PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

Sun, Dec 17 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:30 pm † Leona Pecsi

(Vigil)

8:00 am † Rosemarie Green

11:00 am For the People of the Parish

5:30 pm † Myrtile Paul Bethelotte

Mon, Dec 18 Advent Weekday

8:00 am † Leona Pecsi

Tue, Dec 19 Advent Weekday

8:00 am † Tilly Allison

Wed, Dec 20 Advent Weekday

8:00 am † Jesus Domingo

Thu, Dec 21 St. John of the Cross,

Doctor of the Church

8:00 am † Jose Q. Cruz

Fri, Dec 22 Advent Weekday

8:00 am † Richard Styles

Sat, Dec 23 Advent Weekday 8:00 am *Sp Int* David Cantrell

An Advent Prayer



ord God, we adore you because you have come to us in the past. You have spoken to us in the Law of Israel. You have challenged us in the words of the prophets. You have shown us in Jesus what you are really like. Lord God, we adore you because you still come to

us now. You come to us through other people and their love and concern for us. You come to us through men and women who need our help. You come to us as we worship you with your people. Lord God, we adore you because you will come to us at the end. You will be with us at the hour of death. You will still reign supreme when all human institutions fail. You will still be God when our history has run its course. We welcome you, the God who comes. Come to us now in the power of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass.

Dec 17 Coffee and Scones Sunday

Sponsored by the Events Committee
Stop by for delicious scones, coffee. Hot
chocolate and so much more!

Dec 24 Christmas Eve

No event in the Parish Center May you all have a very blessed and joyful Christmas with your loved ones!

Dec 31 Surprise Sunday

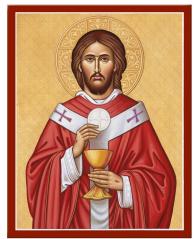
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A special surprise treat will be prepared
this weekend! More info to follow.

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 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 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 DEC 17 - DEC 24

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

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

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

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

Thu: Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45

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

Sat: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

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

Lk 1:26-38

Third Sunday of Advent

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

GROW: "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." Such simple words from today's second reading. And yet it is not always easy to put them into practice. It is difficult to rejoice if we or people we love are hurting. It can be hard to pray when life is pulling us in a thousand different directions. But on this Gaudete Sunday, the Sunday of rejoicing, we are asked to focus on a truth that can make both rejoicing and praying easier: Jesus entered humanity in flesh and blood to save us from our sins. This truth means that even if we don't feel like there is much gladness or joy in our lives today, we can rejoice in the knowledge that we all have the chance to spend eternity

in a place where pain, disappointment and suffering will be no more. With our eyes focused on that prize, praying can become a natural part of our days.

GO: Sometimes, I can make everything so complicated. I want to create charts and checklists to ensure that I am doing everything just right. But St. Paul's words today make me realize that living well is really not that complicated. He writes: "Retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil." That's it! Of course, while this is not complicated, it does require us to make prayerful, faithful efforts toward this end – and it is an end for which God has given us his grace, the help of the Church, and the prayers of our brothers and sisters in Christ. This includes St. Paul, who prays for us, "May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely,

spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." This is what is good in these dark days of Advent: the light of Christ is coming into our world. The Gospel says that John the Baptist testified to this truth – to the light. We can too! Let us continue to pray, to rejoice and to give thanks for God's gifts, especially the gift of his Son.

keep the watch. When night is dim, One more light the bowl shall brim, Shining beyond the frosty weather, Bright as sun and moon together. People, look east and sing today: Love, the star, is on the way.

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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 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.

