OUR LADY of GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

#### MASS SCHEDULE AND PRIEST'S INTENTIONS

Sun,	Mar	8	SECOND	<b>SUNDAY</b>	of LENT
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5:30 pm Sp Int George Roehrich

8:00 am † Mark Steckbauer 11:00 am † Jack Cloward

5:30 pm For the People of the Parish

Mon, Mar 9 Lenten Weekday

8:00 am Sp Int Rosa Hilgeman

Tues, Mar 10 Lenten Weekday

8:00 am † Margaret Campbell Wed, Mar 11 Lenten Weekday

8:00 am † Barbara Lupo

Thurs, Mar 12 Lenten Weekday

8:00 am † Don Kolesar Fri, Mar 13 Lenten Weekday

8:00 am † Frank & † Regina Fritz

Sat, Mar 14 Lenten Weekday 8:00 am † Laura Azua Ziembe

Sun, Mar 15 THIRD SUNDAY of LENT

5:30 pm † Margaret Campbell 8:00 am † Sister Margaret Eilerman, CSJ

11:00 am † Ken Eichinger & Deceased members of the Eichinger family

5:30 pm For the People of the Parish

#### FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

All are welcome after morning Masses.

#### Mar 8 **School Sunday**

Sponsored by OLG School Families Complimentary coffee, juice and donuts. Contributions not necessary but gratefully accepted. Proceeds benefit OLG School's Tuition Assistance Fund, the Gerard Family Endowment for Catholic Education.

#### Mar 15 Wheelchair Sunday

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Complimentary coffee and donuts. Donations provide free wheelchairs for children in need in Mexico.

#### Mar 22 St. Joseph's Table

Sponsored by the members of the International Catholic Families (ICF) A meatless meal of pasta and marinara will be served along with an assortment of Italian sweets and other goodies. Sorry, no donuts.

#### Catholic Charities Invites 55+ Seniors to Enroll in the Foster Grandparent Program

s a volunteer, you will tutor and mentor children in the classroom who need additional support. The program provides a modest tax deferred stipend,



reimbursed transportation, training and more. Call today for an application! (619) 323-2795. Ask for Ana Magdaleno, Senior Program Coordinator. Must be 55+ and meet other program eligibility requirements.

#### Welcome to Our LADY of GRACE!

• elcome to all who are joining us for the celebration of the Eucharist. There are many ways and parish organizations to participate in our life in Christ. See the directory on page 7.

We invite all who attend OLG to become registered members of our parish. 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. It is necessary for baptism, marriage, and godparent or sponsor certification.

**Mindfulness of Others**—Please silence all devices and refrain from using them during the liturgy. The parish has a Children's Chapel located in the northwest corner of the church. Parents with restless children are welcome to make use of this chapel at any time during Mass should it be necessary. We ask that this chapel, like the church itself, remain free of food and drink.

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

ur Lady of Grace Parish welcomes all who seek to enrich their faith life and explore the possibility of becoming a Catholic Christian. Our community shares and celebrates this journey with them through a process called "The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults." If you



are curious about what Catholics believe and may be interested in learning more about joining the Catholic faith—or perhaps you are an adult Catholic looking to be fully initiated—vou are cordially invited to enter the *R.C.I.A.* process and experience a new and enriched meaning to your life through renewed faith and love. Please contact Deacon John Sawaya at (858) 869-5079 or use the "Contact us" link on the parish webpage.

#### READINGS FOR MAR 8 - 15

**Sun:** Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

**Mon:** Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

**Tue:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

**Wed:** Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

**Thu:** Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Fri: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Sat:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2,5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or

4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

## GUEST COLUMNIST

ALICE CAMILLE

## **Climb Every Mountain**

he Lenten terrain keeps changing. Last week, we crossed a desert. This week, we scale a mountain. No one said the journey of faith would be easy. But neither were we warned that this level of athleticism would be required. Is the spiritual path limbers us up to take that really as challenging as the metaphors would make it seem? The answer ishopefully. If we're doing it right, we ought to be flexing some serious spiritual muscle.

