~Pope Francis

MASS SCHEDULE AND PRIEST'S INTENTIONS

Sun, Dec 29	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
5:30 pm	
8:00 am	-
11:00 am	
5:30 pm	-
Mon, Dec 30	
	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
8:00 am	† Richard Roehrich
Tues, Dec 31	SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF
1400, 200 01	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
8:00 am	
Wed, Jan 1	
	Mother of God
9:00 am	For the People of the Parish
Thurs, Jan 2	Saints Basil the Great and Gregory
	Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the
	Church
8:00 am	† Brian Saur
Fri, Jan 3	Christmas Weekday
8:00 am	† Teresita Urgueles
Sat, Jan 4	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton,
	Religious (USA)
8:00 am	† Deceased Members of the Maxwell
	Family
Sun, Jan 5	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
5:30 pm	-
8:00 am	
11:00 am	
5:30 pm	† Helen Duhancik

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

All are welcome after morning Masses.

Dec 29 Farewell to 2019

No hospitality service this morning Please enjoy post-Mass hospitality on your own with friends and/or family!

Jan 1 Welcome the New Year | Mass at 9:00 am Sponsored by the Events Committee Join fellow parishioners for coffee, juice and donuts before heading home.

Jan 5 Food and Fellowship Sunday Sponsored by the members of the International Catholic Families (ICF) organization On the menu: Breakfast Surprise!

Jan 12 School Sunday

Sponsored by OLG School Families Complimentary coffee, juice and donuts. Contributions not necessary but gratefully accepted. Proceeds benefit OLG School's Tuition Assistance Fund, the Gerard Family Endowment for Catholic Education.

Welcome to OUR LADY of GRACE!

elcome 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 with restless children are welcome to make use of this chapel at any time during Mass should it be necessary. We ask that this chapel, like the church itself, remain free of food and drink.

Allergies—The first morning Mass of the Sunday or holy day will always be incense-free. The Sunday 11:00 am Mass will always include the use of incense.

Invitation to the R.C.I.A.

Our Lady of Grace Parish welcomes all who seek to enrich their faith life and explore the possibility of becoming a Catholic Christian. Our community shares



and celebrates this journey with them through a process called *"The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults."* If you are curious about what Catholics believe and may be interested in learning more about joining the Catholic faith—or perhaps you are an adult Catholic looking to be fully initiated—you are cordially invited to enter the *R.C.I.A.* process and experience a new and enriched meaning to your life through renewed faith and love. For more info, please

contact Deacon John Sawaya at (858) 869-5079 or jsawaya@olg-church.org.

	Readings for Dec 29 - Jan 5
Sun:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Mon:	1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40
Tue:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
Wed:	Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Thu:	1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Fri:	1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Jn 1:29-34
Sat:	1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
Sun:	Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

GUEST COLUMNIST

ALICE CAMILLE

A Parent's Dreams

'm not a parent, so I may be stepping out on a limb in discussing what the dreams of a parent look like. But not too long a limb, because I do have six brothers and sisters who are parents, plus I had parents myself who had dreams for me. Because the average Catholic preacher, we might assume, is similarly handicapped in the offspring department, I think we can at least rely on the fact that we all have dreams for those we love. These dreams are powerful things, too. They can create reality and become the liberation-or suffocation-of those who are their subject.

What are the elements of a parent's dreams for his or her child? Hope is a primary ingredient, and it can take many forms: a generic hope for happiness, health, and well-being, or a more specific notion of a successful life. Some parents dream that their children will be doctors, lawmakers, or CEOs. Others just want grandchildren. One of my sisters wants her children to excel in school so they can take the world by storm. My other sister hopes her kids will learn to laugh and enjoy life. I've heard parents say they don't care what their kids do so long as they remain close to the family religion and values. Others say the next generation needs to find its own way, and all we can do is give them a good example and some room to make thoughtful decisions.

