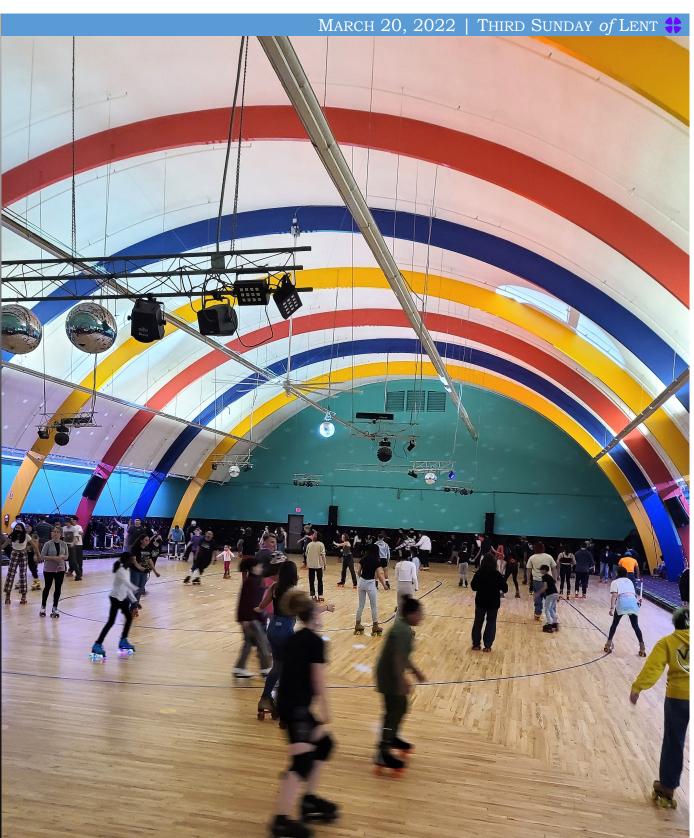
This month, 35 "Escape" Middle School Youth from 4 Parishes (including OLG) Enjoyed Rolling Fun at Skateworld!



#### **PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES**

Sun, Mar 20	THIRD SUNDAY of LENT	
5:30 pm		
	† Mark Steckbauer	
11:00 am	† Jack Cloward	
5:30 pm	For the People of the Parish	
Mon, Mar 21	Lenten Weekday	
8:00 am	<i>Sp Int</i> Brian Milhalka	
Tue, Mar 22	Lenten Weekday	
8:00 am	† Timothy Hilgeman;	
	† Barbara Neddersen	
Wed, Mar 23	Lenten Weekday	
8:00 am	† Laura Azua Ziemba	
Thu, Mar 24	Lenten Weekday	
8:00 am	† Guadalupe Luna	
Fri, Mar 25	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	
	No Mass	
Sat, Mar 26	Lenten Weekday	
8:00 am	† Mary Reagan	
Sun, Mar 27	FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT	
5:30 pm	† Thomas & † Mathilde Brown;	
	† Edith Wilson	
8:00 am	For the People of the Parish	
11:00 am	<i>Sp Int</i> Susan Milhalka	

We love having you as a part of our flock! Get updates about Masses and parish life via email or text! Visit <u>olg-church.org</u> and scrollo the blue and white sheep to signup.





FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass.

#### Mar 20 ICF Saint Joseph's Table Celebration

Sponsored by the International Catholic Families

Complimentary traditional foods will be served. See page 4.

#### Mar 27 Bread Sunday

Sponsored by the Catholic Women's Club Enjoy freshly-baked breads, muffins, coffee, tea, juice, Lox, bagels and donuts. To preorder "to go" see ad on page 4.

#### Apr 3 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 Catholic Education*.

#### 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 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 lifelong learning through our many faith formation opportunities for children and adults.

For baptized Catholics needing to complete their Sacraments of Initiation please contact our Director of Catechetical Ministry, Lissa Hutcheson, at (619) 466-5656. For those interested in joining the Catholic Church, please contact Deacon John Sawaya at (858) 869-5079. You can also contact them by using the "Contact us" link at <u>olg-church.org</u>.

#### Allergies

The first morning Mass of the Sunday or holy day will always be incense-free. The Sunday 11:00 am Mass will almost always include the use of incense.

#### **Mindfulness of Others**

Please silence all devices and refrain from using them during the liturgy. And, follow the California Department of Health guidance for use of face masks.

