



OUR LADY of GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHRISTMAS

A Savior Is Born

PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

Sun, Dec 24	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
5:30 pm	† Ryan Vetter (Vigil)
8:00 am	† Jesus Domingo
11:00 am	† Edward & † Joan Maucere
Sun, Dec 24	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS EVE)
3:30 pm	† Timothy Stanton
6:30 pm	† Deceased members of the Holland & Gidcumb Family
10:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Mon, Dec 25	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)
9:00 am	† Deceased members of the Cruz & Hilgeman Family
11:00 am	† Jack Cloward
Tue, Dec 26	ST. STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR
8:00 am	<i>Sp Int</i> Michael Hilgeman
Wed, Dec 27	ST. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST
8:00 am	† Joeman Villavicencio
Thu, Dec 28	THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS
8:00 am	Mass for Collective Intentions
Fri, Dec 29	FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
8:00 am	† Pedro Carillo
Sat, Dec 30	SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
8:00 am	† Will Ayers



FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass.

Dec 24	Christmas Eve <i>No event in the Parish Center</i> May you all have a very blessed and joyful Christmas with your loved ones!
Dec 31	Bread Pudding Sunday <i>Sponsored by the Events Committee</i> Let's end 2023 with a big appetite! The Events Committee will present their last 2023 Breakfast Menu with homemade bread Pudding back by popular request!
Jan 7	Food and Fellowship Sunday <i>Sponsored by the ICF</i> The ICF will proudly present their first 2024 Food and Fellowship Breakfast with an international flare. Look forward to a burst of flavor from the ICF!

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 invite you to enrich your life through joining our parish family. In addition to our liturgies there are many 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

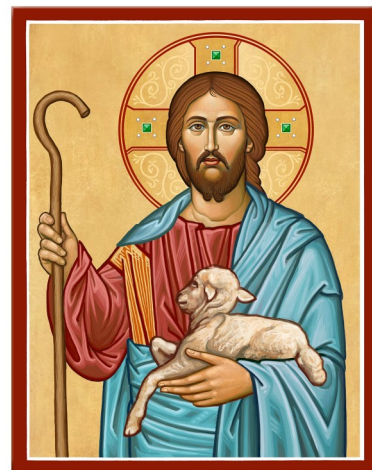
The first morning Mass of a holy day will always be incense-free.

Mindfulness of Others

Please silence all devices and refrain from using them during the liturgy to avoid distracting those around you.

READINGS FOR DEC 24 – JAN 7

Sun:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38 <i>Vigil:</i> Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 <i>Night:</i> Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Mon:	<i>Dawn:</i> Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 <i>Day:</i> 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; Lk 2:22-40



Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Rom 16:25-27

Lk 1:26-38

GROW: “Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.” The angel Gabriel announces this in the Gospel today, and it is a phrase with which we are all familiar thanks to our recitation of the Hail Mary prayer. Although some may be comforted by such a message and its angelic messenger, it is troubling to Mary because the angel goes on to tell her she will conceive and bear the Son of God. Thinking practically, Mary is being told the impossible will happen – who wouldn’t be troubled? And yet Mary offers herself: “I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” Despite her fear and trepidation, Mary went on to answer God’s

call and do his will. Our Blessed Mother became a great example of fortitude at that moment, as she exemplified what it means to step outside of our own uncertainty and trust God completely. Although doing God’s will can be difficult at times, St. Paul reminds us in his Letter to the Romans that we can ask God for the strength to say “yes” in spite of our fears.

GO: Up until today, December has probably been a whirlwind. Trees and lights, ornaments, parties and presents – all these things help to kick off “the most wonderful time of year” beginning soon after Thanksgiving. Come Dec. 26, however, for many, the decorations become a nuisance and Christmas trees are out on the curb for pickup. Thank goodness for our Catholic faith because for us, Christmas is just beginning! Mary didn’t say “may it be done to

me” only to forget about it the next day. No, in the coming months, the Blessed Mother nurtured the baby Jesus in her womb, anticipating the arrival of her firstborn and the Son of God. And on that blessed Christmas night, her work as the Mother of God was only just beginning. So, as we anticipate the arrival of the Christ Child, we are joyful that our Christmas season continues until we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord on Jan. 8th. Let us use this time to draw closer to God and make every effort in the new year to do his will.

