

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

HE DIED
THAT WE
MAY LIVE

OUR LADY of GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

Sun, Mar 15 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

5:30 pm † Laura Azua Ziemba
(Vigil)

8:00 am For the People of the Parish

11:00 am † David Kissel

5:30 pm † Tilly O'Haver

Mon, Mar 16 Lenten Weekday

8:00 am † Pearl Segerlund &
† Paul Segerlund

Tue, Mar 17 Lenten Weekday; St. Patrick, Bishop

8:00 am † Donald Kolesar
† Greg Kolesar

Wed, Mar 18 Lenten Weekday; St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

8:00 am *Sp Int* Colin Joseph Fromm

Thu, Mar 19 SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:00 am † Blanca Rosa Almanza Sanchez

Fri, Mar 20 Lenten Weekday

8:00 am † Jeannette Stokel

5:00 pm † Ralph Howlett

Sat, Mar 21 Lenten Weekday

8:00 am † Rachael Retz



FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass

Mar 15 Knights Donut Sunday

*Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
Frances Cabrini Council 8879*

The Knights will be serving donuts & coffee for the American Wheelchair Mission. Come after all morning Masses!

Mar 22 St. Joseph's Table

Sponsored by the ICF

To celebrate St. Joseph, the ICF will be offering complimentary food. See page 5 for more details!

Mar 29 Bread Sunday

Sponsored by the CWC

Bread Sunday is coming up at the end of the month! Order forms will be available on the information table in the front of the church.

Welcome to OUR LADY of GRACE!

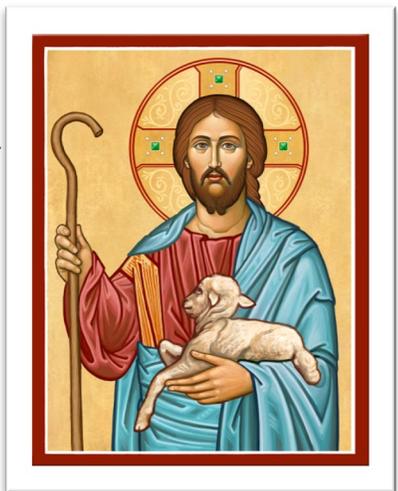
W elcome to all members and visitors who are joining us for the celebration of the Eucharist.

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 MARCH 15 - MARCH 22

Sun: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

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: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

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

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

Sun: Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

Fourth Sunday of Lent

GROW: There has been much commentary over the centuries about Jesus' use of saliva and mud to heal the man born blind. One of the most profound interpretations I have read reminds us that in Genesis, God made man out of "the dust of the ground." (Gen 2:7) Jesus' use of mud in the Gospel suggests that he is re-creating the blind man before him. The man receives a whole new life, such that even those who see him after his healing question whether he is the same person as before: "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" . . . "No, he just looks like him." Through this Gospel, I've come to believe that Jesus is inviting us to see that every time he touches us in the sacraments, we are inwardly re-created, inwardly renewed. As we come to this midway point in Lent, let's open

our eyes to the ways God is waiting to meet us with his healing love in the sacraments, and avail ourselves of this amazing grace.

GO: Our first reading offers a powerful reminder that although humans see what's on the outside, God looks at our hearts. While the prophet Samuel thought surely God's hand was on Jesse's oldest son, God chooses David, the youngest, who was out tending the sheep. In the Gospel, the Pharisees look at the man born blind and think he is a sinner, born from sinners. But underneath is a man whom Jesus sends (the name of the pool that Jesus instructs him to go wash in means "Sent") to bear witness to all that God has done for him. God often chooses the unlikeliest (in our eyes) persons to be the messengers of his Gospel. At times we may wonder why God has chosen us or feel

ourselves lacking in the qualities needed to lead others to the Lord. In those moments, let's trust that through our baptism and confirmation, the Lord has put his Spirit in us and has equipped us for the work of sharing the Gospel.

REFLECT: The lyrics "I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see," from the hymn "Amazing Grace" is based in part on today's Gospel reading. The man born blind says, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." Locate a favorite rendition of this song and use it in your prayer time this week, reflecting on the ways God has brought you greater spiritual vision and inner renewal this Lent.

*Written by:
The Faithful Disciple*

St. Patrick, Patron of Ireland

St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans but Patrick turned to God. Patrick's captivity lasted until he was 20, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family.

