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**PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES****Sun, Dec 28 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**5:30 pm † Rosemarie Green  
(Vigil)

8:00 am For the People of the Parish

11:00 am † Jeanette Burney

5:30 pm † James Ruiz

**Mon, Dec 29 FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; St. Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr**8:00 am † Herman Segurland &  
† Severina Segurland**Tue, Dec 30 SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

8:00 am † Kimberlee Riley

**Wed, Dec 31 SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; St. Sylvester I, Pope**

8:00 am † Ned Biedenbarn

**Thu, Jan 1 THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD; The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord**

9:00 am † David McArthur

**Fri, Jan 2 Weekday; Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church**

8:00 am † Terri Harthen

**Sat, Jan 3 Weekday; The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

8:00 am † Linda McCarthy Remley

**Welcome to OUR LADY of GRACE!**

W 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](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).

**FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER**

*All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass*

**Jan 4 ICF Food & Fellowship**

*Sponsored by the International Catholic Families*

Come by and enjoy Soup Sunday! 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.

**Jan 18 Pancake Breakfast**

*Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus  
Frances Cabrini Council 8879*

Join us for a variety of donuts, milk, juices and coffee! We hope to see you there!

**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 28 – JANUARY 4**

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

**Mon:** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

**Tue:** 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

**Wed:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

**Thu:** Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**Fri:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

**Sat:** 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34

**Sun:** Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

### GROW:

In his Angelus address on the Feast of the Holy Family in 2001, St. John Paul II shared this with those gathered: "If we aspire to a deeper understanding of Jesus' life and mission, we must draw close to the mystery of the Holy Family of Nazareth to observe and listen." Following in the footsteps of the Holy Family in today's Scripture, we find ourselves in quiet Bethlehem, just after the departure of the Magi. The angel of the Lord appears to Joseph in a dream, this time with a warning: "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him." They trust in God and their response is immediate. It is easy for us to imagine the Holy

Family as different from ourselves – holier and more spiritual. Certainly, that's true. They were holy but they were also fully human, which means that what they attained is possible for each of us. Let us try to imitate them in this holiness.

### GO:

It's easy to glamorize the life of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus, but in reality, the cross was with them long before the crucifixion. From the moment of the Annunciation, there would be trials, temptations, and sufferings. But each time, they respond with immediate obedience and deep trust. In doing so, they give us all a perfect example of what the Christian life should look like: a life motivated by love and always listening for the voice of

God, ready to respond in an instant. As we accompany others on this journey of faith, we also must listen deeply to them in order to help them in discerning the Spirit's movement in their lives. As we hone the spiritual muscle of attentive listening, we grow in our ability to respond to God and to God's action in our lives, and to help others do the same.

### REFLECT:

Most of us will never hear from an angel in the middle of the night telling us to walk hundreds of miles with our baby in tow. But every single one of us will be – has been – called. Let us pray to the Holy Family for an increase in the virtues of obedience and trust, so that we can respond to God's call in our lives.

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



## Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Graciously hear our prayer.  
Amen.



## OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH

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**CLERGY**

**PASTOR**  
*Rev. Lauro Minimo*

**DEACON**  
*John Sawaya*

## 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.



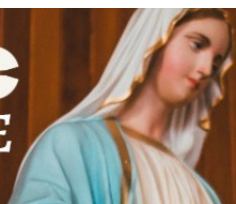
# 55 PLUS CLUB NEW YEAR LUNCH

**Tuesday, January 13, 2026**

The 55 Plus Club is hosting a delicious lunch for the new year! Doors open at 10:30am with announcements and prizes beginning at 11:30am. Reservation forms are available on the information table inside the church across from the baptismal font. Reservations are due before Thursday, Jan 9. This is a catered lunch so we ask that you please turn in your reservation on time. Early bird fee is \$16. After Jan 9, the fee is \$20.

The theme is "celebrating the new year." For information or questions, call Mary at 619-463-1129.

**OUR LADY**  
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*Pray for us!*



MIDDLE / JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

## ICE SKATING

**Friday, January 2, 2026**

**6:00pm - 8:00pm at Viejas**

The cost is \$22.00 which includes skates, pizza and drinks! Ice Skating Viejas Waiver & the Parish Permission Form are required. Forms are available on the OLG website under the Ministry tab or scan the QR code!



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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!**



## OLG FOOD PANTRY

The Our Lady of Grace Food Pantry is a service to our community located in the Ministry Center behind Lauerman Hall. It is open Monday through Friday (except major holidays) from 9:30am to 11:00am providing supplemental food and hygiene products to needy clients. Services are provided to all people regardless of color, race or creed.

