

PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

Sun. Dec 20	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
•	† Arthur Vitalis	
	† Mark Steckbauer	
	† James Sayler	
3:30 pm	For the People of the Parish	
Mon, Dec 21	Advent Weekday	
8:00 am	† Peter Tenorio	
Tue, Dec 22	Advent Weekday	
8:00 am	† Dorothy Washington	
Wed, Dec 23	Advent Weekday	
8:00 am	† Greg Kolesar	
Thu, Dec 24	Advent Weekday	
8:00 am	† Edward & † Joan Maucere	
	Morning confessions are canceled	
	VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	
1:00 pm	† Deceased members Cruz &	
	Hilgeman families	
3:00 pm	† Francis S. Najor	
Fri, Dec 25	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	
	(CHRISTMAS)	
9:00 am	† For the People of the Parish	
11:00 am	† Jack Cloward	
	SAINT STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR	
8:00 am	Spec Int Michael Hilgeman	
Sun, Dec 27	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY	
	AND JOSEPH	
3:30 pm	† Ryan Ferrara	



8:00 am † Joeman Villavicencio

3:30 pm For the People of the Parish

11:00 am † Arthur Pardo

Public Mass Update

an Diego County is in the COVID-19 Purple Tier meaning Masses must be celebrated outside. If

Mass is canceled due to inclement weather, a Flocknote email will be sent. Visit olg-church.org for current info.

When Mass is celebrated outside in front of the church, bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on. Face coverings are required, as is physical distancing. Bottled water, hats, hand sanitizer, and sunscreen are recommended. Our Ambassadors will be present to assist you.

The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation continues to be dispensed by Bishop McElroy.

Streamed Online Mass Information Available

isit <u>olg-church.org</u> homepage and click on the gold "Online Mass Info and Other Sustaining Faith Resources in the Time of Pandemic" bar. Scroll to Mass links.

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. The Sunday 11:00 am Mass will often include the use of incense.

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 initiat-

ed—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. Please contact Deacon John Sawaya at (858) 869-5079 or use the "Contact us" link on the parish webpage.

READINGS FOR DEC 20 - 27

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; **Sun:** Lk 1:26-38

Mon: Sg: 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

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

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

Thu: 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 Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

Sat: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17;

Lk 2:22-40

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass Readings:

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a,

Rom 16:25-27

Lk 1:26-38

GROW: During Advent, we await the One who is perfect grace, light, and joy. The Christ Child's arrival during a time when darkness has been increasing each day, and our anticipation of that arrival, emphasize his salvific role. For if even the smallest light is a glimmer of hope in the night, how much more is Christ's perfect and all-consuming light a life-saving flare in the darkness of sin and death. As we hear the angel Gabriel say of Christ, in his visitation to Mary: "He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High ... and of his kingdom there will be no end." Emmanuel, God with us, is the reason for our hope, and the reason for our joy.

GO: I don't know about you, but despite my best intentions, I have been known to get a little swallowed up in the commercialism of Christmas. But this last week of Advent feels like a chance to reorder my mind and heart. One way to do this is by focusing on the "O Antiphons," prayed during



the Church's evening prayer from December 17-23. Each antiphon begins with the word "O," and is followed by a title for the Messiah, found in Scripture, and a petition for him to come and save his people. Although this may sound overly complicated, you most likely know of

these without realizing it: they have been transposed into the verses of the hymn, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel. Today's first reading speaks of David, who thought he could build a place for God to dwell, but he can't. Instead, for us, whom God created and fashioned in his own image, God created a dwelling for his Son, so that he might enter into our human history as one of us; and in doing so, dwell among us and within us forever. Come, Lord Jesus.

INVITE: When lighting the final candle on your Advent wreath, invite your family to help you make the prayer interactive. Focus on the lesser-known verses of O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, such as the one below - it is an ancient prayer still very relevant today.

O King of the Nations

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind; O bid our sad divisions cease. and be for us

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

our King of Peace.