Some parents' dreams for their children, of course,

sound more like nightmares. The pressure can be starters. Later, when we intense to live up to Mom's ambitions or to fulfill Dad's unmet goals. And then there are the negative expectations heaped upon the kids. I've heard parents say, within earshot of their son, "He's my dumb boy. He'll never amount to anything." Or "She's a bad girl. She's going to be trouble." Does it surprise us that not a few of these prophecies parents make for their children are swiftly and accurately realized?

Parents' dreams for their children can harness them to the stars or condemn them to ruin. Having no expectations of their children may be the worst thing of all.

Honor within families

D en Sira wants children to honor their fathers and mothers. This is in keeping with the Fourth Commandment, which is the first commandment governing our relationship to fellow human beings. Right after the three commandments about what we owe to God comes this injunction about what we owe to our parents. It's that serious.

In terms of psychology, parents are our original gods. They are the supreme authorities that govern our lives: our creators, sustainers, teachers, and role models. We are made in their image, and we are in most respects their creatures. So it's no wonder that, just after God, we are commanded to honor Mom and Dad. But what does



this honor entail? Not worship, but obedience, respect, and reverence, for are grown and they are failing, we owe them our protection and support as well.

It will be up to Saint Paul later to add the recommendation: "Parents, do not nag your children, lest they lose heart." The idea that there is something like honor due to children as sacred persons before God in their own right is a latedeveloping idea, but better late than never.

Subordination, anyone?

hildren are obviously subordinate to adults in nearly every circumstance. "Give Grandma your chair" is just good sense, of course, and no one is arguing that all sense of hierarchy is a bad thing. Grown-ups get to make the rules, and children do have to bend to the agenda of their parents, teachers, and older siblings, to name a few. Subordination is good training for the grown-up world in which we have to obey the rules of the company, submit to the agenda of the employer, accept the laws of the government, or face the penalty for not doing so. It also prepares us for the spiritual reality that God is sovereign, divine laws are in operation, and ignoring their authority opens us to a world of hurt we call sin, suffering, and death.

But because we live in a world where sin happens, subordination spins out of

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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 the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 12:30 pm. 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. Please contact Fr. Peter McGuine or Deacon Sawaya.

PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION Monday 6:00 pm Thursday 8:30 am Saturday 4:00 pm

ANOINTING of THE SICK Call the parish office (619) 469-0133.

Parish offices will be closed Jan 1.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Mary, Mother of God | Wed, Jan 1 Holy day; obligation to attend Mass dispensed Mass at 9:00 am

It's Time for Bunco!

he Catholic Women's Club invites with both men and women to a fun

dav of lunch and BUNCO at 11:00 am on Sat, Jan 4, in

the Parish Center. Cost is

\$20.00 per person; lunch included. Bring your friends! Don't know how to play? We will teach you! There will be lots of cash prizes and a raffle. RSVP to Nettie at (619) 251-2214!

Eucharistic Exposition & Benediction

xposition of the Blessed Sacrament is scheduled in the church with OLG School on Tue, Jan 7, immediately following the 8:00 am Mass. Benediction will take place at 11:40 **am**. Why not come and

spend some time with the Lord in prayer?

OLG Blood Drive

C un, **Jan 12**, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, behind the Parish Center. Please visit sandiegobloodbank.org for an appointment. Click on "Donate Blood Today," and search for the blood drive taking place at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church.



Parishioners can call the San Diego Blood Bank at (619) 296-6393 to use

the OLG Church blood account. Questions?

Call Frank at (619) 448-8181 or (619) 672-8332.

January Luncheon

appy New Year! The 55 Plus Club will gather on Tue, Jan 14, in the Parish Center. A delicious lunch will be served. The doors open at 11:00 am. Reservations are required and are due by Fri, Jan 10, before 3:00 pm for the early bird



After that date and time the lunch will be \$14.00. Call Mary at (619) 463-1129 for more info.

2020 Appointment Calendars

alendars are available in the parish office and in the church while supplies last. One per household please. Compliments of Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery and Mausoleum. For info about Holy Cross please call: (619) 264-3127.

