

MASS SCHEDULE AND PRIEST'S INTENTIONS

Sun, Dec 1	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
5:30 pm	For the People of the Parish
8:00 am	† Carolyn Kohler
11:00 am	Sp Int Jennifer Purcell
5:30 pm	† Felix Garofalo
Mon, Dec 2	Advent Weekday
8:00 am	† Steve Koch
Tues, Dec 3	Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
8:00 am	Sp Int Phil & Sp Int Ceil Weck
Wed, Dec 4	Advent Weekday
8:00 am	† Phil Butcher
Thurs, Dec 5	Advent Weekday
9:00 am	† Toy Casimiro Castor
Fri, Dec 6	Advent Weekday
8:00 am	† Judy Sorenson
10:00am	† Shawn Kiley (Funeral Mass)
Sat, Dec 7	Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of
	the Church
8:00 am	† Rylan O'Neal
Sun, Dec 8	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
5:30 pm	† Hank Marcotte
8:00 am	† Jose C. Cruz & † Jose Q. Cruz
11:00 am	For the People of the Parish
5:30 pm	† Deceased Members of the
-	Mendaros Family

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass.

Dec 1 Food and Fellowship Sunday Sponsored by the International Catholic Families (ICF) organization This is Breakfast Sunday! On the menu: scrambled eggs w/Italian Sausage and marinara sauce with toast, Akiko's special almond cream croissants, chocolate croissants, donuts, coffee, orange juice and milk. Sausage, meatball and marinara are

also on sale. See page 4 for details.

Dec 8 School Sunday

Sponsored by OLG School Families Complimentary coffee, juice and donuts. Contributions not necessary but gratefully accepted. Proceeds benefit OLG School's Tuition Assistance Fund, the Gerard Family Endowment for Catholic Education.

Dec 15 Wheelchair Sunday

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Complimentary coffee and donuts. Donations provide free wheelchairs for children in need in Mexico.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

JUAN ARIAS POLLY HARRINGTON

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

Welcome to OUR LADY of GRACE!

elcome 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 at any time during Mass should it be necessary. We ask that this chapel, like the church itself, remain free of food and drink.

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

Invitation to the R.C.I.A.

Ur 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 *R.C.I.A.* process and experience a new and enriched meaning to

your life through renewed faith and love. For more info, please contact Deacon John Sawaya at (858) 869-5079 or jsawaya@olg-church.org.

READINGS FOR DEC 1 - 8

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Sun:	Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44
Mon:	Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11
Tue:	Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
Wed:	Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
Thu:	Is 26:1-6, Mt 7:21, 24-27
Fri:	Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
Sat:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sun:	Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

GUEST COLUMNIST

ALICE CAMILLE

You Know the Time

t this point, some of us he didn't have much else to might like a respite from Apocalypse. After all, it's Advent now—isn't this the season for Mary mild calmly awaiting her child? Only in carols and in the lore of culture, as it turns out. Apocalypse, with its urgency, ultimacy, and immediacy, is an eschatological adrenaline rush that overwhelms the church at the close of the liturgical year. But as the liturgists would have it, it remains the mood for the opening of the new church year. *Kairos* time is a seamless garment, moving in cycles and circles but never in the clean, straight lines of Kronos time with neatly demarcated beginning, middle, and end. The clock ticks forward. Eternity doesn't tick at all.

We mortals governed by the tick of the clock are a little partial to the notion that we're making progress. Isn't all this time *getting* us somewhere? More precisely, isn't time going somewhere, purposefully and significantly? Time matters to us in a way that is quite personal. It is the measure of our lives. A lost hour is a kind of tragedy. The passage of an instant may cost us everything we have and are. We want to think time is important, even to God who stands outside and impervious to its deconstruction of our world. Somewhere in eternity, is there one angel ordained to keep an eye on the time?

A divine wake-up call

🔍 aint Paul, at least, was watching the clock, or perhaps the sundial. Maybe

do during those years under house arrest. He wasn't one of the original followers of Jesus who heard the Lord make frequent references to his "hour" that was always up around the next bend; never mind that the details of its significance were foggy. That hour of glory-masked as horror-finally did arrive, and it became the fundamental prism through which all of human history would now pass. Paul believed that. He wasn't waiting on that hour.