If you can help, or want more info about this volunteer commitment, visit our Contact Us page on our website and choose Food Pantry from the dropdown box. You can also call (619) 469-0061 during our open hours.



**"I**n honoring the Holy Family, we also honor all families, big or small. And in honoring all families, we honor the family of God, the Church"



## CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ENGAGEMENT!

We are so excited to be a part of your future together!

Marriage preparation begins nine months in advance. Please contact Fr. Lauro or Deacon John to schedule an appointment. Feel free to do so by visiting our website or calling the Parish Office at 619-469-0133.

SPONSORED BY THE ICF

## 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!



**P**lease 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.

## HOLIDAY ANGELS



## Thanking all Angels!

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you Angels.

Thanks to your generous donations we were able to make the Christmas season brighter for 55 families in need, including 157 children and seniors. There were many smiles and tears of gratitude, as well as wonderful thank you notes and drawings! The children were surprised and excited with the stockings. The participation in filling stockings was overwhelming. We not only collected 157 stockings for the children of the families we were helping, but we collected 100 additional stockings that were given to some schools and Salvation Army.

It is through your continuing generosity, love, support and prayers that we are able each holiday season to help those in need. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts!!!! God Bless!



WELCOME TO THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY!

*Avery Mae Korsmeyer  
Amaya Athena Juarez Sial*

BAPTIZED AT OLG ON DECEMBER 21, 2025





# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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

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!

*Please pray for the eternal repose of:*

## DEBBIE FITZPATRICK - WELLIK

1950- 2025

Friday, January 9th  
Memorial at 10:30am  
Funeral Mass starting  
at 11:00am at OLG



*May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace!*

## PENANCE/RECONCILIATION AT OLG



Monday-6:00pm  
Wednesday-8:45am  
Saturday- 4:00pm

The Sacrament of Penance is held in the confessional rooms of the Church.

\*For appointments, please call the Parish Office at 619-469-0133.



## Eucharistic ADORATION

EVERY WEDNESDAY 6-8PM

FIRST FRIDAY (24-HOUR ADORATION)  
8:45AM-SATURDAY 7:45AM

\*To sign-up for a time slot at our 24 hour Adoration, e-mail Michael Gross at [pnmgross1@gmail.com](mailto:pnmgross1@gmail.com).



## 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	Kevin Kelly
Ron Aguinaldo	Jason Laccone
Heriberto Albanez	Lillian Lavado
Griselda Albanez	Rebecca Leyden
Kali'a Arrayan	Charloette Locy
Angela Biner	Jacklich Lonero
Charles Black	Ofelia Lopez
Eileen Black	Jose A Lopez
Donna Botzer	Lorene MacLaird
Stephen Botzer	Vern MacLaird
Catalina Branch	Dawn MacNabb
Cheryl Casey	Owen Macrae
Miguel Castro	Christine Martins
Kristy Clark	Annika Mawn
Luzanne Coyne	Card. Robert McElroy
Msgr. John Cusack	Steven Mull
Irene Dahlheimer	Phil Panuco
Dee Draper	Pat Pfohl
Jonathan Neo Duong	MaryJo Piazza
Shiela Duong	Frank Principato
Thien Ngoc Duong	Gayle Regan
Tristan Ian Duong	Erin Reilly
Lesly Egan	Danny Rubio
Mike Egan	Faith San Jose
Irma Eichinger	Karen Scott
Frank Ferrone	David Smith
Lucy Forcier	Tillie Sousa
David Foster	Chris Torres
Joseph Fromm	Marlene Tuyay-Scott
Stephen Gage	Victorina Uy
Colette Gerard	Lilian Valencia
John Harshberger	Carlos Villar
Edwin Howell	Nina Vyzinkar

*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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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### FAITH FORMATION & CONFIRMATION

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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](http://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.**

**55 PLUS CLUB** — Mary Cloward

**BLOOD DRIVE** — Peggy Breslin

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB (CWC)** — Linda LeNeve

Bread Sunday — Linda LeNeve

Book Club — Julie Hazelton

Craft Fair — Kathy Porterfield

Bunco — Alice Freeh

**CENTERING PRAYER** —

Irma Eichinger & Mary Asher-Fitzpatrick

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 Doug Perl M-F, 9:30-11:00 am

**HOLIDAY ANGELS** — Since 1988 — Pam & Michael Gross

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