



OUR LADY of GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



*Star of wonder, star of night...  
guide us to the perfect Light!*

**PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES**

<b>Sun, Jan 2</b>	<b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>
5:30 pm	† Angeli Bonnell
8:00 am	† Anton J. Semrov, Sr.
11:00 am	† Francis S. Najor
5:30 pm	For the People of the Parish
<b>Mon, Jan 3</b>	<b>Christmas Weekday</b>
	<i>Evening confessions are canceled</i>
8:00 am	† Rylan O'Neal
<b>Tue, Jan 4</b>	<b>Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious (USA)</b>
8:00 am	† Robert Vachon
<b>Wed, Jan 5</b>	<b>Saint John Neumann, Bishop (USA)</b>
8:00 am	† Bill Smirniotis
<b>Thu, Jan 6</b>	<b>Christmas Weekday; Saint André Bessette, Religious (USA)</b>
8:00 am	† Helen Duhancik
<b>Fri, Jan 7</b>	<b>Christmas Weekday;</b>
3:30 pm	No Mass
<b>Sat, Jan 8</b>	<b>Christmas Weekday</b>
8:00 am	† Philip Eramo
<b>Sun, Jan 9</b>	<b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>
5:30 pm	† Philippe Nguyen
8:00 am	For the People of the Parish
11:00 am	† Kevin McDermott
5:30 pm	† Richard & † Marie Powers



We love having you as a part of our flock! Get updates about Masses and parish life via email or text! Visit [olg-church.org](http://olg-church.org) and scroll to the blue and white sheep to signup.

**FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER**

*All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass.*

<b>Jan 2</b>	<b>ICF Food and Fellowship Sunday</b> <i>Sponsored by the International Catholic Families</i> Plan to enjoy an international variety of breakfast items featuring Quiche Lorraine, German potatoes, plus Italian, German and Portuguese sausages, Filipino lumpia, Irish coffee—and of course, donuts, coffee, tea and juice!
<b>Jan 9</b>	<b>School Sunday</b> <i>Sponsored by OLG School families</i> Complimentary coffee and donuts. Contributions not necessary but gratefully accepted. Proceeds benefit OLG's Tuition Assistance Fund, the Gerard Family Endowment for Catholic Education.
<b>Jan 16</b>	<b>Wheelchair Sunday</b> <i>Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Frances Cabrini Council 8879</i> Complimentary coffee and donuts. Donations gratefully accepted. Proceeds provide wheelchairs for those in need.

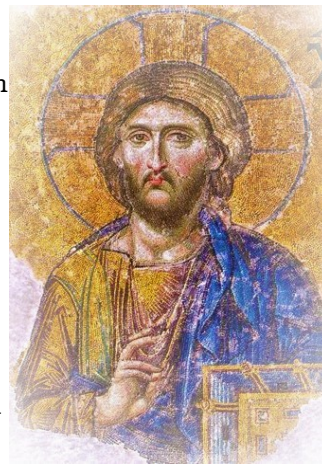
**Welcome to OUR LADY of GRACE!**

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) 466-5656. For those interested in joining the Catholic Church, please contact Deacon John Sawaya at (858) 869-5079. You can also contact them by using the "Contact us" link at [olg-church.org](http://olg-church.org).

**Allergies**

The first morning Mass of the Sunday or holy day will always be incense-free. The Sunday 11:00 am Mass will almost always include the use of incense.

**Mindfulness of Others**

Please silence all devices and refrain from using them during the liturgy.

**READINGS FOR JAN 2 - 9**

<b>Sun:</b>	Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
<b>Mon:</b>	1 Jn:3:22—4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
<b>Tue:</b>	1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
<b>Wed:</b>	1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
<b>Thu:</b>	1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Lk 4:14-22a
<b>Fri:</b>	1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
<b>Sat:</b>	1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
<b>Sun:</b>	Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

## GUEST COLUMNIST

ALICE CAMILLE

## Looking for God

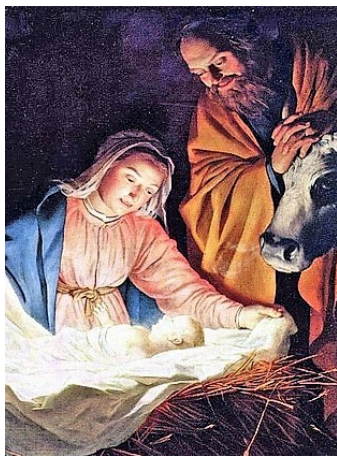
If you went in search of God, where would you look? The great cathedrals of Europe, perhaps the basilicas of Rome? Would you seek out the famous holy men and women of our generation, or monks and cloistered nuns who have spent long years on such a quest? Would you read the ancient wisdom texts and sacred scriptures of our religion, or every religion?