#### READINGS FOR MAR 20 - 27

Sun:	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9
Mon:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
Tue:	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
Wed:	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Thu:	Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
Fri:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Sat:	Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
Sun:	Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

# Third Sunday of Lent

# Mass readings:

Ex 3:1-8a. 13-15 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Lk 13:1-9

**GROW:** Several years ago, my family gave me a blueberry bush for Mother's Day. It has yet to produce a single berry. However, I can't bring myself to remove it, and today's Gospel encourages me to be patient (a Google search reveals that it can take several years for a blueberry bush to produce a harvest!). The parable of the fig tree shows us how patient God is with us. Like the fig tree, we may not bear fruit or feel as if we're growing spiritually, even as we enter the second half of Lent. Yet Jesus teaches us that if we nurture our faith through prayer and repentance of our sins, we can always grow and blossom. Like the gardener, we need to be patient with ourselves as God is patient with us.

**GO:** It strikes me that in the parable of the fig tree,

the gardener offered to cultivate the ground around it. Just as a tree needs



light and water and a little individual TLC, it needs

good soil. I think for us Catholics, that can be where our parish community and the broader Church come in. Through small actions such as greeting newcomers at Sunday Mass or volunteering in a parish ministry, we can become the fertile soil that nourishes not only our own faith, but that of the entire community. The 2021-23 Synod on Synodality invites us to share our faith and also to listen without judgment to the experiences of others. In doing so, we as a Church can grow stronger. As Pope Francis said in his opening prayer, "May this Synod be a true season of the Spirit! For we need the Spirit, the ever new breath of God, who sets us free from every form of selfabsorption, revives what is moribund, loosens shackles and spreads joy."

**ACTION:** There are still seats available for the Synod for Synodality consultation at OLG. Please see the ad below to learn more and how to register!

Written by The Faithful Disciple



# **OLG Indoor Easter Egg Hunt**

C ome to the Parish Center from 10:00 am to noon on Sat, **Apr 9**, for some family fun with refreshments, crafts, prizes and egg hunting hosted by the Events Committee! Children, grandchildren or great grandchildren up to 10 years of age are welcome. Children under 3 must be escorted by a family teen or adult. This is a free event but donations are always welcome! Scheduled egg hunts: ages 3 & under at 10:15 am; ages 4-7 at 10:30 am; ages 8 and over at 11:15 am. For more info call Deb at (619) 947-9272.



OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH Founded 1954

# CLERGY

**PASTOR** Very Rev. Peter McGuine

**AUXILIARY PRIEST** *Rev. Maxime Villeneuve, OSA* 

> **DEACON** Dcn. John Sawaya

# SCHEDULE of MASSES

SUNDAY VIGIL (Saturday) 5:30 pm

**SUNDAY** 8:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:30 pm

Monday-Thursday and 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 8:45 am Saturday 4:00 pm or by appointment.

ANOINTING of THE SICK Call the parish office (619) 469-0133. STATIONS OF THE CROSS | FRIDAYS OF LENT Days of abstinence

Mar 25 (led by our OLG School students);

**Apr 1 and 8** 7:00 pm in the church

For the complete schedule for Lent and Easter at OLG please visit <u>olg-church.org</u>

# OLG School \$10,000 Drawdown Ticket Sales



S ale tables will be outside the church after all weekend Masses in March. Only 200 tickets will be sold at \$100.00 per ticket. The drawing will be Sun, **Apr 3** outside the Parish Center. You need not be present to win!

# Sun, Mar 20 Saint Joseph's Table Celebration

The International Catholic Families parish organization is preparing complimentary Italian foods including meatless pasta and bean dishes, plus home-baked sesame seed coated bread and sweet bites of Sfingi, a donut-style bread, to enjoy after the 8:00 and 11:00 am Masses.



#### A Lenten Corporal Work of Mercy—Please Help



LG's *New Life* High School youth are hosting a Personal Care Essentials Collection after all Masses this weekend, **Mar 19-20**. All items must be new and will be donated to the East County Transitional Living Center which assists families fac-

ing homelessness with housing, meals and guidance.

# Bread Sunday is Mar 27

Online orders are now being accepted the Catholic Women's Club Bread Sunday. Please visit

olg-church.org and click on the Upcoming Events ad to

see the link to the order form. Loaf choices this month include Irish Soda, Cranberry Walnut, Quinoa, Sprouted Quinoa (low gluten) and Guinness for



\$7.00 each. NEW! An order option for Lox and Bagels has been added.