After a vision, Patrick arrived in Slane, Ireland on March 25, 433. There are several legends about what happened next, with the most prominent claiming he met the chieftan of one of the druid tribes, who tried to kill him. After an intervention from God, Patrick was able to convert the chieftain and preach the Gospel throughout Ireland. There, he converted many people -eventually thousands - and he began building churches across the country. He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message.



OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH Founded 1954 CLERGY

PASTOR
Rev. Lauro Minimo

DEACON
John Sawaya

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.

PALM SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 28

5:30pm

Sunday, March 29

8:00am

11:00am (liturgy will begin outside in front of the church)

5:30pm

*Palms will be distributed and blessed at all Masses.

Easter Mass Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 2

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00pm
(No morning Mass)

HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 4

Morning Prayer - 8:00am
Easter Vigil - 8:00pm
(No Confessions)

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 5

Mass Times

7:00am

9:00am

11:00am

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 3

Morning Prayer - 8:00am
Stations of the Cross - 12:00pm
(Adams Field)
Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 7:00pm

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 12

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 2:15pm

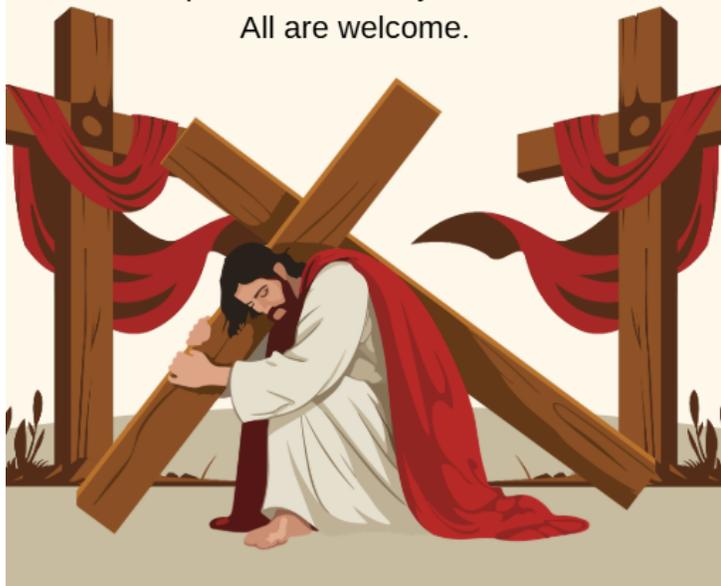
*Please plan accordingly and try to arrive early at our Easter Masses.

COME AND JOIN US JESUS' WAY OF THE CROSS

Thursday 3/26 at 1:30 pm &
Friday 3/27 at 7 pm

We would love for you to join us in 7th graders' depiction of Stations of the Cross. We will remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for us truly out of love.

It will take place at Our Lady of Grace Church. All are welcome.



During Lent, let us find concrete ways to overcome our indifference. - Pope Francis



Sponsored by the Catholic Women's Club

Bread Sunday March 29, 2026

Join us after the 8:00 am & 11:00 am Masses in the Parish Center. We'll See you there!



Get a Jump Start on Spring Cleaning!

Bring gently used, freshly laundered men's jeans to OLG before and after the Saturday, 5:30pm, Mass on March 14 and the 8 am & 11 am Masses on March 15. You Did It For Me, 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. Pick up a YDI4M "Men's Jeans Drive" flyer available on the information table in the church near the baptism font. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Together we can make a big difference.

For more information: call 619-343-4100 or email rachel@youdidit4me.org.

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

February 24, 2026 - March 2, 2026 **\$30,529.08**

Plate	\$3,548.53
Envelopes	\$20,162.10
Online Giving	\$6,818.45

Breakdown of Gifts Received

\$0.01 - \$5.00	48
\$5.01 - \$10.00	48
\$10.01 - \$25.00	132
\$25.01 - \$50.00	95
\$50.01 - \$100.00	54
\$100.01 - \$150.00	11
\$150.01 - \$500.00	22
\$500.01 - Over	4

Total Contributing Households **414**

Building Fund	\$3,336.13
Food Pantry	\$1,226.00
School - General	\$544.00
School - Tuition Assistance	\$1,467.00

ONLINE GIVING



If you would like to contribute to our Parish through Online Giving, you can scan the QR code.

