FROM THE SHINING CLOUD THE FATHER'S VOICE IS HEARD: THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, HEAR HIM.

MATTHEW 17:5

MASS SCHEDULE AND PRIEST'S INTENTIONS

Sun, Mar 17	SECOND SUNDAY of LENT
5:30 pm	For the People of the Parish
8:00 am	† Mark Steckbauer
11:00 am	† Salvatore Cavallaro
5:30 pm	† Fran Hutton
Mon, Mar 18	Lenten Weekday
8:00 am	† Robert Franc
Tue, Mar 19	SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED
	VIRGIN MARY
8:00 am	† Jose C. Cruz and † Jose Q. Cruz
Wed, Mar 20	Lenten Weekday
8:00 am	† Jack Sardina
Thurs, Mar 21	Lenten Weekday
8:00 am	† Mary Reagan and † Ray Beedle
Fri, Mar 22	Lenten Weekday
8:00 am	† Tim Hilgeman
Sat, Mar 23	Lenten Weekday
8:00 am	† Marge Green
10:30 am	† Dominick and † Gladys Palestini
	(Funeral Mass)
Sun, Mar 24	THIRD SUNDAY of LENT
5:30 pm	For the People of the Parish
8:00 am	† Joe and † Olive Bauer
11:00 am	† Jean Stefano
5:30 pm	† Aura Meinert

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass.

Mar 17 Wheelchair Sunday

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Frances Cabrini Council 8879 Coffee, donuts, and baked goods from Flour Power Cakery. Donations received help to provide wheelchairs for children in Mexico.

Mar 24 Coffee and Donuts

Sponsored by the Events Committee One the menu: coffee, juice and donuts!

Mar 31 Bread Sunday

Sponsored by the Catholic Women's Club Enjoy freshly-baked breads: quinoa, Irish Soda, yeast and scones. Bagels and lox, coffee, juice and donuts will also be served. Use the pink pre-order forms available in the main entrance of the church.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

SAMUEL CICORA GLADYS PALESTINI TRINIDAD TOLEDO

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

LENTEN SCHEDULE

FRIDAYS of LENT | Mar 22, 29, Apr 5, 12 Days of abstinence

Fish Dinners in the Parish Center | 5:00–7:00 pm Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Stations of the Cross | 7:00 pm

Welcome to OUR LADY of GRACE!

elcome to all who are joining us for the celebration of the Eucharist. There are many ways and parish organizations to participate in our life in Christ. See the directory on page 7.

We invite all who attend OLG to become registered members of our parish. Registration forms are available on the table in the main entry of the church or the parish office. Registration allows us to communicate and effectively provide for your needs. It is necessary for baptism, marriage, and godparent or sponsor certification.

Mindfulness of Others—Please silence all devices and refrain from using them during the liturgy. The parish has a Children's Chapel located in the northwest corner of the church. Parents with restless children are welcome to make use of this chapel. We ask that this chapel, like the church itself, remain free of food and drink.

Allergies—The first morning Mass of the Sunday or feast day will always be incense-free.

REMINDER: Flu Season Precautions The parish is currently practicing safety precautions during the flu season.

Our traditional means of sharing the Sign of Peace and the Blood of Christ will return about mid-April.

Invitation to the RCIA

Our Lady of Grace Parish welcomes all who seek to enrich their faith life and explore the possibility of becoming a Catholic Christian. Our community shares and celebrates this journey with them through



a process called *"The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults."* If you are curious about what Catholics believe and may be interested in learning more about joining the Catholic faith—or perhaps you are an adult Catholic looking to be fully initiated—you are cordially invited to enter the *RCIA* process and experience a new and

enriched meaning to your life through renewed faith and love. For more information, please contact Deacon John Sawaya at jsawaya@olg-church.org or (858) 869-5079.

