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

MATTHEW 1:20
Welcome to Our Lady of Grace!

Welcome 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 olg-church.org.

All 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!

Jan 1 ICF Food and Fellowship Sunday
Sponsored by the International Catholic Families
Plan to enjoy a variety of new delicious food items in 2023!

Readings for Dec 18 - Dec 25

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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 saying “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

Visit olg-church.org and click on the “Living Our Mission - 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal” ad to make your gift or pledge to this year’s appeal. Thanks!
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.

Advent Penance Schedule

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside | 19-Dec-22, 10:00 AM
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside | 19-Dec-22, 7:00 PM
Our Lady of Grace, El Cajon | 20-Dec-22, 7:00 PM

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 olg-church.org and click on “Request a Prayer Quilt” in the Quick Links.

Help 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.
*To donate by mail: Make your check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious.

Get Mass and parish life updates via email or text! To sign up visit olg-church.org and scroll to the blue and white sheep for the link to the list options.

We love having you as part of our flock!

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Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve
3:30PM, 6:30PM, 10:00PM

Christmas Day
9:00AM, 11:00AM

*The parish choir will be singing Christmas Carols 15 minutes prior to each Mass on Christmas Eve. Come early to sing along and enjoy the Christmas Carols they have prepared.
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

W 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!

“W here the Eucharist is, there is the King. And where the 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 Horin
Aida Inocencio
Richard Jensen
Angelina Jones
Lily Klavins
Nora Klavins
Rebecca Leyden
Tim Leyden
Donald Marsh
Michael McCormick
Dawn MacNabb
Rosalie Muns
Leslie Roberts
Charisse Rola
Danny Rubio
David Schultheis
Karen Scott
Linda Scott
Vicki Stumpf
Dale Swan
Christian Valdez
Eveline Wilson
Kyle Wollett
Madeline Pospichal
Lynda Kimsey
Michael Andreoli
Behnam Kazemi
Mary Beth Castin-Lane
Jason Laccone
Msgr. Joseph Lehman

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

Stock and IRA Charitable Gift Donations

A gift of your securities, including stocks, mutual funds and IRA Charitable Rollover Distributions are an easy way to make a gift to the Church. By making a gift of your appreciated securities or retirement account, you can avoid paying capital gains tax that may 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 charities you select. For more information on making a gift, please visit the diocesan website at www.sdcatholic.org and click on Giving – Stock Donations at the top of the screen. Or call Thomasina Sanchez at Merrill Lynch, the Diocese’s Client Associate, at (760) 930-3122. “Donations received after December 31, 2022 will be credited to 2023.”
**Weekly Offering Report**

**Nov 22, 2022 - Nov 28, 2022**

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**Breakdown of Gifts Received**

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**Total Contributing Households**: 310

**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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**Christmas Party highlights**

Tons of fun was had at the December 3 Christmas Parish Luncheon! People of all ages enjoyed the delicious food, beautiful decorations, gifts, and music, especially from our very own talented Pastor, Fr. Lauro!
PARISH OFFICE
PHONE: (619) 469-0133
FAX: (619) 469-0575
WEB: 
OLG-CHURCH.ORG
HOURS: Mon-Thu 8:30 AM–4:30 PM

Pastor  Fr. LAURO MINIMO | Ext. 17
Deacon  Dcn. JOHN SAWAYA
Business Manager  PATRICIA KANE | Ext. 12
Special Projects Coordinator  KEN DISCENZA | Ext. 24
Bookkeeper  SIONI BAUTISTA | Ext. 16
Bookkeeper  EDWARD HAGERTY | Ext. 16
Office Manager  MARIE POSPICHAL | Ext. 10
Publicity & Media Coordinator  MIKE SIBAL | Ext. 33
Housekeeping  MARIA ARIAS
Maintenance & Facilities  DAN BRESLIN & VINCE OLIVER

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES
Liturgy Coordinator  ROSA HILGEMAN | Ext. 14
Director of Liturgical Music  DANIEL MENDOZA II | Ext. 26
Cantate Kids and Gaudete Choir (11:00 am Sun)
Director  ROBERT FILLEY
Laudate Ensemble (5:30 pm Sun)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
SCHOOL OF RELIGION, CONFIRMATION
& ADULT FAITH FORMATION
PHONE: (619) 466-5656

Director of Catechetical Ministry  LISSA HUTCHESON
Youth Ministry Coordinator  DORIS HERTZIG
Jr. High, Sr. High  (619)466-5451
Young Adults (18-39 yrs.)  BERNADETTE ROSE SOLTERO

PARISH SCHOOL
PHONE: (619) 466-0055
FAX: (619) 466-8994
WEB: OLG.ORG
HOURS: Weekdays 7:15 AM–3:30 PM (During School Year)

Principal  ERIN MARES | Ext. 11 | emares@olg.org
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PARISH MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS
To e-mail 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.

55 PLUS CLUB — Mary Cloward
BLOOD DRIVE — Peggy Breslin
CATHOLIC WOMEN’S CLUB (CWC)
CWC — Mary Cloward
Book Club — Julie Hazleton
Craft Fair — Kathy Porterfield
CENTERING PRAYER — Irma Eichinger or
Beatrice Dobrado
CUB SCOUTS — Pack 951 — Crystal Carr
CURSILLO — Dcn. John Sawaya
EVENTS COMMITTEE — Nettie Aguinaldo
FOOD PANTRY — Since 1981
Doug Perl  (619) 469-0061
M–F, 9:30–11:00 am
HOLIDAY ANGELS — Since 1988 — Lesley Bradley
INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC FAMILIES (ICF)
Carla Pedroncelli
KNUIGHTS OF COLUMBUS — Frances Cabrini
Council 8879
Robert Yslas, Grand Knight
MEN FOR CHRIST — Steve Faucher
MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND
Rosa Hilgeman
PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY — Since 2006
Nettie Aguinaldo
PRO-LIFE — Vicki Whitmire (40 Days for Life)