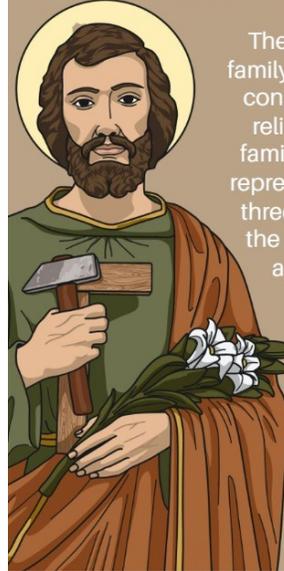


We are grateful for your contribution and support of OLG!

Celebration of the Family

The ICF Tradition of St Joseph's Table

Sunday, March 22



The feast of St. Joseph, patron saint of the family, is celebrated each year by the ICF with construction of a table or altar to honor the relief that St. Joseph 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.

Food is complimentary to all viewers and any surplus are given to the poor along with any donations from our guests! The table is blessed and available for viewing only during this event (after morning Masses) in the Parish Center.

SAVE THE DATE

CWC's ANNUAL
**Treasures Galore
Plant & Bake Sale**

April 26

More details to come soon. You won't want to miss it!

WELCOME TO THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY!

Liam Alexander Willkomm

BAPTIZED AT OLG ON MARCH 15, 2026





40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Prayer continues through March 29

Come join hundreds of thousands of Christians around the world in peaceful sidewalk prayer for the end of abortion. Our constant 40 days of public witness, in front of Planned Parenthood in El Cajon, will change hearts and minds, and bring awareness to the tragic reality of abortion. We are highly supported by our San Diego Diocese.

For more information contact us at:
Vicki 619-647-5793 or elcajon40days@hotmail.com
40daysforlife.com/elcajon



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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| Netti Aguinaldo | Jason Laccone |
| Ron Aguinaldo | Lillian Lavarado |
| Heriberto Albanez | Ofelia Lopez |
| Griselda Albanez | Jose A Lopez |
| Juanito Amor, Jr. | Dora Lowenberg |
| Kali'a Arrayan | Lorene MacLaird |
| Dionicio Baca | Vern MacLaird |
| Michael Barletta | Dawn MacNabb |
| Stephen Bernasconi | Christina Martins |
| Angela Biner | Steven Mull |
| Charles Black | Ann O'Neill |
| Eileen Black | Nancy Osborne |
| Bob Blake | Phil Panuco |
| Catalina Branch | Pat Pfohl |
| Sky Cariola | Frank Principato |
| Cheryl Casey | James Principato |
| Phyllis Ciesielski | Danny Rubio |
| Luzanne Coyne | Richard Ruttenberg |
| Msgr. John Cusack | Faith San Jose |
| Amelia Dixon | Jeffery Sanders |
| Dee Draper | Karen Scott |
| Nick Duhancik | David Smith |
| Thien Ngoc Duong | Sharon Smith |
| David Foster | Tillie Sousa |
| Joseph Fromm | Karen Tabadisto |
| Stephen Gage | Mary Titone |
| Sammy Ganaden | Steve Thudium |
| Colette Gerard | Carlos Villar |
| Joe Hilgeman | Cindy Katan Wallace |
| Evelyn Jaba | Marilyn Winger |
| Maria Bernadette Jaba | |

*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.*

Lenten

PENANCE SERVICES

Guardian Angels | March 16th | 7:00 PM

St. John of the Cross | March 17th | 7:00 PM

St. Therese | March 18th | 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Grace | March 23rd | 7:00 PM

Please pray for the eternal repose of:

FRANK FERRONE

1933 - 2026
Thursday, March 26, 2026
Funeral Mass starting at 10:30am at OLG



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



Adorers are needed for our next 24-hour Adoration on **Friday, May 1**. To sign-up, please e-mail Michael Gross at: pnmgross1@gmail.com.

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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) — Linda LeNeve
 Bread Sunday — Linda LeNeve
 Book Club — Julie Hazelton
 Craft Fair — Kathy Porterfield
 Bunco — Alice Freeh

CENTERING PRAYER —

Irma Eichinger & Mary Asher-Fitzpatrick

CURSILLO — Lanny Kimsey

EVENTS COMMITTEE — Deborah Renick

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

HOLIDAY ANGELS — Since 1988 — Pam & Michael Gross

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CULTURE OF LIFE — Elena & Emily Ruta

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