Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil

MARCH 6, 2022 | FIRST SUNDAY of LENT

Luke 4:1-2a

PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

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	FIRST SUNDAY of LENT † Norene Brown
	For the People of the Parish
11:00 am	† Joan Nelson
5:30 pm	Sp Int Suzanne Grami
Mon, Mar 7	Lenten Weekday
8:00 am	† Rylan O'Neal
Tue, Mar 8	Lenten Weekday
8:00 am	Sp Int Larry Raben
Wed, Mar 9	Lenten Weekday
8:00 am	† Luz Viminda
Thu, Mar 10	Lenten Weekday
8:00 am	Sp Int Galyen Family
11:00 am	† Doralyn Whalen (Funeral Mass)
Fri, Mar 11	Lenten Weekday
	No Mass
Sat, Mar 12	Lenten Weekday
8:00 am	† Sean Robert Gallo
Sun, Mar 13	SECOND SUNDAY of LENT
5:30 pm	† Bill Smirniotis
8:00 am	† Frank & † Regina Fritz
11:00 am	For the People of the Parish
5:30 pm	† Patrick Heitert

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 scroll to the blue and white sheep to signup.



To register at Our Lady of Grace

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.

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass.

- Mar 6 Pancake Breakfast Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Frances Cabrini Council 8879 Pancakes, bacon, sausages, eggs, fruit, biscuits, gravy and more. See page 4!
- Mar 13 School Sunday & Drawdown Ticket Sales 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. See page 4 for \$10,000.00 Drawdown ticket info.
- Mar 20 ICF Saint Joseph's Table Celebration Sponsored by the International Catholic Families Complimentary traditional foods will be served. Watch for more details next week!

Welcome to OUR LADY of GRACE!

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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 6 - 13

Sun:	Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13
Mon:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
Tue:	Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
Wed:	Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
Thu:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
Fri:	Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
Sat:	Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
Sun:	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

Synod on Synodality: Be a part of this worldwide consultation

- What is a synod? It is a special meeting.
- Why have it? Pope Francis is asking Catholics worldwide to give input about their faith, hopes and desires for the church.
- How do we participate? In small group meetings of 6 to 8 people held at OLG.
- When? Sat, Mar 26 from 9:00 to 11:30 am.

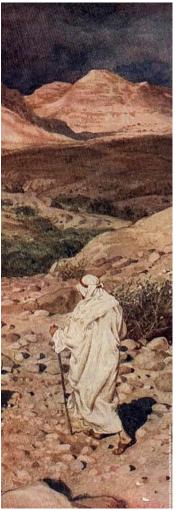
What else do I need to know? There are 200 seats available. Sign-ups begin Mar 9 with a Flocknote email invitation. Paper registrations will be available on the info table at the back of the church the weekend of Mar 12-13, which can be returned by way of the Mar 19-20 Mass offertory baskets. Sign ups close on Wed, Mar 23 or when all seats are filled.

First Sunday of Lent

<u>Mass readings</u>: Dt 26:4-10 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13

GROW: If you are anything like me, vou may still be deciding what to give up or do for Lent even though we're already five days in. I know ... "Stop procrastinating!" Today's readings can help us enter more deeply into this season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. They are a reminder that Lent isn't primarily about us, as if it were a self-improvement project, but about taking the opportunity to go deeper into our relationship with God. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are ways of reducing distractions in our life and focusing on God's mercy, his sacrifice for us, and his generosity and love. I am one who likes to control things and make plans, so the readings challenge me to look beyond myself, beginning with prayer, and ask the Lord to help me grow in faith. Paul writes, "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Jesus exemplifies this dependence on God, allowing himself to be led to the desert by the Spirit. Each time the devil tempts

him, he responds and in turn shows us how to respond: by turning to God I imagine sand, heat,



and God's words, the source of our strength. As we choose how to observe the next 35 days, we are reminded to ask God to help us find those things that help draw us closer to him. **GO:** What comes to mind when you picture a desert? thirst. It's more challenging to examine the landscape of my personal desert - barren places of prayer or too much focus on the details of everyday life. Lent, however, presents a rich opportunity to pause and reprioritize our lives based on Jesus' words in today's Gospel: "You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving can help us do that, reminding us of our dependence on God and helping us shift our focus from ourselves to God and others. How we observe and experience Lent will differ for each of us. Whatever our personal desert looks like, we can rest assured that God will help us find our way back to him.

