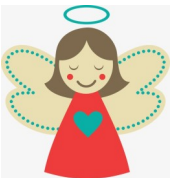
ANointing of the SICK

Call the parish office
(619) 469-0133

HOLIDAY ANGELS PROGRAM 2018

Calling All Angels!

For those who adopted a family or senior for Christmas through the Angel Program, **Mon, Dec 17**, 6:30-8:30 am, is the day and time to bring your packages to the Parish Center. *Please be sure all packages are labeled with the family number.* We are thankful for your generosity. Questions? Call Lesley at (619) 878-0278.



Food Pantry Collection Sunday

Food Collection Sunday, the third Sunday of the month, is **this week!** Please support our pantry by bringing non-perishable food to any of the entrances of the church before or after Mass. Monetary gifts are welcome and gratefully accepted. Gifts may be made by way of the special envelopes marked "Food Pantry" or the "Online Giving" link found at the top right corner of the parish website, olg-church.org. Thank you!



The Catholic Women's Club invites both men and women to a post-holiday "chill-out" fun time!!! Come play Bunco on **Sat, Dec 29** at 11:00 am in the Parish Center. \$20.00 per person, lunch included! Cash prizes and raffle tix prizes. RSVP with Nettie at (619) 251-2214.

Pre-owned Medical Equipment Available



Parishioners in need of complimentary, gently-used medical equipment and/or who would like to donate items...

Please call Frank at:
(619) 448-8181
or
(619) 672-8332.

After-Abortion Healing Retreat for Catholic (or Catholic-friendly) Women

Given by Rachel's Hope, Jan 11-13. Professionally led. Held at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Dr, San Diego. Closing Mass included. Group size limited. Cost \$45.00; partial scholarships available. Confidentiality maintained. Limited housing available. Facilitator: Rosemary Benfield, RN, MA. For more info and to register, contact Rosemary at (858) 581-3022 or Rachel's_Hope@juno.com. Visit us on our website: www.RachelsHope.org. Sponsored by the Diocese of San Diego.



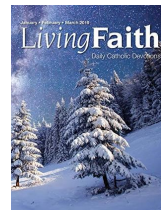
Sat, Dec 22, 4:00 pm
confessions are
cancelled.

Advent Penance Services El Cajon Deanery

Parish	Day	Date	Time
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside	Mon	12/17	9:00 am
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside	Mon	12/17	7:00 pm
OUR LADY OF GRACE, El Cajon	Wed	12/19	7:00 pm
St. Pius X, Jamul	Thurs	12/20	7:00 pm

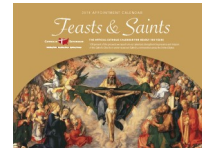
"Living Faith" Daily Catholic Devotions

Devotionals for Jan-Mar 2019 are available in the parish office for \$1.00 each while supplies last. Large print books are also available for \$2.00 each.



2019 Appointment Calendars

Calendars are available in the parish office and in the church while supplies last. One per household, please. Compliments of **Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery and Mausoleum**. Tel: (619) 264-3127.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

EMETT "MAT" LORENTZEN

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

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

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retiredreligious.org

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NEW LIFE—HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

New Life Youth Group meets on **Sundays at 6:30 pm** in the Youth Room located on the back side of Lauerman Hall. All high school students are welcome!

END OF YEAR STOCK AND/OR IRA DONATION INFO

Stock Donations

A gift of your securities, including stocks or mutual funds, is an easy way to make a gift. By making a gift of your appreciated securities, you can avoid paying capital gains tax that would 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 charity you select.

More importantly, the question you may want to consider is this: Have I been blessed with many gifts and am I inspired by Gospel teaching and my Catholic values that charitable giving is a profound and joy-inspiring expression of love and gratitude? How can I live out my Catholic values and put them into action for the greater good of the community? Your stock contribution will help you live out your Catholic values and benefit your parish or school at the same time.

For more information on making a gift please visit our diocesan website at www.sdcatholic.org and click on Giving – Stock Donations at the top of the website. Or, you may contact the Office for Stewardship, Manny Aguilar, at (858) 490-8294 or call Daniel Pritchard at Merrill

Lynch, the Diocese's broker, at (760) 930-3122.

IRA Required Minimum Distributions

As scripture reads, "Jesus said, Give and it will be given to you...For the measure you give will be in turn, the measure that you get back." After years of contributing to tax-deferred IRAs and 401(k)s, income tax is due on that money when a person withdraws it in retirement. Annual withdraws from traditional retirement accounts are required after age 70½. But, IRA owners that are 70½ or older may make charitable contributions of up to \$100,000 per year directly to an eligible charity (e.g., Catholic Parish, School, Foundation, etc.) without paying income tax on the transaction. If you file a joint return, your spouse may also make a charitable contribution of up to \$100,000, meaning couples can exclude up to \$200,000 of their retirement savings from income tax if they donate it to a charity. Qualified charitable contributions must be made by December 31 each year in order to exclude that amount from income.

Charitable contributions can only be made from IRAs, not 401(k)s or similar types of retirement accounts. Donors might need to roll funds over from a 401(k) to an IRA if they

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.

