

PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

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		
Mon, Mar 1	Lenten Weekday		
8:00 am	† Walter May		
Tue, Mar 2	Lenten Weekday		
8:00 am	Spec Int Rosa Hilgeman		
Wed, Mar 3	Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin		
	(USA)		
8:00 am	† Luis Rosas Sanchez		
Thu, Mar 4	Lenten Weekday		
8:00 am	Spec Int Rochelle McGuine		
Fri, Mar 5	Lenten Weekday		
	No Mass		
Sat, Mar 6	Lenten Weekday		
8:00 am	† Robert Dundovich		
Sun, Mar 7	THIRD SUNDAY of LENT		
3:30 pm	† Sam Cicora		
8:00 am	For the People of the Parish		
11:00 am	† Gregorio De Los Reyes		
3:30 pm	† Rylan O'Neal		



We love having you as part of our flock! Get updates about Masses and parish life via email or text! Sign up! Visit olg-church.org and

scroll to the blue and white sheep.

Public Mass Update

B 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 <u>olg-church.org</u> 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

Visit <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.

66 If we wish to serve God and love our neighbor well, we must manifest our joy in the service we render to Him and them. Let us open wide our hearts. It is joy which invites us. Press forward and fear nothing."

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.

O 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 28 - Mar 7
Sun:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13,15-18; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10
Mon:	Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
Tue:	Is 1:10,16-20; Mt 23:1-12
Wed:	Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
Thu:	Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
Fri:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3,11-32
Sun:	Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Mass Readings:

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Rom 8:31b-34

Mk 9:2-10

GROW: Oh, the gloom! The view out my window on a typical Michigan winter day can be described as "grayscale monochrome," a technical term for blackand-white photographs. Fortunately, the sun peeks out on occasion, providing a lovely sunrise or sunset that can lift my mood and remind me that spring will come. If such an ordinary thing can provide hope, imagine what the Transfiguration provided for the disciples who witnessed it? "His clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them." And even though they were so terrified, the voice of God came from a cloud, conveying comfort and truth: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." The disciples did not know what lay ahead, but this vision of Jesus and the Father's presence in their midst would give them hope and foretell Jesus' glorious resurrection. As we continue on our Lenten journey, we can turn to God, who will one day transfigure us in the same way Christ was, to strengthen us through the gray days ahead. And St. Paul's

Second Sunday of Lent powerful words that "God is for us" add solace and encouragement.



GO: As Catholics, we are likely very familiar with the four Gospels, but I have to say I can't get enough of Paul's letters. Like a good coach, Paul encourages us to dig deep and trust God. In today's reading, he reminds the Romans that God loves us so much that he did not spare his own Son. I'm struck by his assurance that Jesus not only died and was raised for us, but "indeed intercedes for us." Lent is an ideal time to turn to Jesus in prayer, asking that he give us the grace to grow in faith and turn away from sin. At the same time, we can offer intercessory prayer for others, just as we do at every Mass. Perhaps as we continue our Lenten journey, we can make an extra effort to pray for the needs of other people: Those we know personally, such as friends and family members; and those whom we do not know, such as government leaders or Christians experiencing persecution in other countries.

Pray: I find that I often make prayer all about me! Yet, as the Church teaches, "in intercession, those who pray look 'not only to their own interests, but also to the interests of others,' even to the point of praying for those who do them harm." (CCC 2635) One way to practice intercessory prayer is to make a list and pray for the people and intentions on it once a day. For those of us who regularly pray the rosary, another practice might be to dedicate each decade to an individual in need of prayer.

Written by The Faithful Disciple



Visit olg-church.org and scroll to the "Annual Catholic Appeal" ad. Click the "2021 ACA video" link to see how funds raised will support diocesan and local efforts to announce the Gospel and serve God's people. Click the "Renewing Hope" image to make a pledge and/or gift to this year's Appeal. Thank you!

OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH Founded 1954

CLERGY

PASTOR Very Rev. Peter McGuine

AUXILIARY PRIEST Rev. Maxime Villeneuve, OSA

> PRIEST IN RESIDENCE Rev. Curtiss Dwyer, LT, CHC, USN

DEACONS Dcn. John Sawaya Dcn. Daniel Holgren

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** 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 2:00 pm

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CATECHUMENS



Bishop McElroy signs OLG's Book of the Elect at the Rite of Election on Feb 21.

• he following parishioners have been preparing to be baptized, confirmed, and to receive First Eucharist at this year's Easter Vigil.

Please pray for them as they continue their journey:

Nicholas Riggs (Adult) Gena Riggs (Adult) Blake Riggs Andrew Pereira

Amelie Deniz Sasha Deniz Julian Navarro

God, bless those who are moving forward into the fullness of faith in You and full communion in the life of our Catholic Family. I offer this sacrifice of prayer for them, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

CWC "Bread Sunday" Order Pick Up

rders for bread baked by the Catholic Women's Club are available for pick up in front of the school today, Sun, Feb 28 after the 8:00 and 11:00 am Masses. In addition, a limited supply of breads are available for just \$7.00 per loaf, payable by check or cash.



WHEN Tues, Mar 2nd

FROM 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Bring this ad or show an electronic version to the cashier when you place your food order and a portion of the proceeds of your purchase will be donated to OLG School. Thanks for your support!

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.

Due to COVID-19 protocols there will be no Lenten Communal Penance Services in the Diocese of San Diego. General Absolution will be imparted at all the weekend Masses of Mar 7 and 21.