ACCOMPANIMENT: Find an accountability partner for Lent who can help you stay the course these next 40 days. Perhaps you can pray together each day, or simply send a text sharing how God is working in and through you in this penitential season.

OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH Founded 1954

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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 4, 11, 18, 25; Apr 1, 8 7:00 pm in the church

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

Mar 6 Pancake Breakfast

ur Knights of Columbus Council 8879 will prepare a delicious breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage and fruit, with your choice of coffee, milk or juice after the 8:00 and 11:00 am Masses



on Sun, Mar 6. Cost is \$8.00, but seniors 65 and older and children under 12 pay \$7.00. Biscuits and gravy are only \$4.00! Coffee and donuts will also be available All net proceeds will be donated to good caus-

es supported by the Knights of Columbus.

55 Plus Luncheon

ue, **Mar 8** the 55 Plus luncheon and Bingo returns. Be sure to be wearing green for St. Patrick's Day! Reservation forms are on the info table inside the church or online at olg-church.org under Upcoming Events. The early-bird deadline has passed so the luncheon cost is now



\$15.00. For answers to any questions call Mary at (619) 463-1129.

Congratulations to KOREY ERXLEBEN & **ALEXANDRIA EMBLETON** Who celebrated the sacrament of Holy Matrimony at Our Lady of Grace on Mar 5 May the Lord bless you both with his life and love!

OLG School \$10,000 Drawdown Ticket Sales

Ale tables will be outside the church after all weekend Masses in March and at the **Mar 13** School Sunday Food and Fellowship in the Parish Center until sold out. 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!

FUNERAL LITURGY AT OUR LADY of GRACE

DORALYN WHALEN

Mass on Thu, Mar 10 at 11:00 am Inurnment follows at El Camino Memorial Park

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

40 Days For Life Prayer Shifts through Apr 10

olunteers 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 Contact Us link and dropdown list at olg-church.org to email Vicki, our volunteer pro-life ministry leader.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE PREPARING TO CELEBRATE EASTER SACRAMENTS

Full Initiation

(BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION AND EUCHARIST)

Kyle Hartman Jeffrey Kolterman Margo Jean Latty

Giana Tolla

Maggie Shubert Catherine Tolla

GROWING ΙΝ ΕΑΙΤΗ TOGETHER

Catholic Candidates completing Christian Initiation (CONFIRMATION AND EUCHARIST) Bianca Gamino

Candidates making a Profession of Faith and completing Christian Initiation

John Tolla, Jr.

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 on the weekend of **Mar 19-20**. All items must be new and will be donated to the East County Transitional Living Center which assists families facing homelessness with housing, meals and guidance.

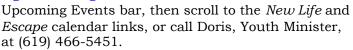


Needed items include shampoo and conditioner: body wash and soap; razors and shaving cream; deodorant; toothbrushes and toothpaste; and feminine hygiene products.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES - GRADES 6 - 12

iddle School youth are gathering for an *Escape* night, Fri, **Mar 11** from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in Lauerman Hall East. It's a a time of friendship and faith!

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



A New Adult Study for Lent Via Zoom

J ourney with Christ into conversion by joining us on Zoom for this new Lenten adult study! Meeting on Wednesdays through **May 4** from 6:30-8:00 pm, sessions will be facilitated by our



Director of Catechetical Ministry, Lissa Hutcheson.

Each of the 10 episodes explores areas of our life where conversion is so often necessary. With preaching from Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, as well as personal testimonies from men and women, young and old, religious and lay, their stories will inspire you to seek to encounter Jesus and the new life he is constantly inviting us to. Visit <u>tinyurl.com/d2r74epu</u> to register.