Or would you widen your search beyond the boundaries of religion? Would you look to all things beautiful, like the National Parks or the Seven Wonders of the World? Would you include the beauty created by human hands in masterful paintings and statues and architecture and music? Is beauty the true face of God in our world?

Or what about the forces of power and might? Do they more accurately reflect the immanence of God in our world? Do “acts of God” as nature reveals them show us the divine face? Would you seek out the sites of great volcanoes as our ancestors did, to stand in awe of their terrible potential for death and destruction? Or would you visit standing armies and the thrones of kings as emblems of God’s right hand and holy arm?

Maybe few of us would look for a baby, an infant, helpless and innocent. Fewer still would look for

the baby of a poor couple, the baby of foreign origin and a strange religion. Some poor little baby in a common home, attended by unimportant parents, in a part of the world oppressed and occupied by a great empire.



## God made manifest

Epiphany is an odd feast of the logically impossible, of seeking and finding the divine in the ordinary and the unimpressive. Historically, it’s also been a very elastic celebration: In the Eastern and Western traditions of Christianity, Epiphany has included at various times the commemoration of the Nativity of Jesus, as well as the arrival of the Magi, the Baptism of the Lord, and the first miracle at Cana. The church once celebrated Epiphany as its own season, acknowledging that the search for God in our world is the task of every generation. God is here, present, alive, and worthy of worship. Like the wise Magi, we are invited to take the journey that ends on bended knee

and requires the offering of precious gifts. But like those wise men, we have to have some sense of how to take this journey. Though they did not know the destination, they did have a star to direct their course. What is the guiding star of our journey, and will we take the risks necessary to follow it?

Christians might rightfully claim Jesus, the light of the world, as the star that guides us. And Catholics might follow Jesus to his Real Presence in the Eucharist, and bow before him in worship, and place a gift in the offering basket, and feel confident that they’ve taken the Epiphany journey to its end. Is the recognition of God in Christ its own end, we should ask ourselves? Is our homage to Jesus at the Table of the Lord or in the Tabernacle the proper destination of our worship?

The story of the Magi as it’s told in scripture doesn’t offer much further information. We know that after they acknowledged the king in Jesus, they refused to follow the lead of King Herod, the symbol of worldly authority and power. We are told they went home by another way, but we don’t know what way that was, or what home was like when they got back there. Legends persist about other journeys these wise ones took, journeys of faith

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## OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH

Founded 1954

## CLERGY

## PASTOR

Very Rev. Peter McGuine

## AUXILIARY PRIEST

Rev. Maxime Villeneuve, OSA

## DEACON

Dcn. John Sawaya

## SCHEDULE of MASSES

## SUNDAY VIGIL

(Saturday) 5:30 pm

## SUNDAY

8:00 am, 11:00 am, 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. Peter McGuine 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.



## Jan 4 Eucharistic Exposition & Benediction Rescheduled to Jan 18

**F**irst Tuesday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the church with the OLG School is rescheduled to Tue, **Jan 18** immediately following the 8:00 am Mass. Benediction will take place at 11:40 am. Arrange your schedule to come and spend some time with the Lord.



## End of Year Reminder

**A**ll 2021 contribution statements for total donations exceeding \$250.00 will be mailed no later than Jan 31, 2022.

## 55 Plus Luncheon is Tue, Jan 11

**I**t's time to make your reservations for the first luncheon of 2022! Reservation forms are on the information table inside the church or online at [olg-church.org](http://olg-church.org) under Upcoming Events. The cost is \$12.00 for reservations received in the parish office by Thu, **Jan 6**. After that the "walk-in" cost of \$15.00 applies. For answers to any questions call Mary at (619) 463-1129.



