

OUR LADY of GRACE Catholic Church

Peace





## MASS SCHEDULE AND PRIEST'S INTENTIONS

**Sun, Dec 24 FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT**

5:30pm † John Pyle

9:00am For the People of the Parish

**Sun, Dec 24 VIGIL of THE NATIVITY of THE LORD**

3:30am † John Porterfield

6:30pm *Sp Int* The Huynh Family

10:00pm For the People of the Parish

**Mon, Dec 25 THE NATIVITY of THE LORD****(CHRISTMAS)** [Holy Day of Obligation]

9:00am † Jack Cloward

11:00am † Cruz &amp; † Hilgeman Families

***Evening confessions are cancelled.*****Tue, Dec 26 ST STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR**8:00am *Sp Int* Michael Hilgeman**Wed, Dec 27 ST JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST**

8:00am † Joeman Villavicencio

**Thu, Dec 28 THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS**

8:00am † Deceased members of ICF

**Fri, Dec 29 FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE of THE NATIVITY of THE LORD**

8:00am † Thomas Bishop

**Sat, Dec 30 SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE of THE NATIVITY of THE LORD**8:00am *Sp Int* Fr. Eleutario Mireles, Jr.**Sun, Dec 31 THE HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

5:30pm † Joseph Bauer

8:00am For the People of the Parish

11:00am Mass with Collective Intentions

5:30pm † Anthony Tornay

**Welcome to Our Lady of Grace!**

Welcome 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 are welcome to make use of this chapel with restless children. We ask that this chapel, like the church itself, remain free of food and drink.

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

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Mon-Fri, 8:30am-4:30pm | (619) 469-0133

**CLOSED MON, DEC 25 AND JAN 1***Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!***Welcome to the Christian family***Baptized in our church on Dec 20:***Emma Louise Schorr****Eucharistic Exposition, Adoration and Benediction**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is scheduled in the church with OLG School on **Tues, Jan 9, following the 8:00am Mass. Benediction will take place at 11:40am.** Attend and spend some time with the Lord in prayer.

**FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN MOLONEY CENTER***All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass.***Dec 31 Farewell Reception for Br. Kevin McGoff, OFM**

Following the 11:00 Mass

**Jan 7 Int'l Catholic Families—ICF****READINGS FOR DECEMBER 24-31**

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

Sun: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Lk 2:1-14

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

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

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

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

Thu: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Fri: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Sat: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

Sun: Sir 3:2-6; 12-14; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Lk 2:22-40



**4TH CANDLE: (PURPLE)  
The Angel Candle or the  
Candle of Peace**

*The angels announced the good news of a Savior. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! (John 3:16-17)*

<http://tinyurl.com/zsdc6j>

**Week 4, Love**

Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen.

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**Advent Prayer for Families**

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen.

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**ICF Golden Acorn  
Bus Trip**

International Catholic Families is hosting a fun-filled day at the Golden Acorn Casino on **Jan 20, 2018**. Details will follow.

The \$20.00 fee includes bus transportation and GREAT company! Plus you will receive \$20 free play from Golden Acorn Casino, \$5 if you're a senior (after 7 points) and an additional \$10 to new members!

**Bus Trip to  
Pageant of our Lord**

The OLG Events Committee invites you on a trip to Rolling Hills Covenant Church in Palos Verdes during the Easter Season to attend the *Pageant of Our Lord* with members of Ascension Church in Tierrasanta. Each year the pageant is a different presentation of Christ's life through living reproductions of famous works of art. This theatrical masterpiece combines the presentation of life-sized paintings and sculptures with original narration, sanctuary choir and full orchestra.

The performance will be **Sat, Mar 24, 2018**. The fare is \$79/person and includes the bus, lunch at Souplantation, and the performance. Pickup and drop off will be from OLG parking lot. We need a \$25.00 deposit to hold a seat for this event by the end of the year. The remainder of the cost will be due in January. We want to reserve the best possible seats!