But a new hour captured his attention: the time of Jesus' return in glory. Paul seemed as aware as Jesus had once been that the hour was waiting just up ahead. In the richness of his faith, Paul perceived that the present hour and the glorious hour were separated by mere heartbeats. The night is advanced; the day is at hand. Salvation is nearer than it was, and always nearer than we think.

How do you prepare for an arrival urgently longed for? How do you make yourself presentable for the great love? You bathe to purify yourself. You select your clothes with care. You prepare a sumptuous table. You pour out your treasure on a gift that will become the emblem of all your unspoken devotion. You wait. And you wait. No matter how long or difficult the period of anticipation, you keep vigil for your heart's desire. Because if you cannot wait for love, truly, there is nothing else to wait for.



Lovers have always waited

saiah, son of Amoz, anticipated an hour of glory centuries before Jesus and Paul. In days to come, he predicted, the ancient division of nations would be mended. Hostility would be surrendered; the implements of war would be beaten into farm tools. The power to destroy would yield to the force of life. It would be a time like none since the creation of the world

How could Isaiah speak of peace with such certainty, when the world had never known such a thing? A prophet speaks the mind of God, according to tradition. But what gives a prophet the courage to say the words is a special virtue called hope. Like faith and love, hope is a theological virtue that will survive the end of the world and make the leap into eternity. It is fair to say it is therefore not of this world. If all you have to work with is today's news, hope is not a conclusion you might ever arrive at naturally.

Isaiah foretold a peace the world has not known and cannot give. Jesus journeved toward an hour of mortal humiliation that would likewise reveal the power of divine glory. Paul hungered for the end of all that ends so the things that last could finally be known in their fullness. Nothing apparent to the eye revealed the arrival of those events. And no one but a lover would hope for so vast and improbable an outcome.

OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH Founded 1954

CLERGY

PASTOR Very Rev. Peter McGuine

AUXILIARY PRIEST Rev. Gino Correa. OFM

PRIESTS IN RESIDENCE Rev. Jerome Molokie, O Praem. Rev. Curtiss Dwyer

> DEACON Dcn. John Sawaya

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 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

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Knights of Columbus Advent Sale

The Knights will be selling Advent wreaths, candles, "Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets, Christmas cards and various other religious goods outside the main entrance of the church after all Masses this weekend.

Italian Sausage & Marinara Take Out Sun, Dec 1



talian Sausage in links or bulk (mild or hot) and/ or ready-to-go

meatballs and marinara sauce await you in the Parish Center. This is a takeout sale only and **no sandwiches** are available. Preorders may also be picked up at this time. Sponsored by the International Catholic Families organization.

Faith Formation Thankgiving Break

Thankgiving break continues! Faith Formation classes resume next week on Sun, **Dec 8**. Parents, please teach assigned lesson and turn-in worksheets upon return.

Eucharistic Exposition & Benediction

E xposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament is scheduled in the church with OLG School on Tue, Dec 3 immediately following the 8:00 am Mass. Benediction will take place at 11:40 am. Why not come and spend some time with the Lord in prayer?

Knights of Columbus Greenery Orders



up in the Parish Center after all Sunday Masses on **Dec 8.** A limited supply of wreaths and other greenery will be available for purchase. Thank you for your support!

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the BVM is transferred to Mon, **Dec 9**. The obligation to attend Mass on this holy day is dispensed. One Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 am.

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Stay awake!

The prophet Isaiah lived 28 centuries ago. His vision of a day of peace has not yet arrived. Paul lived almost 2,000 years ago, and he died in prison and Jesus didn't come back. Jesus trusted in his Father and died on the cross. All this hope, all this waiting, and it might seem like the lovers have been betrayed.

For believers, of course, the cross became a door through which the glory of the Resurrection could pass. You have to "be there" to accept this; in a sense, you have to love this love in order to open your heart to it. And the realization of all these hopes is closer than appearances suggest. Paul wrote that salvation has come nearer since we first put our faith in this story. He, a great

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student of telling Kairos time, knew how to read a clock without hands and without numbers, which is the transection of eternity into time. Paul strung historic hopes together in saying that "Christ Jesus is our peace," and that the great divide between heaven and earth was bridged at the cross. In this light, Isaiah's hope has its answer: The Prince of Peace did arrive, and the way of peace is already inaugurated.

