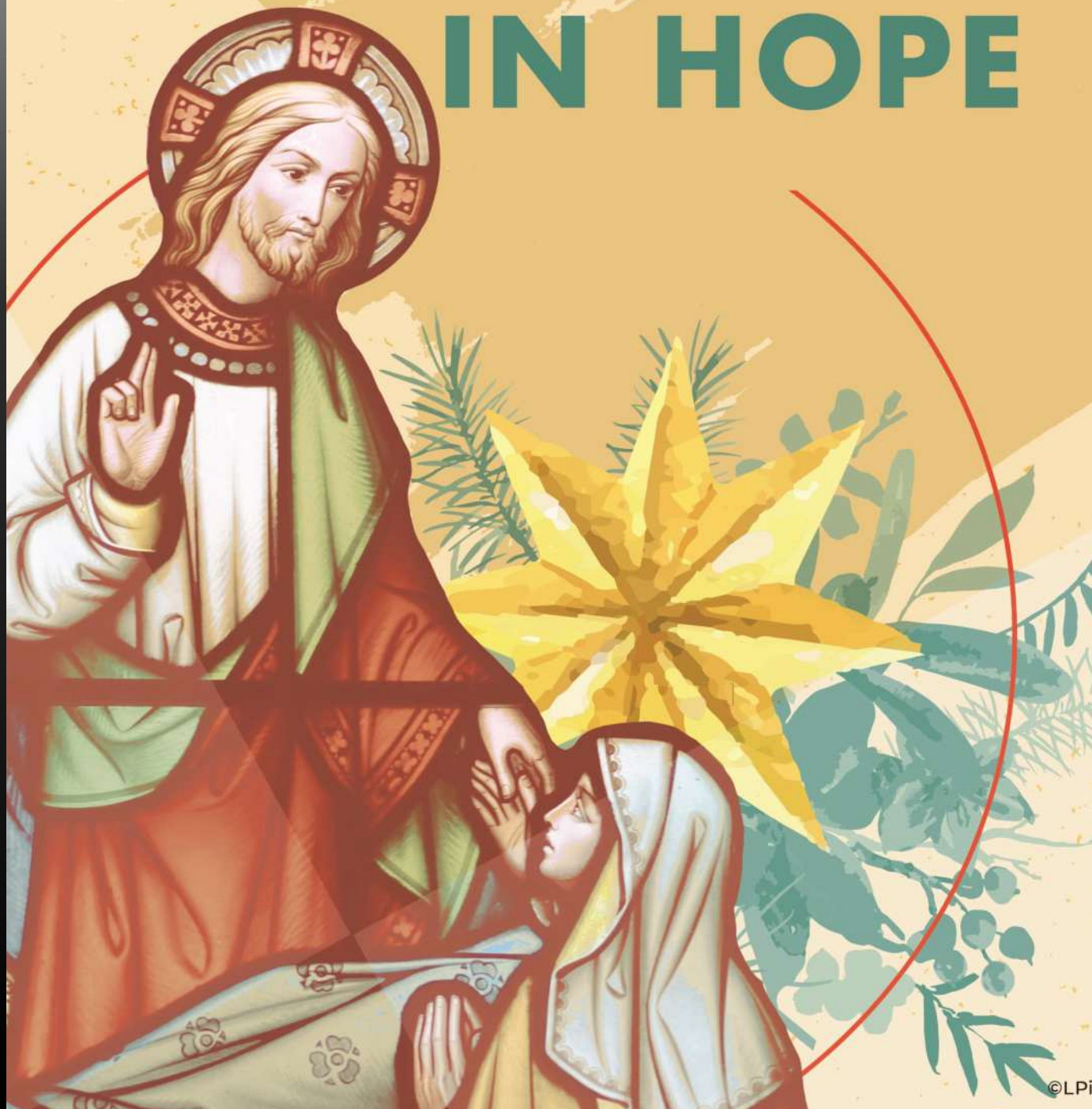


2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WAIT IN HOPE

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PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