The church has long used the language of journey and movement to describe the life of faith. The notion that our time on earth is a pilgrimage en route to the Beatific Vision is older than Dante, more traditional than Pilgrim's Progress. Luke's gospel was the first Christian story to be structured around the journey theme, tracing the ministry of Jesus as a long road between Galilee and Jerusalem, the epicenter of Judaism. The format worked so well that Luke employed it for Acts, too, transcribing the way of the early church from Jerusalem to Rome at the heart of the ancient world. As Luke would have it, the Good News of Jesus Christ conquered the world in two giant steps: first Palestine, then the Empire

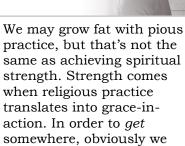
It seems so simple the way Luke tells it. But we know that the gospel must actually confront the world in three giant steps: first Jerusalem, then Rome, and finally the individual human heart. That last step,

it turns out, is the biggest one of all. That is where the leap of faith meets its greatest obstacle: me. Or you, as the case may be. The sinner, by any other name. Which is one reason why the season of Lent is so vital to the church. It breathtaking leap beyond the self. Some of us may need a personal trainer to get in shape.

#### Spiritual growth

any of us, it must be any or us, ... admitted, are not on a spiritual journey much of the time. We are spiritually parked, as it were: in the pew where we always sit. or stuck in neutral in the same old habits of sin. Oh, our sinfulness is pretty run -of-the-mill, nothing to get excited about. We're greedy, lazy, selfish, and judgmental. And, of course, dishonest, because we rarely admit that we're greedy, lazy, and so on. Not even in the confessional, when you get right down to it. Most of our habits of sin may seem too tiresome to mention. But they are obstacles to the spiritual life all the same, because they keep us from embracing the exuberant fullness of expressed in every moment of history.

Being spiritually parked, we don't "walk by faith," so we don't grow in faith either. Instead, we acquire sacraments and accumulate prayer hours as if they were so much religious flab; not all calories are created equal, as we know.



need to go somewhere. As easy as that is to understand, it is not always so easy to do.

The time-honored practices of Lent-fasting, prayer, and almsgiving—jumpstart the heart muscle. Fasting is a great foundational exercise: Get hungry, somewhere in your well-fed American life, and know how small, fragile, and vulnerable you are! Hunger puts us on the ground floor of humility, that indispensable virtue. It teaches us to be still and know who God is-and who we areby displacing us from the center of power and sufficiency.

Self-knowledge moves us next to prayer, which opens communication between God and us. Prayer is a two-way street, of course; we don't do all the talking. Our newfound skill of humility ought to enable us to do some thoughtful listening, and our prayer should be richer and more productive than usual.

the love of God urgent to be Finally, as the movement of the Spirit in us grows more agile, we will naturally be led to share. Generosity is not an afterthought to fasting and prayer, but the direct response of knowing how deeply loved and provided for we are. Trusting in God, we can give ourselves away with greater

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## OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH

Founded 1954

#### CLERGY

#### **PASTOR**

Very Rev. Peter McGuine

#### **AUXILIARY PRIEST**

Rev. Gino Correa, OFM

#### PRIESTS IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Jerome Molokie, O Praem. Rev. Curtiss Dwyer, LT, CHC, USN

#### **DEACON**

Dcn. 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 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 8:30 am Saturday 4:00 pm

#### Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office (619) 469-0133.

#### Ultreya Reminder



an Diego Cursillo's Fletcher Hills Ultreya will be held today, Sun, Mar 8, at 5:00

pm. Your hosts are Rick and Marie. For more info please call Marie at (619) 818-2650. Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ!

#### St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

The 55 Plus Club will gather for corned beef and cabbage on Tue, **Mar** 



10, in the Parish Center.
Doors open at 11:00 am. Reservations are closed. The

lunch cost when you pay at the door is just \$14.00.