Patricia Adams
Brenna Allingham
Olive Bauer
John Benito
Tom Bickhaus
Eleanor Bigknife
Char Bollin
Nicole Burger
Pat Burke
Stephanie Butcher
Margaret Campbell
Joanne Canfield
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Emily Posedel
Jim Quinn
Silverio Guntang Ramirez
Herb Said
Theresa Smith
Tony Tabadisto
Francisco Jesus Tenorio
The Tenorio Family
Andy Tong
Nora Grace Weigel

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

want to make tax-free charitable contributions part of their retirement plan. A donor doesn't need to itemize their taxes in order to make an IRA charitable distribution. Donors should consult with their personal tax advisors on the donations and the tax implications. Donors may make these donations directly to the parish, school or ministry of their choice or they may make it through the Diocese of San Diego at no additional cost.

Contact the Office for Stewardship, Manny Aguilar, at maguilar@sdccatholic.org or (858) 490-8294 for more information.

FLU FACT

Even **healthy** people can get the flu. Protect yourself. Get a flu shot.

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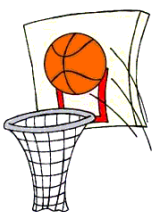
www.cdc.gov/FightFlu



Recycle your **aluminum cans and plastic bottles (only)** by dropping them into the Knights of Columbus recycle bin located in the upper parking lot. **Thank you!**

YOUNG ADULTS—AGES 18-39

OLG's Young Adult Group meets in Lauerman Hall on the **first three Thursdays** of every month, 7:30-9:00 pm. The next meeting is **Dec 20**. All young adults are welcome! For more information, contact Bernadette at bernhilge@gmail.com.



Catholic Young Adult Sports is hosting a recreation outdoor basketball league starting **Jan 6** at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church (13208 Lakeshore Dr, Lakeside). Come play with us on Sundays! Got friends who might want to play? Think about being a team captain! Either way, call Jim Palen for pricing and other details!

(Hint: it's cheaper than other leagues!) Contact Jim at (619) 384-2918 or james@catholicyoungadultsports.com for more information.

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church, and the Holy Spirit took up residence within this great body of believers. And was the waiting finally over? Yes. And of course, no. Because we are still waiting for the fulfillment of this Kingdom that is always coming but never fully arrives until time merges with eternity. And we are waiting for a second coming of Christ that is final,

glorious, complete, and everlasting. We will know we have arrived, it seems, when the clock stops ticking and the great advent of human history is finally over.

Those who wait are free

The great truth of Advent, the season, is that every day humanity lives Advent, the unfolding drama of time. And we have two choices, really: to

believe that there is more to come, or that there isn't. If we aren't waiting for anything, then we will live a certain way in this world and make our choices dependent on that sense of closure. But if we have an expectation of more, of the perfection and permanence and fulfillment that is denied us in this world but is hinted at in every gorgeous moment and every uprising of love and hope within us, then such faith will orient the whole of our lives. Our choices and our relationships will be suffused with it. Those who don't wait must get what they can, now or never. But those who do wait experience the joyful hope of what is to come and are free to give this present hour and its riches away.

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Joie de Vivre
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2019
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WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

December 3-9, 2018

Plate	\$15,252.41
Envelopes	\$1,474.44
Online Giving	\$11,225.47
	\$2,552.50

Breakdown of gifts received

\$0.01 - \$5.00	54
\$5.01 - \$10.00	72
\$10.01 - \$25.00	111
\$25.01 - \$50.00	64
\$50.01 - \$100.00	27
\$100.01 - \$150.00	9
\$150.01 - \$500.00	18
	355

Total Contributing Households

Additional Gifts

Building Fund	\$976.00
Food Pantry	\$410.00
School Support—General	\$280.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$660.00
Christmas	\$415.00
Faith Formation & Youth Ministry	\$621.00
Flowers	\$355.50
Holiday Angels	\$650.00
Immaculate Conception	\$3,543.51

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OUR LADY of GRACE PARISH AND SCHOOL DIRECTORY

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 HOURS: WEEKDAYS 8:30 AM–4:30 PM



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 FAX: (619) 466-8994
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 HOURS: WEEKDAYS 7:15 AM–3:30 PM
 (DURING SCHOOL YEAR)

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Liturgy Coordinator **ROSA HILGEMAN** | Ext. 14
 Director of Liturgical Music **PAUL MAY** | Ext. 26
Cantate Kids and Gaudete Choir (11:00 am Sun)
 Director **ROBERT FILLEY**
Laude Ensemble (5:30 pm Sun)

FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

PHONE: (619) 466-5656

Coordinator **GEORGENE KRUZEL** | Ext. 2
 Youth Ministry Coord. **DORIS HERTZIG** | (619) 466-5451
Jr. High, High School
 Young Adults **BERNADETTE ROSE HILGEMAN**
Ages 18–39



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olg-church.org

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 Book Club—Julie Hazelton (619) 461-2448
 Craft Fair—Kathy Porterfield (619) 980-6841
CENTERING PRAYER
 Irma Eichinger M, 9:00-10:30 am (619) 449-8400
 Beatrice Doblado M, 6:30-8:00 pm (619) 905-6279
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 Angela Bottini thebottinis@gmail.com
CURSILLO
 Dcn. John Sawaya (858) 869-5079
EVENTS COMMITTEE
 Nettie Aguinaldo (619) 251-2214
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 Bob Cosgrove M–F, 9:00–11:00 am (619) 469-0061
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INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC FAMILIES—ICF
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