Written by The Faithful Disciple

Unlocking Every Door

hose who have been incarcerated know exactly what it means to face a locked door. So do folks who have been institutionalized with mental illness. But even those of us who have not been behind a literal door may find ourselves living under a sentence of fear, bitterness, depression, or unforgiveness. We may be locked out of relationships that are important to us because of resentment or past actions. Pov-

erty is often a prison that keeps opportunity and hope out, while also fostering despair within. O Jesus, Key of David, unlock every door that keeps us from experiencing your freedom!

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SCHEDULE of MASSES

SUNDAY VIGIL

(Saturday) 3:30 pm

SUNDAY

8:00 am, 11:00 am, 3:30 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 8:30 am Saturday 2:00 pm

Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office (619) 469-0133.

The parish offices will be closed on Dec 24 and 25 for the Christmas holiday.

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Galway, Ireland. I'm just four months in my new home and getting more settled

each day. Despite the COVID restrictions I am blessed with my new apartment and so many Sisters of Mercy surrounding me. I miss OLG and all of you; you are my prayers each day. I wish you a blessed



new hope to You. Sister Carmel

Christmas and

may 2021 bring

The Journey

dvent comes along every year and will continue to do so until Jesus returns. As this season draws to a close, we can each ask ourselves, "Am I now any better a disciple of Jesus Christ and more of a steward of all my gifts than before the Advent season started?

I have been on this earth for 40+ years. I have had 40+ Advents to draw closer to God and to work on taking more seriously my baptismal call. Some have gone better than others, but I would like to think my spiritual life progressed at least a small amount during each of them.

Conversion is a process. Stewardship is about a way of living and it is about more than simply being generous when a situation calls for it. Stewardship and conversion go hand in hand and we are always moving closer to holiness in Jesus Christ. Living in this way takes practice and commitment. If this Advent didn't go as you had hoped remember, it is not really an end. It is just another step along your journey.

This Christmas, while you are giving and receiving gifts and hopefully spending time with those you love, may you take the time to cherish the true gift that came to us over 2000 years ago and continues to call us to this day: Jesus. Let us be grateful beyond measure for this gift above all gifts, let us continue on our journey, and let our lives give testimony to the one who leads us.



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Ninth Annual San Diego Walk for Life

Stand up for Life at the 9th annual San Diego Walk for Life: a hybrid week-long event, **Jan 11-16**, which includes a series of webinars, a virtual concert, two



Masses and a vehicle caravan that will replace the actual walk. The theme is "Never Alone: Meeting their Needs at Every Turn." Mass will be outdoors with a livestream option. We encourage you to show your pro-life spirit by wearing blue for the webinars and Mass and by decorating your cars with life-affirming signs. Check the entire program at sdcatholic.org/event/san-diego-walk-for-life.

Year-round Prayers Needed

The team of 40-Days for Life reminds us to continue prayers to close two abortion providers in El Cajon. Prayer from home is just fine but if you are able, please gather with them to peace-



fully pray the Rosary in front of Planned Parenthood, 1685 E. Main St, El Cajon, any Friday or Saturday from 9:00 to 10:30 am. For more details, call Vicki at (619) 647-5793.

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A Little Humor

ne day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do dishes in the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head.

She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, "Why are some of your hair white, momma?"

Her mother replied, "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turn white.

The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, "Momma, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?

 While smelling the pine of your Christmas tree, consider this:
 Is the "s" or the "c" in scent silent?



Mental Health Resources from our Diocese

he "Mental Health" webpage of the Office for Family Life & Spirituality at the Diocese of San survivors of suicide loss Diego offers a comprehensive list of links to help with many mental health challenges.

The webpage provides links to sites that provide face-to-face online therapy sessions with licensed psychologists, social workers and other mental health disciplines with a wide variety of specialties.

Additional resources include a Crisis Text Line and links to local Affiliat-

ed Groups to help with overcoming depression, post-abortion healing, and more.



Also, a list of therapists for referral is available by calling (858) 490-8299.

To access these resources visit <u>olg-church.org</u> then click on the image shown above.

YOUTH MINISTRY AND FORMATION

ew Life youth group will not meet Sunday evenings during December. Visit olg-church.org to get Jr. High and/or High School event details. Click "Serve" then "Parish Groups" and under "Youth Groups" choose ESCAPE (Jr. High) or New Life (High School).

