

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

OUR LADY of GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. -John 2:15

PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

Sun, Mar 3 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
 5:30 pm *Sp Int* Rosa Hilgeman (Vigil)
 8:00 am † Marilyn Susan Velasco
 11:00 am † Alexandra Jackson
 5:30 pm For the People of the Parish

Mon, Mar 4 LENTEN WEEKDAY
 8:00 am † Rylan O' Neal & † Mark Habina
 5:30 pm † Jackie Laudate

Tue, Mar 5 LENTEN WEEKDAY
 8:00 am † Jordan Ingco
Sp Int Joel & *Sp Int* Eileen Ingco
Sp Int Ingco Family & Friends
Sp In Joseph & *Sp Int* Korayna Lopez
 5:30 pm

Wed, Mar 6 LENTEN WEEKDAY
 8:00 am † Warren Salender
 5:30 pm *Sp Int* Sofia Gabriela Candia

Thu, Mar 7 LENTEN WEEKDAY
 8:00 am † Maribel Velasquez
 5:30 pm † Maria Russo

Fri, Mar 8 LENTEN WEEKDAY
 8:00 am † Susan Lundquist
 5:30 pm † Fred Baranowski

Sat, Mar 9 LENTEN WEEKDAY
 8:00 am *Sp Int* Larry Rabin
Sp Int David Engel

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 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 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.



FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass.

Mar 3 Donuts and Coffee Sunday
Sponsored by the ICF
 Enjoy delicious donuts, coffee and fellowship after Mass!

Mar 10 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 Education.

Mar 17 St. Joseph's Table
Sponsored by the ICF
 To celebrate St. Joseph, the ICF will be offering complimentary Pasta with Marinara Sauce, Fresh Baked Rolls and Hot Fava Bean Soup. Stop by to see the festive table we prepare to honor this great Saint! See you there.

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 MAR 3 – MAR 10

Sun: Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Mon: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; 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: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Sat: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

Sun: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17

1 Cor 1:22-25

Jn 2:13-25

GROW: When I was a kid, my older siblings used to tell me what to do (no surprise there!) and often backed up their, ahem, “commands,” by saying, “Mom and Dad said so.” Interestingly, sometimes that statement was not true (!), and I would get the right information – what to do and the correct way to do it – directly from my parents. My experience is not unlike that of the Israelites in today’s first reading. As they escaped from bondage in Egypt and followed the Lord through the guidance of Moses, they developed their own ways of doing things, listened to the wrong people and acted as if they were indeed conveying truth. But the Lord steps in to correct them, and in “a direct, unmediated communication” of truth to them, gives them commandments to follow. (USCCB commentary) These instructions for how to live a moral life in

relationship with God and with one another are the basis of the covenant they made there with the Lord. They are the foundation of the new covenant in which we partake through Jesus Christ, who came into our history as the perfect,



unmediated communication of God.

GO: How do you envision Jesus? It’s easy to think of him as kind and easy-going – the type of person who never lets his feathers get ruffled, no matter how many times the Pharisees question and challenge him. However, we see a different side of Jesus today – one in which he is flipping over tables and brandishing a whip. He is driving out those who are using his Father’s house as a place to make money rather than as a place to worship. In the

drama of that scene, let’s not overlook what comes next in the reading. The people there at the temple, obviously taken aback by what they have seen, ask for a sign to justify what authority Jesus has to drive people out of the temple.

Jesus says, “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” That confused people then, but we know today that the true temple is Jesus and that his rising from the dead would be the sign they sought. Just as the commandments of God have authority, so does Jesus who came as perfect obedience to those commandments to help us follow them ourselves.

PRAY: It’s easy for us to think we’re doing a good job keeping the Lord’s commandments, but at the same time the line between right and wrong can seem blurred at times and we may relax a bit on some of their finer points. Try this week to dig deep within ourselves and turn to prayer for the strength to do what is right, seeking the wisdom of God rather than relying on human wisdom.

Written By: FAITH CATHOLIC

OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH
 Founded 1954
CLERGY

PASTOR

Rev. Lauro Minimo

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Rev. Marc Gandolfo

PRIEST IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Celsius Offor, CH, LT, USN

DEACON

Dcn. John Sawaya

SEMINARIAN IN RESIDENCE

Jesse Lopez

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 Deacon Sawaya (858) 869-5079.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Marriage preparation begins nine months in advance. Please contact Fr. Lauro Minimo, Fr. Marc Gandolfo or Deacon 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.

LENT AT OLG
WEEKDAY MASS
 8am & 5:30pm
WEDNESDAY ADORATION
 After the 5:30pm Mass - 8pm
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 Fridays of Lent - 7:00pm



Join our OLG community on the Fridays of Lent for special meals in the Parish Center from **4:30pm-7:30pm**. Those planning on attending the 5:30pm Mass are to observe the Eucharistic fast—no food one hour prior to receiving Holy Communion. Please refer to the schedule below for the menu and dates.

On March 8, the Events Committee will be serving Cheese Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Beans and Salad.

On March 15, the Events Committee will be serving Lentil Chili, Baked Potato, Coleslaw and Baked Corn Bread.