# Food Pantry Collection Weekend

mar 14-15! Please plan to support our pantry by bringing non-perishable food to any of the entrances of the church before Mass. Monetary gifts are welcome and gratefully accepted. Visit "donate" at olg-church.org. or use the special pantry envelopes in the pews. Thank you!



## Vacation Bible School Iul 27-31

For information or to volunteer contact joanna.tedesco.jt@gmail.com

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freedom than ever. Money, time, skill, presence—we have more than we need, and furthermore, we know why it came to us in the first place.

#### **Transfiguration**

limbing that Lenten mountain with Jesus seems like a lot of hard work. But what do we encounter at the summit of the spiritual mountain? Something called Transfiguration. It means we see what was always there, but hidden before. We see truly. We see as God sees. This new vision is given to those who are willing to go there to get it. It won't come to us if we don't climb the mountain. It won't come to those who are spiritually parked and waiting for enlightenment to be handed out the drivethru window like a happy meal. Eucharist does not come in fast food varieties. Eucharist is *slow* food. It takes a lifetime of remaining steadfast on this journey to absorb it completely.

But if we want a preview of coming attractions, if we want to know where this life is leading us, if we want what the disciples got on top of the mountain, we can have our glimpse of Transfiguration. It is a sustaining vision that can lend us courage in our most difficult hours. It is a privileged view that can teach us what no preacher can say better. The Transfiguration reveals the God in the flesh, and the glory in the humility. Transfiguration reminds us that Christ is hidden in surprising places, and that is why we fast, pray, and give alms. Christ is hiding right now in the poor ones. If we want to see him there, we have to take this path and climb this mountain.

#### Hills brought low

Te might prefer a straighter, flatter route to holiness. Exercise is not always welcome, be it physical or spiritual. But never fear: The Lenten terrain will keep changing desert one minute, mountain the next. Who knows what next Sunday will bring? (The prepared homilist does!) If we keep one foot in front of the other, our faithfulness will be rewarded by glorious moments along the way, when Christ springs brilliantly into view.

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Nazareth House and the country of San Diego Health and Human Service Agency Presents:

#### Fraud Prevention: "Don't Get Hooked"

This free, 60-minute presentation is for older adults and family caregivers. It focuses on preventing financial abuse, scams, and fraud. Topics include, grandparent scams, sweepstakes and lottery scams, telemarketing scams, IRS and other government scams, the upcoming census and more!

Presentation starts at 11:00 am. In addition, you are invited to gather for daily Mass at 9:30 am followed by coffee and refreshments prior to the presentation.

The event takes place Wed, **Mar 25**, at Nazareth House, 6333 Rancho Mission Road, SD 92108. Please RSVP to Shana Martinez at shanamartinez001@gmail.com or call (858) 722-9294.

# Friday Lenten Fish Dinners in the Parish Center Mar 12, 20, 27 & Apr 3 ~ 5:00-7:00 pm

Days of Fast and Abstinance



Combo meals include vegetables, rice, Hawaiian Roll, coleslaw, tarter sauce, one dessert ticket, plus choice of non-alcoholic beverage! Beer and wine are available for a donation. All prices include sales tax.

ITEM	PRICE
Lenten Fish Combo	\$12.00
Fish Taco Combo Meal	\$12.00
Shrimp Cocktail Combo Meal	\$12.00
Cheese Nachos	\$ 5.00
Clam Chowder	\$ 4.00





# STATIONS of THE CROSS Fridays of Lent, Mar 12, 20, 27 & Apr 3 7:00 pm in the Church

#### SACRAMENT of PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

Mondays 6:00 pm; Thursdays 8:30 am; Saturdays 4:00 pm

Note: No Confessions on April 9 (Holy Thursday) and

April 11 (Holy Saturday)

#### Lenten Evening Prayer with the Sacrament of Penance

Tue, Mar 24 at 7:00 pm

Please see page six for Lenten Penance Services at neighboring parishes.

