

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. -John 3:16

PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

Sun, Mar 10 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 5:30 pm † William Smirniotis (Vigil) 8:00 am For the People of the Parish 11:00 am † Carmen Salender 5:30 pm † Bill & † Pattie Deacon Mon, Mar 11 LENTEN WEEKDAY 8:00 am Sp Int Susan Mihalka 5:30 pm † Frances Esperanza Tue, Mar 12 LENTEN WEEKDAY 8:00 am † Elena Lisowski 5:30 pm † Emmanuel Pilpa Wed, Mar 13 LENTEN WEEKDAY 8:00 am † Frank & † Regina Fritz 5:30 pm Sp Int Carina Esther Candia Thu, Mar 14 LENTEN WEEKDAY 8:00 am † Laura Azua Ziembe

5:30 pm † Mark Steckbauer Fri, Mar 15 LENTEN WEEKDAY 8:00 am Sp Int Brian Mihalka 5:30 pm Sp Int Arthur Bautista Sat, Mar 16 LENTEN WEEKDAY 8:00 am † Bill Godefroid

ent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life."

-Pope Benedict XVI

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass.

Mar 10 **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.

Mar 17 St. Joseph's Table

Sponsored by the ICF

To celebrate St. Joseph, the ICF will be offering complimentary Pasta with Marinara Sauce, Fresh Baked Rolls and Hot Fava Bean Soup. Stop by to see the festive table we prepare to honor this great Saint! See you there.

Mar 24 **Bread Sunday**

Sponsored by the CWC

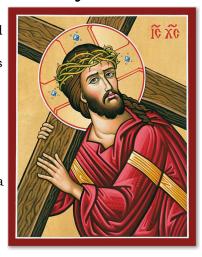
The types of bread available are: Cranberry Walnut, Guinness Bread, Irish Soda, Yeast bread, Sprouted Quinoa Bread. Donuts, muffins, coffee, juice, and our ever so popular hot cinnamon rolls will also be available. Order forms are available in the Church.

Welcome to Our Lady of Grace!

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

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 MAR 10 - MAR 17

Sun: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Mon: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

Tue: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

Wed: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

Thu: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

Fri: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Sat: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

Sun: Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21

GROW: "The floor is lava!" We used to play this game as children, and it still seems popular today: you arrange furniture and other objects in such a way as to make it from point to point, and even room to room, without touching the floor. There may be more than one way to go, but the crux of the matter is that you have to use these waypoints to stay alive in the game. Following Jesus is somewhat similar, although obviously infinitely more serious and important! He himself, through his sacrifice on the cross, opened the doors of salvation to us - he has provided the ways and means to live free from death. His sacrifice is the only thing that makes it possible for us to enter

from children who play the lava game, is ready and willing to help us at any time to move safely and confidently along the journey. St Paul writes, "we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them."

GO: St Paul also writes, "by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God." And in today's Gospel, St. John writes these words we know so well. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." Both means, just as the prophe shared with the Israelites, we need to follow God's commands. It means that in our words and deeds we act from and in love of God and love of one another. For whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God."

testaments include words of comfort, but John here also includes a call to action. Notice the word "might." Like "may," which is found in other translations, it indicates possibility, probability, and contingency. In other words, it is offered – freely given! – but we must accept. And acceptance means, just as the prophets shared with the Israelites. we need to follow God's in our words and deeds we act from and in love of God and love of one another. For "whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God."

PRAY: Today we are about halfway through Lent. If

you haven't yet

taken advantage of the rich opportunity to pray the Stations of the Cross with your family, do so this week. Most parishes pray the stations on Fridays during Lent, and perhaps other days as well. This ancient tradition of our Church is a beautiful and meaningful way

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with our Lord.

to walk the Way

of the Cross

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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 Deacon Sawaya (858) 869-5079.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Marriage preparation begins nine months in advance. Please contact Fr. Lauro Minimo, Fr. Marc Gandolfo 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.

WEEKDAY MASS 8am & 5:30pm WEDNESDAY ADORATION After the 5:30pm Mass - 8pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS Fridays of Lent - 7:00pm



oin our OLG community on the Fridays of Lent for special meals in the Parish Center from **4:30pm**-**7:30pm**. Those planning on attending the 5:30pm Mass are to observe the Eucharistic fast—no food one hour prior to receiving Holy Communion. Please refer to the schedule below for the menu and dates.

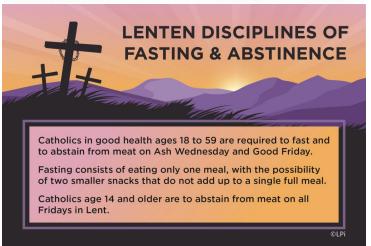
On March 15, the Events Committee will be serving Lentil Chili, Baked Potato, Coleslaw and Baked Corn Bread.

On March 22, the Knights will be cooking a variety of meals to choose from. On the menu are a Grilled Cod Meal, a Fried Shrimp Meal, a Combo Cod and Shrimp Meal, Clam Chowder, and Pasta with Marina Sauce.

*The Events Committee kindly asks for a donation of \$8 per adult, and \$5 per child.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES EL CAJON DEANERY

Our Lady of Perpetual Help	March 11	10:00 AM
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	March 11	7:00 PM
Guardian Angels	March 11	7:00 PM
Holy Trinity	March 12	7:00 PM
St. Luke	March 14	7:00 PM
Our Lady of Grace	March 20	7:00 PM



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.