Living Faith Catholic Devotional Booklets

ooklets D for Jan-Mar 2020 are available in the parish office for

\$1.00 each while supplies last. Sorry, no large print books are available.

"We consider Christmas as the encounter, the great encounter, the historical encounter, the decisive encounter, between God and mankind. He who has faith knows this truly; let him rejoice." -Pope Paul VI

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control and becomes an oppressive and destructive force. Once creation was subject to Adam and Eve. and that was a good thing. They acted as stewards for the innocence of the Garden and its creatures. But add sin, and stewards easily become ravagers, guardians turn into jailers, and kings morph into tyrants. There may have been a time when the idea of a wife's subordination to her husband was a helpful and protective measure for the physically more vulnerable woman. It would be harder to defend the notion now, especially as we've seen what centuries of subordination did for females. not to mention vulnerable minorities of every kind.

Joseph has a dream for his family

ike his ancestor of the same name in Genesis, Joseph is a dreamer, and his night visions become vividly realized in the daytime. The content of his dreams might approach the realm of nightmares: First, he is asked to take a

pregnant girl to wife and trust in God for the outcome. Then he is asked to become a fugitive, because the child his wife has borne is marked for death by no less than the king of the land. Finally, he is guided to believe that the threat is over, and he can take his family home with confidence. But Joseph doesn't go back to Judeacan we blame his insecuritv? Instead, he resettles in the northern town of Nazareth, away from the perils of the past that have haunted his family.

Did Joseph have the usual dreams of family life as well? Hopes for a peaceful home for his wife and son, and a life that was normal, stable, and profitable? Whatever dreams Joseph might have had before the first visitation by an angel in the nighttime, he had to surrender them for the greater dream God was offering him and the whole world. Nothing about Joseph's family would ever be typical or predictable. But everything about it would be full of grace.

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Help your family learn more about the Saints, Sacraments and the life we are called to as Catholic Christians. Sticking to this resolution is easier than you think because our parish has purchased your subscription!



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EVENTS HAPPENING NEARBY

Prison/Jail Ministry

The diocesan Office for Life, Peace and Justice will hold an information/orientation session on **Jan 9** for those interested in prion/jail ministry. The same session will be offered at two times: 11:30 am-1:30 pm and 5:30-7:30 pm, both in the San Mateo Conference Room at the Diocesan Pastor Center. For more info email rehnow@sdcatholic.org or call (858) 490-8375.

Spiritual Exercises

Silent Igantian Retreats preached by the prists of Miles Christi. For women: **Jan 17-19** in Oceanside and **Feb 14-16** in Temecula. For men: **Mar 13-15** in Oceanside. Includes spiritual talks, Eucharistic adoration and daily Mass. For more info call (858) 263-5113 or email California@spritualexercises.net.

A Time for Mercy: Rachel's Vineyard Weekend

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Post-Abortion Healing takes place **Mar 13-15**. This is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Retreats are confidential and non-judgmental, offered in Catholic tradition, open to women and men wounded by abortion. All inquiries are strictly confidential. Email Delores at RVTemecula@verizon.net, call her at (951) 325-7702, or visit <u>atimeformercy.org</u>. Early registration is recommended, space is limited.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who have requested prayer and for the special intentions written in the Book of Intentions in the Baptistery of our church.

Patricia Adams Griselda Albanez Heriberto Albanez Betty Anderson Eleanor Bigknife Angie Biner Anita Branch Pat Burke Stephanie Butcher Tim Clasemen Rosemary Cosgrove Chris Davis Vincy Discenza Steve Duggins Gary Ferris Chelsea Fuich Dawn Garofalo Gloria Grajeda Angela Grohall Mark Habina Leigh Hartman **Bill Harrington Family** Beth Haworth

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Names remain listed for four weeks and can be renewed by contacting Marie Pospichal at mpospichal@olg-church.org. ESCAPE—MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY GRADES 6-8

Lazer Tag

ark your calendar for Fri, **Jan 10**, when the middle school youth will visit *Ultra Zone* for two

games of Lazar Tag. After the games the youth with walk across the parking lot to *In and Out Burger*. The



event lasts from 7:45 to 10:30 pm. Cost is \$16.00 for Lazer Tag plus extra \$\$ for burgers.