READINGS FOR MAR 17-24

Sun:	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17—4:1; Lk 9:28b-36
Mon:	Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
Tue:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Wed:	Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
Thu:	Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:1-31
Fri:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sun:	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

GUEST COLUMNIST

ALICE CAMILLE

Looking for a Sign

f you were waiting for a sign from heaven to confirm that God was on your side, what exactly would vou be looking for? And where would you go to look for it? Ancient people knew, or thought they knew, what a sign from heaven looked like. For one thing, it came from the general direction of heaven, which was up. It usually had something to do with stars or heavenly beings or uncontrollable forces like weather. A sign from heaven would be powerful, and chances are it would be terrible or at least terror inspiring.

If you wanted an advantageous position from which to receive such a sign, a mountaintop was a good place, being closer to heaven and the realm of God. In fact, one of the original names for God used in the Hebrew scriptures is Elohim, the "God of the mountain." That's why the Tower of Babel experiment made sense in a sad and illconsidered sort of way. The closer to the sky you got, the closer to the seat of true power you might expect to be.

The God of fire

srael was not the only nation that thought of God and fire in the same sentence, of course, nor was it being original when it sacrificed burnt offerings in its religious rituals. Fire had long been considered a gift from the gods and a proper medium of communication between divinity and humanity. One can

imagine that to a desert people in particular, it seemed obvious from the relentless presence of the sun that fire had a celestial heaven to confirm that Jeorigin. Fire could be seen as God's calling card, sometimes a reward and at other times a punishment. The language of divine fire is spoken significantly in both testaments of the Bible. After all, fire is the ultimate medium of transformation. Though it has no apparent substance, whatever passes through it is irrevocably changed.

So Abram looked to the starry sky and found confirmation of the future God was promising his descendants. And in a state of trance he saw God's covenant expressed to him in the powerful symbols of fire. The scene would be utterly frightening but for the comforting words of God's promise. An elderly childless couple will be transformed into a mighty nation. Abram understands also remarkably at hand. that the power of this God can bring such a change into being.

Seeing glory

hich was harder to see: the nation hidden in the two old people Sarah and Abram, or the celestial glory concealed in Jesus of Nazareth? One might think that the continual stream of healings and miracles emanating from their teacher would have tipped the disciples off. But apparently it took the mountaintop setting. radiant light, and the inexplicable presence of two



famous and very historical holy men to cue Peter, James, and John that something glorious was hidden in the person of Jesus. Perhaps they had been hoping for a sign from sus was the one Israel was waiting for. Maybe it hadn't occurred to them that Jesus might *be* the sign from heaven they sought.

Was the Transfiguration, then, a huge celestial prop arranged to wise up the feckless followers of Jesus? Or is it a literary prop used by the evangelists to wise up future gospel readers? Some scripture scholars consider the Transfiguration a post-Resurrection account of a revelation that has been anachronistically inserted into the earlier story, much like we celebrate Gaudete and Laetare Sundays embedded in their respective seasons as reminders that something good is on its way. A hallmark of Christian thought is the idea that what was, is *now*—and what *will be* is The past and the future are simply two expressions of the "eternal now" of the realm of God. And the coming Kingdom, we might say, has already arrived.

This means that identifying the precise historical moment when Jesus was revealed physically and audibly as the divine Son is interesting but beside the point. More to the heart of the matter: Do we see Jesus as the Christ of God? Can we look at the onceand-future Jesus-in the manger, on the cross, and

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OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH Founded 1954

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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 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 8:30 am Saturday 4:00 pm

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Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Dinners

Fridays of Lent in the Parish Center, 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Plate #1: Two pieces of cod, fries, coleslaw, dinner roll, non -alcoholic beverage. \$12.00

Plate #2:

Grilled cheese sandwich, fries, non-alcoholic beverage. \$5.00

Plate #3: Grilled cheese sandwich, non-alcoholic beverage. \$3.00

Donations requested for dessert, beer and wine. Cash, checks and credit cards accepted.