Sun, Dec 7 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:30 pm † Michael Corso &
† Concetta Corso
† Giuseppe Corso

(Vigil)

8:00 am For the People of the Parish

11:00 am † Ignazio Busalacchi

5:30 pm † Ryan Vetter

Mon, Dec 8 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:00 am *Sp Int* Joey Pospichal &

Sp Int Britany Pospichal

6:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Tue, Dec 9 Advent Weekday; St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

8:00 am † Frank Fritz & † Regina Fritz

Wed, Dec 10 Advent Weekday; Our Lady of Loreto

8:00 am *Sp Int* Shane Baum &

Sp Int Andrew Baum

Thu, Dec 11 Advent Weekday; St. Damasus I, Pope

8:00 am † Loreto Alebin &

† Telesfora Alebin

Fri, Dec 12 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

8:00 am † Dave Ross & *Sp Int* Cheryl Ross

Sat, Dec 13 Advent Weekday; St. Nicholas, Bishop

8:00 am † Rebecca Lopez

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 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. 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.



FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass

Dec 7 ICF Food & Fellowship

Sponsored by the International Catholic Families

Come by and enjoy delicious food and company hosted by OLG's ICF! Details on **pg. 4** for next weekend.

Dec 14 School Sunday

Sponsored by the OLG School Families

Complimentary coffee and refreshments. All proceeds benefit OLG's Tuition Assistance Fund, the Gerard Family Endowment for Education.

Dec 21 Parish Christmas Party

Sponsored by the Events Committee

Join us for a fun and festive Christmas Party with food, a program and prizes! Details on **pg. 4**.

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 7 – DECEMBER 14

Sun: Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Mon: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tue: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Wed: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thu: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

Fri: Zec 2:14-17; Jdt 13:18bc, 19; Lk 1:26-38

Sat: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sun: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Second Sunday of Advent

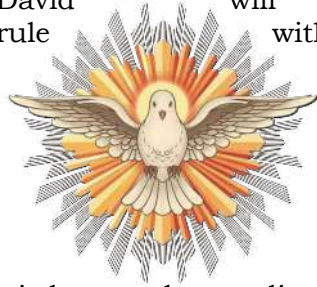
GROW:

Today's Gospel is a challenging one, inviting us to consider how much spiritual fruit we are bearing in our lives. St. John the Baptist tells us, "Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance," reminding us that the depth of our conversion will be measured by our fruit. Speaking to the Pharisees and Sadducees, John says it is not enough to say that "We have Abraham as our father." If he were speaking today, John might put it this way: it's not enough to say "I'm Catholic!" or "I belong to X Parish." Our lives must show outward evidence of the inward conversion we have undergone. The good news for us today is that we can pause and take stock of how well we are bearing spiritual fruit. Pay attention to what areas might need pruning or fertilizing to

ensure that when we come to the Lord's threshing floor at the end of our lives, there is a bountiful harvest he can gather into his barn.

GO:

Our first reading gives us a glimpse of God's kingdom: The Son of David will rule with



wisdom, understanding, counsel, and knowledge, judging "the poor with justice" and striking "the ruthless with the rod of his mouth." In his kingdom "the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb" and yet "there shall be no harm or ruin." What a poetic way of describing the harmony and wholeness that God longs for in society! As disciples, this is our mission. We're called to work so that God's kingdom vision can become reality. As we

work for peace and justice, we're doing our part in the Church's work of evangelization. As the U.S. bishops reminded us in their letter *Communities of Salt and Light*, "social justice is an integral part of evangelization, a constitutive dimension of preaching the Gospel, and an essential part of the Church's mission."

REFLECT:

In the Gospel, John the Baptist says of Jesus, "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." Our ability to bear spiritual fruit comes from the power of the Holy Spirit within us. Take a moment to reflect on where you see the gifts (see the first reading from Isaiah!) and fruits of the Holy Spirit in your life. How might the Spirit of God be working to increase your spiritual fruitfulness this Advent?

Written by:
The Faithful Disciple

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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.

