"When the bow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature—every mortal being that is on earth."

~ Genesis 9:16

PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

Sun, Feb	21	FIRST	SUNDAY	of LENT
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3:30 pm † Ryan Ferrara

8:00 am † Mark Steckbauer

11:00 am † Tom Russo

3:30 pm For the People of the Parish

Mon, Feb 22 THE CHAIR of ST PETER THE APOSTLE

8:00 am † Frank & † Regina Fritz

Tue, Feb 23 Lenten Weekday

8:00 am † Thomas Russo

Wed, Feb 24 Lenten Weekday

8:00 am † Greg Herro

Thu, Feb 25 Lenten Weekday

8:00 am † Jesus A. Cruz;

Fri, Feb 26 Lenten Weekday

No Mass

Sat, Feb 27 Lenten Weekday

8:00 am † Juanita Negrete

Sun, Feb 28 SECOND SUNDAY of LENT

3:30 pm † John Wing

8:00 am † Margarita Alvarez

11:00 am Spec Int Rose Sheehan

3:30 pm For the People of the Parish



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Public Mass Update

ishop McElroy has approved the celebration of Mass indoors. We now have a "hybrid" of indoor and outdoor Masses—daily Mass is inside and weekend Masses are outside. Outdoor Mass will be moved indoors during inclement weather. This schedule is considered temporary and may change at any time. Visit olg-church.org for current info.

When Mass is celebrated outside in front of the church, bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on. At all Masses face coverings are required, as is physical distancing. Our Ambassadors will be present to assist you.

The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation continues to be dispensed by Bishop McElroy.

Streamed Online Mass Information Available

isit <u>olg-church.org</u> homepage and click on the gold "Online Mass Info and Other Sustaining Faith Resources in the Time of Pandemic" bar. Scroll to Mass links.

hen . . . the Earth was flooded, Wisdom again saved it, piloting the righteous man on frailest wood."

~Wisdom 10:4

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 often include the use of incense.

Invitation to the R.C.I.A.

ur 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. Please contact Deacon John Sawaya at (858) 869-5079 or use the "Contact us" link on the parish webpage.

Readings for Feb 21 - 28

Sun: Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Mon: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

Tue: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

Wed: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

Thu: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

Fri: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

Sat: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13,15-18; Rom 8:31b-34;

Mk 9:2-10

First Sunday of Lent

Mass Readings:

Gn 9:8-15

1 Pt 3:18-22

Mk 1:12-15

GROW: Even amid the forced slowdown of a pandemic, distractions abound: Netflix bingeing, online shopping, even positive pursuits like home organizing and personal fitness. I confess I indulge in all of these (except for home organizing). Lent challenges me to let go of the unnecessary distractions and dare to make friends with solitude, which can be a daunting proposition because it means keeping company with my own thoughts. Jesus, our human and divine Savior, faced the desert and was tempted by Satan. But he also emerged from the desert, and announced himself and the Gospel to the people of Galilee. He goes on to accept his death on a cross for the sake of our salvation, the fulfillment of the covenant between God and his people. As we enter Lent, as we enter our desert, we pray for the fortitude to forego temptation, opening our hearts to God's will for us, and

ready to proclaim it to the world

GO: What are you doing for Lent this year? I ask our kids that every Ash



Wednesday around the dinner table, and one or more of us often scramble for a plan. "Umm ... candy! I'll give up candy except Snickers." "No Netflix!" Or

we take the "do good" route: "I'll pray more." "I'll help with chores." "I'll volunteer or donate to charity." All good things. Whatever "the plan," however, today's Gospel challenges me to be quiet and listen. While a plan gives us accountability and can lead to growth, sometimes less truly can be more. This year, I'd like to spend less time planning and more time listening for God's voice in the silence, which I find personally challenging. For others, the desert may look quite different. However we decide to approach Lent, let us pray that these 40 days bring us closer to God and our lives more in line with his will for us.

Pray: "One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." The verse before today's Gospel caught my attention. What can I pare away from my daily life to make room for the word of God? For those of us whose minds tend to wander when praying silently, perhaps listening to the daily readings can be a good way to start or end the day.

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SCHEDULE of MASSES

SUNDAY VIGIL

(Saturday) 3:30 pm

SUNDAY

8:00 am, 11:00 am, 3:30 pm

MONDAY-THURSDAY AND **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

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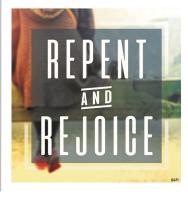
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28 in front of the school after the 8:00 and 11:00 am Masses. There will also be some extra loaves for sale, too, while supplies last. Choose Irish Soda, Yeast, Cranberry Walnut and/or Quinoa breads for only \$7.00 per loaf, payable at pick up. Thank you for your continued support of the Catholic Women's Club!

40 Days for Life Prayer Shifts through Mar 28

olunteers are needed Sundays, for one hour prayer shifts in the public right-of-way outside



Planned Parenthood. The location is at 1685 E Main St, El Cajon. Visit 40DaysForLife.com/elcajon for more info and to schedule a prayer time online or contact Vicki at (619) 647-5793.

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ning attorneys throughout San Diego and Imperial Counties. These professionals are not looking for clients but rather offer free help. Choose one webinar from three date/time options, **Feb 22, 24 and 26**. Information at each webinar is the same - only the

presenter changes. Spanish options are available **Feb 23 and 25**. To register go to CCFSD.org/

Q. What kind of underwear do clouds wear? A. Thunderwear!



esus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you."

~Pope Francis ~The Joy of the Gospel , no. 164

Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

In the "Children's Chapel" of the church

ondays 6:00 pm; Thursdays 8:45 am; Saturdays at 2:00 pm.

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Doing the Rite Thing

Today, some of our neighbors are going to make a countercultural choice. They're going to sign the Book of the Elect, signaling their decision to be baptized, confirmed, and to receive First Eucharist at this year's Easter Vigil. These Elect have been studying for months or years to embrace the life of the church. Why would anyone make this choice in the 21st century? For some, it

may have begun as intellectual curiosity.



For others, it's a journey of the heart. For all, it's what they've seen in folks like us that make Catholic Christianity an inspiring choice. Let's help keep the inspiration going!

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he difficulty of explaining why I am a Catholic is that there are ten thousand reasons all amounting to the reason: that Catholicism is true."

~Gilbert K. Chesterson



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Please pray for the repose of the soul of

NANCY TEDESCO

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



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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 Baptistery of our church.

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Names remain listed for four weeks and can be renewed by contacting Marie Pospichal at mpospichal@olg-church.org.

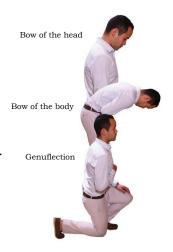
Does it matter what leg you kneel on when genuflecting?

Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means "to bend the knee." For many Catholics, it's an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of "bending the knee" is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it

became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist. In our tradition, although many have been taught or prefer to genuflect by placing their right knee to the ground, there is no prescribed way to genuflect. This is especially important to keep in mind if

physical limitations or age make certain movements difficult for us.



Today, Catholics are asked entering the pew. to genuflect in the pres-

ence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the Altar before





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