January 1, 2023 | Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church
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 invite you to enrich your life through joining our parish family. In addition to our liturgies there are many 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 our Director of Catechetical Ministry, Lissa Hutcheson, at (619) 466-5079. You can also contact them by using the “Contact us” link at olg-church.org.

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass.

Jan 1 ICF Food and Fellowship Sunday
Sponsored by the International Catholic Families
Plan to enjoy a variety of new delicious food items in this new this year!

Jan 8 School Sunday
Sponsored by OLG School Families
Complimentary coffee and refreshments. Contributions not necessary but gratefully accepted. Proceeds benefit OLG’s Tuition Assistance Fund, the Gerard Family Endowment for Catholic Education.

Jan 15 Knights Sunday
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Frances Cabrini Council 8879
Complimentary coffee and donuts. Donations gratefully accepted. Proceeds provide wheelchairs for those in need.

Food and Fellowship in the Parish Center

Readings for Jan 1 - Jan 8

Sun: Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Mon: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Tue: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Jn 1:29-34
Wed: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
Thu: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
Fri: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11
Sat: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11
Sun: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Priest’s Intentions for Masses

Sun, Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, the Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord
5:30 pm Sp Int Bautista Family
(Vigil)
8:00 am For the People of the Parish
11:00 am † James Trainor
5:30 pm † Harold & † Annette Maher

Mon, Jan 2 Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church
9:00 am † Rylan O’Neal

Tue, Jan 3 Christmas Weekday; The Most Holy Name of Jesus
8:00 am † Ann Williams

Wed, Jan 4 Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious (USA)
8:00 am Sp Int Todd Jones

Thu, Jan 5 Saint John Neumann, Bishop (USA)
† William Smirniotis
8:00 am † Rosemary Cosgrove

Fri, Jan 6 Christmas Weekday; Saint Andre Bessette, Religious (USA)
8:00 am † William Blankinship

Sat, Jan 7 Christmas Weekday; Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
8:00 am † Philip Eramo
5:30 pm † Marciano Bautista
(Vigil)

Sun, Jan 8 The Epiphany of the Lord (USA)
8:00 am † Joseph Papin
11:00 am Sp Int Sandra Romano
5:30pm For the People of the Parish

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.
Mary is Truly the Mother of God

Mass readings:
Nm 6:22-27
Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21

Imagine this: Young Jesus, perhaps seven years of age, has been playing with his friends—skipping stones across the creek, tossing a stick for the dog to retrieve. Ready for lunch, he heads home and bounded through the door of his modest home; but Mary is there, and stops him in his tracks. “Wipe your feet!” she admonishes, pointing to the mud that’s dripping from his sandals...

It’s hard to imagine anyone telling the Son of God what to do! But Jesus was fully human, as well as fully God; and God had entrusted to his mother Mary the responsibility of helping the Child Jesus learn how to live in society. That means that Mary would have taught her divine Son the simple skills, the basic manners that were expected in the culture.

On Jan 1, Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. But for some Protestants—especially those in the Reformed and Evangelical traditions—the thought that Mary, a mere human who was created by God, should somehow be considered God’s “mother” is a source of scandal. They look with disdain on what they regard as the undue honor with which Catholics regard Mary. They mistake hyperdulia, the very special honor which is accorded to Mary, with latria, the true worship which is given only to God.

If pressed, the same critics are likely to admit that they have studied the Church’s teachings on Mary very little or not at all, and that they have not seriously explored the rich history of Marian devotion—back, even, to the earliest days of the Church. Many don’t realize that Martin Luther to his death believed the Marian dogmas which are today considered to be “Catholic,” and he approved of Marian paintings and statues in the churches of his time. Throughout his life, Luther had a deep devotion to the Rosary and to Mary.

Mary’s divine motherhood was declared to be dogma by the Council of Ephesus in 431 not, as some might think, to honor Mary but rather, to clarify our understanding of who Jesus is.

In the fifth century, some theologians—Nestorius prominent among them—began to teach that Mary was the Mother of Jesus, but not of God. Nestorius debated the unity of Christ’s natures, saying that Mary gave birth to his human nature but not his divine nature.

Pope Celestine disagreed, asserting that Jesus’ two natures—fully God and fully man—could not be divided. Supported in his teaching by St. Cyril of Alexandria, Pope Celestine convened an ecumenical council at Ephesus, Mary’s place of residence in her old age, to discuss the issue. The bishops, all 200 of them, agreed that Mary was indeed the Mother of God (called, in Greek, the Theotokos or “God-Bearer”). The Nestorian teaching was deemed to be heretical.