## Electric Vehicle Charging (EVC) Stations are Available at OLG

**O**ur EVC Stations are available for use by those with electric vehicles and who have an ongoing affiliation with our parish and/or school. Interested persons should contact Marie at [mpospichal@olg-church.org](mailto:mpospichal@olg-church.org) for more info regarding the required smart phone app, account set-up, and pricing.



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Teach me, teach me to walk in the light."

## YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

**N**ew Life high school youth group will not meet on Sun, **Jan 2**.

To check the activity calendars for New Life (High School) and Escape (Jr. High) youth at any time visit [olg-church.org](http://olg-church.org) and click on the Upcoming Events bar, then scroll to the *New Life* and *Escape* calendar links, or call Doris, Youth Minister, at (619) 466-5451.



## OLG | SAN DIEGO YOUNG ADULTS

### Young Adult Holy Hour and Vigil Mass for Life

**Y**oung adults (18-39 years) are invited to a young adult holy hour and Vigil Mass for Life on Fri, **Jan 14**, at Sacred Heart parish in Coronado. The Office for Young Adult Ministry will host this event in collaboration with the Office for Peace, Life and Justice and the Annual San Diego Walk for Life (Sat, Jan 15). Holy hour with worship music begins at 6:00 pm, followed by Mass at 7:00 pm celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Ramón Bejarano. Confessions will also be available during the holy hour. The event will conclude with a young adult social. For more info, write [yamsd@sdccatholic.org](mailto:yamsd@sdccatholic.org) or call (858) 490-8263.

The OLG Young Adults get together weekly on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm in the East Room of Lauerman Hall.

**To receive texts or emails about activities text OLGYA to 84576 and follow us on Instagram@sd.ecya and at [facebook.com/groups/youngadultsolg](https://facebook.com/groups/youngadultsolg).**



For more opportunities for San Diego Catholic adults in their 20s & 30s follow Instagram [@sd.ecya](https://sd.ecya) or visit [sdccatholic.org/office-for/young-adult-ministry](http://sdccatholic.org/office-for/young-adult-ministry).

## Adult Confirmation Preparation—Plan Now

**C**atholic 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 via Zoom. There will be six Monday sessions from 7:00 to 8:30 pm on **Feb 28, Mar 7, 14, 21, 28**, and concluding on **Apr 4**. Plan now to set aside these dates and times! For more info call Lissa at (619) 466-5656 or email [lhutcheson@olg-church.org](mailto:lhutcheson@olg-church.org).



**"The Sacraments are not mere appearances; they are not rituals; they are the power of Christ; Jesus Christ is present in the Sacraments."**

~ Pope Francis

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## Walk for Life: All Stages of Life Celebration

**O**ver 2,000 members of the faithful are expected to stand up for life—especially for those yet to be born—on Sat, **Jan 15** at 8:30 am. Bring your family and friends to enjoy inspiration speakers, live music, exhibitors and more. For more info visit [tinyurl.com/4jasse5v](https://tinyurl.com/4jasse5v) or call (858) 490-8324.

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*Catholic Answers Local Lecture Series*

## Theology of Home:

### Finding the Eternal in the Everyday

**I**n a time of cultural upheaval, and unwavering commitment to home and family seems revolutionary. In her talk, Noelle Mering, author of *Awake, Not Woke* (TAN), sifts past the dominant messaging of our age to see homelife anew as both a foretaste of heaven and a powerful force of evangelization. Far from something cynical or sentimental, the language of home is universal, and one in which men and women are called to find meaning and mission. Gather on Fri, **Jan 21**, at St. Therese of Carmel, 4355 Del Mar Trails Rd, SD, 92130 for wine and cheese at 6:30 pm followed by the lecture at 7:00 pm.



## Belated Birthday Wishes!

**H**appy Birthday to parishioner Ann Whyte who celebrated her 100th birthday on Dec 22!

May God invigorate you and continue to keep you in his care!

## Baby Changing Stations are Now Available

**F**or the convenience of our families with new little ones, the Men's and Ladies restrooms on the north side of the church now have baby changing stations!