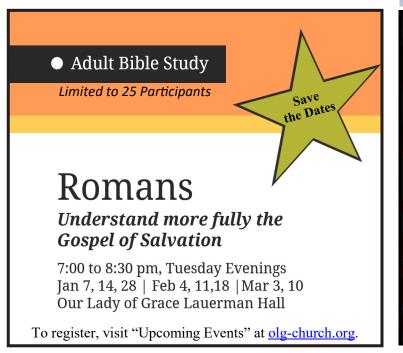
What remains is for Paul's great hope to come to pass. This is what we celebrate in Advent, the living hope of Christ's return. The best way to prepare for it is as an arrival urgently longed for. Water. Food. Gift. Wait.

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EVENTS HAPPENING NEARBY



2nd Annual Catholic Daughters Christmas Home Tour Dec 7, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Tour six decorated homes to inspire you and fill you with the Christmas spirit! Tickets are \$20.00 each or \$25.00 at the door. Check-in begins at 9:45 am at Santa Sophia Church in the DeMoor Room of the parish hall. For more information or to purchase tickets visit catholic daughters.com/hometour or contact Pam at (619) 464-2009.

Prayer Vigil Opposing Death Penalty

S tand for Life! Join Auxiliary Bishop John Dolan at "Not in Our Name!" a rally and prayer vigil to oppose the execution of death row inmates on **Dec 8**, 4:00 -6:00 pm, outside the Federal Courthouse, 333 West Broadway, San Diego. For more information, visit <u>sdcatholic.org</u>.

Enchanted Village 2019 at Noah Homes Dec 13-15 and 20-22 • 4:30-8:00 pm

This magical event will welcome you to explore 3+ acres of holiday lights, sounds, decorations, and foods. The Village features hundreds of giant candy canes, a forest of Christmas trees, Candy Land, nightly appearances by Santa, a photo booth and photo ops, a light tunnel and a sled run with real snow. For more information visit <u>enchantedvillage.org</u>.

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.

Patricia Adams Griselda Albanez Heriberto Albanez Betty Anderson Eleanor Bigknife Angie Biner Anita Branch Pat Burke Stephanie Butcher Tim Clasemen Rosemary Cosgrove Chris Davis Vincy Discenza Steve Duggins Lillian Edmundson Gary Ferris Chelsea Fuich Dawn Garofalo Gloria Grajeda Angela Grohall Roseanna Greene Mark Habina Leigh Hartman

Bill Harrington Family Beth Haworth Hannah Hilgeman Susan Hori Debbie Howell Diann Jacoby José A. Lopez Peter Lopez, Jr. Allen Moore Sean O'quin Linda Ozden Patricia Parent Apollonia Peklar Jim Ouinn Silverio Ramirez Ann Renzi Anthony Renzi Clayton Schenkelberg Theresa Smith Tillie Souza Andy Tong Marilyn Winger Kirsten Winterhouse

Names remain listed for four weeks and can be renewed by contacting Marie Pospichal at mpospichal@olg-church.org. ESCAPE—MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY GRADES 6-8

Cookie Baking - Guardian Angels Church on Fri, **Dec 6**, 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

Christmas Caroling - Good Samaritan Rest Home on Tue, **Dec 10**, 6:00 - 7:00 pm.

Permission slips can be downloaded from the ESCAPE page on the parish website <u>olg-church.org</u>.

New Life—High School Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

New Life Youth Group will not meet on Sun, **Dec 1**. Regular Sunday meetings will resume on **Dec 8**, 6:30-8:30 pm in the Lauerman Hall Youth Room.

> YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY AGES 18-39

O LG'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 Thu, **Dec 12**. All young adults are welcome! For more information please email Bernadette at bernhilge@gmail.com.

FUNERAL LITURGY AT OUR LADY of GRACE

SHAWN KILEY Fri, Dec 6 at 10:00 am Burial at sea on Dec 20.

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

Complimentary for all Parishioners!

e are not meant to journey alone, especially during the holy season as Advent. At <u>FORMED.org</u>, you can find ways to center yourself on Christ in the storm of busyness and distractions particularly with this time of year.