**We need 25 people  
to make a firm  
commitment!**

To RSVP or info, call Deborah or Bill Renick at (619) 462-2958.

**OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH**  
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**CLERGY**

**PASTOR**

*Very Rev. Peter McGuine*

**AUXILIARY PRIESTS**

*Rev. Gino Correa, OFM*

*Very Rev. Kevin Mullins, OSA*

**PRIESTS IN RESIDENCE**

*Rev. Hugh Barbour, O.Praem.*

*Rev. William Brunner*

**DEACON**

*Dcn. John Sawaya*

**SCHEDULE  
of MASSES**

SUNDAY VIGIL (*Saturday*)  
5:30pm

SUNDAY  
8:00am, 11:00am, 5:30pm  
MONDAY-SATURDAY  
8:00am

*Holy days and holidays  
listed separately in bulletin.*

**SACRAMENTS  
INFANT BAPTISM**

Baptisms are celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 12:30pm. 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.

Fr. Peter McGuine  
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Deacon Sawaya  
[jsawaya@olg-church.org](mailto:jsawaya@olg-church.org)

**PENANCE AND  
RECONCILIATION**

Monday 6:00pm  
Thursday 8:30am  
Saturday 4:00pm

**ANointing of the Sick**

Call the parish office  
(619) 469-0133

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**FOURTH SUNDAY  
of ADVENT | Dec 24**

**Special Schedule—  
Two Masses Only**

Mass on Sat at  
**5:30pm** (vigil)  
& Sun at **9:00am**

**CHRISTMAS EVE—  
SUN, DEC 24**  
*Christmas hymns  
and songs will pre-  
cede all three Christ-  
mas Eve Masses for  
thirty minutes.*

**3:30pm** | Mass with  
homily for children  
and their families

**6:30pm** | Mass with  
homily for children  
and their families

**10:00pm** | Mass at  
Night

**CHRISTMAS DAY—  
MON, DEC 25**  
Mass at **9:00**  
& **11:00am**

**For Masses Dec 24 & 25:**

*Seats may be held for  
family members until 30  
minutes before Mass. At that  
time, all unoccupied seats  
will be made available to  
others on a first come, first  
serve basis. Seats reserved-  
for disabled persons will be  
held until the start of Mass.  
Thank you for your  
cooperation!*

**Confessions are cancelled  
on Mon, Dec 25.**

## God's Last Known Address

*by Alice Camille*

If you were going to send a Christmas card to God this year, where would you send it? We know the address of Santa Claus, the queen of England, the pope in Rome, and even a friend or two we haven't seen since kindergarten. But the whereabouts of God are a little hazier. If we write "heaven" on the envelope, will our Christmas greetings ever reach their destination?

The whereabouts of God have always been an issue for those who seek God. Where do you look, if you don't have a probable place in mind? We may take a pilgrimage to a holy site: God's been known to make an appearance at a certain mountain peak in Israel. The Son of God moved around from town to town but never settled down—not even in the tomb. The Holy Spirit made a dramatic showing in an upper room in Jerusalem, but subsequent sightings have been across Asia Minor and beyond. If you expand the search to include the Holy Family, reported manifestations of the Mother of God are legion, including Spain, France, Mexico, and, most recently, Japan.

The most famous dwelling place of God, of course, was on Mt. Zion in the Jerusalem Temple. One wall is left standing on that ancient site for those willing to seek God in ruins. But most of us look no further than the local church, synagogue, or mosque, where a community still gathers to encounter the divine in word, sacrament, and each other. We take the Easter angel at his word: Do not seek the living among the dead!

As far back as the time of David, the desire to house God at a singular address was countered by God's insistence that it actually works the other way around: The Creator built the house in which creation lives and moves and has its being. God makes a "house" out of David himself, a never-ending house that will shelter generations of kings until the time of the everlasting king. And then one day, 10 long centuries after David is dust, a girl in Nazareth is asked if she would be willing to house the Holy One in her body. And she delivers the fateful yes.