PRAYER IN HONOR OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Most holy Virgin, who wast pleasing to the Lord and became His Mother, immaculate in body and spirit, in faith and in love, look kindly on the wretched who implore thy powerful patronage. The wicked serpent, against whom was hurled the first curse, continues fiercely to attack and ensnare the unhappy children of Eve. Do thou, then, O Blessed Mother, our queen and advocate, who from the first instant of thy conception didst crush the head of the enemy, receive the prayers which, united with thee in our single heart, we implore thee to present at the throne of God, that we may never fall into the snares which are laid out for us, and may all arrive at the port of salvation; and, in so many dangers, may the Church and Christian society sing once again the hymn of deliverance and of victory and of peace. Amen.



SPONSORED BY THE ICF

Food & Fellowship Sunday

December 7

Keep warm this December with ICF! Join us in the parish center after morning Masses for food and fellowship. On the menu, is a warm winter breakfast of waffles and toppings. Round it off with a donut and some juice or coffee!



OLG Culture of Life Ministry Diaper Drive

On November 22nd, the OLG Culture of Life Ministry headed up to Birthline to drop off **three carloads** of diapers, wipes, baby clothes, and other hygiene items that were collected from our 2nd annual parish Diaper Drive, and we are so excited to report that the drive was a **huge success!!** Our parish community contributed a total of **15,978 diapers, 342 packages of wipes,** and a **multitude** of bags and boxes full of adorable baby clothes, bottles, formula, and other much-needed baby and mother hygiene items! Birthline was so appreciative of our parish's generosity, as the babies, mothers, and families that they serve will truly benefit from these donations in this upcoming holiday season. Thank you so much for all of your



kindness and support in this drive, and for building a Culture of Life in our San Diego community!

The Events Committee Proudly Presents

Believe

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY


Sunday, December 21, 2025

12:00PM - 3:00PM

Tri Tip Steak & Roma Chicken lunch
Adults: \$20.00
Youth 12 and under: \$6.00

Ticket sales will begin Nov 29 after all Masses! Advance ticket sales ONLY. No tickets will be sold at the door. This event is family friendly!

Program includes an adult ugly sweater contest with prizes, an appearance by Santa, costume parade for the kids, Christmas Carols and a Special Guest! Don't forget to wear your Christmas attire.




CALLING All Angels

We are happy to report that we completed a joyful and beautiful distribution to 55 families in need in East County for Thanksgiving. Thank you OLG family for your continuing generosity.

Christmas is coming and we are continuing to accept monetary donations to aid support to those in need. Any donation is helpful: we will help as many families as possible with the donations we receive.

Are you interested in adopting a child from the program by filling a stocking with small gifts? If so, we will be distributing the stockings on November 23 & 24 after all masses. Return filled stockings on December 6 & 7 before or after all masses. If you have any questions about donations, please contact Angel Coordinators Pam Gross (619) 540-7292 and Mike Gross (619) 922-7292.



Please use the QR code below or place an envelope on the donation basket. (Be sure to designate your gift as Holiday Angel Program)

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

November 11, 2025 - November 17, 2025 \$22,231.29

Plate	\$3,031.49
Envelopes	\$12,735.00
Online Giving	\$6,464.80

Breakdown of Gifts Received

\$0.01 - \$5.00	41
\$5.01 - \$10.00	50
\$10.01 - \$25.00	133
\$25.01 - \$50.00	75
\$50.01 - \$100.00	39
\$100.01 - \$150.00	9
\$150.01 - \$500.00	12
\$500.01 - Over	4


Total Contributing Households 363

Building Fund	\$394.00
Faith Formation & Youth	\$217.00
Food Pantry	\$2,077.50
Holiday Angels	\$2,550.00
School - General	\$203.00
World Mission Sunday	\$275.00

Thank you, Bishop Pham!

We want to thank Bishop Pham for meeting with our OLG Parish and School staff, ministry leaders, volunteers, and parishioners to reflect on how we are serving our community, and what more we can do to continue to live out God's work together. He was kind enough to listen and give meaningful words of wisdom. We appreciate your time with us, Bishop Pham!




