February 24, 2019 | Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 🛟

BLACK HISTORY MONTH FEBRUARY 2019

MASS SCHEDULE AND PRIEST'S INTENTIONS

Sun, Feb 24	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
5:30 pm	For the People of the Parish
8:00 am	† Merri Vitas
11:00 am	† John Muns
5:30 pm	† Carole Cagle
Mon, Feb 25	Weekday
8:00 am	† Jenny McGuire
Tue, Feb 26	Weekday
8:00 am	Sp Int Anthony Sardina
11:30 am	† Evelyn Holder (Funeral Mass)
Wed, Feb 27	Weekday
8:00 am	† Catherine Page
Thurs, Feb 28	Weekday
8:00 am	† Sara Ann Sardina
Fri, Mar 1	Weekday
8:00 am	† Robert Franc
Sat, Mar 2	Weekday
8:00 am	Sp Int Hope Habib
Sun, Mar 3	EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
5:30 pm	† Vincent Avila
8:00 am	For the People of the Parish
	† Jack Cloward
	† Evelyn Scerbak

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass.

Feb 24 Bread Sunday

Sponsored by the Catholic Women's Club Enjoy freshly-baked breads: quinoa, Irish Soda, yeast and scones. Bagles and lox, coffee, juice and donuts will also be served.

Mar 3 Breakfast Sunday

Sponsored by the International Catholic Families Organization

On the menu: breakfast burritos, fruit bowls, freshly-baked scones, almond-crème filled croissants, chocolate croissants, juice and coffee.

Mar 10 School Sunday

Sponsored by OLG School Families Stop by for complimentary coffee, juice and donuts. Contributions not necessary but gratefully accepted. Proceeds benefit OLG's Tuition Assistance Fund, the *Gerard Family Endowment for Catholic Education.*

FUNERAL LITURGY AT OUR LADY of GRACE

Evelyn Holder Tues, Feb 26 at 11:30 am

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



Welcome to the Christian family

Baptized in our church on Feb 24

LOGAN VANCE STEPPLER

Welcome to OUR LADY of GRACE!

Provide the analysis 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. We ask that this chapel, like the church itself, remain free of food and drink.

Allergies—The first morning Mass of the Sunday or feast day will always be incense-free.

REMINDER: Flu Season Precautions The parish is currently practicing safety precautions during the flu season.

Our traditional means of sharing the Sign of Peace and the Blood of Christ will return about mid-April.

Invitation to the RCIA

Our 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 *RCIA* process and experience a new and enriched meaning to

your life through renewed faith and love. For more information, please contact Deacon John Sawaya at jsawaya@olg-church.org or (858) 869-5079.

	Readings for Feb 24—Mar 3
Sun:	1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38
Mon:	Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29
Tue:	Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37
Wed:	Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40
Thu:	Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50
Fri:	Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12
Sat:	Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16
Sun:	Sir 27:4-7: 1 Cor 15:54-58: Lk 6:39-45

GUEST COLUMNIST

ALICE CAMILLE

Is it Asking Too Much?

ost of us have no quarrel with Jesus. When he says love one another and welcome little children, and peace I leave with you, we find nothing difficult or objectionable in these sayings. Most of what some spiritual good, not Jesus has to say sounds like good moral advice or happy and reassuring thoughts. We're content to call him Lord and follow his way when that way is congenial to the way we already want to go.

However . . . in the time of Jesus there were plenty of folks who were pleased to leave their jobs (which they didn't much care for anyway) and follow him around (which occasionally led to a free lunch) and listen to his teachings (which confirmed what they already believed about rich people and religious leaders in general). And they continued to do so until they ran hard up against the so-called "harsh sayings" of Jesus, which were so displeasing that most of his followers turned on their heels and went home harrumphing about him after that.

When Jesus tells us to be like the lilies and don't worry so much, we sigh and think it's a lovely idea. But when Jesus says love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, and bless those who curse you, what are we to make of that? For some of us, at least, these sayings are so ridiculous and impossible to take seriously that we have to presume they've lost something in the

translation. When Jesus says "enemies," he doesn't mean the people who intend us harm, obviously. And when he talks about "doing good" to people who hate us, surely he implies actually being kind or thoughtful or helpful to them.

After all, it's the very definition of an enemy to be the person who's out to get you, and such a person is to be avoided or defeated at nothing is accomplished all costs. In certain cases. such a person should even be killed, we reason. So Jesus can't mean love vour enemies. He must mean something else!