#### EAST COUNTY YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

## Thursdays of Lent 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Mar 12 - Our Lady of Grace

Mar 19 - St. John of the Cross

Mar 26 - Guardian Angels

Apr 2 - St. Therese

**Apr 18** - Closing social at Bolt Brewing, La Mesa

## (RE)TURN

Gather with other young adults for five remaining sessions to deepen your faith, have meaningful discussions and connect with community. Grab a friend and bring them, too!

FOR ALL JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

#### **Social Justice Service Night**

he East County Deanery is hosting a youth ministry opportunity on Sat, Mar 21, from 5:00 to 7:30 pm at Guardian Angels Church, 9310 Dalehurst Dr, Santee, 92071. Please bring the following items for Blessing Bags according to your last name:

**A-H** Small packaged snacks for little water bottles

I-Q Toiletries or First Aid or R-Z Socks or Beanies RSVP to Doris at dhertzig@olg-church.org. This is a great way to earn OLG Confirmation Prep service hours! A Permission Form is required if not with a parent. Visit olg-church.org ESCAPE or New Life youth pages.

#### ESCAPE—MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY GRADES 6-8

he El Cajon Deanery is sponsoring a **Social Night** and Dance at St. Therese Parish Hall from 7:00 to 9:00 pm on Fri, **Mar 13**.

•More details and the permission form are available on the ESCAPE page of the parish website: olg-church.org.

#### OLG PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

Since the discovery of human fertilization, it has been a universally accepted scientific fact that human life begins at fertilization. The official magisterial Catholic teaching holds that personhood begins, along with human life, at conception.

vour help is needed on Sundays, **Mar 12** thru **Apr 5**, to stand in peaceful prayer to end abortion at Planned Parenthood, 1685 E. Main St. El Cajon (near Greenfield and E. Main St. next to

McDonald's.) Sign up for at least an hour shift between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm joining others on the public rightof-way outside of the building. Contact Vicki at (619) 647-5793, email 40dayselcajon@gmail.com or visit 40daysforlife.com/elcajon to schedule your shift.

### New Life—High School Youth Ministry GRADES 9-12

#### LA Youth Day Update

ur OLG teens and chaperones rose early on Feb 20 to participate in the annual LA Youth Day 2020



with 10,000 other attendees! Two great workshops and keynote presentations led teens to look through the lens of how God sees us, with the

theme: '20/20 Through God's Eyes.' Mass in the Arena with Archbishop Gomez, made it a day to remember. Plan to join us next year!

#### **New Life Youth Group**

w Life youth gather **Sunday evenings**, 6:30-8:30 pm in the Lauerman Hall Youth Room.

•For questions about High School youth ministry visit the New Life page at olg-church.org or contact Doris at (619) 466-5451 or dhertzig@olg-church.org.

#### 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.

Patricia Adams Heberto Albanez Grizelda Albanez Gabriela Alvarenga Marvin Alvarenga Tess Alison Kathleen Purcell Angie Arrayan Angie Biner Anita Branch Pat Burke Mary Lou Calderon Brian Cashman Tim Clasemen Pattie Sloan-Deacon Vincy Discenza Mark Habina Brenda Hilgeman Hannah Hilgeman Susan Hori Adam Kahan Leonard Kahan Paula Kahan

Lenora Kneeshaw Greg Kolesar Rebecca Leyden José A. Lopez Peter Lopez, Jr. Norma Lorenzo Natalie Mascari Vivianna Mullins David Nelson Phyllis O'Neal Apollonia Peklar Dr. Edward Pezanoski Kathleen Purcell Ann Renzi Anthony Renzi Carter Santos Clayton Schenkelberg Marilyn Silva Hibe Thornton Andy Tong Woody Topping Marilyn Winger

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



2020 Annual Catholic Appeal supports Catholic Schools, Clergy & Seminarian Support, Faith Formation and Catholic Charities.

