



*Come, adore on bended knee, Christ,
the Lord the newborn King.*



PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

Sun, Jan 4	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
5:30 pm	† Jean Marcotte (Vigil)
8:00 am	Sp Int Todd Jones
11:00 am	† Helen Duhancik
5:30 pm	For the People of the Parish
Mon, Jan 5	St. John Neumann, Bishop
8:00 am	† Rylan O'Neal & † Mark Habina
Tue, Jan 6	Christmas Weekday; St. Andre Bessette, Religious
8:00 am	† Hector Lopez
Wed, Jan 7	Christmas Weekday; St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
8:00 am	† Marciano Bautista
Thu, Jan 8	Christmas Weekday
8:00 am	† William Frederick & † James Baddour
Fri, Jan 9	Christmas Weekday
8:00 am	† Kevin McDermott
Sat, Jan 10	Christmas Weekday
8:00 am	† Marino Villavicencio

“Everyone who breathes...has a mission, has a work. We are not sent into this world for nothing; we are not born at random...God sees every one of us; He creates every soul...for a purpose.”

- **St. John Neumann, Bishop**
(Feast Day on January 5, 2026)

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass

Jan 11	School Sunday <i>Sponsored by the OLG School Families</i> Complimentary coffee and refreshments. All proceeds benefit OLG's Tuition Assistance Fund.
Jan 18	Pancake Breakfast <i>Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus</i> <i>Frances Cabrini Council 8879</i> Join us for a variety of donuts, milk, juices and coffee! We hope to see you there!
Jan 25	Bread Sunday <i>Sponsored by the CWC</i> Bread Sunday is back! Order forms will be available on the information table in front of the Church.

Welcome to OUR LADY of GRACE!

W elcome 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 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 him by using the "Contact us" link at olg-church.org.



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 JANUARY 4 - JANUARY 11

Sun: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Mon: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tue: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

Wed: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

Thu: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22a

Fri: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

Sat: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

Sun: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

The Epiphany of the Lord

GROW: Have you ever had a moment where you've been so joyful that your heart "throbbed and overflowed"? (Is. 60:5) Perhaps this prompt might call to mind moments we have been chosen or noticed, especially when we otherwise felt sidelined or forgotten. (Imagine expecting to be picked last for the team, only to be someone's first choice!) Today's first reading speaks of a moment like that. While the nations of the earth are shrouded in darkness, God shines his light and glory on Jerusalem, and all the nations come streaming to her bearing precious tributes. Similarly, our Gospel speaks about how God chose Bethlehem – a seemingly insignificant town – to be the birthplace of his Son: "And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means

least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people." Like Jerusalem and Bethlehem, we, too, have been chosen by God. As we continue our celebration of Christmas, our hearts are filled to overflowing when we recall that by taking on our flesh, God has chosen to make his home with us for all eternity.

GO: Paul reminds us that God has chosen us, not only for ourselves, but for the sake of others: "You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit." God gives Paul a special revelation to know the mystery of God so he could preach the Gospel to the Gentiles and to all peoples. We who know the joy of having been chosen to be God's beloved sons and daughters have the beautiful task of helping others to know that they, too, are chosen by

God. Because of this, evangelization is not simply an item on our spiritual to-do list; it is a work of joy – the joy of helping others to discover their own "belovedness" as children of God. And of course, this message is for everyone!

INVITATION:

One of the best presents we can offer to someone is our presence. Make an effort this week to intentionally spend time with someone who may feel lonely or forgotten, setting aside other tasks to focus entirely on them. The goal is to help them feel special and chosen as a way of giving a glimpse of God's love that chooses each of us out of the many. May the gift of your presence help them to remember how very loved they are.

*Written by:
The Faithful Disciple*

The Epiphany of the Lord

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord commemorates the visit of the magi to worship the baby Jesus as told in the Gospel of Matthew: "Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.'"

Gifts from the Magi

Frankincense - often used in divine worship; it is also a symbol of Christ's divinity; the Magi prostrate themselves before the child Jesus and do him homage

Myrrh - often used in burials; interpreted this gift to refer to the coming suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus; representing Christ as a prophet

Gold - this gift points to the kingship of Christ; Psalm 72 connects the offering of gold to the king's mission to bring about justice for his people; this is the gift of mercy and justice



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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 Sundays at 12:30 pm. Preparation packet is available in the parish office.

ORDER of CHRISTIAN

INITIATION of ADULTS

Contact Dcn. John Sawaya (858) 869-5079.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Marriage preparation begins nine months in advance. Please contact Fr. Lauro Minimo or Dcn. John Sawaya.

PENANCE AND

RECONCILIATION

Monday 6:00 pm
Wednesday 8:45 am
Saturday 4:00 pm
or by appointment.

ANointing of the SICK

Call the parish office (619) 469-0133.



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KNIGHTS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

JANUARY 18

The Knights Pancake breakfast will be served after the 8am and 11am Masses in the Parish Center. Serving 2 pancakes, 2 pieces of bacon, sausage, eggs and fruit for a suggested donation of \$12. Biscuits and gravy are also available for \$6. Coffee, donuts, and orange juice will be provided.



Faith Formation Christmas Play

The children of our Faith Formation Program put on a beautiful Nativity play in the Parish Center on December 14th. Almost 70 kids participated and each of them had an important part in the depiction of God's story. We are so grateful for everyone who was able to come and support our Faith Formation ministry. We are on fire for God and His church!