It would be a tragedy if hers were the last "yes" in human history! The truth is, many more yeses have been added. The Hebrew word *amen* means "yes," and we say it every time we come forward for the Eucharist. We say yes, we'll be the house of God. We'll take the divine life into our bodies, in flesh and blood, and make it our flesh and blood. We say, "Let it be done to us, according to your word." God's last known address is you.

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## Cursillo in Action

For over 50 years Catholics use the Cursillo method to connect with our Lord each day based on small lessons in Christianity through San Diego Cursillo. The Cursillo method is very effective when dealing with daily challenges that occur in our lives. The purpose of *Cursillo in Action* is to continue to improve our relationship with Jesus and our Catholic community through the Cursillo Movement. *Cursillo in Action* will meet **Fri, Jan 12 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm** in Moloney Center. *Cursillo in Action* is open to ALL, not just Cursillistas so please join us for a spirit-filled evening of prayer and music, and bring a friend!



## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Middle School Youth Day on Dec 2 for "Keep Watch" at Good Shepherd Parish**

*Youth gathered around a sign thanking their sponsor: Inland Federal Credit Union.*

Nearly a hundred youth gathered for Middle School Youth Day. The focus was friendship with God and how to "keep watch" for his presence in our life, and then a challenge of how you can share God's friendship with others. Keynote speaker, Aislin Hilgeman, invited the youth to not just be a consumer of social media, but use it to acknowledge the blessings God has given. Fr. Nathan celebrated Mass with us and the band, *Vessels of Devotion*, provided incredible music throughout the day.



*Thomas Seebold, Evelyn Hilgeman, Aislin Hilgeman, Terese Likona, Clare Rogers, Nora Hilgeman and John Sousa posed with Fr. Nathan.*

**Singing Christmas Carols at Good Samaritan Retirement Home**

OLG youth joined with St. Martin, St. Pius X, St. Kieran and St. Luke youth to sing Christmas carols to the seniors at Good Samaritan Retirement Home on Tue, Dec. 5. Ed Horning & Brendan Hilgeman accompanied with guitars—along with some bells and tambourines—a festive night for all.

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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 Baptistry of our church.

Patty Acheson	Susan Hori
Carol Adams	Patricia Hough
Aaron Azlbanez	Ralph Howlett
Travis Ames	Diann Jacoby
Trinidad Baca	Bonnie Jarvis
Brenda Baker	Johnnie Jones
Martine Bellocq	Evie La Chapelle
Dolly Bernal	Dorinda Lillie
Fr. Jacob Bertrand	Ben Lizama
Carol Bessone	José A. Lopez
Mercedes Borsellino	Eleanor McGuigan
Lesley Bradley	Gary Moore
Bill Brown	Linda Morales
Fr. William Brunner	Sean O'quin
Stephanie Butcher	Clara Orallo
Catherine Butler	Dee Quiroz
Annemarie Cadiz	Rufidia Sanchez
Margo Carr	Kevin Sandlin
Mary Ciesielski	Scillo Family
Tim Claseman	Linda Scott
Jennifer Connolly	Edward Seguin
Rosemary Cosgrove	John Serocki
JoAnn Coules	Stacy & Daniel Smith
Josephine Danna	Theresa Smith
Brian Daw	Gary Sietriect
Herbert Dean	Tess Souza
Kristin Digby	Tenorio Family
Dee Draper	Irma Toledo
Chariz Espanola	Soliel Toledo
Stefan Fayal	Andy Tong
Leona Flavin	Debbie Tracey
Bernie Flaherty	Joline Unpingco
Vince Freeman	Chris Valencia
Marla Freund	Joe Valencia
Dcn. John Gabbard	Nicole Velasco
Lettie Gimpaya	Terry Walsh
Roseanna Greene	Jason Williams
Kailani Gumataotao	Richard Williams
Alan Head	Kathy Winger
Ann Heffron	Marilyn Winger
Rina & Edz Hermosura	Melissa Winter
Joe Herrick	