The season of Lent is a time to reflect, renew and share. Consider "fasting" from network and cable TV in favor of content that helps you deepen your spiritual life and share the Good News!

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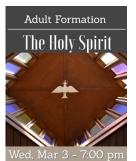
End of Year Donor Statements

f you did not receive your 2020 Donation statement Lin the mail and would like one, please visit olg-church.org and click on "Request a 2020 Contribution Statement" in the Quick Links column.

40 Days for Life Prayer Shifts through Mar 28

7 olunteers are needed Sundays, for one hour prayer shifts in the public right-ofway 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.





The Holy Spirit Adult Study

Would you like to increase your understanding of how God dwells with us? Lissa Hutcheson. Our Director of Catechetical Ministry, offers one Zoom session about the Holy Spirit on Wed, Mar 3 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. To register visit olg-church.org and click on the "Upcoming Events" ad. There is no fee for this study!

Never offer the devil a ride... he'll always want to drive.



Saint Katharine Drexel Feast Day Mar 3

atharine Drexel (1858-1955) is a saint for our time. Born into a successful Philadelphia banking family, she used her wealth to improve the lives of others. Her Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament devoted their lives to education of Native and African Americans, building more than



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SAN DIEGO YOUNG ADULTS

For a complete list of spiritual development and social opportunities for Catholic adults in their 20s & 30s follow Instagram @sd.ecya or visit sdcatholic.org/office-for/young-adult-ministry

SAN DIEGO ADULT COMMUNITY

A ctivities and a social network for adult Catholics: College Age, Young Adults (20s & 30s), Adult (40s & 50s), Active 60s+. Learn more at <u>sandiegocac.org</u>. 100 schools in cities, rural areas, and on reservations. Though Katharine and her sisters at times faced criticism, endured racist taunts, and were threatened by the Ku Klux Klan, they remained steadfast in their mission. Patron saint of racial justice and philanthropy, Saint Katharine epitomizes the sacrifice of the Blessed Sacrament. How will you commit your own life to making the world more just?

"The Eucharist is a neverending sacrifice. It is the Sacrament of love, the supreme love, the act of love."

~ Saint Katharine Drexel

Parish Funeral Liturgy Notices

D id you know that you can sign-up to receive parish funeral liturgy notices by email? It's simple!

If you already receive the Weekly Bulletin Note or Parish Life Note emails each week you have a Flocknote account.



- From an open Flocknote email click on the "My Info" link at the bottom.
- Click the "Groups" icon under your profile picture, and then "+Join another group".
- Click on "OLG Funeral Note" and you are done!

If you are not receiving parish Flocknotes, but would like to start, visit <u>olg-church.org</u> and click on the blue and white sheep to sign up.

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.

Patricia Adams Griselda Albanez Heriberto Albanez Tilly Allison Gabriela Alvarenga Marvin Alvarenga Mari Kay Ames Angie Arrayan Patrick Attardo David Bajot Gary Barker Angie Biner Carol Bessone Anita Branch Stephanie Butcher Pam Carlson Tim Clasemen Mary Michelle Conway **Corral Family** Rosemary Cosgrove Pam Curto Mark Habina Holden Higginson Hudson Higginson

Brenda Hilgeman Susan Hori Rebecca Levden Tim Leyden Jose A. Lopez Mickey Lyle Donald Marsh John Peden Mark Reilly Ann Renzi Anthony Renzi George Roehrich Sharisse Rola Roberta Salvatore Clayton Schenkelberg Joseph Shecora Rose Sheehan Mary Steckbauer Terry Tedrow Hibe Thornton Woody Topping Eve Ulshoeffer Marilyn Winger Kyle Wollet

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

When Sacrifice Becomes Mundane

L seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. "We're ready, God!" our hearts cry out. "Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!"

But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties—they've joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It's not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It's the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure

even though there's that nagging voice in our minds saying God doesn't really mind.



It's a week when we all need a shock to the system--and wouldn't you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried "Ready!" when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son. We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us. We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. What we sacrifice, we simply give back to him.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, "Ready!" when we hear the call of God?"

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

What We Sacrifice, We Simply Give Back to Him

e are grateful for your faithful giving during this pandemic. Please continue to support your parish financially. Ministry at OLG is alive and parish life continues. Expenses have been reduced where possible, however, the parish and school offices remain open, operating expenses accrue, employees need to be paid, those who are hungry need to be helped by way of our Food Pantry, catechesis continues and more!

Offertory envelopes or checks can be placed in the offertory basket at Mass or dropped off at or mailed to the parish office. Or, visit <u>olg-church.org</u> and click on the "Please Donate Online Giving" link.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

MONIQUE DEVENYNS

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

This haste, this everything right now, does not come from God. If we get worked up about the right now, we forget what remains forever: we follow the passing clouds and lose sight of the sky.

~ Pope Francis, @Pontifex, Feb 16, 2021

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

360.00

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February 16 - 22, 2021		\$13,360.88			
Plate	\$	1,204.86			
Envelopes	\$	7,824.02			
Online Giving	\$	4,332.00			
Breakdown of Gifts Received					
\$0.01 - \$5.00		18			
\$5.01 - \$10.00		19			
\$10.01 - \$25.00		66			
\$25.01 - \$50.00		57			
\$50.01 - \$100.00		27			
\$100.01 - \$150.00		7			
\$150.01 - \$500.00		13			
\$500.01 - Over		1			
Total Contributing Households		208			
Additional Gifts					
Building Fund	\$	2,310.00			
Food Pantry	\$	1,870.00			

School Support - General

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