



OUR LADY of GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

Sun, Mar 8 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

5:30 pm † Tony Calandra
(Vigil)

8:00 am † Giulia Desario

11:00 am † Amado Joson

5:30 pm For the People of the Parish

Mon, Mar 9 Lenten Weekday; St. Frances of Rome, Religious

8:00 am † Aerial Suarez

Tue, Mar 10 Lenten Weekday

8:00 am † David Ross

Wed, Mar 11 Lenten Weekday

8:00 am † Ed Cassidy

Thu, Mar 12 Lenten Weekday

8:00 am † Carol Persinger

Fri, Mar 13 Lenten Weekday

8:00 am † Frank Fritz & † Regina Fritz

5:00 pm † Elsa Thomas

Sat, Mar 14 Lenten Weekday

8:00 am † Daniel Denhart

Welcome to OUR LADY of GRACE!

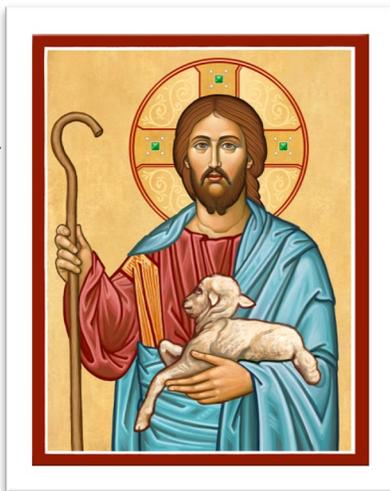
Welcome to all members and visitors who are joining us for the celebration of the Eucharist.

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.

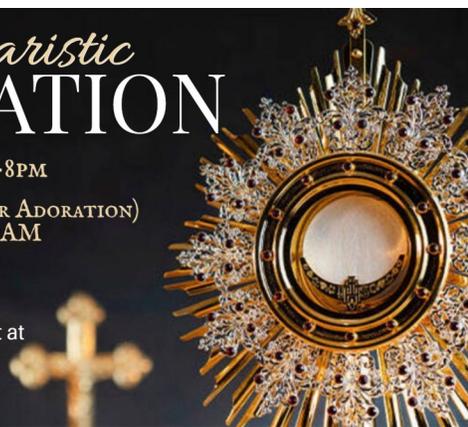
For baptized Catholics needing to complete their Sacraments of Initiation please contact Deacon John Sawaya at: jsawaya@olg-church.org. For those interested in joining the Catholic Church, please also contact Deacon John Sawaya. You can also contact him by using the "Contact us" link at olg-church.org.



Eucharistic
ADORATION

EVERY WEDNESDAY 6-8PM
FIRST FRIDAY (24-HOUR ADORATION)
8:45AM-SATURDAY 7:45AM

*To sign-up for a time slot at our 24 hour Adoration, e-mail Michael Gross at pnmgross1@gmail.com.



FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass

Mar 8 School Sunday

Sponsored by OLG School Families

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

Mar 15 Knights Donut Sunday

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Frances Cabrini Council 8879

The Knights will be serving donuts & coffee for the American Wheelchair Mission. Come after all morning Masses.

Mar 22 St. Joseph's Table

Sponsored by the ICF

To celebrate St. Joseph, the ICF will be offering complimentary food. See page 4 for more details!

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 8 - MARCH 15

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

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

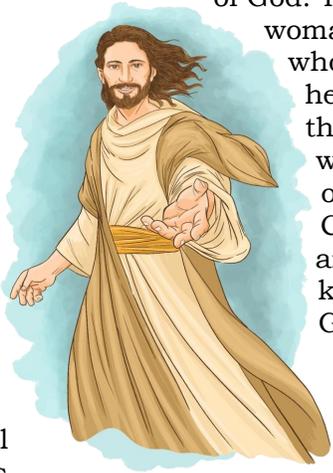
Fri: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

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

Sun: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

Third Sunday of Lent

GROW: As the Israelites wandered in the desert, Moses heard their cries and recognized their deeper need, not simply for water, but for hope. And so Moses calls upon the Lord, who gives them water in the desert, revealing his trustworthiness. In the big and little ways that we ask the same question – “Is the Lord in our midst or not?” – our loving and generous Father reminds us that he has not abandoned us and that his goodness will ultimately prevail. It’s easy to become disgruntled like the Israelites when there is great pain and suffering around us. But through the ways that we care for one another and the peace that we find in prayer, the Father reminds us that he stands with us, granting us sustenance and grace.



GO: When Christ told the woman at the well that those who drink the water he gives will never thirst again, she thought he was offering literal water. Christ was instead revealing his own identity as the Son of God. This

woman, who hears the words of Christ and knows God’s

promise of a Messiah, is filled with hope as she comes to recognize that the Lord indeed was in her midst. And I find it interesting that when she told people in town of her encounter with Christ, she told them of how he saw the mistakes of her past. Jesus loved her and called her to step into

the fullness of who she could be by turning away from the past that she clung to. We live in a world where we have very real physical needs, like the Israelites who thirsted, and the need to be seen in love, like the Samaritan woman. Ultimately, at the core of both of these needs is the desire for the hope that only God can give. When we serve our neighbors and look upon others with love, we can also be the vessel through which the presence of God is made known.