*Names remain listed for four weeks and can be renewed.  
ANN SCOTT: ascott@olg-church.org.*

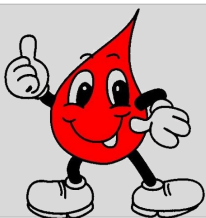
**FUNERAL LITURGY AT OUR LADY OF GRACE**

**DONNA JEANNE SPOSATO**

**Funeral Mass** | Fri, Jan 12 at 10:00am

*Reception to follow Mass in Moloney Center*

*Burial in Wisconsin.*



Our next **OLG Blood Drive** will be held **Jan 21**.

Make appointments at: [sandiegobloodbank.org](http://sandiegobloodbank.org), click on "Donate Blood," select appointments, and use sponsor code OLG.

**For questions contact Frank (619) 448-8181 or (619) 672-8332**



## THE FINANCIAL REPORT WILL RETURN

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### Happy New Year with 55 Plus Club

The first 55 Plus Club luncheon of 2018 will celebrate the new year on **Tues, Jan 9** (the second Tues of the month). Lunch is \$12 per person. The early bird price is \$9 per person if you RSVP before Fri, Jan 5. The doors open at 11:00am with door prizes, a cash opportunity drawing and bingo. For info, call Mary at (619) 463-1129.

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[501auctions.com/olggala](http://501auctions.com/olggala)**

**For more information visit the school website  
at [OLG.org](http://OLG.org) or call Kelli at (619) 466-0055**

## END OF THE YEAR REMINDERS

Donations **received or postmarked by Dec 31** will be included in your 2017 contribution statement which will be mailed in Jan 2018.

### Annual Catholic Appeal

The Annual Catholic Appeal ensures our diocese can carry out our mission to support 15 seminarians in priestly formation, assist approximately 300,000 poor and vulnerable people, provide some funding for Catholic schools and fund \$1,000,000 in tuition assistance for Catholic school students. Your gifts also support our Restorative Justice and Detention Ministry which serves both victims of crime and, through 400 volunteers, 25,000 inmates in 27 prisons, jails and detention facilities. **Please remember to finish all payments for your 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal pledge before Dec 31, 2017.**

Any payments for the 2017 pledge made after Dec 31 will be attributed to your 2018 statement next year. If you would still like to participate in the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal, please visit [www.sdcatholic.org](http://www.sdcatholic.org) and make your gift online.



### Year-End Charitable Gifts

A gift of your securities, including stocks or bonds, is an easy way to make a gift. By making a gift of your appreciated securities, you can avoid paying capital gains tax that would otherwise be due if you sold these assets. Contributions made by Dec 31 may be deducted on this year's taxes.

**For instructions on giving securities or end-of-year gifts, contact Patti Kane, Business Manager, at [pkane@olg-church.org](mailto:pkane@olg-church.org).**

### Lost and Found

Unclaimed lost-and-found items, will be going to Fr. Joe's at the end of the year. Please check in with the parish office to check for lost items!



Recycle your **aluminum cans and plastic bottles (only)** by dropping them into the Knights of Columbus recycle bin located in the upper parking lot. **Thank you!**



## OUR LADY of GRACE PARISH AND SCHOOL DIRECTORY

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 Book Club—Julie Hazelton (619) 461-2448  
 Craft Fair—Kathy Porterfield (619) 980-6841

**CENTERING PRAYER**  
 Irma Eichinger M, 9:00-10:30am (619) 449-8400  
 Larry Smith M, 7:00-8:30pm (619) 887-1651

**CUB SCOUTS—Pack 951**  
 Toni Arzillo (619) 227-9703

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 Bob Cosgrove M-F, 9:00-11:00am (619) 469-0061

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