

PALM SUNDAY

**“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”**

- Matthew 21:9



PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

Sun, Mar 29 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD5:30 pm † Craig Van Wanseele
(Vigil)

8:00 am † James Pitt

11:00 am † Salvatore Russo

5:30 pm For the People of the Parish

Mon, Mar 30 Monday of Holy Week8:00 am *Sp Int* Elizabeth Riley**Tue, Mar 31 Tuesday of Holy Week**

8:00 am † Mark & Mary Steckbauer

Wed, Apr 1 Wednesday of Holy Week

8:00 am † Mary Anne Besl

Thu, Apr 2 HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

7:00 pm † Norman Jolivet

Fri, Apr 3 FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (Good Friday)

8:00 am Prayer Service

12:00 pm Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Sat, Apr 4 HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 am Prayer Service



FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

*All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass***Mar 29 Bread Sunday***Sponsored by the CWC*

Bread Sunday is today! Stop by the Parish Center to see the variety of breads we have all made by the CWC.

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!

Apr 12 School Sunday*Sponsored by OLG School Families*

Complimentary coffee & refreshments. Contributions not necessary but gratefully accepted. Proceeds benefit OLG School's Tuition Assistance Fund.

Welcome to OUR LADY of GRACE!

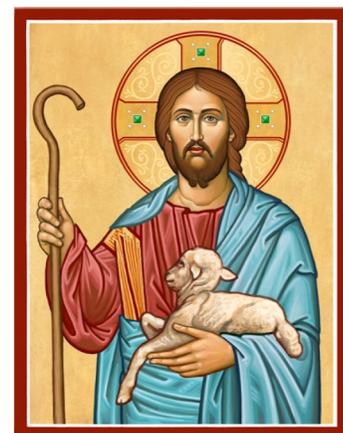
W elcome to all members and visitors who are joining us for the celebration of the Eucharist.

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 29– APRIL 5

Sun: Mt 21:1-11 (37); Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66**Mon:** Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11**Tue:** Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38**Wed:** Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25**Thu:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15**Fri:** Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42**Sat:** Gn 1:1—2:2; Gn 22:1-8; Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 55:1-11; Rom 6:3-11; Mt 28:1-10**Sun:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

GROW: Pay attention to the prominence of Scripture in today's Mass. At Masses where there's a Procession or the Solemn Entrance, we'll hear the Gospel reading proclaiming Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. During our regular Liturgy of the Word, we'll also read through the lengthy account of Christ's passion (this year, from the Gospel of Matthew). Following the reading of the passion a brief homily may be given, but there may also be a period of silence rather than a homily. In so many ways, it seems that beginning with Palm Sunday (and all throughout Holy Week), the Church is inviting us to feast on God's Word in a deeper way than perhaps at any other time in the liturgical year. As disciples, our whole Christian life must be nourished not only by the sacraments,

but by the Word of God. As Lent comes to a close, we can think back to our Gospel of the First Sunday of Lent, where Jesus tells us that "One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." (Mt 4:4) The events we hear about during this time are the climactic moments in the unfolding plan of our salvation. By reading the Gospel accounts, we're invited to participate in them through this liturgy which makes them present to us, here and now.

GO: Paul's Letter to the Philippians speaks of Jesus' self-emptying love. Although he was God, Jesus took on our humanity and offered his life in humble obedience to the Father, accepting, willfully, even death on a cross. When we consider our efforts to lead others to know the Lord, we're invited to adopt his own way of

reaching out to humanity. Do we enter into the lived experience of those we seek to evangelize? In what ways do we empty (humble) ourselves in order to draw near to them? Are we willing to set aside our plans, our agenda, our way of doing things, and willingly accept God's way of doing things? Following the example of our Lord, our own efforts at evangelization should be marked by humility and self-emptying love.

STUDY: One of the best ways we can participate in the celebration of these sacred days is to spend time reading the Scriptures for each day of Holy Week. Read the text, then sit in silence, allowing the words to wash over you. What moments or lines stand out to you? As you re-read the Gospel of Christ's passion, read the words knowing that Jesus has done all of this for you.