Opportunity Drawing each Fri night. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Marriage Help!

etrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. For more information about the upcoming Retrouvaille weekend of April 5-7, call (951) 259-9474 or visit HelpOurMarriage.org.

White Mass Planned

A White Mass will be celebrated on Sat, Apr 6 at 10:30 am at Sacred Heart Parish, 655 C Ave, Coronado, 92118. The Mass, followed by a reception, will honor doctors, nurses, medical technicians, and all who provide compassionate care and service and concern for human life. Send your **RSVP by Apr 1** to Irene Santiesteban at isantiesteban @sdcatholic.org. For more info, call (858) 490-8324. *Healthcare workers from all faiths are welcome.*

Food Pantry Collection Weekend



is **this week!** Please support our pantry by bringing non-perishable food to any of the entrances of the church before Mass. Monetary gifts are welcome and gratefully accepted. Gifts may be made by way of the special envelopes marked "Food Pantry" or the "Online Giving" link found at the top right corner of the parish website <u>olg-</u> church.org. *Thank you*!

Learning About the Priesthood

n Sat, **Mar 30**, the Diocese of San Diego is hosting an **Explorer Day**

for those men who are interested in a possible vocation



to the priesthood. The day will be held at St. Francis Center on the University of San Diego campus from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. If living a life of service for Christ and the people of God is attractive to you, take advantage of this opportunity. For more information, please contact Fr. Peter McGuine at (619) 469 -0133, or call Fr. Lauro Minimo, Director of the Office for Priestly Vocations, Diocese of San Diego, at (619) 291-7446.



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Ignatian Volunteer Corps: Evening of Gratitude



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Join the members of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps at their annual Evening of Gratitude. Sun, **Mar 31** at St. Catherine Laboure Church, San Diego, 92111. Mass begins at 4:00 pm; dinner reception and awards follow at 5:00 pm.

This year's *Della Strada* Awardee is Sr. Carmel Lohan, RSM. For more info and to purchase tickets, please go to <u>tinyurl.com/y5laee6b</u> or call (619) 316-8520.

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DOMINICK & GLADYS PALESTINI

Sat, Mar 23 at 10:30 am

SAMUEL CICORA

Wed, Mar 27 at 10:30 am

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

Prayer Partners Needed



arishioners are invited to pray for those preparing for Confirmation this Spring. Stop by the table in the main entry of the church this weekend to select or be assigned a catechumen or candidate. Inspirational notes may be sent to your adopted individual/s. Leave all notes at

the parish office or drop in the collection basket during Mass. Be sure to print on the envelope the name of the person you are praying for and the words "a special prayer for you." Notes received by the office are mailed to our catechumens and candidates.

Being Confirmed at **OLG during the Easter** Vigil on Apr 20

Catechumens

- Emily Haynes
- Ashlynn MacIsaac
- Chaluna Bella Martinez
- Kaylee Martinez
- Chelsea Martinez

Candidates

- Sujeyly Loera
- Jose Mejia
- Marielena Mejia
- Alyson Petitte Komlenic
- Nicholas Wallace

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LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Please use the schedule of El Cajon Deanery penance services on right to plan for confession.

Being Confirmed at St. Therese on May 29

- Deanne Abuyen
- Frida Cienfuegos
- William Dunphy
- Barbara "Bonnie" Eatmon
- Brendan Greene
- Edieanne Guthrie
- Julianna Jackson
- Kaia Jennings
- Marilyn Mejia
- Rosa Mejia Adult
- Steven Morales-Andrianaivo
- Marissa Olmeda
- Toula Payan
- Julia Rodinec
- Mary Thomas

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who have requested prayer and for the special intentions written in the Book of Intentions in the Baptistery of our church.