Middle School Youth Day

I t's time for a fun and faith-filled Middle School Youth Day on Sat, **Feb 1**, at St. Martin of Tours Parish, La Mesa, from 1:30-6:00 pm. Cost is \$20.00 which includes a t-shirt and snacks. Parents are welcome to join the youth for the 5:00 pm Mass.

• Parents must provide transportation to and from the above events and permission forms for each event are available on the Escape page of the parish website:

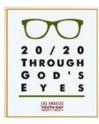
New Life—High School Youth Ministry Grades 9-12

New Life Youth Group

Regular Sunday gathering resume on **Jan 5**, 6:30-8:30 pm in the Lauerman Hall Youth Room.

LA Youth Day in Anaheim

On Thu, **Feb 20**, we'll travel by bus for this amazing day with 15,000 teens from all over the Southwest. Registration and Permission Forms can be found on the Youth Ministry page of the parish website: <u>olg-church.org.</u> Registrations are due Sun, **Jan 5**.



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• For any questions about Escape, New Life or their activities email Doris at dhertzig@olg-church.org or call her at (619) 466-5451.

"You don't need to use many or high-sounding words. Just repeat often, 'Lord, show me your mercy as you know best.' Or, 'God, come to my assistance." *~St. Marcarius of Alexandria*

• Adult Bible Study Limited to 25 participants

Romans Understand more fully the Gospel of Salvation

7:00 to 8:30 pm, Tuesday Evenings Jan 7, 14, 28 | Feb 4, 11,18 |Mar 3, 10 Our Lady of Grace Lauerman Hall

To register, visit "Upcoming Events" at olg-church.org.

What is the Purpose of Incense?

Incense comes from the Latin word for "something burned." Smoke rises toward the sky, traditionally the

dwelling place of the divine; it's no surprise that the psalm popularly prayed in the Liturgy of the Hours declares: "Let my prayer be incense before you" (Psalm 141:1-2). We also "lift up our hearts" to God in prayer at every Mass. Every-



thing that goes to God, goes up. It was produced from the resin of trees and burned either in a swinging thurible pot or a stationary brazier. Before the Second Vatican Council the use of incense was restricted only to High Masses. Now it can be used at any Mass: to honor the sacrament, the assembly and presider, the gospel book, the ambo and altar. Incense is also used to reverence the

> body of the deceased at funerals reminding us that the destiny of the loved one, as our own destiny, is to unite with God in the life to come. As liturgist Paul Philibert elegantly expresses it: "Incense,

the fragrant, lovely substance that allows itself to be consumed and to float off into indeterminate space beyond our reach, signifies the loving entrustment of our lives to God's providence."

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End of Year Reminders

Donations received or postmarked by Dec 31 will be included in your 2019 contribution statement which will be mailed no later than Jan 31, 2020.

2019 Annual Catholic Appeal

The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) ensures our diocese can carry out our mission to support priestly formation, assist the poor and vulnerable people, provide partial funding for some Catholic Schools, and fund tuition assistance for Catholic school students. Your gifts also support our Restorative Justice and Detention Ministry programs. **Please remember to finish all payments for your 2019 ACA pledge before Dec 31**. Any payments made after Dec 31 will be attributed to your 2020 statement. If you would still like to participate in the 2019 Appeal, visit <u>sdcatholic.org</u>. Thank you!



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Visit <u>olg-church.org</u> and click on the "Online Giving" link in the upper right corner of the webpage (or use the QR code with your smart phone app!).



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To email members of the parish staff, please visit our website at:

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Click on "Contact Us" in the upper right corner of the browser window.

Reporting Sexual Abuse

Complaints about sexual abuse by a member of the clergy or by a parish or Catholic school employee or volunteer can be made by calling (858) 490-8353 or writing misconduct@sdcatholic.org.

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