Explorer Day

n Sat, **Mar 19**, the Diocese of San Diego is hosting an Explorer Day for those men who are in-



terested in exploring a possible vocation to the priesthood. The day will be held at the St. Francis Center on the campus of the University of San Diego 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 the opportunity to attend this upcoming Explorer Day. To register,

please contact Fr. Peter in the parish office or call Fr. Lauro Minimo, Director for Priestly Vocations, at (619) 291-7446, **no later than Thurs, Mar 10.**

A Time for Mercy - Mar 11-13

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Post-Abortion Healing safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Retreats are confidential and non-judgmental, offered in Catholic tradition open to women and men wounded by abortion. All inquiries strictly confidential. Register early, space is limited! For more info visit <u>atimeformercy.org</u> or contact Dolores at (951) 325-7702 or rvtemecula@verizon.net.

DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO POSITION OPENING Superintendent for Catholic Schools

The Diocese of San Diego is currently accepting applications for the position of **Superintendent for Catholic Schools**. Qualifications: must be a practicing

Roman Catholic; able to articulate the mission of the Catholic Church; hold a master's degree in Educational Leadership & Administration or possess an Administrative Credential; and have 3-5 years of experience in Catholic school administrative leadership. The ability to speak both Eng-



lish and Spanish is preferred. For further info and to view the job description visit $\underline{tinyurl.com/mv528z3e}$.

5 Days of Miracles - Mar 23-27

Tours parish hall, 7710 El Cajon Blvd., La Mesa, 91942. No charge—bring a friend.

Eucharistic Miracles: Stories, scientific study, and Scriptural basis for belief in the Real Presence.

Sacred Clothes of the Passion: The Shroud of Turin, The Sudarium of Oviedo and The Tunic of Argenteul will be linked using faith, history and science.

Life after Life: What happens when you die? For a full schedule visit stmartinoftoursparish.org.

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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 Carol Bessone Angie Biner Anita Branch Stephanie Butcher Pam Carlson Bill Coffie David Conway Rosemary Cosgrove Barbara Cyr Mitch Diccianni Steve Duggins Nick Duhancik Sarita Enriquez Joseph Erickson Nubia Grimes Mark Habina Susan Hori Lynn Jolivet

John Kelly Rebecca Levden Tim Leyden Mickey Lyle Dawn M. MacNabb Donald Marsh Michael McCormick Barbara Messier Tessie Montano Mary Montoya Doug Nielson Paulette Newcom Donna Newlon Danny Rubio Burnell Skelton Theresa Smith Bernie Speers Christine Stanley Michael Stefanidis Tony Tabadisto Terry Tedrow Bill Trenfel Christian Valdez Leo Valecruz Marilyn Winger Kyle Wollett

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





Teach me to pray to my Father above: Teach me to know of the things that are right. Teach me, teach me to walk in the light

Visit the OLG School website at olg.org

LENT 2022 PENANCE SERVICES

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

Parish	Day	Date	Time
Queen of Angels, Alpine	Tue	3/8	7:00 pm
St. Therese, San Diego	Wed	3/9	7:00 pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside	Tue	3/15	9:00 am
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside	Tue	3/15	7:00 pm
St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Lakeside/Barona	Tue	3/15	7:00 pm
St. John of the Cross, Lemon Grove	Wed	3/16	7:00 pm
St. Luke, El Cajon	Thu	3/17	7:00 pm
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	Tue	4/5	7:00 pm

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

OLG | SAN DIEGO YOUNG ADULTS - AGES 20 - 39

he 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 olg-church.org, 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 sdcatholic.org/office-for/young-adult-ministry.

Feb 27 Blood Drive Success

ve collected 43 pints of life saving blood! A big "Thank you" goes out to our donors (especially all those donating for the first time) and the OLG



volunteers who helped the drive to run smoothly.

Courtesy Announcement

ne spot is available for a once-in-a-lifetime group tour, Sep 11 - 23, 2022, to Oberammergau for The Passion Play. For more info contact Mary Cloward at (619) 463-1129.

Please Consider Online Giving Give a one-time gift or set up recurring gifts

Visit olg-church.org 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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