Written by:
The Faithful Disciple

Lenten Verse to Reflect On

"So submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you of two minds. Begin to lament, to mourn, to weep. Let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy into dejection. Humble yourselves before the Lord and he will exalt you."

- James 4:7-0

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.



SAVE THE DATE
Cinco de Mayo
Celebration
SATURDAY, MAY 2
PARISH CENTER

Special Mariachi entertainment after the 5:30 Mass!
 Limited ticket sales begin April 12 after all Masses!
 More details to follow!





55 Plus
Club Lunch
TUESDAY, APRIL 14

The 55 Plus Club Lunch will be Tuesday, April 14, 2026. It will be Easter themed, and our lunch will have ham with all the fixings. Yum! The lunch fee is \$16 for guests. The deadline is April 10 before 3:00pm. There will be a late fee or walk in fee of \$20.

There are two more lunches after April: May 5 and June 9. In September, we will start our 18th year hosting the 55 Plus Club. Wow!

For questions, please call Mary at 619-463-1129.

“This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.”
 — 1 John 4:1



PALM SUNDAY

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at the Eve
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WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

March 10, 2026 - March 16, 2026 **\$21,424.78**

Plate	\$3,576.48
Envelopes	\$12,354.00
Online Giving	\$5,494.30

Breakdown of Gifts Received

\$0.01 - \$5.00	39
\$5.01 - \$10.00	46
\$10.01 - \$25.00	124
\$25.01 - \$50.00	79
\$50.01 - \$100.00	43
\$100.01 - \$150.00	9
\$150.01 - \$500.00	15
\$500.01 - Over	3

Total Contributing Households **358**

Annual Lenten Collection	\$367.00
Faith Formation Donation	\$540.00
Flowers	\$930.00
Food Pantry	\$1,465.00

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!

SYNERGY SAN DIEGO YOUTH DAY 2026

**Saturday, April 11
Cathedral Catholic High School**

Synergy San Diego Youth Day 2026 is coming up! They will have keynote speaker Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR.



**Registration due date is March 25th.
Fees are non-refundable.**

*Permission forms are required so please scan the QR code.



The Registration and Code of Behavior Form will be accessible through our website under "Ministries".

Marriage Help!
April 17-19

Not willing to let go of your marriage?
THERE IS HOPE.

Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. It helps a husband and a wife rediscover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together.

For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, call 951-259-9474 or visit helpourmarriage-sandiego.org



SAVE THE DATE

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

April 26



OFFICE CLOSURE

Our Parish Office will be closed on Friday, April 3rd in observance of Good Friday and on Monday, April 6th in celebration of Easter Monday.

We will re-open on Tuesday, April 7th at 8:30am. May you all have a safe and blessed weekend!

Easter Mass Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 2

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

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 3

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

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 12

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 2:15pm

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

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.

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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 |
| Cheryl Casey | Danny Rubio |
| Phyllis Ciesielski | Richard Ruttenberg |
| Luzanne Coyne | Faith San Jose |
| Msgr. John Cusack | Jeffery Sanders |
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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 | Christopher Trujillo |
| 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.*

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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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Cantate Kids and Gaudete Choir (11:00 am Sun)

Director **ROBERT FILLEY**
Laudate Ensemble (5:30 pm Sun)

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PHONE: **(619) 466-5656**

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PARISH MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

To e-mail members of the parish staff or the ministry leaders listed below please visit our website at: olg-church.org - click on the "Contact Us" link in the upper right corner of the browser window.

For a ministry leader phone number please call the Parish Office at (619) 469-0133.

55 PLUS CLUB — Mary Cloward

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

INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC FAMILIES (ICF)

Carla Pedroncelli

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS — Frances Cabrini Council 8879

Juan Bernal, Grand Knight

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OPERATION GRATITUDE CLUB — Deborah Renick

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Maretta Clauson & Sharon Stevens

PRO-LIFE — Vicki Whitmire (40 Days for Life)

CULTURE OF LIFE — Elena & Emily Ruta

WALKING WITH PURPOSE — Vicky Szymanski

(WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY)



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