

PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

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Sun, Dec 22	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
5:30 pm	† Janet Krabbenhoft		
(Vigil)			
8:00 am	For the People of the Parish		
11:00 am	† Demetria N. Rosales		
5:30 pm	† Ryan Vetter		
Mon, Dec 23	Advent Weekday; Saint John of		
	Kanty, Priest		
8:00 am	† John and † Helen Porterfield		
5:30 pm	Sp Int Larry Cross		
Tue, Dec 24	Advent Weekday		
8:00 am	† Benedict Aguire; † Erlinda Reyes		
Tue, Dec 24	VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD		
3:30 pm	† Alan Brown; † Timothy Stanton		
6:30 pm	† Robin Krug		
10:00 pm	For the People of the Parish		
Wed, Dec 25	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD		
9:00 am	† Deceased Members of the Cruz &		
	Hilgeman Families		
11:00 am	† Deceased Members of the Cloward		

& Bush Families

Thu, Dec 26 SAINT STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

8:00 am Sp Int Michael Hilgeman
Fri, Dec 27 SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST

8:00 am † Joeman Villavicencio

Sat, Dec 28 THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

8:00 am † Judy Eppler



FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass

Dec 22 Christmas Bake Shop

Sponsored by the Events Committee More information about Bake Shop can be found on pg. 5.

Dec 29 Donut Sunday

Sponsored by the Catholic Women's Club
The CWC will not be having Bread Sunday. We
will have food and fellowship with coffee and
donuts and assorted muffins.

Jan 5 Food and Fellowship Sunday

Sponsored by the International Catholic Families Continuing our tradition of kicking off the new year with international food and fellowship, the ICF will be serving a snappy Mexican breakfast!

Welcome to Our Lady of Grace!

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 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. 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.

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 Dec 22 - Dec 29

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

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

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

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

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

Fri: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Sat: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Sun: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Fourth Sunday of Advent

GROW: Ask a child. "Where is God?" and you'll likely receive a variety of responses: "in heaven," "in church," "everywhere" and "in my heart" are all conceivable answers from a child's lips. But the one we most easily write off as silly or sentimental is one that the saints would urge us to revisit more seriously: God is indeed "in my heart" - that is, he is present in our souls! This is true not only when we receive him in Holy Communion, and not only because he is "everywhere," but because we possess sanctifying grace. Grace Mary is not for Mary is divine life – God's life - and if we are "in a state of grace" (that is, we have brought any mortal sins to confession), we have this life within us! Our model for becoming

aware of this wonderful gift is our Blessed Mother, whose example in today's Gospel teaches us to love, reverence, and obey God within us. Setting out "in haste" to serve her aged cousin, Mary carried God in her womb. We can imagine the love and joy with which she carried him. At every moment, God is present in us, too (not physically, but by grace) and we should strive to recognize and love him who has made our hearts his dwelling place.

GO: The events of today's Gospel suggest that Jesus' presence in alone. Prompted by love, she made the arduous journey to visit Elizabeth – itself an act of charity. But Mary brought more than her services and support to Elizabeth during a

potentially difficult pregnancy; she brought God himself! Mary was so conscious of God within her that even her words, flowing from a heart burning with his love, carried a special power; at Mary's greeting, Elizabeth was "filled with the Holy Spirit" and John the Baptist "leaped for joy." As we become increasingly aware of God dwelling in our souls, we, too, become "Christ-bearers" to others. By being lovingly attentive to our Divine Guest, our words and actions become means by which he can act on the hearts of those we encounter each day.

SING: O come, divine Messiah! The world in silence waits the day When hope shall sing its triumph And sadness flee away.

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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. Fr. Marc Gandolfo 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.



IMPORTANT End of Year Reminders!

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Contribution statements for 2024 will be mailed no later than January 31, 2025.