SING: Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming. With the word, the Lord is coming. People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Written by: FAITH Catholic

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Founded 1954

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Rev. Celsius Offor, CH, LT, USN

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Dcn. John Sawaya

SEMINARIAN IN RESIDENCE

Jesse Lopez

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 Deacon Sawaya (858) 869-5079.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Marriage preparation begins nine months in advance.

Please contact Fr. Lauro Minimo or Deacon Sawaya.

PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

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

ANOINTING of THE SICK

Call the parish office (619) 469-0133.

Christmas
MASS SCHEDULE

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

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



NEW ALTAR SERVERS WANTED!



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

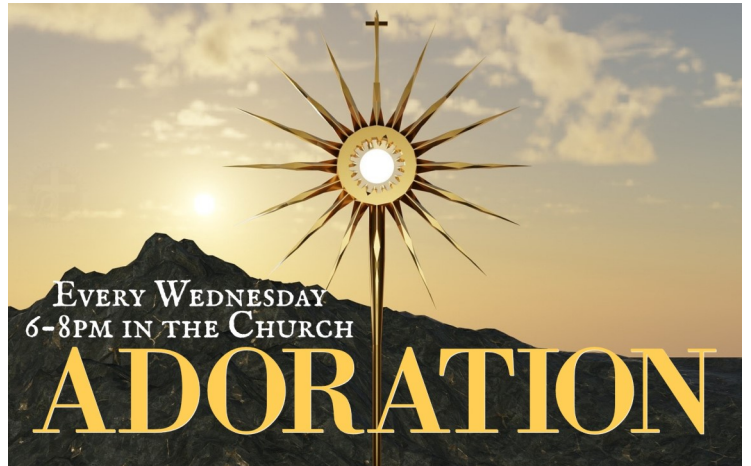
Altar Servers have the privilege of assisting the priest in the sanctuary during the Mass and other liturgical functions.

If you are interested, please contact Rosa at: rhlgeman@olg-church.org or call the parish office at: (619) 469-0133.

*Altar Serving counts for service hours.

“**G**od is here. This truth should fill our lives, and every Christmas should be for us a new and special meeting with God, when we allow his light and grace to enter deep into our soul.”

-*St. Josemaria Escriva*



Epiphany

BLESSING BAGS

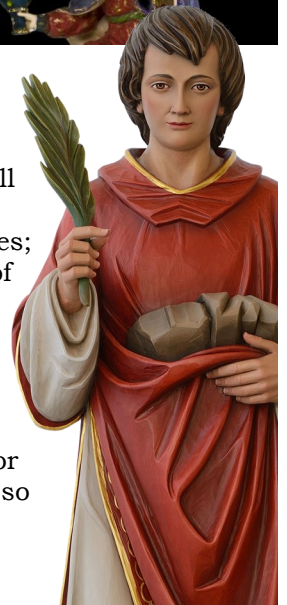
Our Faith Formation Middle School Youth have been working on a special Epiphany Blessing Bag project for all OLG families. These bags contain a piece of blessed chalk, an explanation of this ancient "Chalking the Door" tradition, the blessing prayer, and information/instructions of what to do with the Blessed Chalk.

*The Epiphany Blessing Bags will be handed out after all the weekend Masses of December 30-31. For more info, please call Doris at: (619) 466-5451.



Prayer to St. Stephen

O glorious Saint, faithful imitator of Jesus Christ martyr in will and in reality, so full of charity, zeal, love, and purity, deign to intercede for us poor exiles; you who are so high in the favor of God, we do entreat you to procure for us a little spark of that divine love which animated your heart, that we too one day may have the happiness of seeing our God face to face. Oh! obtain for us that virtue for which you were so eminent, and which in our holy vocation is particularly required, Charity. Amen



IMPORTANT

End of Year Reminders!