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

November 28, 2023 - December 04, 2023 \$19,214.96

Plate \$2,425.20 Envelopes \$11,938.26 Online Giving \$4,851.50

Breakdown of Gifts Received

\$0.01 - \$5.00	37
\$5.01 - \$10.00	31
\$10.01 - \$25.00	112
\$25.01 - \$50.00	56
\$50.01 - \$100.00	39
\$100.01 - \$150.00	7
\$150.01 - \$500.00	27

309

Total Contributing Households

Building Fund	\$1,174.00
Christmas Offering	\$370.00
Flowers Donation	\$1,093.00
Food Pantry	\$1,590.50
Holiday Angels	\$4,031.62
Immaculate Conception	\$305.00
National Need	\$549.00
School - Greatest Need	\$535.00
School - Tuition Assistance	\$855.00
Thanksgiving Day Offering	\$210.00

Catholic Advent Ideas for Your Family

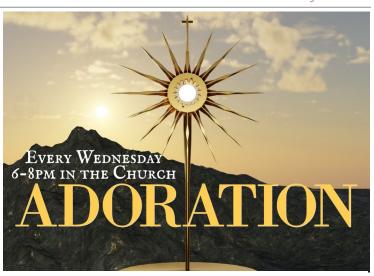
less your Advent wreath and light it every night. The traditional Advent wreath is a wreath (sometimes of evergreen branches) that holds four candles (three violet, one pink) representing the four weeks of Advent. Put it on your dinner table (or nearby), and light it each night leading up to Christmas with your children or grandchildren.

Pray special Advent prayers during dinnertime. During dinner, pray a short Advent prayer or sing an Advent hymn with your family. O God, Who gladdens us by the annual expectation of our redemption, grant that we, who now receive with joy your only-begotten son as our Redeemer, may behold him without fear when he comes as our judge. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways of your only begotten son, that we may attain to serve you with purified minds, through his Advent, who with you lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. Amen.

Prepare the empty manger for

Jesus. Place an empty manger in a special place in your home. Have your family members place a piece of straw in the manger every time they do a kind deed or make a sacrifice. This tradition symbolizes each person's effort to prepare a special place in their hearts for the baby Jesus.





LAST WEEK TO ORDER GIFT CARDS!

See our School Representatives in the Rack of the Church this weekendl



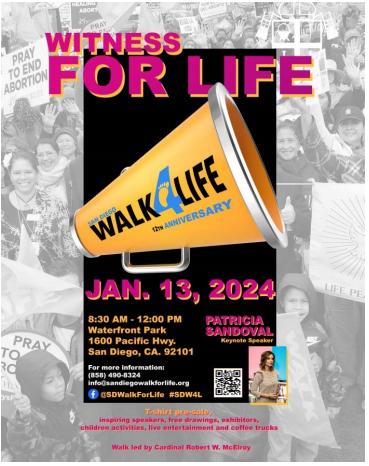
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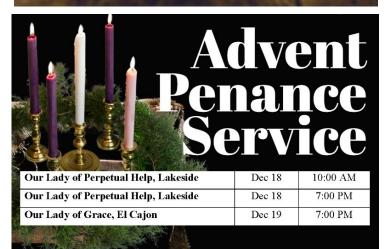
HOLIDAY 2023 BULLETIN DEADLINES!!!

Bulletin	Deadline	Submission
Date	Date	Date
December 10	November 30	December 4
December 17	December 7	December 11
December 24	December 12!!!	December 14!!!
December 31	December 21!!!	December 26!!!

The holidays are a busy time, even for our Parish Bulletin! If you have any ministry or community events that you'd like to promote in the bulletin, please e-mail all info and graphics to Mike Sibal at **msibal@olg-church.org** before the deadline date of that bulletin. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!







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.

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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 Mike Sibal at: msibal@olg-church.org



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Or Kathy Di Fede at: (619) 840-3781, kathyjoannemarie@gmail.com

Holiday Youth Fun!



ur youth had a great time baking cookies on December 1 at St. Kieran's. In just 2 hours, they decorated and baked almost 500 cookies and 25 individual boxes were donated to You Did it For Me' along with donations of beanies, gloves, rain ponchos, coats and sweatshirts. The remaining 300+ cookies were delivered to Noah's Homes in Rancho San Diego.

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