On March 22, the Knights will be cooking a variety of meals to choose from. On the menu are a Grilled Cod Meal, a Fried Shrimp Meal, a Combo Cod and Shrimp Meal, Clam Chowder, and Pasta with Marina Sauce.

**The Events Committee kindly asks for a donation of \$8 per adult, and \$5 per child.*



St. Martin of Tours	March 4	7:00 PM
St. Therese	March 6	7:00 PM
St. Pius X	March 7	7:00 PM
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	March 11	10:00 AM
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	March 11	7:00 PM
Guardian Angels	March 11	7:00 PM
Holy Trinity	March 12	7:00 PM
St. Luke	March 14	7:00 PM
Our Lady of Grace	March 20	7:00 PM



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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| Ron Aguinaldo | Josh Lee |
| Peter Abraham | Rebecca Leyden |
| Heriberto Albanez | Tessa Lizardi |
| Griselda Albanez | Charlotte Locy |
| Angie Arrayan | Jose A Lopez |
| Kali'a Arrayan | Yolanda Lopez |
| Cheryl Becker | James Lothian |
| Lori Berry | Donald Marsh |
| Valentina Bertolizio | Chris MacLaird |
| Angie Biner | Christina Martins |
| Walter Butcher | Dawn MacNabb |
| Lesley Bradley | Mark Malovic |
| Patricia Carr | Kevin Maucere |
| Cheryl Casey | Joshua Moala |
| Mary Beth Caston | Rosalie Muns |
| Mark Castro | Bertha Munoz |
| Maria Cisneros | Don Newcom |
| Betsy Cooper | Rosemarie O'Connell |
| Hayden Cooper | Gladys Oleson |
| Patricia Crean | Tom Pastore |
| Gerry Cruz | Phil Panuco |
| Mary Dahlheimer | Madeline Pospichal |
| Mary Downs | Anthony Porto |
| Steve Duggins | James Principato |
| Mike Egan | Alice Redhead |
| Lolita Elegado | Charisse Rola |
| Katie Ellis | Michael Rodgers |
| Christina Frantz | Danny Rubio |
| Herm Freeh | Karen Scott |
| Dawn Garofalo | Anna Smith |
| Arthur Garnica | Mark Smith |
| Anthony Gazzola | Liz Swier |
| Jenny Geb | Robert Spieldenner |
| Patricia Gonzales | Mary Steckbauer |
| Susan Hori | Clifford Tabadisto |
| Ed Howell | Greg Trott |
| Angelina Jones | Marlene Tuyay-Scott |
| Susan Johnston | Silva Family |
| Alice Lynn Ibarra | Christian Valdez |
| Janet Kozakiewicz | Marilyn Winger |
| Joseph Lavorato | Jeff Wood |
| Jason Laccone | Lillian P. Woods |

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 Mike Sibal at: msibal@olg-church.org.



55 Plus Club Lunch

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

It's time to get your Irish on! The theme for our 55 Plus Club lunch for March will be St. Patrick's Day. Green will be the color of the day! Doors open at 10:30 am with announcements at 11:30 am. The early bird lunch price is \$14. The lunch fee for reservations after Thursday, March 7 at 3 pm in the parish office will be \$17. This is not a pub lunch so NO beer. The menu will be kept a secret but you might be able to guess what it will be. It will be a great day for a delicious meal, door prizes, a cash opportunity drawing and BINGO. For questions call Linda at 619-460-3601.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

February 14 - March 24

HELP SAVE LIVES IN EL CAJON

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

Here's how to take part:

- **Vigil location:** On the sidewalk in front of **Planned Parenthood – 1685 E. Main St., El Cajon** (near Greenfield Drive, next to McDonalds)
- **Vigil hours:** 7 am to 7 pm daily
- **Local contact:** Vicki 619-647-5793

Learn more and get involved by visiting our campaign:

40daysforlife.com/elcajon



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BECOME A PRIEST?

EXPLORER DAY

March 16, 2024 8:30am - 3:30pm

Explorer Day provides men an opportunity to learn more about the priesthood and how to discern God's call

TO REGISTER, CONTACT YOUR PARISH PRIEST

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT CARMEL MAGLALANG
858-490-8389 • cmaglalang@sdccatholic.org

If interested please contact our pastor, Fr. Lauro at lminimo@olg-church.org, or Fr. Marc who is the Vocation Leader of the El Cajon Deanery at mgandolfo@olg-church.org.



SAVE THE DATE

St. Joseph's Table Sunday, March 17

Every month of March, the International Catholic Families (ICF) Club celebrates the Feast of St. Joseph by constructing an elaborate altar to honor the beloved Spouse of Our Blessed Mother. We invite you to join us for this special day of devotion, culture and delicious food! More info to follow in the upcoming bulletins. St. Joseph, pray for us.

