



• 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT •

**DO NOT  
BE AFRAID.**

**PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES****Sun, Dec 21 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

5:30 pm † Dominic Nguyen  
(Vigil)  
8:00 am † Barbara Holland  
11:00 am † Bartolome Rosales &  
† Demetria Rosales  
5:30 pm For the People of the Parish

**Mon, Dec 22 Advent Weekday**

8:00 am † John Porterfield &  
† Helen Porterfield

**Tue, Dec 23 Advent Weekday; St. John of Kenty, Priest**

8:00 am † David McArthur

**Wed, Dec 24 Advent Weekday**

8:00 am † Edward J. Maucere &  
† Joan M. Maucere  
**Christmas Eve**  
3:30 pm † Jan Vyzinkar & † Olga Vyzinkar  
& † Deceased family members  
6:30 pm † Robert Spieldenner  
10:00 pm For the People of the Parish

**Thu, Dec 25 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas)**

9:00 am † Jim Markham  
11:00 am † Deceased members of the Cloward and Bush Families

**Fri, Dec 26 St. STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR**

8:00 am † Mark Steckbauer &  
† Mary Steckbauer

**Sat, Dec 27 St. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST**

8:00 am † Joeman Villavincencio

**FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER**

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass

**Dec 28 Donut Sunday**

*Sponsored by the CWC*

The Catholic Women's Club will be serving donuts and more! More details about their Donut Sunday on **pg. 4**.

**Jan 4 ICF Food & Fellowship**

*Sponsored by the International Catholic Families*

Come by and enjoy Soup Sunday and company hosted by OLG's ICF! More information on **pg. 5**.

**Jan 11 School Sunday**

*Sponsored by the OLG School Families*

Complimentary coffee and refreshments. All proceeds benefit OLG's Tuition Assistance Fund.

**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 offer 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 Deacon John Sawaya at: [jsawaya@olg-church.org](mailto:jsawaya@olg-church.org). For those interested in joining the Catholic Church, please also contact Deacon John Sawaya. You can also contact him by using the "Contact us" link at [olg-church.org](http://olg-church.org).

**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 DECEMBER 21 – DECEMBER 28**

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

**Mon:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8d; Lk 1:46-56

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

**Wed:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

**Thu:** Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

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

**Sat:** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Sun:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### GROW:

Throughout my life, I have had a litany of requests for God. I have asked for mundane and ultimately inconsequential favors and also for guidance in much more important matters. But I have often hesitated to ask for the deepest desires of my heart. Those requests feel too big, too impossible, and possibly too selfish – as though asking these things would take away from God's ability to provide for others. But in thinking this way, I am putting limits on a limitless God. In today's first reading, the Lord speaks to Ahaz and tells him to ask for a sign – "let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky!" When Ahaz refuses, God speaks through the prophet Isaiah to deliver the most impossible promise – that "the virgin shall conceive, and bear a

son, and shall name him Emmanuel." God wants to give us everything we need to be close to him, so much so that he sent his Son to open the pathway to eternal life with him. God wants us to ask for him to do the impossible because he longs to give generously to us.

### GO:

God brings about his plan of salvation in an extraordinary way: The virgin Mary conceives Jesus in her womb through the power of the Holy Spirit. Although God does all the spiritual heavy lifting here, notice that our Gospel tells us that he also desired and asked for Joseph's cooperation. "Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home," the angel tells Joseph. The Gospel tells us that Joseph "did as the angel of the Lord commanded him." In our work of evangelization, God does the heavy lifting: it's God who moves the hearts of

others to seek him. But the amazing thing is that God still wants us to be part of the way his plan unfolds. We, too, cooperate with God's work of sharing the faith and bringing salvation to others by our actions and obedience.

### PRAY:

As we begin this final week of Advent, the Church continues to pray with the O Antiphons, which we hear in the hymn, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." Listen to the refrain, which speaks of Israel's immense longing to be set free and for her savior to appear. As you reflect on the first reading and upon this hymn, bring your own deepest desires to the Lord. Spend some time in prayer asking for what you need to draw closer to God.

**Written by:**  
***The Faithful Disciple***

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### 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 Sundays at 12:30 pm. Preparation packet is available in the parish office.