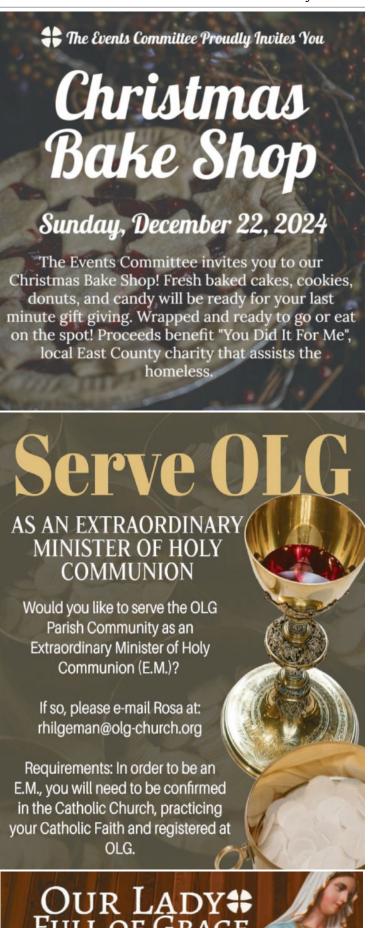
Also, please remember to complete all payments for your 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal pledge before December 31. If you have yet to participate in this year's appeal, it's not too late! Simply visit:

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The Story of the Holy Innocents

Herod "the Great," king of Judea, was unpopular with his people because of his connections with the Romans and his religious indifference. Hence he was insecure and fearful of any threat to his throne. He was a master politician and a tyrant capable of extreme brutality. He killed his wife, his brother, and his sister's two husbands, to name only a few. Matthew 2:1-18 tells this story: Herod was "greatly troubled" when astrologers from the east came asking the whereabouts of "the newborn king of the Jews," whose star they had seen. They were told that the Jewish Scriptures named Bethlehem as the place where the Messiah would be born. Herod cunningly told them to report back to him so that he could also "do him homage." They found Jesus, offered him their gifts, and warned by an angel, avoided Herod on their way home. Jesus escaped to Egypt. Herod became furious and "ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years old and under." The horror of the massacre and the devastation of the mothers and fathers led Matthew to quote Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children..." (Matthew 2:18). Rachel was the wife of Jacob (Israel). She is pictured as weeping at the place where the Israelites were herded together by the conquering Assyrians for their march into captivity.

Reflection

The Holy Innocents are few in comparison to the genocide and abortion of our day. But even if there had been only one, we recognize the greatest treasure God put on the earth—a human person, destined for eternity, and graced by Jesus' death and resurrection.

Written by: Franciscan Media

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Weekly Offering Report			
December 3, 2024 - December 9, 2024	\$25,775.27		
Plate	\$2,447.39		
Envelopes	\$14,467.08		
Online Giving	\$8,860.80		
Breakdown of Gifts Received			
\$0.01 - \$5.00	37		
\$5.01 - \$10.00	32		
\$10.01 - \$25.00	125		
\$25.01 - \$50.00	58		
\$50.01 - \$100.00	33		

\$500.01 -	Over
Total Contributing	Households

\$100.01 - \$150.00

\$150.01 - \$500.00

Building Fund	\$4,335.00
Faith Formation & Youth	\$390.00
Flower Donation	\$695.00
Food Pantry	\$1,595.00
Holiday Angels	\$2,275.00
Immaculate Conception	\$4,128.39
World Mission	\$255.00

Catholic Advent Ideas for your Family

less your Advent wreath and light it every night. The traditional Advent wreath is a wreath (sometimes of evergreen branches) that holds four candles (three violet, one pink) representing the four weeks of Advent. Put it on your dinner table (or nearby), and light it each night leading up to Christmas with your children or grandchildren.

Pray special Advent prayers during dinnertime. During dinner, pray a short Advent prayer or sing an Advent hymn with your family: "O God, Who gladdens us by the annual expectation of our redemption, grant that we, who now receive with joy your only-begotten son as our Redeemer, may behold him without fear when he comes as our judge. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways of your only begotten son, that we may attain to serve you with purified minds, through his Advent, who with you lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. Amen."

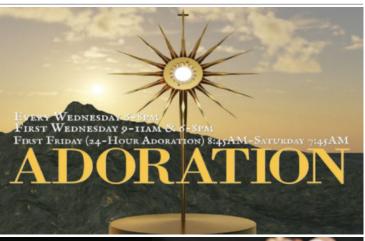
Prepare the empty manger for Jesus. Place an empty

manger in a special place in your home. Have your family members place a piece of straw in the manger every time they do a kind deed or make a sacrifice. This tradition symbolizes each person's effort to prepare a special place in their hearts for the baby Jesus.



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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.

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renewed, please contact Jocelyn Ayala at:
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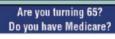
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