Patricia Adams Ron Aguinaldo Brenna Allingham Betty Anderson Angie Arrayan Dolly Bernal Tom Bickhaus Eleanor Bigknife Jeffrev Bradlev Andrea Broding Debbie Brown Mary Burger Nicole Burger Pat Burke Stephanie Butcher Margaret Campbell Kelly Carlson Tim Clasemen Lisa Costello Jeff Crowell John Cunningham Steve Duggins Jessica Falero Suzana Felix Bernie Flaherty Leona Flavin Jack Freeman Letty Gimpaya Gloria Grajeda Roseanna Greene Mark Habina Polly Harrington Leigh Hartman Neil Hertzig Joseph Hoover

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Names remain listed for four weeks and can be renewed by contacting Marie Pospichal at mpospichal@olg-church.org

Catholic Women's Club

he next meeting of the Catholic Women's Club (CWC) is Tues, Mar 19 in the Parish Center at 9:30 am. Doors open at 9:15 am with refreshments. All ladies of the parish are welcome! Come check us out. Call Kathy at (619) 980-6841 for more information.

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an Diego Cursillo's Fletcher Hills Ul-👟 treya will be held

on **Sun, Mar 17** at 5:00 pm. Hosts: Rick and Marie Ferrantello, 295 Meadow Crest Dr, El Cajon. For more info, call Marie at (619) 818-2650. Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ!

PARISH	DAY	DATE	TIME
St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Lakeside/Barona	Tues	03/19	7:00pm
Holy Trinity, El Cajon	Thurs	03/21	7:00pm
OUR LADY OF GRACE, EL CAJON	TUES	03/26	7:00pm
St. Luke, El Cajon	Thurs	03/28	7:00pm
St. Martin of Tours, La Mesa	Mon	04/01	7:00pm
St. John of the Cross, Lemon Grove	Wed	04/03	7:00pm
St. Pius X, Jamul	Thurs	04/04	7:00pm
Guardian Angels, Santee	Tues	04/09	7:00pm
Santa Sophia, Spring Valley	Wed	04/10	7:00pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside	Mon	04/15	9:00am
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside	Mon	04/15	7:00pm

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every step in between—as the revelation of God's love for us?

The transfigured view

Tisions and trances and apparitions give certain privileged glimpses into the divine realm that garner a lot of attention for their startling supernatural qualities. But they are all ways of saying, "Wake up! See the divine presence and activity all around you!" It was certainly true that the transfigured dazzling Jesus of that hour on the mountain, book-ended by prophets, was the same Jesus who walked and talked with his friends for years. This same radiant Jesus went to his Crucifixion, rose on Easter Sunday, lives in his church, and comes to us in word, sacrament, and the least of our sisters and brothers. Can we receive the holy presence with understanding in all of these forms? Or are we still looking for a mountaintop view, special lighting, and a little fire?

derstanding of religion is not so primitive. And, of course, on some level it is. We still instinctively look up and out for signs of God's presence when we might just as well look within. We are willing to genuflect in church but we don't take off our shoes before the ongoing radiant presence of God all around us.

Heavenly citizens

Saint Paul prescribes a transfigured view of ourselves as an antidote to the urgency of our stomachs and the continual clamor of earthly things for our attention. As citizens of heaven, we are merely tourists in the land where money, power, fame, and security are the forces in charge. If we claim our citizenship in the Kingdom, our relationship to worldly dynamics can be a little more objective. Kingdom people are also more attuned to the idea that it is always "good for us to be here," where the glory of God is breaking into time once more.

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Plate	\$1,659.56
Envelopes	\$10,285.32
Online Giving	\$3,783.00
Breakdown of gifts received	
\$0.01 - \$5.00	56
\$5.01 - \$10.00	53
\$10.01 - \$25.00	140
\$25.01 - \$50.00	80
\$50.01 - \$100.00	38
\$100.01 - \$150.00	10
\$150.01 - \$500.00	11
Total Contributing Households	388
Additional Gifts	
Building Fund	\$265.00
Food Pantry	\$315.00
Faith Formation & Youth Ministry	\$460.00
Ash Wednesday	\$5,568.11

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