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

February 13, 2024 - February 19, 2024 **\$17,621.80**

Plate	\$2,507.66
Envelopes	\$10,062.64
Online Giving	\$5,051.50

Breakdown of Gifts Received

\$0.01 - \$5.00	32
\$5.01 - \$10.00	44
\$10.01 - \$25.00	130
\$25.01 - \$50.00	65
\$50.01 - \$100.00	32
\$100.01 - \$150.00	13
\$150.01 - \$500.00	18

Total Contributing Households **334**

Ash Wednesday	\$6,987.84
Building Fund	\$2,066.00
Food Pantry	\$1,527.50
School, Tuition Assistance	\$285.00



Works of Mercy
 MIDDLE SCHOOL DEANERY SERVICE PROJECT
Sunday, March 8 - 6:30pm
 OLG Youth Room

Join us for a day of assembling blessing bags for the homeless. Please bring a donation of a box of individually wrapped snacks such as cheese & crackers, breakfast bars, or personal items: toothbrush, small chapstick or a package of new socks, to donate to the items we will be packaging.



Please pray for the eternal repose of the soul of

MARIA CONSOLI

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

Sail THE Night Away

OLG SCHOOL GALA 2024

Saturday, April 20
 5:00pm to 11:30pm

A waterfront evening of dining, dancing, and auction excitement in support of Catholic Education at Our Lady of Grace School!

Sheraton Bay Tower
 on Harbor Island

TICKETS ARE LIMITED
www.olg.org



Thankful for a Fruitful Youth Day

On February 3, Middle School Youth from Our Lady of Grace joined several nearby parishes at St. Martin's for the annual East County Middle School Youth Day. This year our theme was 'All About the Mass'. Youth enjoyed activities, interactive workshops, community building games, food and friends, while learning more about our Catholic Faith.

A huge thank you to our sponsor for the day, Inland Federal Credit Union, who's mission is to 'Serve the Catholic Community of East County.' They are located at 8811 Grossmont Blvd, La Mesa. Our committee team is extremely grateful for their support of our Middle School Deanery Ministry.

OUR LADY of GRACE PARISH AND SCHOOL DIRECTORY

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 HOURS: MON-THU 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

- Pastor **REV. LAURO MINIMO** | Ext. 17
- Associate Pastor **REV. MARC GANDOLFO** | EXT. 27
- Deacon **DCN. JOHN SAWAYA** | (858) 869-5079
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- Publicity & Media Coordinator **MIKE SIBAL** | Ext. 33
- Housekeeping **MARIA ARIAS**
- Maintenance & Facilities **VINCE OLIVER, PATRICK ROGERS & MATTHEW HILGEMAN**

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

- Liturgy Coordinator **ROSA HILGEMAN** | Ext. 14
- Director of Liturgical Music **JONATHAN GONZALES** | Ext. 26
- Cantate Kids and Gaudete Choir (11:00 am Sun)*
- Director **ROBERT FILLEY**
- Laudate Ensemble (5:30 pm Sun)*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SCHOOL OF RELIGION, CONFIRMATION & ADULT FAITH FORMATION
 PHONE: (619) 466-5656

- Director of Catechetical Ministry **[VACANT]**
- Youth Ministry Coordinator **DORIS HERTZIG** (619)466-5451
- Jr. High, Sr. High **BERNADETTE ROSE SOLTERO**
- Young Adults (18-39 yrs.)



PARISH SCHOOL

PHONE: (619) 466-0055
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 WEB: OLG.ORG
 HOURS: WEEKDAYS 7:15 AM-3:30 PM
 (DURING SCHOOL YEAR)

- Principal **ERIN MARES** | Ext. 11 | emares@olg.org
- Administrative Assistant to the Principal **LINDA PETERS** | Ext. 12 | lpeters@olg.org
- Development & Admissions **KELLI BALISTRERI** | Ext. 16 | kbalistreri@olg.org
- Office Manager **BRANDI TORRES** | Ext. 10 | btorres@olg.org

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)**
 CWC — Mary Cloward
 Book Club — Julie Hazelton
 Craft Fair — Kathy Porterfield
- CURSILLO** — Dcn. John Sawaya
- EVENTS COMMITTEE** — Deborah Renick
- FOOD PANTRY** — *Since 1981* (619) 469-0061
 Doug Perl M-F, 9:30-11:00 am
- HOLIDAY ANGELS** — *Since 1988* — Lesley Bradley
- INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC FAMILIES (ICF)**
 Carla Pedroncelli
- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** — *Frances Cabrini Council 8879*
 Samson Leonard, Grand Knight (435) 630-3406
 samsondleonard@gmail.com
- MEN FOR CHRIST** — Steve Faucher
- MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND**
 Rosa Hilgeman
- PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY** — *Since 2006*
 Nettie Aguinaldo
- PRO-LIFE** — Vicki Whitmire (40 Days for Life)
- CULTURE OF LIFE** — Elena & Emily Ruta
- WALKING WITH PURPOSE** — Vicky Szymanski



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 And please Like Us on Facebook!

Reporting Sexual Abuse: The diocese of San Diego treats all allegations of sexual misconduct by clergy or Church personnel seriously and deals with them in a prompt, confidential manner. To report sexual misconduct by clergy or Church personnel, including abuse, please contact Mary Acosta at (858) 490-8353 or misconduct@sdccatholic.org. Situations of recent or ongoing sexual abuse should be reported to local law enforcement.

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