JOSEPH, SON OF DAVID, DO NOT BE AFRAID TO TAKE MARY YOUR WIFE INTO YOUR HOME.

MATTHEW 1:20

PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

Sun, Dec 18	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
5:30 pm	† Ryan O'Connell	
(Vigil)		
8:00 am	For the People of the Parish	
11:00 am	† Don Weber	
5:30 pm	† Jesusa Tydingco	
Mon, Dec 19	ADVENT WEEKDAY	
8:00 am	† Joseph Papin	
Tue, Dec 20	ADVENT WEEKDAY	
8:00 am	† Lolita E. Co	
Wed, Dec 21	Saint Peter Cansius, Priest,	
	Doctor of the Church	
8:00 am	† Jose Q. Cruz	
Thu, Dec 22	Advent Weekday	
8:00 am	† Kent Moulton; † Jeff Moulton	
Fri, Dec 23	Saint John of Kanty, Priest	
	No Mass	
Sat, Dec 24	VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	
8:00 am	† Joan O'Sullivan	
3:30 pm	† Timothy Stanton	
6:30pm	† Deceased members of the Cruz &	
•	Hilgeman families	
10:00pm	For the People of the Parish	
Sun, Dec 25	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	
·	(CHRISTMAS) [HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION]	
9:00 am		
11:00 am	† Jack Cloward	

66 A ll faithful Christians should rejoice that their Creator and Lord has taken on human flesh and begun His reign over the hearts of men, not only as God, but also as the Son of Man among the children of men. -St. Peter Canisius

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass.

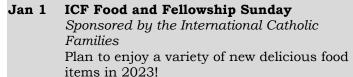
Dec 18 Knights Sunday

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Frances Cabrini Council 8879

Pancake breakfast will be served after 8am and 11am Masses on December 18 given by Knights of Columbus in the parish center. Serving 2 pancakes, 2 pieces of bacon, sausages, eggs and fruit for \$10. Biscuits and gravy are also available for \$5. Coffee, milk and orange juice will be provided. The proceeds will go to charities.

Dec 25 Merry Christmas!

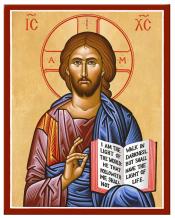
Have a blessed time celebrating the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ!



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 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 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 18 - DEC 25

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

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

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

Wed: Sg 2:8-14, Lk 1:39-45

- **Thu:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
- Fri: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
- Sat: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79 Vigil: Is 62:1-5, Acts 13:16-17,22-25; Mt 1:1-25 Night: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
- Sun: Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass readings:

Is 7:10-14 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24

GROW: In our family's department-store Nativity set, Joseph blends into the background: Mary and the infant Jesus steal the scene, she in her blue robes and looking over the sweet, tiny and vulnerable Son of God. Even the Magi stand out more than humble Joseph. Yet today's Gospel focuses on Jesus' earthly father, whom many of us Catholics grew to know a little better during the Year of St. Joseph in 2021. Imagine Joseph's shock at learning Mary was pregnant! Rather than quietly divorcing her, he accepts the angel's words at face value: "For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Joseph takes Mary into his home and embraces her and the child Jesus she bears. As we celebrate this fourth Sunday of Advent, we can all do well to follow Joseph and Mary's example by saving "yes" to God, even though it may turn our lives upside down. We can dust off our Nativity scenes and ask the Lord to help



us prepare our hearts and homes for Jesus.

GO: I remember our first trip to the pediatrician with our newborn. Our job as parents, he said in so many words, was to raise him so that he'd be ready to leave us at 18. As our youngest approaches that milestone, I'm having a hard time letting go. In his apostolic letter Patris Corde, Pope Francis holds up St. Joseph as an example of what it means to be a father (and I think this applies to mothers. too): "Every child is the bearer of a unique mystery that can only be brought to light with the help of a father who respects that child's freedom. A father who realizes that he is most a father and educator at the point when he becomes 'useless,' when he sees that his child has become independent and can walk the paths of life unaccompanied. When he becomes like Joseph, who always knew that his child was not his own but had merely been entrusted to his care." Joseph and Mary loved Jesus in this way, accepting that Jesus did not "belong" to them but to all of us. Whether or not we are parents, we can learn from their example, entrusting our lives and those of our loved ones to God. As St. Paul reminds us, we "belong to Jesus Christ."

ACTION: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us." As you light the Advent candles or say evening prayers this week, reflect on the ways Jesus has made his presence known to you today and give thanks.

Written by The Faithful Disciple



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PASTOR *Rev. Lauro Minimo*

PRIESTS IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Celsius Offor, CH, LT, USN Rev. John Lager, OFM Cap

> **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. 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.

FUNERAL LITURGIES AT OLG

DAVID M. ELDER Mass on Mon, **Dec 19** at 1:00 pm Burial will be in Santa Barbara at a later time

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



Quilt Ministry

Prayer Quilts continue to be available. They are for anyone in need of prayer for sickness, surgery, injury, healing, comfort or strength. The quilts are for all ages and recipients do not have to be a member of our parish. Quilts are blessed



and members of the parish tie a knot and say a prayer for the recipient. Prayer Squares are available for emergency situations. You can request a quilt online at <u>olg-church.org</u> and click on "Request a Prayer Quilt" in the Quick Links.



elp aging religious. Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to today's Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously.

***To give through our parish:** Please make your check payable to our parish (OLG or Our Lady of Grace) with RFR on the memo line.

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We love having you as part of our flock!



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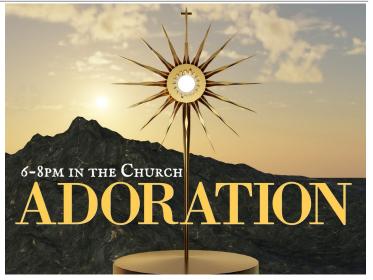


66 A dvent is the time we are given to welcome the Lord who comes to encounter us, and also to verify our longing for God, to look forward and prepare ourselves for Christ's return." *-Pope Francis*



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e will now be having a weekly night of Adoration at our Parish! Join us in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament EVERY WEDNESDAY from
6-8pm. Let us gather as one community of faith with our Eucharistic Lord and ask Him for the grace of more holy vocations!

King is, there is the Kingdom." -**Scott Hahn**

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.

Griselda Albanez Heriberto Albanez Tilly Allison Gabriela Alvarenga Marvin Alvarenga Carol Anderson Angie Arrayan Cheryl Becker Mary Benoit Lori Berry Carol Bessone Angie Biner Stephanie Butcher Loretta Ceres Chris Cohan John Coyne Barbara Cyr Marge Deibert Steve Duggins Dawn Garofalo Anthony Gazzola Henry Gonzales Mark Habina Susan Hori Aida Inocencio **Richard Jensen** Angelina Jones

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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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WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

Nov 22, 2022 - Nov 28, 2022	\$16,393.52	
Plate	\$2,291.01	
Envelopes	\$9,812.00	
Online Giving	\$4,290.50	
Breakdown of Gifts Received		
\$0.01 - \$5.00	35	
\$5.01 - \$10.00	38	
\$10.01 - \$25.00	115	
\$25.01 - \$50.00	69	
\$50.01 - \$100.00	28	
\$100.01 - \$150.00	8	
\$150.01 - \$500.00	15	
\$500.01 - Over	2	
	310	
Total Contributing Households		
Archdiocese Military Services Collection	\$804.00	
Building Fund	\$2,956.50	
Food Pantry	\$1,889.00	
Holiday Angels Donation	\$2,475.00	
School - Tuition Assistance	\$755.00	
Thanksgiving Day Offering	\$1,848.00	

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