



THE CHILD GREW AND BECAME STRONG, FILLED WITH WISDOM; AND THE FAVOR OF GOD WAS UPON HIM.

—LK 2:40

THE HOLY FAMILY

PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

Sun, Dec 31	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH
5:30 pm	For the People of the Parish (Vigil)
8:00 am	† Harold & † Marie Bispham
11:00 am	<i>Sp Int</i> Mary Ellen Ferrantelli
5:30 pm	† Lauro Minimo, Sr.
Mon, Jan 1	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
9:00 am	<i>Sp Int</i> John Chavez
Tue, Jan 2	Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church
8:00 am	† Joan M. Riley
Wed, Jan 3	CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY
8:00 am	† William Smirniotis
Thu, Jan 4	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
8:00 am	<i>Sp Int</i> Todd Jones
Fri, Jan 5	Saint John Neumann, Bishop (USA)
8:00 am	† Rafaela Sideco Dagoc
Sat, Jan 6	CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY
8:00 am	† Bud Santos

**FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER**

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass.

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!
Jan 14	School Sunday <i>School Sunday Sponsored by OLG School Families</i> Complimentary coffee and refreshments. Contributions not necessary but gratefully accepted. Proceeds benefit OLG's Tuition Assistance Fund, the Gerard Family Endowment for Education.

Welcome to OUR LADY of GRACE!

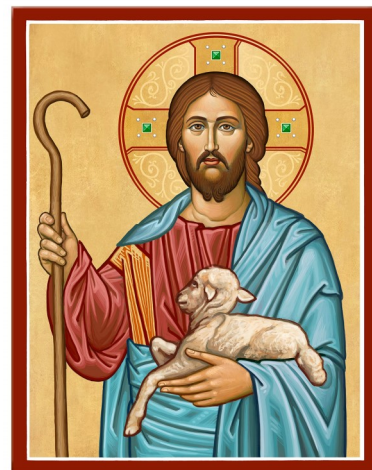
Welcome to all members and visitors who are joining us for the celebration of the Eucharist.

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 31 – JAN 7

Sun:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40
Mon:	Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Tue:	1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Wed:	1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Jn 1:29-34
Thu:	1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
Fri:	1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
Sat:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11
Sun:	Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

The Holy Family

Why did Jesus choose to become a baby born of a mother and father and to spend all but His last years living in an ordinary human family? In part, to reveal God's plan to make all people live as one "holy family" in His Church (see 2 Corinthians 6:16-18).

In the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, God reveals our true home. We're to live as His children, "chosen ones, holy and beloved," as the First Reading puts it. The family advice we hear in today's readings—for mothers, fathers, and children—is all solid and practical. Happy homes are the fruit of our faithfulness to the Lord, we sing in today's Psalm. But the Liturgy is inviting us to see more, to see how, through our family obligations and relationships, our families become

heralds of the family of God that He wants to create on earth.

Jesus shows us this in today's Gospel. His obedience to His earthly parents flows directly from His obedience to the will of His heavenly Father. Joseph and Mary aren't identified by name, but three times are called "his parents" and are referred to separately as his "mother" and "father." The emphasis is

all on their familial ties to Jesus. But these ties are emphasized only so that Jesus, in the first words He speaks in Luke's Gospel, can point us beyond that earthly relationship to the Fatherhood of God.

In what Jesus calls "my Father's house," every family finds its true meaning and purpose (see Ephesians 3:15). The Temple we read about in the Gospel today is God's house, His dwelling (see Luke 19:46). But it's also an image of the family of God, the Church (see Ephesians 2:19-22; Hebrews 3:3-6; 10:21).

In our families we're to build up this household, this family, this living temple of God—until He reveals His new dwelling among us and says of every person: "I shall be his God and he will be my son" (see Revelation 21:3, 7).



Written by: Dr. Scott Hahn



Father Lauro and Father Marc had a great time singing with the OLG school students at their Christmas program this past December 13. Here are some photos from that memorable day!



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Dcn. John Sawaya

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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
Wednesday 8:45 am
Saturday 4:00 pm
or by appointment.

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Call the parish office (619) 469-0133.