# Help Wanted: OLG Pantry Volunteer



A volunteer is needed at the OLG Pantry on Wednesdays for one hour from 9:30 to 10:30 am to assist with loading and unloading food. Speak with Doug at (619) 469-0061.

# Next Blood Drive at OLG is Sep 25, but...

Blood is always needed. Schedule a donation any time at <u>sandiegobloodbank.org/donors</u>. There are many convenient locations available.

# Mar 26-27 Annual Lenten Collection

This collection supports the works of Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Africa and the Church in Latin America. Special Collection envelopes will be in the pews next week. Please prayerfully consider responding to this worthwhile Collection and bring your donation in the next week or two.

#### 40 Days For Life Prayer Shifts through Apr 10

Volunteers are needed Sundays for one hour shifts in the public right-of-way outside on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood, 1685 E. Main St, El Cajon, 92021. To schedule your prayer time visit 40daysforlife.com/elcajon or use the Con-



tact Us link and dropdown list at <u>olg-church.org</u> to email Vicki, our volunteer pro-life ministry leader.



Registration is open for OLG School Get info at <u>olg.org/admissions</u>

# Our School has a Wish List for Gala Donations

Thinking of opportunities for tax-deductible giving to support our school? Here are some ideas:

- Retail and Restaurant Gift Cards
- Salon & Spa Services/Products
- Unique Experiences "Behind-the-Scenes" or Special Tours
- Children's Lessons or Classes: Music, Gymnastics, Dance, Art, etc.
- Tickets to Sporting Events, Museums, Theater, Amusement Parks
- Timeshare and Rental Home stays, Airline Miles, or Hotel Points
- Autographed Memorabilia

For more info call (619) 466-0055 ext 16, email info@olg.org or visit the event page at <u>www.olg.org</u>.

Per the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) face coverings are strongly recommended in indoor settings, regardless of vaccination status.

#### YOUTH ACTIVITIES - GRADES 6 - 12

To check the activity calendars at any time for *New Life* (High School) and *Escape* 

(Middle School) youth visit olg-church.org and click on the Upcoming Events bar, then scroll to the *New Life* and *Escape* calendar links, or call Doris, Youth Minister, at (619) 466-5451.



# K of C Serves Fish at Santa Sophia

Where 2 or 3 Catholics gather during Lent, fish must fry (or bake)! Lenten Friday Fish Dinners are being



prepared by Knights of Columbus Council 9332 at Santa Sophia Church, 9800 San Juan St, Spring Valley, 91977 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. There are different fish/shrimp dinners each week to eat in or take out. They do sell out as several parishes are not cooking fish this year so online pre-purchase is recommended. To find out more visit <u>tinyurl.com/aatd9t5m</u> and scroll to the menu by date and reserve your meals.

#### The Spirituality of Creation Care on Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter, *Laudato Si*

A n in-person and virtual event to be held Sat, **Mar** 26 from 8:30 to 11:30 am at Saint James, 625 S. Nardo Ave., Solana Beach, 92075. There will be presentations in English and in Spanish. For more info contact Efrain at ecasillas@sdcatholic.org. or call (858) 490–8323. Please RSVP now.

# Lent is a great time to intentionally draw closer to God and these resources can help!

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# OLG | SAN DIEGO YOUNG ADULTS - AGES 20 - 39

The OLG Young Adults get together weekly on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm in Lauerman Hall East.

To check the OLG Young Adult calendar of events visit <u>olg-church.org</u>, click on Upcoming Events and then the Young Adult Calendar link.

To receive texts or emails about activities text OLGYA to 84576 and follow us on Instagram@sd.ecya and at facebook.com/groups/youngadultsolg.



For more activities for Catholics in their 20s & 30s visit <u>sdcatholic.org/office-for/young-adult-</u>



#### LENT 2022 PENANCE SERVICES

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

Parish	Day	Date	Time
St. Martin of Tours, La Mesa	Mon	3/21	7:00 pm
Guardian Angels, Santee	Tue	3/29	7:00 pm
Santa Sophia, Spring Valley	Wed	3/30	7:00 pm
St. Pius X, Jamul	Thu	3/31	7:00 pm
Holy Trinity, El Cajon	Mon	4/4	7:00 pm
OUR LADY OF GRACE, EL CAJON		4/5	7:00 pm



On Fri, 25 Mar, during the Celebration of Penance at 1700 in Saint Peter's Basilica, I will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

