



PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

Sun, Dec 19	FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT
5:30 pm	Sp Int Genevieve Gamma
8:00 am	For the People of the Parish
11:00 am	† Markell Treanor
5:30 pm	† Tom Guarnotta
Mon, Dec 20	Advent Weekday
8:00 am	† Dennis Roth
Tue, Dec 21	Advent Weekday
8:00 am	† Bartolome Rosales
Wed, Dec 22	Advent Weekday
8:00 am	† Demetria N. Rosales
Thu, Dec 23	Advent Weekday
8:00 am	† John Krist
	Morning confessions are canceled
Fri, Dec 24	VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
3:30 pm	† Timothy Stanton
6:30 pm	† Deceased members of the Cruz &
-	Hilgeman families
10:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sat, Dec 25	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
	(CHRISTMAS) [holy day of obligation]
10:00 am	<pre>† Jack Cloward; † Rich McClintock;</pre>
	† Bob McLain
	Afternoon confessions and the
	5:30 pm Vigil Mass are canceled
Sun, Dec 26	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY
	AND JOSEPH
8:00 am	For the People of the Parish
11:00 am	† Madeleine Stephan
5:30 pm	Sp Int Michael Hilgeman



We love having you as a part of our flock! Get updates about Masses and parish life via email or text! Visit <u>olg-church.org</u> and scroll to the blue and white sheep.

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass.

Dec 19 Wheel Chair Sunday

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Frances Cabrini Council 8879 Complimentary coffee and donuts. Donations gratefully accepted. Proceeds provide wheelchairs for those in need.

Dec 26 Merry Christmas!

Enjoy your time with family and friends.

Jan 2 ICF Food and Fellowship Sunday

Sponsored by the International Catholic Families

Plan to enjoy an international variety of breakfast items featuring Quiche Lorraine, German potatoes, Italian, German and Portuguese sausages, Filipino lumpia, Irish coffee—and of course, donuts, coffee, tea and juice!

Welcome to OUR LADY of GRACE!

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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 lifelong 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 the Sunday or holy day will always be incense-free. The Sunday 11:00 am Mass will almost always include the use of incense.

Mindfulness of Others

Please silence all devices and refrain from using them during the liturgy.

	READINGS FOR DEC 19 - 26
Sun:	Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45
Mon:	Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
Tue:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45
Wed:	1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
Thu:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
Fri:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12,14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
Sat:	<i>Vigil:</i> Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Lk 2:1-14 <i>Night:</i> Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 <i>Day:</i> Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
Sun:	1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass readings:

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

GROW:

"You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah

from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel;"

We do not have to go see the most recent superhero movie or binge-watch a streaming TV series that celebrates the underdog to feel the elation that comes with overcoming evil. We need only to look at our own lives, and God's plan of salvation for us, to understand what it truly means to be triumphant. From tiny little Bethlehem - a town of no consequence – would arise the Savior of the world. He would be the One who came to do God's will, and thus consecrated us to God through the offering of his own body as sacrifice, once for all. This is the One Mary carried in her womb and whom Elizabeth's unborn child – we know to be John the Baptist - recognized. He is the

child-most-vulnerable who would become King of the Universe, "stand[ing] firm



and shepherd[ing] his flock by the strength of the Lord." This is the God we serve: the One who became like us so that we may one day be like him. We shall soon celebrate the anniversary of his birth, while also waiting in joyful hope for his coming again. In this time of preparation, then, we pray for the grace to know the Lord more fully and to appreciate with gratitude the Savior he truly is.

GO: As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, now is the time many of us will begin to gather - as families, friends, and faith communities. What an ideal opportunity to renew our relationships with one another and with Jesus, asking the Holy Spirit to help us recognize the presence of God in our lives and in others. Micah's prophesy from today's first reading endures: "His greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace." Let's do our part to share the peace and joy of Christ with those we encounter, witnessing to his saving grace in our lives, and offering others an opportunity to be a part of the greatest story, ever - of God's saving action.

INVITE/PRAY: Invite visiting family members to your parish or faith community for a concert, worship or other Advent activity. If that's not possible, pray the O Antiphons together at home.

Written by The Faithful Disciple

And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

~Luke 1: 43-45



Our Lady of Grace Church Founded 1954

CLERGY

PASTOR Very Rev. Peter McGuine

AUXILIARY PRIEST *Rev. Maxime Villeneuve, OSA*

> **PRIEST IN RESIDENCE** *Rev. Minh Do*

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. Peter McGuine 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. **Reminders: The last Penance Service** in the El Cajon Deanery is at OLG on Tue, **Dec 21**. There will be no confessions on Thu, **Dec 23** or Sat **Dec 25**.

Parish offices will be closed on Thu - Fri, Dec 23 - 24 for the Christmas holiday.