Visit olg-church.org to give or pledge!

#### LENT 2020 PENANCE SERVICES

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

Parish	Day	Date	Time
St. John of the Cross, Lemon Grove	Wed	3/11	7:00 pm
St. Martin of Tours, La Mesa	Mon	3/16	7:00 pm
St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Lakeside/Barona	Tue	3/17	7:00 pm
Santa Sophia, Spring Valley	Wed	3/18	7:00 pm
St. Luke, El Cajon	Thu	3/19	7:00 pm
Holy Trinity, El Cajon	Mon	3/23	7:00 pm
OUR LADY OF GRACE, EL CAJON	Tue	3/24	7:00 pm
St. Pius, Jamul	Thu	3/26	7:00 pm
Guardian Angels, Santee	Tue	3/31	7:00 pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside	Mon	4/6	9:00 am
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside	Mon	4/6	7:00 pm



#### **Rose Shindler Holocaust Survivor & Educator** Tue, Mar 31 ~ 7:00 pm in the church

Follow the lives of Rose and Max as they are thrust into the incomprehensible, volatile and unpredictable world of a concentration camp. Hear of their survival, liberation, and their journey to coming together to form what each tragically lost: A FAMILY.

Best suited for persons age 12 and up. Sponsored by the Women of the CWC.

#### **Prayer Partners Needed**

arishioners are invited to pray for those preparing for Confirmation this Spring. Stop by the table in the main entry of the church this weekend to select or



be assigned a member of the Elect or a Candidate. Inspirational notes may be sent to your adopted individual/s. Leave all notes at the parish office or drop in the collection basket during Mass. Be sure to print on the envelope the name of the person you are praying for and the words "a special prayer

for you." Notes received by the office are mailed to our Elect and Candidates.

#### Being Confirmed during the Easter Vigil Sat, Apr 11

Bronwen Borunda Asia Goodwin Danielle Buska Matthew Jones Meghan Dawkins Brett Laff Ryan Dawkins Julio Loera

Angelina Ortega Andrew Pereira

**Candidates** 

Sam Bigknife Devan Bourbeau Saul Serrano

#### Candidates Being Confirmed on Wed, May 20

Andrew Abuyen Marissa Alvarez Joseph Arzillo Federica Benini Nicholas Boyden Katherine Caires Domenico Carini Bryce Dalton Andrew Gerboth

Colette Giganti Evelyn Goodwin Nathaniel Greene Evelyn Hilgeman Emily Ingco Isabella Jimenez Shannon Joyner Allison Manderville Cade Martinez

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#### Candidate Being Confirmed on Sun, Jun 14

Gabriel Reynolds

#### WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

Feb 25 - Mar 2, 2020	\$19,979.53
Plate	\$ 1,540.99
Envelopes	\$ 12,905.54
Online Giving	\$ 5,533.00
Breakdown of gifts received	
\$0.01 - \$5.00	71
\$5.01 - \$10.00	66
\$10.01 - \$25.00	128
\$25.01 - \$50.00	105
\$50.01 - \$100.00	43
\$100.01 - \$150.00	14
\$150.01 - \$500.00	18
\$500.01 - Over	1
Total Contributing Households	446

#### Additional Gifts

Ash Wednesday	\$6,268.67
Building Fund	\$1,391.50
Faith Formation & Youth Ministry	\$143.50
Flowers	\$105.00
Food Pantry	\$1,465.50
Prayer Quilt Ministry	\$178.00
School Support—Greatest Need	\$497.00
School Support—Tuition Assistance	\$130.00

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### OUR LADY of GRACE PARISH AND SCHOOL DIRECTORY

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#### Parish Office



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Hours: Weekdays 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Pastor	Fr. Peter McGuine   I	Ext. 17
Deacon	Dcn. John S	SAWAYA
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Bookkeeper	RACHEL TEIXEIRA   I	Ext. 16
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#### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Liturgy Coordinator Rosa Hilgeman | Ext. 14