What helps us? Creating a space for Christ and Christ alone.

Sign up for Advent Reflections powered by FORMED Daily. *Receive* daily meditation, formation, and motivation to create a space in your day and in your heart for Christ.



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FROM the PASTOR

VERY REV. PETER M. MCGUINE

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Dear Parishioners,

write to let you know that on Fri, November 22, Anne Egan, by mutual agreement and at her request, was released from her contract to serve as principal of OLG School due to personal and family reasons that require more time and attention. As a result, Anne is no longer the principal of OLG School.

This week, I met with our Vice Principal, Rachel Sato, to develop a plan for interim administrative leadership at our school. A longerterm solution for administrative leadership will be developed in conjunction with the staff of the Diocese of San Diego's Office for Schools after the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays.

I take this opportunity to thank Anne for her service to our school since July 1 and wish her all the best in the months and years ahead.

I also acknowledge and very much appreciate the steadfast and exceptional commitment of our school's faculty and staff to our students, families, school, parish, and indeed, the Church. The level of professionalism they bring to their work is unparalleled and does not go unnoticed by me.

As we enter the season of Advent, we recall that all things will find their fulfillment in Christ Jesus our Lord. Let us keep our eyes and hearts focused on him.

You remain in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

Our Lady full of Grace, pray for us!

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

November 20-25, 2019	\$15,458.43
Plate	\$1,722.42
Envelopes	\$9,971.01
Online Giving	\$3,765.00
Breakdown of gifts received	
\$0.01 - \$5.00	68
\$5.01 - \$10.00	74
\$10.01 - \$25.00	124
\$25.01 - \$50.00	82
\$50.01 - \$100.00	33
\$100.01 - \$150.00	5
\$150.01 - \$500.00	11
\$500.01 - Over	1
Total Contributing Households	398
Additional Gifts	
All Saints	\$210.00
Building Fund	\$1,880.00
Faith Formation and Youth Ministry	\$100.00
Food Pantry	\$757.00
Holiday Angels	\$800.00
School Support - Greatest Need	\$130.00
Thanksgiving	\$451.00
Christmas	\$100.00
National Needs Collection	\$140.00
Prayer Quilt Ministry	\$100.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$105.00

Advent	Penance	Services
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Parish	Day	Date	Time
St. Martin of Tours, La Mesa	Mon	12/2	7:00 pm
St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Lakeside/ Barona	Tue	12/3	7:00 pm
St. John of the Cross, Lemon Grove	Tue	12/3	7:00 pm
St. Pius X, Jamul	Thu	12/5	7:00 pm
St. Therese, San Diego	Mon	12/9	7:00 pm
Guardian Angels, Santee	Tue	12/10	7:00 pm
Santa Sophia, Spring Valley	Wed	12/11	7:00 pm
St. Luke El Cajon	Thu	12/12	7:00 pm
Holy Trinity, El Cajon	Mon	12/16	7:00 pm
OUR LADY OF GRACE, El Cajon	Tue	12/1	7:00 pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help,	Mon	12/23	9:00 am
Our Lady of Perpetual Help,	Mon	12/23	7:00 pm

Thank you!



The 40 Days for Life, El Cajon Team, would like to thank everyone who participated in the Fall Campaign. Please continue to be a voice for the voiceless by joining us in front of Planned Parenthood every

Friday, 8:30-10:30 am, and Saturday, 9:00-11:00 am, throughout the year. God bless you!

Secure Parish Online Giving Give a one-time gift or set up recurring gifts.

Visit <u>olg-church.org</u> and click on the "Online Giving" link in the upper right corner of the webpage (or use the QR code with your smart phone app!).



#1 holiday hack: When you buy your gifts at smile.amazon.com, Amazon donates. amazonsmile

Shop at <u>smile.amazon.com/ch/27-3860489</u> and Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to Our Lady of Grace!

Fax:

WEB:

Laudate Ensemble (5:30 pm Sun)

OUR LADY of GRACE PARISH AND SCHOOL DIRECTORY

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Director of Liturgical Music Cantate Kids and Gaudete Choo	PAUL MAY Ext. 26 ir (11:00 am Sun)	
Director	ROBERT FILLEY	

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•	–F, 9:00–11:00 am	(619)	469-0061	
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