Christmas Eve | Fri, Dec 24 Christmas hymns and songs will precede all three Christmas Eve Masses for 30 minutes 3:30 pm, 6:30 pm and 10:00 pm

> Christmas Day | Sat, Dec 25 Mass at 10:00 am

OLG | SAN DIEGO YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adult Holy Hour and Vigil Mass for Life 2022

Young adults (18-39 years) are invited to a young adult holy hour and Vigil Mass for Life on Fri, Jan 14, at Sacred Heart parish in Coronado. The Office for Young Adult Ministry will host this event in collaboration with the Office for Peace, Life and Justice and the Annual San Diego Walk for Life (Sat, Jan 15). Holy hour with worship music begins at 6:00 pm, followed by Mass at 7:00 pm celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Ramón Bejarano. Confessions will also be available during the holy hour. The event will conclude with a young adult social. For more into, write yamsd@sdcatholic.org or call (858) 490-8263.

The OLG Young Adults get together weekly on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm in the East Room of Lauerman Hall.

To receive texts or emails about activities text OLGYA to 84576 and follow us on Instagram@sd.ecya and at facebook.com/groups/youngadultsolg.



For more opportunities for San Diego Catholic adults in their 20s & 30s follow Instagram @sd.ecya or visit <u>sdcatholic.org/office-for/young-adult-ministry</u>.

> Children don't listen... they watch... What we say • How we drive • When we pray How we mourn • How we say, "Thank you."



Christmas is the feast of God's love for us: the divine love that inspires, directs and corrects change, and defeats the human fear of leaving "safety" to cast us back onto the "mystery". ~Pope Francis, @pontifex 12/24/20 <text><text><text>

YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

New Life will not meet on the Sundays of Dec 26 or Jan 2. New *Escape* events will be posted after the first of the year.



To check the activity calendars for New Life (High School) and Escape (Jr. High) youth at any time visit <u>olg-church.org</u> and click on Upcoming Events bar, then scroll to the *New Life* and *Escape* calendar links, or call Doris, Youth Minister, at (619) 466-5451.

Religious Give Thanks

Thank you for support of last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection. To learn more about how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers and religious order priests visit retiredreligious.org.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of MELVA BAROZ | EMIL ZUCCARO

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

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Walk for Life: All Stages of Life Celebration



ver 2,000 members of the faithful are expected to stand WALK FOR LIFE O up for life—especially for those yet to be born-on Sat, Jan 15 at 8:30

am. Bring your family and friends to enjoy inspiration speakers, live music, exhibitors and more. For more info visit tinyurl.com/4jasse5v or call (858) 490-8324. . . .

> Catholic Answers Local Lecture Series Theology of Home: Finding the Eternal in the Everyday

n a time of cultural upheaval, and unwavering commitment to home and family seems revolutionary. In her talk, Noelle Mering, auth of Awake, Not Woke (TAN) sifts past the dominant messaging of our age to see homelife anew as both a foretaste of heaven and a powerful force of evangelization. Far from something cynical or sentimental, the language of home is universal, and one in which men and women are called to find meaning and mission. Gather on Fri, Jan 21, at St. Therese of Carmel, 4355 Del Mar Trails Rd, SD, 92130 for wine and cheese at 6:30 pm followed by the lecture at 7:00.

Thinking of opportunities for year-end giving?

onsider a donation to the OLG School Gala! The evening's highlight is a lively auction with many kinds of offerings, and your help will make it a great success! Here are some ideas:



- Retail and Restaurant Gift Cards
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- Timeshare and Rental Home stays, Airline Miles, or Hotel Points
- Autographed Memorabilia
- New and Unused Items, like gifts that weren't on your Santa list!!

For more info call (619) 466-0055 ext 16, email info@olg.org or visit the event page at www.olg.org.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who have requested prayer and for the special intentions written in the Book of Intentions in the Baptistery of our church.

Griselda Albanez Heriberto Albanez Tilly Allison Gabriela Alvarenga Marvin Alvarenga Tim Arnzen Angie Arravan Patrick Attardo Violeta Bacniss Gary Barker Susie Bellenbaum Angie Biner Anita Branch Deborah Butcher Stephanie Butcher Pam Carlson David Conway Rosemary Cosgrove Barbara Cyr Steve Duggins Nubia Grimes Mark Habina Patrick Hause Susan Hori **Richard Jensen** Lynn Jolivet Danka Jankura

Stephen Kane John Kleine Rebecca Leyden Tim Leyden Susan Lindquist Mickey Lyle Dawn M. MacNabb Donald Marsh Karen Matvichuk Barbara Messier Tessie Montano Mary Montoya Anthony Renzi Charlisse Rola Danny Rubio Theresa Smith **Christine Stanley** Tony Tabadisto Terry Tedrow Christian Valdez Tom Wadley Roy Wheeler Marilyn Winger Kyle Wollett

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



Visit **olg-church.org** and scroll to the "Annual Catholic Appeal" ad. Click the "2021 ACA video" link to see how funds raised will support diocesan and local efforts to announce the Gospel and serve God's people. Click the "Renewing Hope" image to make a pledge and/or gift to this year's Appeal. Thank you!





On the cover and more

Tons of fun was had at the **Dec 4** We Need a Little Christmas Parish Luncheon! People of all ages enjoyed food, decorations, music, gifts, and holiday spirit.





Please Consider Online Giving Give a one-time gift or set up recurring gifts

Visit <u>olg-church.org</u> and click on the "Online Giving" image or link (or use the QR code with your smart phone app). Thank you!



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