Director of Liturgical Music PAUL MAY | Ext. 26 Cantate Kids and Gaudete Choir (11:00 am Sun)

ROBERT FILLEY Laudate Ensemble (5:30 pm Sun)

## FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

PHONE: (619) 466-5656

Director of Catechetical Ministry LISSA HUTCHESON

Program Coordinator GEORGENE KRUZEL

Youth Ministry Coord. **Doris Hertzig** | (619) 466-5451 Jr. High, High School

Young Adults (18-39 yrs) BERNADETTE ROSE HILGEMAN

For answers to almost every question about Our Lady of Grace liturgies, ministries and parish activities please visit our website at: olg-church.org

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#### **Reporting Sexual Abuse**

Complaints about sexual abuse by a member of the clergy or by a parish or Catholic school employee or volunteer can be made by calling (858) 490-8353 or writing misconduct@sdcatholic.org.

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#### PARISH SCHOOL

PHONE: (619) 466-0055 (619) 466-8994 Fax:

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Hours: WEEKDAYS 7:15 AM-3:30 PM (DURING SCHOOL YEAR)

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#### Parish Ministries and Organizations

To email 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**—Debbie Ipsen

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB—CWC

CWC-Mary Cloward Book Club—Julie Hazelton Craft Fair—Kathy Porterfield

**CENTERING PRAYER**—Irma Eichinger or Beatrice Doblado

CUB Scouts—Pack 951—Crystal Carr

Cursillo—Dcn. John Sawaya

**EVENTS COMMITTEE**—Nettie Aguinaldo

FOOD PANTRY—Since 1981 (619) 469-0061

M-F, 9:00-11:00 am Bob Cosgrove **HOLIDAY ANGELS—**Since 1988—Lesley Bradley

INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC FAMILIES—ICF

Carla Pedroncelli

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Nettie Aguinaldo

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WALKING WITH PURPOSE—Women's Bible Study Rebecca Krawczak



God's Work in Our Hands



## ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO 2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL **BIWEEKLY BULLETIN UPDATE** FOR OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH

March 8, 2020 — Report Number 1



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

od is the author of every blessing that we know in this world. every grace that brings joy to our heart, every strength and hope that

carry us through the difficult times that come to all of us.

For this reason, the fundamental stance we as Catholics have toward our God is one of gratitude, and the fundamental disposition of the Christian moral life is to root every dimension of our journey of life on this earth in an abiding sense of thanksgiving.

Such a stance of gratitude orients our life of prayer and union with the Lord, understanding that God always stands with us. Gratitude enriches our life of family and friendship, of work and citizenship in this blessed land, and of encounter with those in need.

Christian gratitude also embraces our life of faith and membership in the Church, leading us to contribute our time, talent and financial resources to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ in San Diego and Imperial Counties through our parishes and the work of the diocese that goes beyond the capabilities of any one parish. The diocese supports a vital array of ministries, vocations and charities in the name of Our Lord — through Catholic Schools, Religious Education Programs, Clergy and Seminarian Support and Catholic Charities.

Our Annual Appeal provides the foundation for enabling us to carry out these vital works of faith and service in your name, and for that reason I ask you to prayerfully consider participating generously in this year's appeal, with the knowledge that in doing so, you enter more fully into the work of Christ and the mission of discipleship at this crucial moment in human history.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+RoLW M'EL

+Robert W. McElroy

#### Numbers at a Glance

Overall Diocesan Goal: \$3.5 million Our Lady of Grace Church Goal: \$89,000.00 Number of Active, Registered Households at OLG: 1,505 Pledges & Gifts as of March 6: \$65,368.00 from 143 households!

100% OF ANY OVERAGE RECEIVED WILL BE RETURNED TO OLG FOR DEFERRED MAINTENANCE & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.

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