



WHERE IS THE NEWBORN KING?

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OUR LADY of GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

Sun, Jan 7 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
 5:30 pm For the People of the Parish (Vigil)
 8:00 am † Rylan O'Neal & † Mark Habina
 11:00 am † Mark Lamption
 5:30 pm † Marciano Bautista
Mon, Jan 8 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
 8:00 am † Kevin McDermott
Tue, Jan 9 WEEKDAY
 8:00 am † Marino Villavincencio
Wed, Jan 10 WEEKDAY
 8:00 am † Philippe Nguyen
Thu, Jan 11 WEEKDAY
 8:00 am † Peggy Santos
Fri, Jan 12 WEEKDAY
 8:00 am † John Coyne
Sat, Jan 13 WEEKDAY
 8:00 am † Mark McCabe



Like the Magi, may we journey and be attentive, untiring and courageous on the path to find the invisible God who was born among us. **-Pope Francis**

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass.

Jan 7 Food and Fellowship Sunday
Sponsored by the ICF
 The ICF will proudly present their first 2024 Food and Fellowship. Enjoy a delicious Lebanese Breakfast to start off the new year!

Jan 14 School Sunday
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 Education.

Jan 21 Knights Sunday
Knights Sunday Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Frances Cabrini Council 8879
 Enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast along with coffee, donuts, and other delicious foods. The proceeds will support local charities. We will see you there!

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 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 JAN 7 – JAN 14

Sun: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Mon: Is 55:1-11; Mk 1:7-11
Tue: 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28
Wed: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39
Thu: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
Fri: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
Sat: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17
Sun: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Angelus address for the Solemnity of the Epiphany, Pope Francis said that the Three Kings teach us to discover God in poverty, humility, and silence.

The Solemnity of the Epiphany celebrates the arrival of the Magi — also known as the Three Wise Men or Three Kings — who came with gifts to worship the Child Jesus shortly after his birth.

In his reflection on the feast, the pope commented that the Magi perhaps “were expecting a powerful and prodigious Messiah,” but instead they found a baby and “met God in poverty.

He said that the Wise Men “welcome God’s surprise and experience their encounter with him with amazement, adoring him —

in his littleness, they recognize God’s face.”

“Humanly, we are all inclined to seek greatness, but it is a gift to know how to truly find it — to know how to find greatness in the littleness that God loves,” Pope Francis said.

“For the Lord is encountered like this: in humility, in silence, in adoration, in the smallest, and in the poor.”

Speaking from the window of the Apostolic Palace, Pope Francis thanked the parade participants and said that he was also thinking of the

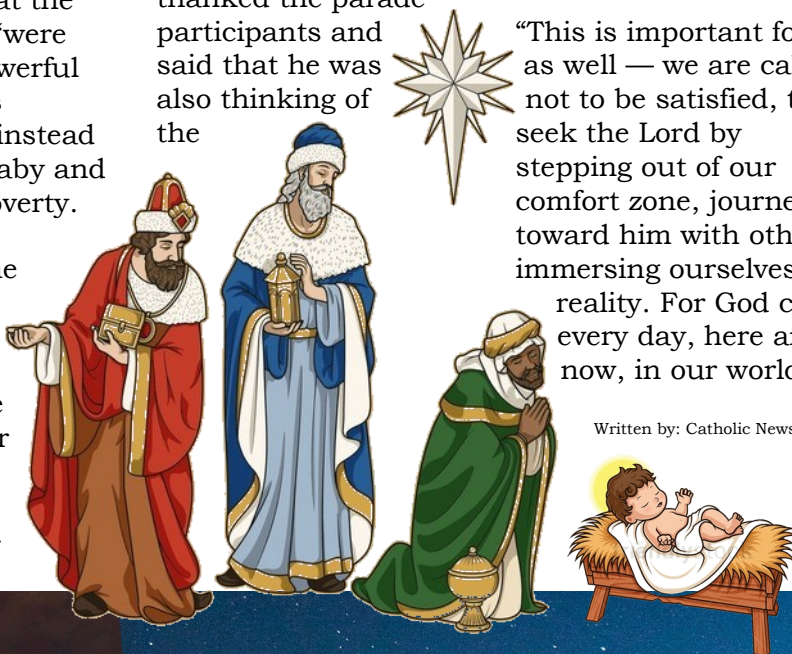
many Three Kings parades taking place in Poland for the feast.

Pope Francis said that the Magi reveal how “God calls us through our aspirations and our greatest desires.”

“The Magi allowed themselves to be amazed and discomforted by the novelty of the star and they set out on a journey toward the unknown. Wise and educated, they were fascinated more by what they did not know than by what they knew. They felt called to go beyond,” he said.

“This is important for us as well — we are called not to be satisfied, to seek the Lord by stepping out of our comfort zone, journeying toward him with others, immersing ourselves in reality. For God calls every day, here and now, in our world.”