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

December 05, 2023 - December 11, 2023 \$18,865.88


Plate	\$3,361.15
Envelopes	\$10,306.23
Online Giving	\$5,198.50

Breakdown of Gifts Received

\$0.01 - \$5.00	24
\$5.01 - \$10.00	44
\$10.01 - \$25.00	106
\$25.01 - \$50.00	71
\$50.01 - \$100.00	32
\$100.01 - \$150.00	9
\$150.01 - \$500.00	20
\$500.01 - Over	1

Total Contributing Households 307

Building Fund	\$401.00
Faith Formation & Youth	\$400.50
Food Pantry	\$884.00
Holiday Angels	\$830.00
Immaculate Conception	\$2,727.00
National Need	\$245.00
Retirement for Religious	\$940.00
School - General	\$2,271.00

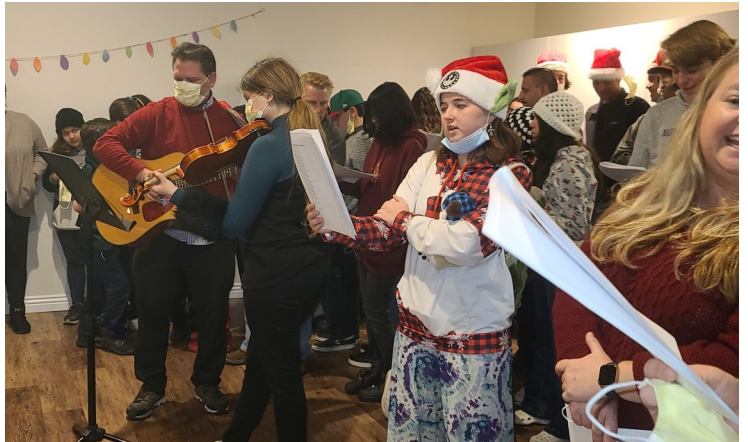


MIDDLE / JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

ICE SKATING

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

The cost is \$20.00 which includes skates, pizza and drinks! Ice Skating Waiver & Parish Permission Form are required. Forms are available on the OLG website. *Parents will need to provide transportation to and from the event. Please RSVP via phone: (619) 466-5451.



On December 12, our Youth joined the Deanery parishes for Christmas Caroling at Good Samaritan Retirement Home and definitely spread some Christmas Cheer with their wonderful singing! On December 16, our Middle School Youth participated in Wreath Laying at Miramar National Cemetery and Singing Hills Memorial Park on graves of Military Veterans. This foundation coordinated over 2 million wreaths honoring those who served in the U. S. military for 247 years.



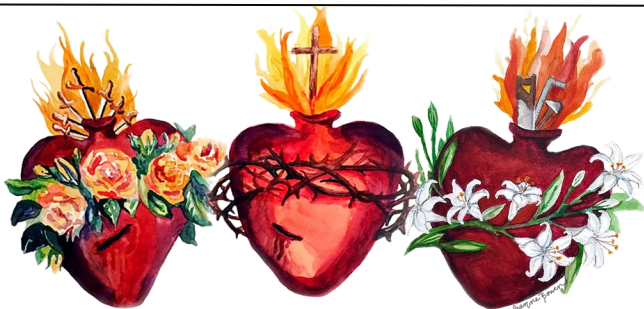
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End of Year Reminders!

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>



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Walk led by Cardinal Robert W. McElroy

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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.

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| Michael Andreoli | Donald & Lydia Jellison |
| Ron Aguinaldo | Jellison Family |
| Heriberto Albanez | Angelina Jones |
| Griselda Albanez | Graham J. Jones |
| Angie Arrayan | Kahan Family |
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| Cheryl Asaro | Behnam Kazemi |
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| Valentina Bertolizio | Rebecca Leyden |
| Angie Biner | Jose A Lopez |
| Juan Carlos Erazo | Yolanda Lopez |
| Blum | James Lothian |
| Walter Butcher | Donald Marsh |
| Donna Butler | Christina Martins |
| Lesley Bradley | Dawn MacNabb |
| Margaret Emily Bresee | Jerry Meloche |
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| Thomas Harrison | Marilyn Winger |
| Susan Hori | Jeff Wood |
| Ed Howell | Lillian P. Woods |

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

CONFESSIONALS ARE BACK AT OLG!

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

UPDATED CONFESSION TIMES BEGINNING JANUARY 3, 2024

Monday: 6pm, Wednesday: 8:45am, Saturday: 4pm

CENTERING PRAYER INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP

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

Do you want more from your prayer life?
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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.

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

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Bread Pudding Sunday

SPONSORED BY THE EVENTS COMMITTEE

December 31

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!



Please pray for the eternal repose of the soul of

CAROL ANDERSON

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



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 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. Please note that pre-registration is required. Registration and Permission Forms are available at New Life and the website.

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For a ministry leader phone number please call the Parish Office at (619) 469-0133.

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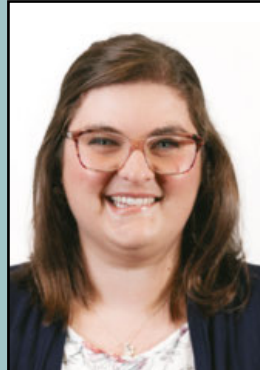
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