EAST COUNTY YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY

he Advent Series ends on **Dec 22** with the last session about Joy at St. Therese Parish, 6400 St Therese Way, SD 92120. Gather at 7:00 pm.



St. Martin of Tours, 7710 El Cajon Blvd, La Mesa, 91942, will host the January Young Adult Monthly Night of Worship. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Evening Prayer and Benediction takes place on Jan 7 at 6:00 pm.

For a complete list of spiritual development and social opportunities for Catholic adults in their 20s & 30s follow Instagram @sd.ecva or visit

sdcatholic.org/office-for/young-adult-ministry.

SAN DIEGO ADULT COMMUNITY

ctivities and a social network for adult Catholics: College Age, Young Adults (20s & 30s), Adult (40s & 50s), Active 60s+. Learn more at sandiegocac.org.

COMPLIMENTARY RESOURCES—Available in the parish office & on the publications table in the church while supplies last

Magnificat (January issue): An easy-to-read pocketsized worship aid. In addition, \$5.00 trial print subscriptions to Magnificat and Magnifikid are being offered now for new and returning subscribers. Visit Magnificat.com/trial for more info.

2021 Appointment Calendars: Compliments of Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery and Mausoleum. (619)

Emergency Food Distribution Network

n partnership with the Diocese of San Diego, Catholic Charities has created the Emergency Food Distribution Network to distribute

food to those in need in a safe, effective and reliable manner that complies with COVID-19 social distancing requirements.

Through drive-thru food pantries and online request home-delivered food package pick-ups from distribution sites. To learn more about using this service or volunteering please visit ccdsd.org/efdn.

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 Tilly Allison Gabriela Alvarenga Marvin Alvarenga Mari Kay Ames Angie Arrayan Patrick Attardo Gary Barker Carol Bessone Anita Branch Pat Burke Stephanie Butcher David Byram Pam Carlson Brian Cashman Tim Clasemen Helen Dalton Mark Habina

Brenda Hilgeman

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Rebecca Leyden

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



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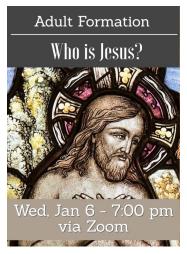


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End of Year Reminders

onations received or postmarked by Dec 31 will be included in your 2020 contribution statement which will be mailed no later than Jan 31, 2021.

Also, please remember to complete all payments for your 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal pledge before Dec 31. If you have yet to participate in this year's Appeal, it's not too late! Simply visit: sdcatholic.org/giving/annual-catholic-appeal. Thank you!



To sign up visit olg-church.org/upcoming-events

do it with good humor, patience, kindness, and love.
Harshness will damage your own soul and spoil the best cause."

~ St. John of Kanty, Feast Day Dec 23



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The uncontaminated beauty of our Mother is incomparable, but at the same time it attracts us. Let us entrust ourselves to her and say "no" to sin and "yes" to Grace once and for all.

~ Pope Francis, @Pontifex, Dec 8, 2020

1,394.00

801.00

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

December 1 - 7, 2020		\$18,703.00		
Plate	\$	452.00		
Envelopes	\$	11,486.00		
Online Giving	\$	6,765.00		
Breakdown of Gifts Received				
\$0.01 - \$5.00		16		
\$5.01 - \$10.00		26		
\$10.01 - \$25.00		59		
\$25.01 - \$50.00		62		
\$50.01 - \$100.00		51		
\$100.01 - \$150.00		16		
\$150.01 - \$500.00		19		
\$500.01 - Over		3		
Total Contributing Households 252				
Additional Gifts				
Building Fund	\$	1,972.00		

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Complaints about sexual abuse by a member of the clergy or by a parish or Catholic school employee or volunteer can be made by calling Mary Acosta at (858) 490-8353 or email misconduct@sdcatholic.org.

If any of your personal information has changed please call the Parish Office to let us know. We strive to keep our family records up-to-date.



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To email 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.

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