## 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  
Tilly Allison  
Gabriela Alvarenga  
Marvin Alvarenga  
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Angie Arrayan  
Patrick Attardo  
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Anita Branch  
Stephanie Butcher  
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Anthony Renzi  
Charlissee Rola  
Danny Rubio  
Theresa Smith  
Christine Stanley  
Tony Tabadisto  
Terry Tedrow  
Christian Valdez  
Tom Wadley  
Roy Wheeler  
Marilyn Winger  
Kyle Wollett

*Names remain listed for four weeks and can be renewed by contacting Marie Pospichal at [mpospichal@olg-church.org](mailto:mpospichal@olg-church.org).*



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even deeper and more costly than this one, all the way to martyrdom. There are legends, too, about the so-called Fourth Magi, the one that missed Jesus at that earlier occasion but caught up with him in the final hour in Jerusalem. These legends didn't evolve to fill in the history of these remarkable seekers so much as to remind us that the journey of faith isn't over at the side of the crib.

### Radiant at what we see

**B**iblical tradition is quite clear about what happens to those who see God face to face: They die of the encounter! And in Baptism, we understand, our encounter with the life of Christ brings us to a similar conclusion. We die to self and live for God. It is no longer we who live but Christ who lives in us. The encounter with God costs us our lives, and if that is true, there is no possibility of kneeling in the Real Presence of God, offering our envelope, and then traveling home, back to our lives as usual. That life no longer exists.

Remember what happened to Moses when he ascended the mountain to stand in the presence of God. He returned radiant at what he saw, as Isaiah later puts it. The radiance was

unbearable to look at, so Moses had to veil his face. If we truly understood what we see in our Eucharist, perhaps we would become as radiant as children often do in their First Communion, or as newly married couples are when they turn from the altar to face their family and friends in the glow of the sacrament. Maybe the dimming of that initial radiance is because we have not taken the journey in faith, followed the light of the star, and come into the presence of Christ with full acknowledgment of where we have arrived. If we come upon Christ incarnate in a poor little foreign baby and do not recognize his majesty there, how will we find him in a piece of bread?

### Take the journey

**O**ur goal, as Christians, is not to glow in a physical sense, of course. It's to bring light to the world by our presence and our actions. We are the light of the world, too, as Jesus points out. We become the light we follow, and we give what we have ourselves received. If we take the journey to the Eucharist and eat God's food, we become God's food for others. It's a hungry world out there. And we've already determined to go home by an unusual route.

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**Please pray for the repose of the souls of  
MARY BEDNASEK | MARILYN BOYD**

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



### Our School has a Wishlist for Gala Donations

**C**onsider a donation to the OLG School Gala! The evening's highlight is a lively auction with many kinds of offerings, and your help will make it a great success! Here are some ideas:

- Retail and Restaurant Gift Cards
- Salon & Spa Services/Products
- Unique Experiences —“Behind-the-Scenes” or Special Tours
- Children's Lessons or Classes: Music, Gymnastics, Dance, Art, etc.
- Tickets to Sporting Events, Museums, Theater, Amusement Parks
- Timeshare and Rental Home stays, Airline Miles, or Hotel Points
- Autographed Memorabilia
- New and Unused Items, like gifts that weren't on your Santa list!!

For more info call (619) 466-0055 ext 16, email [info@olg.org](mailto:info@olg.org) or visit the event page at [www.olg.org](http://www.olg.org).



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## OUR LADY of GRACE PARISH AND SCHOOL DIRECTORY

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## 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 calling Mary Acosta at (858) 490-8353 or email [misconduct@sdcatholic.org](mailto:misconduct@sdcatholic.org).

If any of your personal information has changed please call the Parish Office to let us know. We strive to keep our family records up-to-date.



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To email members of the parish staff or the ministry leaders listed below please visit our website at: [olg-church.org](http://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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Bob Cosgrove

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M-F, 9:30-11:00 am

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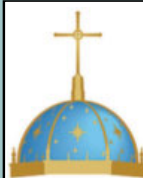
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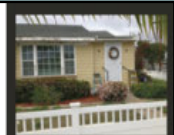
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