#### ORDER of CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULTS

Contact Dcn. John Sawaya (858) 869-5079.

#### HOLY MATRIMONY

Marriage preparation begins nine months in advance. Please contact Fr. Lauro Minimo or Dcn. John Sawaya.

#### PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

Monday 6:00 pm  
Wednesday 8:45 am  
Saturday 4:00 pm  
or by appointment.

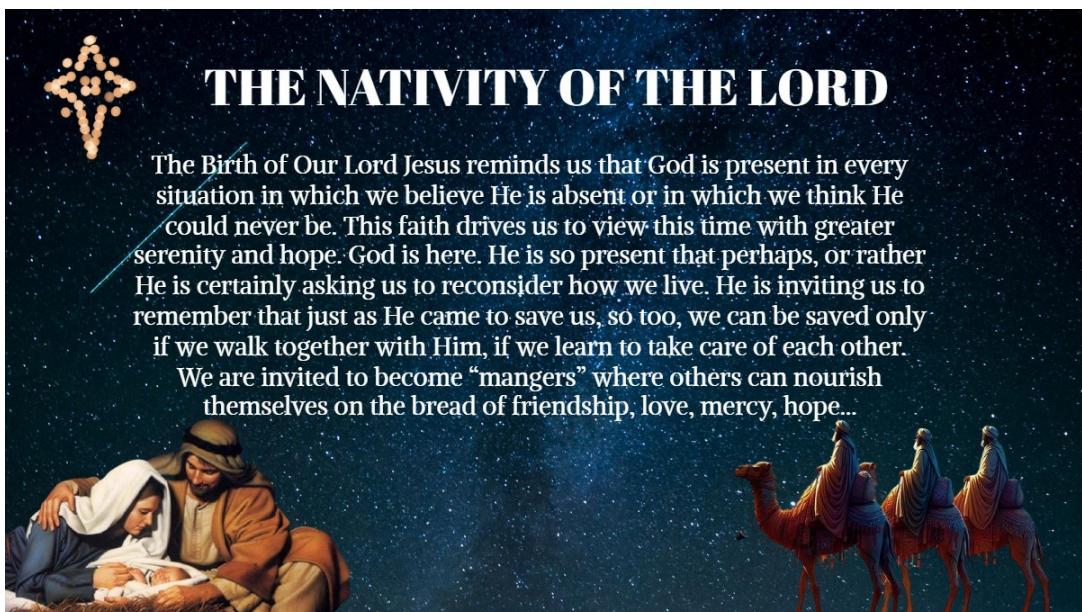
#### ANOINTING of THE SICK

Call the parish office  
(619) 469-0133.

## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

The Birth of Our Lord Jesus reminds us that God is present in every situation in which we believe He is absent or in which we think He could never be. This faith drives us to view this time with greater serenity and hope. God is here. He is so present that perhaps, or rather He is certainly asking us to reconsider how we live. He is inviting us to remember that just as He came to save us, so too, we can be saved only if we walk together with Him, if we learn to take care of each other.

We are invited to become "mangers" where others can nourish themselves on the bread of friendship, love, mercy, hope...



## Youth Christmas Caroling



Over 45 youth from the East County deanery gathered at the Montera and Country Manor Retirement Homes to share Christmas cheer by singing Christmas carols to the residents. They even dressed in holiday attire with their Santa hats, scarves and socks!



The evening ended with a hot cocoa excursion to a nearby coffee shop.



# Baptism at OLG

As the first Sacrament into the Catholic faith, we are excited to have your child join our community!

A preparation packet is available in the Parish Office. Please feel free to stop by during our office hours, Mon.-Thurs. from 8:30 am-4:30 pm. For more information, contact us at 619-469-0133.

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# Donut Sunday

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

They will be serving a variety of donuts, milk, juices and coffee after the 8:00 am and 11:00 am Masses. Come join us at the Parish Center!

 Please be advised that Fr. Lauro or anyone else from our parish staff will never send out e-mails, text messages or Flocknotes requesting any form of monetary assistance such as cash, Amazon, iTunes, gift cards etc. If you receive such suspicious e-mails, please delete or disregard.

## WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

December 2, 2025 - December 8, 2025 \$20,925.29

Plate	\$3,026.34
Envelopes	\$11,881.00
Online Giving	\$6,017.95

## Breakdown of Gifts Received

\$0.01 - \$5.00	36
\$5.01 - \$10.00	50
\$10.01 - \$25.00	132
\$25.01 - \$50.00	82
\$50.01 - \$100.00	34
\$100.01 - \$150.00	12
\$150.01 - \$500.00	25

Total Contributing Households 371

Building Fund	\$976.00
Flowers	\$1,241.00
Food Pantry	\$726.00
Holiday Angels	\$2,206.25
Immaculate Conception	\$5,212.00
School - General	\$692.50
School - Tuition Assistance	\$303.00



Middle School Deanery Youth gathered at St. Martin's on Friday, December 4th for cookie baking. We baked over 500 cookies & decorated them! These cookies were then donated to Noah Homes, a residence providing services to adults with developmental

disabilities, who were excited to have cookies for their annual Christmas party and the East County "You Did it For Me" organization for homeless outreach.

Donations of beanies, gloves, rain ponchos, and jackets were generously received from Middle School families and parishioners to further assist "You Did it For Me".

**Thank you everyone who helped make someone else's Christmas more merry!**


 COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Christmas • Luke 2:1-14

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# Soup Sunday

## January 4, 2026

Join the ICF in welcoming the new year with Soup Sunday! On the menu, we have chicken pozole and tortillas, black eyed pea soup and bread. We can't forget the donuts of course! We hope to see you all there!





## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve - 3:30pm, 6:30pm, 10:00pm  
Christmas Day - 9:00am, 11:00am



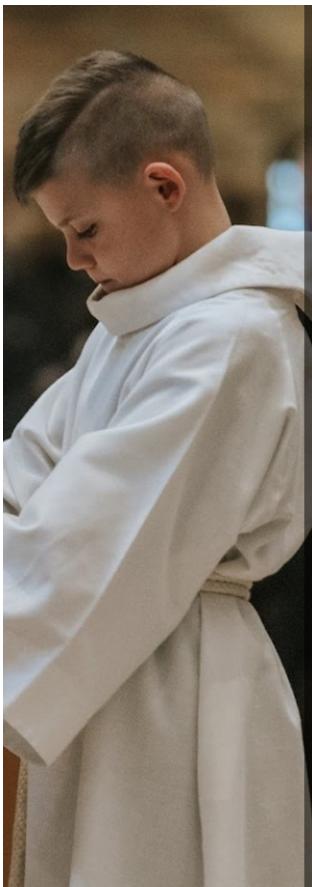
\*Please plan accordingly and try to arrive early for our Christmas Masses.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS - 9:00AM

(NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION FOR THE DIOCESE THIS YEAR)

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, January 1, 2026 in observance of the New Year's Day holiday. We wish you all the blessings in this new year!



## NEW ALTAR SERVERS WANTED!



Parishioners who have received First Communion and are age 10 and above are eligible to be trained as altar servers.

Altar Servers have the privilege of assisting the priest in the sanctuary during the Mass and other liturgical functions.

If you are interested, please call the parish office at: (619) 469-0133.

\*Altar Serving counts for service hours.



## 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.*

Netti Aguinaldo	Gary Kurutz
Ron Aguinaldo	Jason Laccone
Heriberto Albanez	Lillian Lavado
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Dee Draper	Pat Pfohl
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John Harshberger	Nina Vyzinkar
Edwin Howell	Cindy Katan Wallace

*Names will remain listed in the bulletin for 4 weeks. If you would like to add a name to the list, or have names removed/renewed, please contact Alexa Alcantara at: [aalcantara@olg-church.org](mailto:aalcantara@olg-church.org).*



**A**dorers are needed for our next 24-hour Adoration on **Friday, Jan. 2**. To sign-up, please e-mail Michael Gross at: [pnmgross1@gmail.com](mailto:pnmgross1@gmail.com).

## OUR LADY of GRACE PARISH AND SCHOOL DIRECTORY

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**For a ministry leader phone number please call the Parish Office at (619) 469-0133.**

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