Donations received or postmarked by **December 31, 2023 will be included in your 2023 Contribution Statement. Contribution statements for 2023 will be mailed no later than January 31, 2024.**

Also, please remember to complete all payments for your 2023 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:

<https://sdcatholic.org/annual-catholic-appeal>

“**A**dvent is the time we are given to welcome the Lord who comes to encounter us, and also to verify our longing for God, to look forward and prepare ourselves for Christ's return.”

-*Pope Francis*



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.

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| Michael Andreoli | Ed Howell |
| Carol Anderson | Angelina Jones |
| Ron Aguinaldo | Graham J. Jones |
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| Griselda Albanez | Aida Inoncencio |
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| Betsy Cooper | Alice Redhead |
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| Patricia Crean | Michael Rodgers |
| Gerry Cruz | Danny Rubio |
| Mary Downs | Ralph Sandoval |
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| Mike Egan | Anna Smith |
| Lolita Elegado | Mark Smith |
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| Herm Freeh | Mary Steckbauer |
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| Anthony Gazzola | Christian Valdez |
| Jenny Geb | Marilyn Winger |
| Patricia Gonzales | Jeff Wood |
| Thomas Harrison | Lillian P. Woods |
| Susan Hori | |

CONFESSIONALS ARE BACK AT OLG!

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will now be celebrated in the confessional rooms.

CONFESSION TIMES:

Monday: 6pm, Thursday: 8:45am, Saturday: 4pm or by appointment.



“Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

-St. Stephen

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 Mike Sibal

at: msibal@olg-church.org

CENTERING PRAYER INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6 / 8:30am-12pm

Do you want more from your prayer life?
Do you hunger for a deeper relationship with God?
Centering prayer may be for you!

Centering prayer is a simple method of Christ-centered silent prayer, a renewal of an ancient Christian contemplative practice, updated for our time. It can lead to a deeper prayer life, personal healing, and closer union with God.

The Centering Prayer Introductory Workshop includes the Saturday morning workshop and four continuing sessions. The continuing sessions will be on the four consecutive Saturday mornings following the workshop. There is no charge for the program.

For more information, please call or e-mail Irma Eichinger at: (619) 449-8400, godisinnerpeace@cox.net

Or Kathy Di Fede at: (619) 840-3781, kathyjoannemarie@gmail.com



“At Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God’s own love and concern.” -**St. Mother Teresa**



HOLIDAY 2023 BULLETIN DEADLINES

Bulletin Date	Deadline Date	Submission Date
December 10	November 30	December 4
December 17	December 7	December 11
December 24	December 12	December 14
December 31	December 21	December 26

The holidays are a busy time, even for our Parish Bulletin! If you have any ministry or community events that you’d like to promote in the bulletin, please e-mail all info and graphics to Mike Sibal at msibal@olg-church.org before the deadline date of that bulletin. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

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Los Angeles Youth Day | February 15, 2024

YOUR PATH AWAITS

SACRED SPACE	7:30 AM- 4:30 PM
OPENING SESSION	8:00 AM
WORKSHOP 1	10:30 AM
LUNCH	11:30 AM
WORKSHOP 2	12:45 PM
CLOSING SESSION & EUCHARISTIC LITURGY	2:15 PM

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All High School students 9 – 12th grade are invited to come and experience an amazing Youth Day at the Anaheim Convention Center. On **February 15, 2024**, we will spend the day listening to inspiring speakers and top musicians at this incredible event! We will be traveling by bus and joining with other parishes in our East County Deanery. Pre-registration is required. Registration and Permission Forms are available at New Life and the website.

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To e-mail 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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FOOD PANTRY — *Since 1981* (619) 469-0061
 Doug Perl M-F, 9:30-11:00 am

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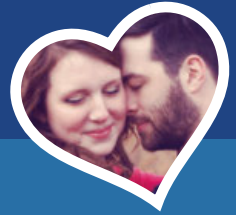
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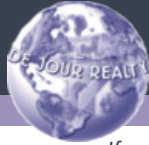
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