**God bless you all and a very Merry Christmas
from our family to yours!**



55 PLUS CLUB NEW YEAR LUNCH

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

The 55 Plus Club is hosting a delicious lunch for the new year! Doors open at 10:30am with announcements and prizes beginning at 11:30am. Reservation forms are available on the information table inside the church across from the baptismal font. Reservations are due before Thursday, Jan 9. This is a catered lunch so we ask that you please turn in your reservation on time. Lunch is \$16 for guests with a late fee of \$20.

The theme is "celebrating the new year." For information or questions, call Mary at 619-463-1129.

We are back! If you haven't done so already, please follow us on Facebook. You will see our weekly bulletins, upcoming events and stay up to date with any other fellowship opportunities at Parishes nearby. Find us at Our Lady of Grace Church and click that "Follow" button!



BUNCO NIGHT

Friday, January 9th

6:30pm - 8:00pm

**Location: St. Kieran
Catholic Church**

**Snack bar will be available
including pizza and soda for sale.**

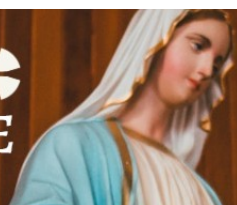
We hope to see you there!



Permission slip required for this event. Please visit our website, click on the Ministries tab, and scroll down for the permission form link or scan the QR code! Please RSVP to OLG Youth Ministry at (619) 466-5451 or dhertzig@olg-church.org

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Pray for us!



WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

December 9, 2025 - December 15, 2025 \$21,379.14

Plate	\$2,854.84
Envelopes	\$12,909.50
Online Giving	\$5,614.80

Breakdown of Gifts Received

\$0.01 - \$5.00	50
\$5.01 - \$10.00	47
\$10.01 - \$25.00	125
\$25.01 - \$50.00	73
\$50.01 - \$100.00	46
\$100.01 - \$150.00	10
\$150.01 - \$500.00	14
\$500.01 - Over	3

Total Contributing Households 368

Building Fund	\$2,258.00
Faith Formation & Youth	\$840.00
Food Pantry	\$994.00
Holiday Angels	\$1,382.50
Immaculate Conception	\$529.00
Retirement for Religious	\$294.00
School - General	\$234.00
School - Tuition Assistance	\$759.00

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Soup Sunday


January 4, 2026

Join the ICF in welcoming the new year with Soup Sunday! On the menu, we have chicken pozole and tortillas, black eyed pea soup and bread. We can't forget the donuts of course! We hope to see you all there!



PUZZLE

Inside the box, draw a gift that you would like to get someday.



MISSION

I will remember that each day of my life is a gift.

Eucharistic ADORATION

EVERY WEDNESDAY 6-8PM
FIRST FRIDAY (24-HOUR ADORATION)
8:45AM-SATURDAY 7:45AM

*To sign-up for a time slot at our 24 hour Adoration, e-mail Michael Gross at pnmgross1@gmail.com.



WELCOME TO THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY!

Yui Isabelle Bontigao

BAPTIZED AT OLG ON DECEMBER 30, 2025



Please pray for the eternal repose of:

DEBBIE FITZPATRICK - WELLIK

1950- 2025

Friday, January 9th
Memorial at 10:30am
Funeral Mass starting
at 11:00am at OLG



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

Serve OLG

AS AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Would you like to serve the OLG
Parish Community as an
Extraordinary Minister of Holy
Communion (E.M.)?

If so, please e-mail Ken at:
KDiscenza@olg-church.org

Requirements: In order to be an
E.M., you will need to be confirmed
in the Catholic Church, practicing
your Catholic Faith and registered at
OLG.



PENANCE/RECONCILIATION AT OLG



Monday-6:00pm
Wednesday-8:45am
Saturday- 4:00pm

The Sacrament of Penance is held in
the confessional rooms of the Church.

*For appointments, please call the
Parish Office at 619-469-0133.



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.**

Netti Aguinaldo	Jason Laccone
Ron Aguinaldo	Lillian Lavado
Heriberto Albanez	Rebecca Leyden
Griselda Albanez	Charlotte Locy
Kali'a Arrayan	Jacklich Lonero
Angela Biner	Ofelia Lopez
Charles Black	Jose A Lopez
Eileen Black	Lorene MacLaird
Donna Botzer	Vern MacLaird
Stephen Botzer	Dawn MacNabb
Catalina Branch	Owen Macrae
Cheryl Casey	Christine Martins
Miguel Castro	Annika Mawn
Kristy Clark	Card. Robert McElroy
Luzanne Coyne	Steven Mull
Msgr. John Cusack	Phil Panuco
Irene Dahlheimer	Pat Pfohl
Dee Draper	MaryJo Piazza
Jonathan Neo Duong	Frank Principato
Shiela Duong	Gayle Regan
Thien Ngoc Duong	Erin Reilly
Tristan Ian Duong	Danny Rubio
Lesly Egan	Faith San Jose
Mike Egan	Karen Scott
Irma Eichinger	David Smith
Frank Ferrone	Tillie Sousa
Lucy Forcier	Chris Torres
David Foster	Marlene Tuyay-Scott
Joseph Fromm	Victorina Uy
Stephen Gage	Lilian Valencia
Colette Gerard	Carlos Villar
John Harshberger	Nina Vyzinkar
Edwin Howell	Richard Williams
Kevin Kelly	Cindy Katan Wallace

*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.*



Adorers are needed for our next 24-hour
Adoration on **Friday, Feb. 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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For a ministry leader phone number please call the Parish Office at (619) 469-0133.

55 PLUS CLUB — Mary Cloward

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

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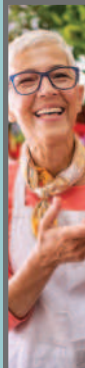


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