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20 + C + M + B + 24

A special Epiphany tradition involves putting a chalk equation above or on the door of your house. The equation is written to be the first two digits of the year, followed by the initials C, M, and B, followed by the last two digits of the year. Each portion is split by plus signs which symbolize the Cross of Christ. For this year, the equation would be written as “20 + C + M + B + 24.” The chalking holds two meanings: the C, M, and B, refer to the traditional names of the Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, while the letters also stand for the Latin phrase “Christus mansionem benedicat” which means “May Christ bless this house.”

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Jesse Lopez

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 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
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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**Lebanese Breakfast
 January 7**

If you want to try the food that the Holy Family ate, please join us in the Parish Center after all the morning Masses.

Our menu will include Foul with Hummus, Lahm Bi Ajeen (Meat Pie), Za'atar Manoushe (Thyme Pie), mixed plates and so much more!



The 12th Annual San Diego Walk for Life “Witness for Life” is coming soon! Join Cardinal McElroy and 2,000 faithful to stand up for the lives of the unborn and their mothers on Saturday, January 13, 2024, 8:30am-12:00pm at Waterfront Park, Downtown San Diego. Bring your loved ones with life-affirming signs and enjoy inspirational speakers, live music, exhibitors, and raffles. For more info, please visit: www.sandiegowalkforlife.org.

**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.

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| Michael Andreoli | Donald & Lydia Jellison |
| Ron Aguinaldo | Jellison Family |
| Heriberto Albanez | Angelina Jones |
| Griselda Albanez | Graham J. Jones |
| Angie Arrayan | Kahan Family |
| Kali'a Arrayan | Aida Inoncencio |
| Cheryl Asaro | Behnam Kazemi |
| Mary Barnes | Janet Kozakiewicz |
| Cheryl Becker | Jason Laccone |
| Lori Berry | Josh Lee |
| Valentina Bertolizio | Rebecca Leyden |
| Angie Biner | Jose A Lopez |
| Juan Carlos Erazo | Yolanda Lopez |
| Blum | James Lothian |
| Walter Butcher | Donald Marsh |
| Donna Butler | Christina Martins |
| Lesley Bradley | Dawn MacNabb |
| Margaret Emily Bresee | Joshua Moala |
| Carter Brenner | Rosalie Muns |
| Patricia Carr | Don Newcom |
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| Mary Beth Caston | Tom Pastore |
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| Betsy Cooper | Anthony Porto |
| Anamarie Cunanan | Alice Redhead |
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| Gerry Cruz | Michael Rodgers |
| Mary Downs | Danny Rubio |
| Steve Duggins | Ralph Sandoval |
| Mike Egan | Karen Scott |
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| Michael Elsword | Mark Smith |
| Herm Freeh | Robert Spieldenner |
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| Patricia Gonzales | Christian Valdez |
| Thomas Harrison | Marilyn Winger |
| Susan Hori | Jeff Wood |
| Ed Howell | Lillian P. Woods |

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 Mike Sibal at: msibal@olg-church.org

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

December 12, 2023 - December 18, 2023 \$16,831.59

Plate	\$2,191.58
Envelopes	\$10,378.51
Online Giving	\$4,261.50

Breakdown of Gifts Received

\$0.01 - \$5.00	41
\$5.01 - \$10.00	41
\$10.01 - \$25.00	113
\$25.01 - \$50.00	67
\$50.01 - \$100.00	34
\$100.01 - \$150.00	6
\$150.01 - \$500.00	21

Total Contributing Households 323

Building Fund	\$1,312.13
Christmas	\$625.00
Faith Formation & Youth	\$204.00
Flowers	\$560.00
Food Pantry	\$1,841.50
Holiday Angels	\$1,050.00
Retirement for Religious	\$1,310.00
School - General	\$1,130.00
School - Tuition Assistance	\$390.00

55 PLUS CLUB NEW YEAR LUNCH

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

The 55 Plus Club welcomes our guests back in the new year. The doors open at 10:30AM and announcements and door prizes begin promptly at 11:30AM. Lunch will be delicious, prizes will be drawn for 14 lucky winners, eight guests will win money from the cash opportunity drawing, and of course, fun at Bingo time. Since the deadline of December 4 has passed, Lunch will be \$17. For questions, call Mary at 619-463-1129. The theme is the New Year, 2024.




NEW ALTAR SERVERS WANTED!



Parishioners who have received First Communion and are age 10 and above are eligible to be trained as altar servers.

Altar Servers have the privilege of assisting the priest in the sanctuary during the Mass and other liturgical functions.

If you are interested, please contact Rosa at: rhlgeman@olg-church.org or call the parish office at: (619) 469-0133.

*Altar Serving counts for service hours.

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

WISE MEN	MESSIAH	GIFTS
STAR	WORSHIP	WARNED
HEROD	EXCITED	DREAM

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J	I	N	E	G	A	J	W	I	N	G
A	S	U	T	O	F	I	O	S	A	I
N	E	X	C	I	T	E	D	U	D	F
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H	E	R	O	D	E	N	Y	O	G	S
W	N	A	H	R	T	Y	H	R	S	F
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T	I	B	V	A	H	U	D	H	Y	M
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MISSION

Solve a puzzle together with your family. Work together like the wise men did.



