

OUR LADY of GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

PRIEST S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

Sun, Feb 22	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	
5:30 pm	For the People of the Parish (Vigil)	
8:00 am	1/2 Marie Hipwell Tarantino	
11:00 am	1/2 Teofila Pegollo	
5:30 pm	1/2 Frank Fritz &	1/2 Regina Fritz
Mon, Feb 23	Lenten Weekday; Saint Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr	
8:00 am	1/2 Maria Jose Farin	
	1/2 Maria J. Skrinjar	
Tue, Feb 24	Lenten Weekday	
8:00 am	1/2 Ivy Butler	
Wed, Feb 25	Lenten Weekday	
8:00 am	1/2 Linda Helmling	
Thu, Feb 26	Lenten Weekday	
8:00 am	1/2 Jose Souza &	1/2 Ester Souza
Fri, Feb 27	Lenten Weekday; Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot, Doctor of the Church	
8:00 am	1/2 Karen Segerlund	
5:00 pm	1/2 Leah Bolwerk	
Sat, Feb 28	Lenten Weekday	
8:00 am	1/2 John Rost	

Welcome to OUR LADY of GRACE!

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

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 www.olg-church.org.



FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass

Feb 22	Bread Sunday Sponsored by CWC Bread Sunday is coming up at the end of the month! Order forms will be available on the information table in front of the church.
Mar 1	Donut Sunday Sponsored by Cub Scout Pack 951 Say hello to the Cub Scout Pack as they serve donuts, juice and more. See details on pg. 4.
Mar 8	School Sunday Sponsored by OLG School Families Complimentary coffee & refreshments. Contributions not necessary but gratefully D F F H S W H G 3 U R F H H G V E H Q H I L W 2 / * 6 F K R R O . V Tuition Assistance Fund, the Gerard Family Endowment for Catholic Education.

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 FEBRUARY 22 - MARCH 1

Sun: Gn 2:7 -9; 3:1 -7; Rom 5:12 -19; Mt 4:1 -11

Mon: Lv 19:1 -2, 11 -18; Mt 25:31 -46

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

Sun: Gn 12:1 -4a; 2 Tm 1:8b -10; Mt 17:1 -9

First Sunday of Lent

GROW: \$ O W K R X J K
 at the very beginning of
 / H Q W W R G D \ . V I
 reading from Genesis
 prepares us for words
 we will hear on the night
 R I W K H (D V W H U)
 truly necessary sin of
 Adam, destroyed
 completely by the Death
 of Christ! O happy fault
 that earned so great, so
 glorious a
 5 H G H H P H U μ ([V X O W H W)
 truly necessary sin?! O
 happy fault?! What
 could these words
 actually mean? I think
 the Exsultet is drawing
 us to see that sin is not
 the end of the story. In
 the mysterious working
 of grace, being in a state
 R I Q H H G L Q J * R G .
 forgiveness (sin) opens
 us up to the possibility
 of experiencing and
 receiving his endless
 love and mercy. As we
 take on practices of
 prayer, fasting, and
 almsgiving this Lent,
 may we not grow
 discouraged when we
 inevitably fall short, but
 may we recognize that

our very weakness
 presents us with an
 opportunity to rejoice in
 his merciful love.
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GO: At the heart of
 evangelization is
 announcing the good
 news that our sin
 9 E L H V Q · W K D Y H W K H O D V W
 word. St. Paul puts it
 this way: While death
 F D P H W K U R X J K \$ G D P · V
 V L Q ' W K H J L I W
 the transgression. For if
 by the transgression of
 the one, the
 many died,
 how much
 more did the
 grace of
 God and the gracious
 gift of the one man
 Jesus Christ overflow for
 W K H P D Q \ μ : K L O
 certainly wreaks havoc
 by bringing suffering
 and death into our
 world, the conviction of
 the Church is that the
 restoration God brings
 about through the death
 and resurrection of
 Jesus elevates humanity
 to a state far better than
 what we lost in the fall.



What might it look like
 to witness to this great
 hope we have in Jesus
 in our own lives? How
 can we offer
 encouragement to those
 who feel they have fallen
 too far from grace that
 * R G · V P H U F \ L V I D
 powerful than any
 transgression they may
 have committed?
 REFLECT Throughout
 the Gospels, we hear
 story after story of
 sinners ending up closer
 to God than those who
 think themselves to be
 perfectly obedient (The
 Prodigal Son [Lk 15:11 -
 32]; the Pharisee and
 the Tax Collector [Lk
 18:9 -14]). As you
 contemplate which
 Lenten practices to
 adopt in these next few
 weeks, keep in mind
 W K D W K R O L Q H V V
 in perfect adherence to
 these practices, but by
 humbling yourself to
 recognize the God who
 loves you even when you
 fall.

