

second sunday of
ADVENT

OUR LADY of GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

Sun, Dec 8	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
5:30 pm	For the People of the Parish (Vigil)
8:00 am	<i>Sp Int</i> Joey and <i>Sp Int</i> Britany Pospichal
11:00 am	† Jose C. Cruz; † Jose Q. Cruz
5:30 pm	† Ryan Borunda
Mon, Dec 9	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
8:00 am	† Ryan O'Neal; † Mark Habina
5:30 pm	† Alfredo Alan Alan
Tue, Dec 10	Advent Weekday; Our Lady of Loreto
8:00 am	<i>Sp Int</i> Shane and <i>Sp Int</i> Andrew Baum
5:30 pm	† Teresita Montano
Wed, Dec 11	Advent Weekday; Saint Damasus I, Pope
8:00 am	† Frank and † Regina Fritz
5:30 pm	† Mary Meadows-Pitt
Thu, Dec 12	OUR LADY OF GUDALUPE
8:00 am	<i>Sp Int</i> Ricky and <i>Sp Int</i> Bernadette Soltero
5:30 pm	† Darius R. Canuto; † Virgilio A Cunanan
Fri, Dec 13	Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr
8:00 am	† Christopher Sanchez
5:30 pm	† Debbie Perez-McLinden
Sat, Dec 14	Saint John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church
8:00 am	† Frank Cotter



FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass

Dec 8	School Sunday <i>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.
Dec 15	Christmas Party <i>Sponsored by the Events Committee</i> In preparation for the Parish Christmas Party today, there will be no donuts or coffee in the Parish Center after the morning Masses.
Dec 22	Christmas Bake Shop <i>Sponsored by the Events Committee</i> More information about Bake Shop can be found on page 5.

Welcome to OUR LADY of GRACE!

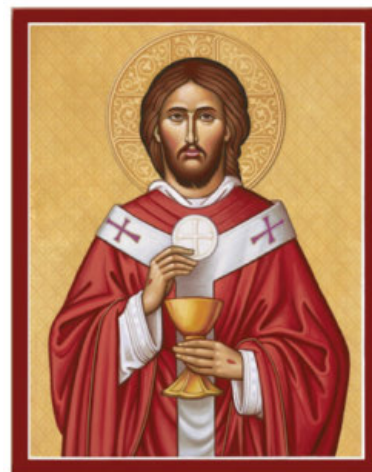
Welcome to all members and visitors who are joining us for the celebration of the Eucharist.

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.



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 8 – DEC 15

Sun:	Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6
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:	Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38
Fri:	Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
Sat:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sun:	Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Second Sunday of Advent

GROW: On this second Sunday of Advent, when the hustle and bustle of the season is already upon us, I find Paul's words in his Letter to the Philippians very comforting. He says he is confident "that the one who began a good work in [us] will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus." Jesus will continue to be our Advocate and our Rock until the day he comes again. Yes, these are comforting words, indeed. But we know that being a disciple of Christ requires our cooperation and our daily assent to doing God's will. How do we know God's will for us? In his letter, Paul goes on to pray that our love may continue to increase in knowledge and perception "to discern what is of

value." In other words, if we are going to be able to choose what is good, we must be able to recognize it and then focus on it.

GO: This is where "the voice of one crying out in the wilderness" speaks to us during this season in which we prepare for Christ's coming. It is a season of hope and anticipation, but it also must be a season of preparation. In today's Gospel, the proclamation of John the Baptist takes center stage; he proclaims a "baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" and says to "prepare the way of the Lord." These words do not suggest passivity – waiting patiently for the Lord to come. They suggest action: Repent.



Prepare. Make straight his paths. Today let us consider how we can prepare for the Lord's coming in our own lives. God has made us good, and he wants to bring that goodness to completion. As we continue in this Advent season, let us stay focused on recognizing and choosing "what is of value" in our lives so that we are able to truly rejoice that the Lord draws near.

SING: *Dear Savior, haste
Come, come to earth
Dispel the night and
show your face
And bid us hail the
dawn of grace.*

Written by: Faith Catholic

OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH Founded 1954 CLERGY

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Dcn. 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, Fr. Marc Gandolfo 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.

SOLEMNITY OF THE
Immaculate Conception
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Will be observed on
Monday, December 9, 2024

 **Mass Times - 8 am & 5:30 pm**

**The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation in our Diocese.*

Serve OLG

AS AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION



Would you like to serve the OLG Parish Community as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (E.M.)?

If so, please e-mail Rosa at: rhilgeman@olg-church.org

Requirements: In order to be an E.M., you will need to be confirmed in the Catholic Church, practicing your Catholic Faith and registered at OLG.