~ Pope Francis, @Pontifex, 3/15/22

# 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.

Griselda Albanez Heriberto Albanez Tilly Allison Gabriela Alvarenga Marvin Alvarenga Tim Arnzen Angie Arrayan Susie Bellenbaum Angie Biner Anita Branch Stephanie Butcher Pam Carlson **Rosemary Cosgrove** Barbara Cyr Mitch Diccianni Steve Duggins Nick Duhancik Charles Dunn Sarita Enriquez Joseph Erickson Nubia Grimes Mark Habina Susan Hori

Teresa Jacob **Richard Jensen** Lynn Jolivet John Kelly Rebecca Leyden Tim Leyden Mickey Lyle Dawn M. MacNabb Donald Marsh Michael McCormick Barbara Messier Doug Nielson Paulette Newcom **Burnell Skelton** Christine Stanley Michael Stefanidis Dale Swan Shellie Swan **Tony Tabadisto** Bill Trenfel Christian Valdez Marilyn Winger Kyle Wollett

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

Visit <u>olg-church.org</u> and click on the "Living Our Mission - 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal" ad to make your gift or pledge to this year's appeal. Thank you!

# Stoking the Lenten Fire

Think we all can acknowledge that there's a certain fatigue that comes over us all as we near the end of the Lenten season. Next week is Laetare Sunday, and I find that as soon as those pink vestments start coming out of storage, our collective motivation begins to wane.

I get that. Maybe you're fatigued — I am, too. Maybe you're doing well in your resolutions and devotions but you're in danger of coasting. Or maybe, like many of us this year or in past years, you don't feel that you have even really begun your Lenten journey.

Either way, chances are that the fire that was in your belly on Ash Wednesday is burning a bit low. All fires eventually do, once they consume whatever fuels them. So here we would do well to remember what fuels our Lenten fire.

Sometimes we make resolutions that have the appearance of being spiritual, but also have an earthly motive. We give up chocolate hoping to lose weight. We stop gossiping so our friends may like us more. There is nothing wrong with these sacrifices — just with their motivations.

As Moses removes his sandals to approach the burning bush, he sees that the fire burns brightly, strongly — but does not consume. It is propelled by something inexhaustible, something which is not of this world.

Is your Lenten fire fueled by God? Are you daily surrendering yourself to the same voice that boomed from the bush in Genesis — the voice that commanded the Israelites to do what seemed like the impossible?

~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

# PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE PREPARING TO CELEBRATE EASTER SACRAMENTS

#### **Full Initiation**

Kyle Hartman

Jeffrey Kolterman

Margo Jean Latty

(BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION AND EUCHARIST)

Maggie Shubert Catherine Tolla

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER Catholic Candidate completing Christian Initiation (CONFIRMATION AND EUCHARIST) Bianca Gamino

Candidates making a Profession of Faith and completing Christian Initiation Giana Tolla John Tolla, Jr.



#### Heal Us, O Lord! - Hosted by the Southern California Renewal Communities

An uplifting time of healing prayer presentations for the harmful effects of the pandemic: anger; hatred; anxiety; irritability; depression; fear; addictions; bad habits; grief and loss, Sat, **Apr 9** from 11:45 am to 4:00 pm at St. Finbar Parish Hall, 2010 W. Olive Ave, Burbank, 91506. Registration discount through Mar 30. Get more info at <u>events.scrc.org</u> or email spirit@scrc.org.

#### WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

Mar 1-7, 2022	\$20,799.56		
Plate	2,552.00		
Envelopes	\$11,407.00		
Online Giving	\$6,840.56		
Breakdown of Gifts Received			
\$0.01 - \$5.00	26		
\$5.01 - \$10.00	48		
\$10.01 - \$25.00	122		
\$25.01 - \$50.00	75		
\$50.01 - \$100.00	49		
\$100.01 - \$150.00	16		
\$150.01 - \$500.00	22		
Total Contributing Households	358		
Additional Gifts			
Ash Wednesday	\$9,496.47		
Building Fund	\$2,200.00		
Food Pantry	\$450.00		
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$255.00		
School Support—General	\$460.00		
School Support—Tuition Assistance	\$530.00		

# **Please Consider Online Giving**

Give a one-time gift or set up recurring gifts

Visit <u>olg-church.org</u> and click on the "Online Giving" image or link (or use the QR code with your smart phone app). Thank you!





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