**GENTLY USED ADULT CLOTHING DRIVE
For Our Neighbors in East County**

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it for me." Matthew 25:40

Bring gently used, freshly laundered clothing and shoes to OLG before and after all the Masses on the **weekend of Jan. 27-28**. You Did It For Me (youdidit4me.org), a privately funded, religious nonprofit, will collect your donations and distribute them to unsheltered adults who seek assistance to emerge from homelessness in El Cajon and Santee.

YDI4M connects vulnerable people in the East County with services and resources to secure and maintain housing, food, healthcare, education and work. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Together we can make a big difference.

Where: Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

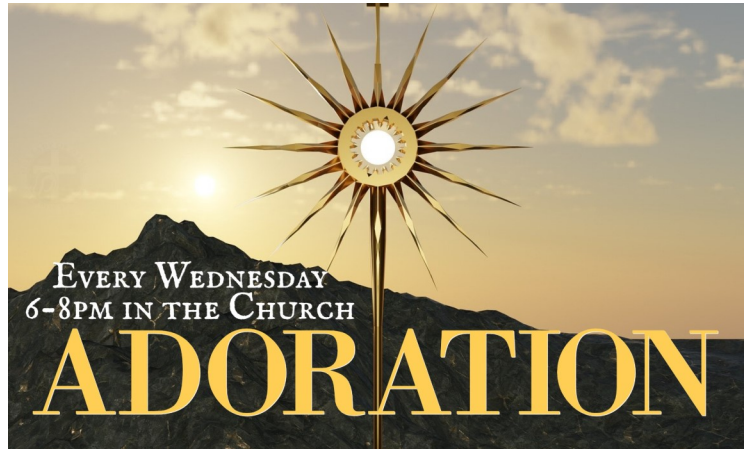
When: January 27–28, 2024
Before and After Weekend Masses

What: Clothes, Shoes, Coats, & More

More details can be found on the back of the flyers that will be available in the Church.

We appreciate your generosity to East County neighbors in need!

Office Phone | 619.343.4100 Website | youdidit4me.org
Mailing Address | PO Box 191076, San Diego, CA 92159



Please pray for the eternal repose of the soul of
DR. WILLIAM JOSEPH CHRISTIE
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace!

Los Angeles Youth Day | February 15, 2024
YOUR PATH AWAITS

SACRED SPACE	7:30 AM- 4:30 PM
OPENING SESSION	8:00 AM
WORKSHOP 1	10:30 AM
LUNCH	11:30 AM
WORKSHOP 2	12:45 PM
CLOSING SESSION & EUCHARISTIC LITURGY	2:15 PM

Cost: \$50 per Participant

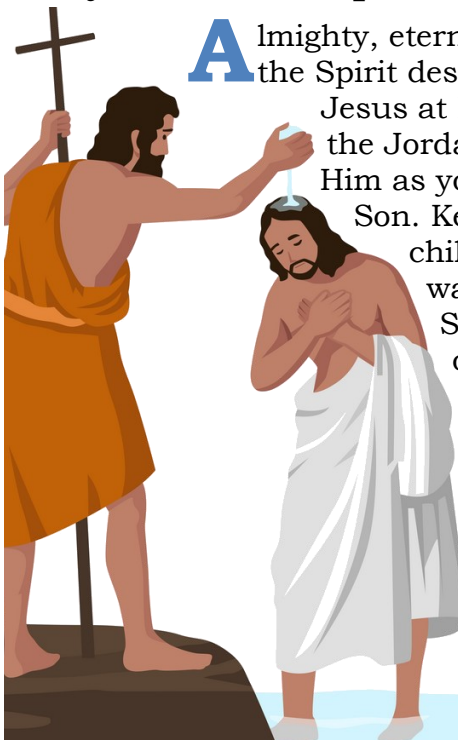
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Prayer for the Baptism of the Lord



Almighty, eternal God, When the Spirit descended upon Jesus at His baptism in the Jordan, you revealed Him as your own beloved Son. Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit faithful to our calling. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

All High School students are invited to come and experience an amazing Youth Day at the Anaheim Convention Center. On **February 15, 2024**, we will spend the day listening to inspiring speakers and top musicians at this incredible event! We will be traveling by bus and joining with other parishes in our East County Deanery. Please note that pre-registration is required. Registration and permission forms are available at New Life and the website.

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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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BLOOD DRIVE — Peggy Breslin

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB (CWC)

CWC — Mary Cloward

Book Club — Julie Hazelton

Craft Fair — Kathy Porterfield

CURSILLO — Dcn. John Sawaya

EVENTS COMMITTEE — Deborah Renick

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

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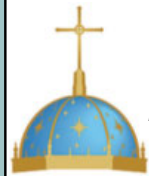


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