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SUB TUUM PRAYER
(Ancient Prayer to the Mother of God)
We fly to thy protection,
O holy Mother of God.
Despise not our petitions in our necessities,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

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Our Lady of Grace

Clergy
Pastor
Rev. Lauro Minimo

Priest in Residence
Rev. Celsius Offor, CH, LT, USN
Deacon
Dcn. John Sawaya

Schedule of Masses
Sunday Vigil (Saturday) 5:30 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. Lauro Minimo or Deacon Sawaya.

Penance and Reconciliation
Monday 6:00 pm
Thursday 8:45 am
Saturday 4:00 pm
or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick
Call the parish office (619) 469-0133.
Get Social Young Adults (ages 20s and 30s)

Get meeting details from the OLG Young Adult calendar of events at olg-church.org. Click on the Upcoming Events bar and then the Young Adult Calendar link.

To receive texts or emails about activities text OLGYA to 84576. Follow us on Instagram@sd.ecya and at facebook.com/groups/youngadultsolg.

Women’s Retreat: Women of the Bible and the Spirit of God

The women of Guardian Angels Church invite the women of OLG to join them on Jan 27-29 at Prince of Peace Abbey, 650 Benet Hill Rd., Oceanside, 92054 for a quiet weekend of prayer, reflection, relaxation and renewal of faith. Mary Szymanski will present an insightful picture of some of the women we read about in both the Old and New Testaments. The cost is $250.00 which covers your room and all meals, including Friday dinner (if you arrive by 6:00 pm) through Sunday lunch. There are double and single rooms – singles are limited and are on a first come, first served basis (a $50.00 deposit is required to reserve your space).

For more information, contact Mary Szymanski at 619-504-9483 or Elsa O’Loughlin at 619-917-6079.

FRIDAY MASS IS BACK!

JANUARY 6, 2023 - 8AM

It’s Still Christmas!

The Christmas season began on December 25, 2022 and ends on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 9, 2023. Continue celebrating the birth of Christ all season long!
Activities for Middle School Youth

E SCAPE and New Life Teens will be Ice Skating at the Viejas Ice Rink on Wednesday, Jan 4 from 6:00-8:00pm (Check in begins at 6pm). The cost is $18.00 and will include skates, pizza and drinks! *Ice Skating Viejas Waiver and Parish Permission form are both required. Both forms can be found on the OLG website. Parents will need to provide transportation to and from the event.

Please RSVP via e-mail or by phone at: (619) 466-5451 Viejas Ice Rink– 5003 Willows Rd, Alpine

E SCAPE is having a Bunco night at St. Martin’s on Friday, Jan 6 from 6:30-8:30pm. Join us for an evening of fun, food, fellowship and prizes! Please visit the Youth Ministry Tab on our Parish Website for permission forms. You can also pick one up at the youth room.

E SCAPE will be gathering on Jan 13 in the OLG Youth Room from 6:30-8:30pm for games and activities. Pizza and Drinks will be provided!

Save the date for Middle School Youth Day on Sat, Feb 4, 2023. Gather for a fun day with youth from all over the East County Deanery! More details to follow.

We will now be having a weekly night of Adoration at our Parish! Join us in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament EVERY WEDNESDAY from 6-8pm.

Let us gather as one community of faith with our Eucharistic Lord and ask Him for the grace of more holy vocations!

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.

Griselda Albanez
Heriberto Albanez
Michael Andreoli
Gabriela Alvarenga
Marvin Alvarenga
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Angie Arrayan
Cheryl Becker
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Danny Rubio
David Schultheis
Karen Scott
Linda Scott
Vicki Stumpf
Dale Swan
Christian Valdez
Eveline Wilson
Kyle Wollett
Anne Tsuie

Names remain listed for four weeks and can be renewed by contacting Marie Pospichal at mpospichal@olg-church.org.
Donations received at the vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, will be recorded on January 1, 2023. Contribution Statements for 2022 will be mailed no later than January 31, 2023.

Congratulations to our new Transitional Deacons! On December 17, 2022, Christopher Bongato, Evan Bui, Marc Andrew Gandolfo and Matthew Vasquez were ordained to the transitional diaconate. Please keep them in your prayers!

### Weekly Offering Report

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### Breakdown of Gifts Received

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**Total Contributing Households:** 312

### Building Fund
- $3,305.00

### Faith Formation & Youth
- $584.50

### Food Pantry
- $1,134.00

### Holiday Angels Donation
- $2,250.00

### Immaculate Conception
- $3,925.00

### National Needs Collection
- $1,075.00

### Retirement Fund for Religious
- $1,006.85

### School – Greatest Need
- $745.00

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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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