Written by:
 The Faithful Disciple

OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH

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 CLERGY

PASTOR
 Rev. Lauro Minimo

DEACON
 John Sawaya

SCHEDULE of MASSES

SUNDAY VIGIL
 (Saturday) 5:30 pm
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SUNDAY
 8:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:30 pm
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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.
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ORDER of CHRISTIAN
 INITIATION of ADULTS
 Contact Dcn. John Sawaya
 (858) 869 -5079.
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HOLY MATRIMONY
 Marriage preparation
 begins nine months
 in advance. Please contact
 Fr. Lauro Minimo or
 Dcn. John Sawaya.
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PENANCE AND
 RECONCILIATION
 Monday 6:00 pm
 Wednesday 8:45 am
 Saturday 4:00 pm
 or by appointment.
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ANOIDING of THE SICK
 Call the parish office
 (619) 469 -0133.



Walk with us this Lenten Season

Starting February 20th, every Friday during
 Lent we will have Mass at 8:00am and 5:00pm.
 Stations of the Cross will be at 7:00 pm.
 Please join us!



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FRIDAY FISH FRIES

It's that time of the year! We will be having our Friday Fish Fries starting Feb 20th - March 27th.

Serving will be from 5:00pm - 7:00pm. We have a menu of various items and all meals include french fries, coleslaw, and dessert! We look forward to seeing you!



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PACK 951



Donut Sunday

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

They will be serving a variety of donuts, milk, juices and coffee after the 8:00 am and 11:00 am Masses. Come join us at the Parish Center!



Deanery Service Night High School Youth

St. Martin of Tours
Sunday, March 1st, 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Please bring any personal care items to donate. Some suggestions are shampoo, body wash/soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, chapstick, feminine products, etc. Thank you!



*Permission form is required. Please scan the QR code.



Smile

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH DAY

Saturday, February 28, 2026
Our Lady of Grace Youth Room
12:00pm - 6:30pm

Come join the Middle School Youth from our Deanery for fun and fellowship. We hope to build community, grow in faith, and have fun as we get to know each other!

This event is \$25 and includes a t-shirt, pizza and a drink from the snack bar. The day will end with Mass and all parents are welcome to join.

*Permission Form is required. For any questions, please email Doris at dhertzig@olg-church.org or call 619-466-5451.



other ladder by which we may get
St. Rose of Lima

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Prayer Begins February 18 - March 29

Come join hundreds of thousands of Christians around the world in peaceful sidewalk prayer for the end of abortion. Our constant 40 days of public witness, in front of Planned Parenthood in El Cajon, will change hearts and minds, and bring awareness to the tragic reality of abortion. We are highly supported by our San Diego Diocese.

For more information contact us at:
Vicki 619-647-5793 or elcajon40days@hotmail.com
40daysforlife.com/elcajon

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

February 3, 2026 - February 8, 2026	\$19,943.31
Plate	\$2,443.09
Envelopes	\$11,185.92
Online Giving	\$6,314.30
Breakdown of Gifts Received	
\$0.01 - \$5.00	45
\$5.01 - \$10.00	51
\$10.01 - \$25.00	127
\$25.01 - \$50.00	94
\$50.01 - \$100.00	38
\$100.01 - \$150.00	9
\$150.01 - \$500.00	22
\$500.01 - Over	1
Total Contributing Households	387

Building Fund	\$685.00
Faith Formation & Youth	\$1,043.50
Food Pantry	\$951.00
School - General	\$489.00
School - Tuition Assistance	\$805.00

Lenten Reflection:
"Living like Jesus: Forgiveness, Mercy and Grace"

Saturday, March 7 at
OLG Church

Mass - 8:00am
Gathering - 9:00am

Fr. Boom Martinez, SJ, President, at Mater Dei Catholic High School, will cover what the Bible really says about forgiveness.

How can we live these teachings out in our daily lives? We will explore barriers to forgiveness, its relationship with reconciliation and when/and if reconciliation is advisable. There will be opportunities to prayerfully encounter Jesus and his way of forgiveness, mercy and grace in the Scriptures.

55 Plus Club Lunch

TUESDAY, MARCH 10



The theme for our March Luncheon is St. Patrick's Day! We would love for you all to wear green!

Lunch is \$16 for guests with a deadline of Friday, March 6. There will be a late fee of \$20. Doors open at 10:30am. Lunch reservation forms can be found on the information table inside church by the baptismal font or at the Parish Office. For questions, please call Mary at 619-463-1129.


