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The Annunciation of the Lord

PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

Sun, Mar 22 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
 5:30 pm † Tillie O'Haver
 (Vigil)
 8:00 am † Mary Anne Besl
 11:00 am † Francis Bartholomew
 5:30 pm For the People of the Parish

Mon, Mar 23 Lenten Weekday; St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
 8:00 am *Sp Int* John Olear

Tue, Mar 24 Lenten Weekday
 8:00 am *Sp Int* Jude Olear

Wed, Mar 25 THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
 8:00 am † Alexis Salazar Lizarraga

Thu, Mar 26 Lenten Weekday
 8:00 am Collective Intentions

Fri, Mar 27 Lenten Weekday
 8:00 am *Sp Int* Laura Olear
 5:00 pm † Donald Marsh

Sat, Mar 28 Lenten Weekday
 8:00 am † Rachael Retz

Welcome to OUR LADY of GRACE!

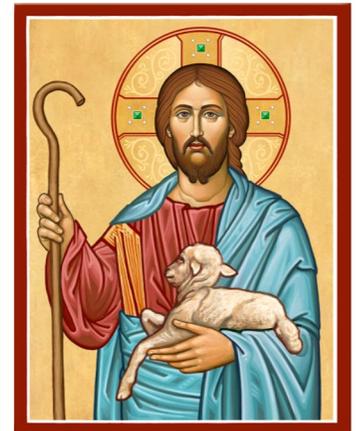
Welcome to all members and visitors who are joining us for the celebration of the Eucharist.

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 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.



IMPORTANT



We would like to let you know that there will be **NOT** be a 24 -hour Adoration for the month of April. We will resume on May 1st.

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass

Mar 22 St. Joseph's Table
Sponsored by the ICF
 To celebrate St. Joseph, the ICF will be offering complimentary food today. See page 4 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.

Apr 5 Easter Sunday
No event in the Parish Center
 Happy Easter to you all! We will not have Food & Fellowship. Enjoy time with your family and the Resurrection of our Lord!

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 22 - MARCH 29

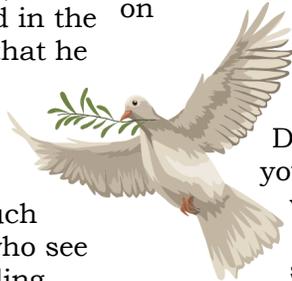
Sun: Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45
Mon: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11
Tue: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
Wed: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Thu: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
Fri: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
Sat: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56
Sun: Mt 21:1-11 (37); Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66

Fifth 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

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.

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.*

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.

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.



GOLDEN HOUR

at the Eve

ILLUMINATING POSSIBILITY TOGETHER

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SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH

DRAW DOWN

at the Eve

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\$10,000

199 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD STARTING IN MARCH

THE 200TH TICKET WILL BE AUCTIONED OFF AT THE GALA FOR A 1 IN 10 CHANCE OF WINNING

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

March 3, 2026 - March 9, 2026 **\$22,422.75**

Plate	\$3,447.45
Envelopes	\$9,711.00
Online Giving	\$9,264.30

Breakdown of Gifts Received

\$0.01 - \$5.00	43
\$5.01 - \$10.00	51
\$10.01 - \$25.00	122
\$25.01 - \$50.00	87
\$50.01 - \$100.00	35
\$100.01 - \$150.00	8
\$150.01 - \$500.00	21
\$500.01 - Over	1

Total Contributing Households **368**

Building Fund	\$369.00
Faith Formation & Youth	\$778.00
Food Pantry	\$614.00
School - Tuition Assistance	\$880.00

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!

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FRIDAY FISH FRIES

It's that time of the year! We will be having our Friday Fish Fries starting Feb 20th - March 27th.

Serving will be from 5:00pm - 7:00pm. We have a menu of various items and all meals include french fries, coleslaw, and dessert! We look forward to seeing you!



WELCOME TO THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY!

Luciana Faith Fowler & Gabriel Richard Fowler
Brenden Marcus Shebby
Sarah Michelle Janisch

BAPTIZED AT OLG ON MARCH 22, 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 | Frank Principato |
| Sky Cariola | James Principato |
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| Dee Draper | David Smith |
| Nick Duhancik | Sharon Smith |
| Thien Ngoc Duong | Tillie Sousa |
| David Foster | Karen Tabadisto |
| Joseph Fromm | Mary Titone |
| Stephen Gage | Steve Thudium |
| Sammy Ganaden | Carlos Villar |
| Colette Gerard | Cindy Katan Wallace |
| Joe Hilgeman | Marilyn Winger |
| Evelyn Jaba | |
| Maria Bernadette Jaba | |

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!

Lenten

PENANCE SERVICE

Our Lady of Grace Church

March 23rd

7:00 PM



Pray + Fast + Give alms

*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.*



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.

OUR LADY of GRACE PARISH AND SCHOOL DIRECTORY

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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) — 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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OPERATION GRATITUDE CLUB — Deborah Renick

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CULTURE OF LIFE — Elena & Emily Ruta

WALKING WITH PURPOSE — Vicky Szymanski

(WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY)



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