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**Christmas Greenery
 Distribution**
December 6 - 7

Wreaths and other greenery ordered through the Knights of Columbus will be available for pickup after all Masses at the Parish Center. A limited amount of surplus greenery and reindeer are also available for sale.

Thank you for supporting our many charitable endeavors, including the greenery that decorates the church every Christmas.

**YOUTH
 Christmas Caroling**

Tuesday, December 9th
6:00pm - 7:30pm
 (arrive by 5:45pm for check in)

**Montera & Country Manor
 Retirement Home**
5740 Lake Murray Blvd., La Mesa

Wear your Santa hat, a scarf or Christmas socks!
 There will be a hot cocoa excursion to a coffee shop around 7:30pm - 8:30pm.

Permission slip required for this event. Please visit olg-church.org, click on the Ministries tab, and scroll down for the online DocuSign link. Please RSVP to OLG Youth Ministry at (619) 466-5451 or dhertzig@olg-church.org

*Parents must provide transportation at each location.



Advent Penance Service

<p>Our Lady of Grace, El Cajon Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside Queen of Angels, Alpine Guardian Angels, Santee St. John of the Cross, Lemon Grove St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Lakeside/Barona St. Therese, San Diego Holy Trinity, El Cajon</p>	<p>December 9 - 7:00pm December 10 - 10:00am December 10 - 7:00pm December 11 - 7:00pm December 15 - 7:00pm December 16 - 7:00pm December 16 - 7:00pm December 17 - 7:00pm December 19 - 7:00pm</p>
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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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| <p>Netti Aguinaldo
 Ron Aguinaldo
 Heriberto Albanez
 Griselda Albanez
 Kali'a Arrayan
 Angela Biner
 Charles Black
 Eileen Black
 Donna Botzer
 Stephen Botzer
 Catalina Branch
 Cheryl Casey
 Miguel Castro
 Kristy Clark
 Luzanne Coyne
 Msgr. John Cusack
 Irene Dahlheimer
 Dee Draper
 Lesly Egan
 Mike Egan
 Irma Eichinger
 Frank Ferrero
 Debbie Fitzpatrick
 Lucy Forcier
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 Joseph Fromm
 Colette Gerard
 John Harshberger
 Edwin Howell
 Gary Kurutz
 Jason Laccone
 Lillian Lavado</p> | <p>Rebecca Leyden
 Charloette Locy
 Jacklich Lonero
 Ofelia Lopez
 Jose A Lopez
 Lorene MacLaird
 Vern MacLaird
 Dawn MacNabb
 Owen Macrae
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 Annika Mawn
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 Danny Rubio
 Karen Scott
 Tillie Sousa
 Marlene Tuyay-Scott
 Victorina Uy
 Lilian Valencia
 Carlos Villar
 Nina Vyzinkar
 Cindy Katan Wallace
 Marilyn Winger</p> |
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*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.*



UPCOMING MASS TIMES

<p>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Monday, Dec. 8 at 8:00am & 6:00pm</p>	<p>Our Lady of Guadalupe Friday, Dec. 12 at 8:00am</p>
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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.



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Pray for us!




Adorers are needed for our next 24-hour Adoration on **Friday, Jan. 2**. To sign-up, please e-mail Michael Gross at: pnmgross1@gmail.com.

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 Bread Sunday — Linda LeNeve
 Book Club — Julie Hazelton
 Craft Fair — Kathy Porterfield
 Bunco — Alice Freeh
CENTERING PRAYER —
 Irma Eichinger & Mary Asher-Fitzpatrick
CURSILLO — Lanny Kimsey
EVENTS COMMITTEE — Deborah Renick
FOOD PANTRY — Since 1981 (619) 469-0061
 Doug Perl M-F, 9:30-11:00 am
HOLIDAY ANGELS — Since 1988 — Lesley Bradley
INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC FAMILIES (ICF)
 Carla Pedroncelli
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