He doesn't

e have grown used to qualifying and limiting our responsibility to the holy will of God. For example, when we practice compassion, we tend to reserve it for those who "deserve" our compassion. Such people didn't participate in the circumstances of their misfortune, for instance. So we may extend compassion to a person who is ill because of exposure to asbestos, but not to man who was bent on killa smoker who has lung cancer. We show mercy to the hurricane victim, but not the alcoholic who has developed diabetes.

We may do the same with our forgiveness. We may forgive people who have wronged us and confessed their behavior and worked to amend the damage, but not the person who never says she's sorry. When we qualify our responses in



this way, we are practicing human justice, but we are not imitating the Lord who felt compassion for the people of Jerusalem who would shout for his crucifixion the next day, or who forgave those who were in the act of putting him to death because they were so ignorant.

When we practice human justice, expecting an eye for an eye, loving our friends and hating our enemies, repaying people in kind for what they do, according to the reign of God. The reign of God is extended when God's will is done and something truly divine is allowed to come to life among us. Heavenly justice is so much grander than just evening out the score; it enlarges our own hearts and vision when we have the courage to participate in it.

David gains stature over Saul

hat would it have gained David to seize the moment and destroy his enemy Saul while he slept? It would have solved a problem he had, surely. It would have eliminated a ing him. But David has been anointed by a prophet to be a king, and that means he has to show a kingly sensibility about the origins and privileges of power. Knowing that a king rules by divine decree and not his own pleasure, David honors King Saul even in this dangerous hour. In turn, Saul perceives that David is indeed greater,

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OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH Founded 1954

CLERGY

PASTOR Very Rev. Peter McGuine

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PRIESTS IN RESIDENCE Rev. Hugh Barbour, O.Praem. Rev. Curtiss Dwyer

> DEACON 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 the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 12:30 pm. Preparation packet is available in the parish office.

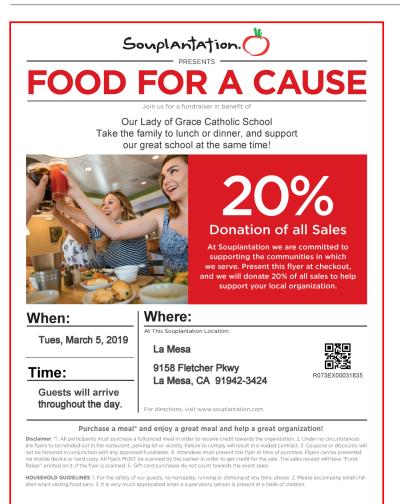
RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULTS Contact Deacon Sawaya (858) 869-5079.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Marriage preparation begins nine months in advance. Please contact Fr. Peter McGuine or Deacon Sawaya.

PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION Monday 6:00 pm Thursday 8:30 am Saturday 4:00 pm

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Learning About the Priesthood



n Sat, **Mar 30**, the Diocese of San Diego is hosting an **Explorer Day** for those men who are interested in a possible vocation to the priesthood. The day will be held at St. Francis Center on the University of San Diego campus from 8:30 am

to 3:30 pm. If living a life of service for Christ and the people of God is attractive to you, take advantage of this opportunity. For more information, please contact Fr. Peter McGuine at (619) 469-0133, or call Fr. Lauro Minimo, Director of the Office for Priestly Vocations, Diocese of San Diego, at (619) 291-7446.

Save the Dates!



Jubilee celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Religious Profession for Sr. Carmel Lohan, RSM. Sat, **May 18.** Mass at 5:30 pm followed by a family-friendly meal in the Parish Center.

Retirement celebration for OLG School Principal Susan Hause after 36 years of service to our school children and families. Sun, **June 2.** Mass at 5:30 pm followed by a reception in the Parish Center.



"A Taste of OLG" Dinner & Silent Auction Next Saturday!



miss this year's **"A Taste** of OLG

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Dinner & Silent Auction" taking place on Sat, **Mar 2** at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center! Proceeds benefit high school students attending the Steubenville Conference at USD, Leadership Camp, and other youth events throughout the year. To order tickets, go to the parish website and click on the "Upcoming Events" Quick Link to download a ticket reservation form. Return the form to the parish office with payment. Tickets will be held for you at the door. If you can't attend the dinner, donations are gratefully accepted!

Wisdom & Works of Mercy Retreat Coming!

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Mondays starting Mar 11

for 10 weeks. Two sessions: 9:15 to 10:45 am or 7:00 to 8:30 pm. There is no charge for the retreat but participants need to order a "Wisdom & Works of Mercy Participant Packet" (*with* "The 'One Thing' is Three" book) online at <u>https://bit.ly/2DU2Mkv</u> or by phone at (866) 767-3155. The cost is \$39.95.

For more info and to register for the retreat, contact Ken Discenza at sitedesign@sda-pe.com or (619) 464-0792.