Adult Confirmation Classes

Wednesdays - 6:30pm - 8:00pm
March 4, 11, 18
April 8, 15, 22

Location: Lauerman Hall East

Catholic adults, 18 years of age and older, who have received the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist but who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to prepare for Confirmation at OLG. There will be six Wednesday sessions on the dates listed above. Please plan now to set aside these dates and times! To register, please contact Deacon John Sawaya at (858) 869-5079 or Jsawaya@olg-church.org.

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 weekly newsletter and upcoming events!
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Hosted by the Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary

The Mysteries of Lent: A Journey with Mary

The Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary is offering a free Lent morning of reflection. Please join them on:

Saturday March 7th, 2026 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

Our program will be from 9:00am - 11:00am with refreshments and social starting at 8:30am. Our guest speakers will be Cathy Sperrazzo and Mattie Scull.

For more information please call or text Laurie Mikolaycik 619-820-5028




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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| Netti Aguinaldo | Lillian Lavarado |
| Ron Aguinaldo | Ofelia Lopez |
| Heriberto Albanez | Jose A Lopez |
| Griselda Albanez | Dora Lowenberg |
| Juanito Amor, Jr. | Lorene MacLaird |
| . D O L - D \$ U U D \ D Q | Wern MacLaird |
| Dionicio Baca | Dawn MacNabb |
| Michael Barletta | Christina Martins |
| Stephen Bernasconi | Steven Mull |
| Angela Biner | Nancy Osborne |
| Charles Black | Phil Panuco |
| Eileen Black | Pat Pfohl |
| Catalina Branch | Frank Principato |
| Cheryl Casey | James Principato |
| Phyllis Ciesielski | Danny Rubio |
| Luzanne Coyne | Faith San Jose |
| Msgr. John Cusack | Jeffery Sanders |
| Amelia Dixon | Karen Scott |
| Dee Draper | David Smith |
| Thien Ngoc Duong | Tillie Sousa |
| David Foster | Mary Titone |
| Joseph Fromm | Steve Thudium |
| Stephen Gage | Carlos Villar |
| Sammy Ganaden | Cindy Katan Wallace |
| Colette Gerard | Marilyn Winger |
| Joe Hilgeman | |
| Evelyn Jaba | |
| Maria Bernadette Jaba | |
| Jason Laccone | |

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.

Lenten

PENANCE SERVICES

Our Lady of Perpetual Help | March 2nd | 10:00 AM

Our Lady of Perpetual Help | March 2nd | 7:00 PM

St. Martin of Tours | March 3rd | 7:00 PM

St. Pius X | March 4th | 7:00 PM

Holy Trinity | March 9th | 7:00 PM

Queen of Angels | March 11th | 7:00 PM

Santa Sophia | March 10th | 7:00 PM

St. Kateri Tekakwitha | March 10th | 7:00 PM


St. Luke | March 12th | 7:00 PM

Guardian Angels | March 16th | 7:00 PM

St. John of the Cross | March 17th | 7:00 PM

St. Therese | March 18th | 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Grace | March 23rd | 7:00 PM



Pray + Fast + Give alms

Please pray for the eternal repose of:

GERALDINE O'BRIEN

1947 - 2026
 Tuesday, February 24, 2026
 Funeral Mass starting at 10:30am at OLG

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




Adorers are needed for our next 24-hour Adoration on Friday, Mar. 6.

To sign-up, please e-mail Michael Gross at: pnmgross1@gmail.com.

OUR LADY of GRACE PARISH AND SCHOOL DIRECTORY

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Parish Ministries and Organizations

To e-mail members of the parish staff or the ministry leaders listed below please visit our website at: olg-church.org - F O L F N R Q W K H ' & R Q W D F W 8 in the upper right corner of the browser window.

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

- 55 P LUS CLUB 3 Mary Cloward
BLOOD DRIVE 3 Peggy Breslin
CATHOLIC WOMEN S CLUB (CWC) 3 Linda LeNeve
Bread Sunday 3 Linda LeNeve
Book Club 3 Julie Hazelton
Craft Fair 3 Kathy Porterfield
Bunco 3 Alice Freeh
CENTERING PRAYER 3
Irma Eichinger & Mary Asher -Fitzpatrick
CURSILLO 3 Lanny Kimsey
EVENTS COMMITTEE 3 Deborah Renick
FOOD PANTRY 3 Since 1981 (619) 469 -0061
Doug Perl M F, 9:30 -11:00 am
HOLIDAY ANGELS 3 Since 1988 3 Pam & Michael Gross
INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC FAMILIES (ICF)
Carla Pedroncelli
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 3 Frances Cabrini Council 8879
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CULTURE OF LIFE 3 Elena & Emily Ruta
WALKING WITH PURPOSE 3 Vicky Szymanski
(WOMEN S BIBLE STUDY)

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