Knights of Columbus Advent Sale

The Knights of Columbus Council 8879 will be offering for sale outside church from November 22th through December 8th 2024 the following: Advent Candles, Advent Wreaths, "Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets, an assortment of "Keep Christ in Christmas" Christmas cards and a limited supply of Knights of Columbus olive wood crucifixes. Please consider supporting this worthwhile fundraiser to support charitable causes of the Knights of Columbus.



Knights of Columbus Greenery Pick-up

Christmas greenery ordered from the Knights of Columbus will be available for pick up after Masses December 7th and 8th at the Parish Center. A limited number will be available for purchase. Greenery for delivery should have been shipped already. Contact Mitch Diccianni at 619-743-6844 or at mdiscover@hotmail.com, if you cannot pick up your order this weekend or have questions. Any unclaimed greenery will be left at the rectory on December 10th. Thank you for your support.




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Pray for us!

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PICK UP AT MASS 12/14 - 12/15

School Sunday

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Join us for Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am and 11:00 am Masses. We'll see you at the Parish Center!




Holiday 2024 Bulletin Deadlines

Bulletin Date	Deadline Date
December 15	December 2
December 22	December 6
December 29	December 16

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 Jocelyn Ayala at jayala@olg-church.org before the deadline date of that bulletin. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Advent
December 8th, 2024



In Advent we hear about Saint John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, who prepared the way for Jesus' coming. He preached to the people, telling them to repent, and baptized them.

When Jesus came Saint John told the people to follow Jesus because He was the Messiah.

Can you find your way from Saint John to Jesus?

The Kids' Bulletin

Introducing the Kids' Bulletin! The Kids' Bulletin is a fun and engaging way for children to learn more about Mass and the readings. Inside the Kids' Bulletin you can find comics, word searches, and short summary of the Sunday Readings. The Kids' Bulletin will be located in the front of the church on the ACA tables.



The Holiday Angel Program is continuing to accept 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. Please use the online portal or place an envelope on the donation basket. (be sure to designate your gift as Holiday Angel Program).

If you adopted one of the children in the program by picking up a stocking, we will be collecting your filled stockings Dec 7th & 8th after all masses. Thank you.

If you have any questions about donations, please contact Angel Coordinator Lesley Bradley at: (619) 878-0278.



Advent Penance Service

Santa Sophia, Spring Valley	10-Dec-24	7:00 PM
St. Therese, San Diego	11-Dec-24	7:00 PM
St. Luke, El Cajon	12-Dec-24	7:00 PM
Holy Trinity, El Cajon	13-Dec-24	7:00 PM
Our Lady of Grace, El Cajon	16-Dec-24	7:00 PM
Guardian Angels, Santee	16-Dec-24	7:00 PM
St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Lakeside/Barona	17-Dec-24	7:00 PM
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside	18-Dec-24	10:00 AM
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside	18-Dec-24	7:00 PM

 *The Events Committee Proudly Invites You*

Christmas Bake Shop

Sunday, December 22, 2024

The Events Committee invites you to our Christmas Bake Shop! Fresh baked cakes, cookies, donuts, and candy will be ready for your last minute gift giving. Wrapped and ready to go or eat on the spot! Proceeds benefit "You Did It For Me", local East County charity that assists the homeless.

Please pray for the eternal repose of the soul of

NANCY LUTZ

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

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ADORATION

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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| Ron Aguinaldo | Janet Kozakiewicz |
| Heriberto Albanez | Jason Laccone |
| Griselda Albanez | Lillian Lavorato |
| Angie Arrayan | Pat Lerner |
| Kali'a Arrayan | Rebecca Leyden |
| Mario Ayala Sr. | Charlotte Locy |
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| Miriam Biros | Donald Marsh |
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| Stephen Botzer | Mark Mellinger |
| Edward Brown | John Mendez |
| Will Bryce | Victoria Oxe |
| Walter Butcher | Phil Panuco |
| Lucy Caballero | Tom Pastore |
| David Conway | James Sandlin |
| Luzanne Coyne | Amanda Seaman |
| June Clements | Karen Scott |
| Frederick De La Tore | Anna Smith |
| Mike Egan | Mark Smith |
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| Anthony Gazzola | Dale Swan |
| Colette Gerard | Clifford Tabadisto |
| John Harshberger | Jose Lopez Tubillo |
| Terry Hendricks | Marlene Tuyay-Scott |
| Tina Hurley | Nina Vyzinkar |
| Mary Kowalski | Marilyn Winger |

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 Jocelyn Ayala at: jayala@olg-church.org.

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Cantate Kids and Gaudete Choir (11:00 am Sun)

Director **ROBERT FILLEY**
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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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CWC — Linda Leneve

Book Club — Julie Hazelton

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EVENTS COMMITTEE — Deborah Renick

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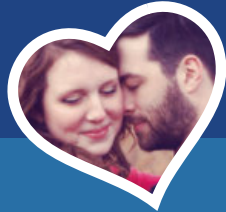
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