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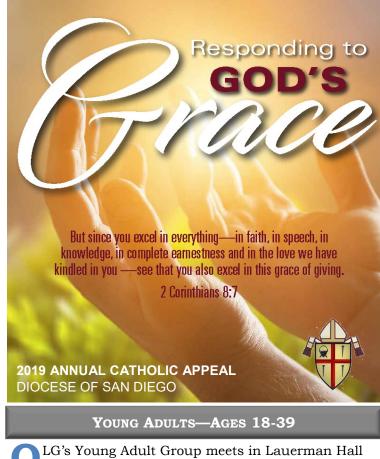
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O LG's Young Adult Group meets in Lauerman Hall on the **first three Thursdays** of every month, 7:30 -9:00 pm. The next meeting is **Mar 7**. For more information, contact Bernadette at bernhilge@gmail.com.

NEW LIFE—HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

N ew Life Youth Group meets on **Sundays at 6:30 pm** in the Youth Room located on the back side of Lauerman Hall. All high school students are welcome! See the "New Life" and "Upcoming Events" pages on the parish website for more info on "A Taste of OLG" on **Mar 2**, the Steubenville San Diego Conference, **July 26-28** at USD, and more!



SUNDAY is "Our Lady of Grace Church Prayer Day!" We need your help! As a parish family we will be covering prayer shifts from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm every Sunday Mar 6 through Apr 14

Please join us for <u>at least one hour</u> in peaceful prayer to end abortion in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood at 1685 E Main St, El Cajon (near Greenfield and East Main Street next to McDonalds)

To schedule your prayer time, contact Vicki at (619) 647-5793 or 40dayselcajon@gmail.com. www.40daysforlife.com/elcajon

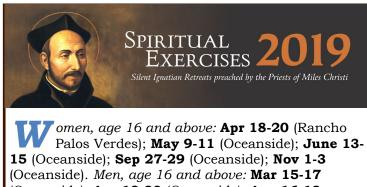
PRAYER REQUESTS

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



(Oceanside). *Men, age 16 and above:* **Mar 15-17** (Oceanside); **Apr 18-20** (Oceanside); **Aug 16-18** (Oceanside); **Dec 13-15** (Oceanside). Retreats include daily Mass, spiritual talks, Eucharistic adoration, rosary and opportunity for confession and spiritual direction. To register or for more info, email Christine at california@spiritualexercises.net or call (858) 263-5113. See <u>mileschristi.org/activities/spiritual-exercises/</u> for more information.

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more kingly, and more deserving of divine favor than he himself. David grows in stature and grace in the eyes of his men, and even under the steady gaze of his enemy. David wins more than the life of his enemy in this encounter.

The only way we, too, can grow and expand in grace and knowledge of the ways of God is to practice them. When we do, the kingdom Jesus announced "leans" into view and into our reality, not simply through what is decent and legal by earthly standards, but when we live by a higher rule altogether. When we get above who's right and who's wrong and stop judging and condemning others according to their actions, what we see from that God's-eye view might astound us.

Be merciful as God is merciful

e may balk at the idea that we ought to adjust our response to be like God's because, after all, who among us is like

God? We have to remember that love, compassion, and forgiveness are not about what we feel but how we choose. These are divine attributes and as such do not properly belong to us at all. Even Jesus didn't say, "I forgive you," to his enemies from the cross; he asked God to forgive them. When our emotions don't line up with our Christian responsibility to be as God is, then we can choose to love and forgive not by our own weak and limited authority but by the limitless power of God. For God does indeed love those who have set themselves against the divine will; does have mercy on those unworthy of compassion; and does forgive those who are unforgivable. We don't have to look farther than in the mirror to know what that means for us. If we want to be counted as the children of God, adopting heavenly values is the quickest way to embrace that identity.

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Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

BETTY ALLOWAY HELEN KOZAK DOMINICK PALESTINI IVAN RADOVICH GARY SEITRICH NATALIE WOOD

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Online Giving	\$2,783.00
Breakdown of gifts received	
\$0.01 - \$5.00	59
\$5.01 - \$10.00	68
\$10.01 - \$25.00	128
\$25.01 - \$50.00	69
\$50.01 - \$100.00	32
\$100.01 - \$150.00	5
\$150.01 - \$500.00	9
\$500.01 - Over	1
Total Contributing Households	371
Additional Gifts	
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Click on "Contact Us" in the upper right corner of the browser window.

Reporting Sexual Abuse

Complaints about sexual abuse by a member of the clergy or by a parish or Catholic school employee or volunteer can be made by contacting Lisa Petronis at (858) 490-8353 or sdcatholic.org.

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