Ron Aguinaldo Peter Abraham Heriberto Albanez Griselda Albanez Angie Arrayan Kali'a Arrayan Cheryl Becker Lori Berry Valentina Bertolizio Angie Biner Walter Butcher Lesley Bradley Cheryl Casey Mary Beth Caston Mark Castro Maria Cisneros Connie Clark Betsy Cooper Hayden Cooper Patricia Crean Gerry Cruz Mary Dahlheimer Mary Downs Steve Duggins Mike Egan Lolita Elegado Katie Ellis Christina Frantz Herm Freeh Dawn Garofalo Arthur Garnica Anthony Gazzola Jenny Geb Patricia Gonzales Susan Hori Ed Howell Angelina Jones Susan Johnston Alice Lynn Ibarra Janet Kozakiewicz Joseph Lavorato

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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**.



It's time to get your Irish on! The theme for our 55 Plus Club lunch for March will be St. Patrick's Day. Green will be the color of the day! Doors open at 10:30 am with announcements at 11:30 am. The early bird lunch price is \$14. The lunch fee for reservations after Thursday, March 7 at 3 pm in the parish office will be \$17. This is not a pub lunch so NO beer. The menu will be kept a secret but you might be able to guess what it will be. It will be a great day for a delicious meal, door prizes, a cash opportunity drawing and BINGO. For questions call Linda at 619-460-3601.

Saint Joseph's Table - March 17

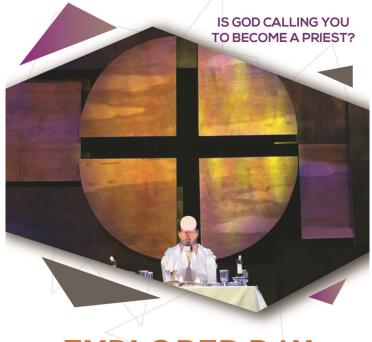
very year the International Catholic Families (ICF) club celebrates St Joseph's Feast Day

by constructing an elaborate altar to honor the relief that St

Joseph's intercession provided during the famine in Sicily (in the late 1800s). The altar represents the Holy Trinity and is divided into three sections with a statue of St Joseph at the head. Candles, figurines, flowers,

fruits and pastries around our altar create a beautiful effect. You all are invited to share in this celebration with us on Sunday, March 17 in the Parish Center.

*If you have any donations of pastries, baked goods, flowers, fruit or greenery, please contact Deb at (619) 947-9272. All donations left after Sunday will be donated to the poor.



EXPLORER DAY

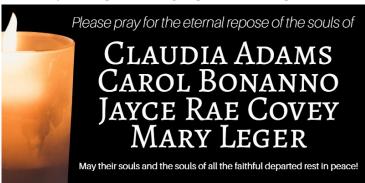
March 16, 2024 8:30am - 3:30pm

Explorer Day provides men an opportunity to learn more about the priesthood and how to discern God's call

TO REGISTER, CONTACT YOUR PARISH PRIEST

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT CARMEL MAGLALANG 858-490-8389 · cmaglalang@sdcatholic.org

If interested please contact our pastor, Fr. Lauro at **lminimo@olg-church.org**, or Fr. Marc who is the Vocation Leader of the El Cajon Deanery at **mgandolfo@olg-church.org**.



s Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst...'Repent and believe'
Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor. He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you." -St. Mother Teresa

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

February 20, 2024 - February 26, 2024	\$18,188.76
Plate	\$2,292.03
Envelopes	\$10,152.23

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Online Giving \$5,744.50

Breakdown of Gifts Received

\$0.01 - \$5.00	41
\$5.01 - \$10.00	28
\$10.01 - \$25.00	124
\$25.01 - \$50.00	72
\$50.01 - \$100.00	32
\$100.01 - \$150.00	9
\$150.01 - \$500.00	15
\$500.01 - Over	3

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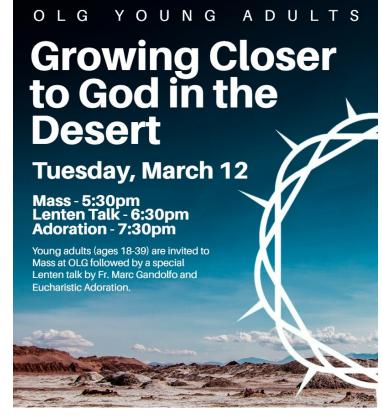
Total Contributing Households

Building Fund	\$11,344.50
Faith Formation & Youth	\$210.00
Food Pantry	\$605.00
School, General Needs	\$615.00
School, Tuition Assistance	\$470.00



ur youth had a fun and fruitful time at LA Congress this past February 15. It was a day filled with workshops, great speakers and prayer. Let us continue to keep our youth in our prayers! For more info on youth activities, please contact Doris at: (619) 466-5451.







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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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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB (CWC)

CWC — Mary Cloward Book Club — Julie Hazelton Craft Fair — Kathy Porterfield



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EVENTS COMMITTEE — Deborah Renick

FOOD PANTRY — Since 1981 (619) 469-0061 Doug Perl M-F, 9:30-11:00 am

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