WITNESS: In our world, people are constantly asking the question, “Is the Lord in our midst or not?” Reflect on one way that you can share the Good News of the Gospel through word or action to make the presence of God known to those in your community.

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)

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

HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 4

Morning Prayer - 8:00am
Easter Vigil - 8:00pm
(No Confessions)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 12

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 2:15pm

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

Jr. High School/Middle School Youth

Game Night

Queen of Angels Catholic Church
Friday, March 13th
6:30pm - 8:00pm

Come and join us for Game Night! We will be playing a variety of games and a snack bar will be available. Parents must provide transportation to and from the event.

***Permission form required.**
Please scan the QR code and complete the Docusign 2 days before event.



55 Plus Club Lunch

TUESDAY, MARCH 10



The theme for our March Luncheon is St. Patrick's Day with a St. Patrick's meal! We would love for you all to wear green!

The lunch fee is now \$20 as the deadline for the early bird fee has passed. Doors open at 10:30am. Lunch reservation forms can be found on the information table inside church by the baptismal font or at the Parish Office. For questions, please call Mary at 619-463-1129.

You Did It For Me yo.didit4me.org

Get a Jump Start on Spring Cleaning!

Bring gently used, freshly laundered men's jeans to OLG before and after the Saturday, 5:30pm, Mass on March 14 and the 8 am & 11 am Masses on March 15. You Did It For Me, a privately funded religious nonprofit, will collect your donations and distribute them to unsheltered adults who seek assistance to emerge from homelessness in El Cajon and Santee.

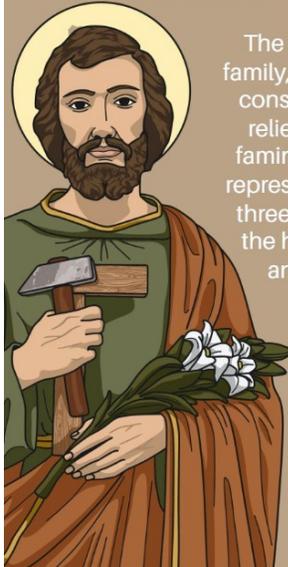
YDI4M connects vulnerable people in the East County with services and resources to secure and maintain housing, food, healthcare, education and work. Pick up a YDI4M "Men's Jeans Drive" flyer available on the information table in the church near the baptismal font. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Together we can make a big difference.

For more information: call 619-343-4100 or email rachel@youdidit4me.org.

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.

PALM SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 28
 5:30pm

Sunday, March 29
 8:00am
 11:00am (liturgy will begin outside in front of the church)
 5:30pm

*Palms will be distributed and blessed at all Masses.

Walk with us this Lenten Season

Starting February 20th, every Friday during Lent we will have Mass at 8:00am and 5:00pm. Stations of the Cross will be at 7:00 pm. Please join us!

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

February 17, 2026 - February 23, 2026 \$18,812.88

Plate	\$3,555.31
Envelopes	\$9,780.27
Online Giving	\$5,477.30

Breakdown of Gifts Received

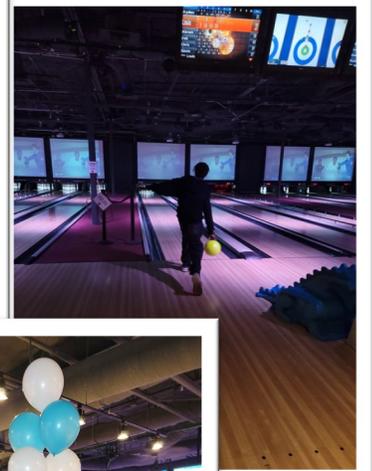
\$0.01 - \$5.00	37
\$5.01 - \$10.00	43
\$10.01 - \$25.00	132
\$25.01 - \$50.00	75
\$50.01 - \$100.00	36
\$100.01 - \$150.00	9
\$150.01 - \$500.00	17
\$500.01 - Over	1

Total Contributing Households 350

Ash Wednesday	\$8,409.83
Building Fund	\$924.00
Food Pantry	\$1,658.00

Middle School Youth Group Bowling Night

50 Deanery youth came together at Viejas Bowl for a fun night of bowling, pizza and drinks last month! Here are some photos from the event!



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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Donut Sunday

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

They will be serving a variety of donuts, milk, juices and coffee after the 8:00am and 11:00am Masses.

Come join us at the Parish Center!



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



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 | Lillian Lavarado |
| Ron Aguinaldo | Ofelia Lopez |
| Heriberto Albanez | Jose A Lopez |
| Griselda Albanez | Dora Lowenberg |
| Juanito Amor, Jr. | Lorene MacLaird |
| Kali'a Arrayan | Vern MacLaird |
| Dionicio Baca | Dawn MacNabb |
| Michael Barletta | Christina Martins |
| Stephen Bernasconi | Steven Mull |
| Angela Biner | Ann O'Neill |
| Charles Black | Nancy Osborne |
| Eileen Black | Phil Panuco |
| Bob Blake | Pat Pfohl |
| Catalina Branch | Frank Principato |
| Cheryl Casey | James Principato |
| Phyllis Ciesielski | Danny Rubio |
| Luzanne Coyne | Richard Ruttenberg |
| Msgr. John Cusack | Faith San Jose |
| Amelia Dixon | Jeffery Sanders |
| Dee Draper | Karen Scott |
| Nick Duhancik | David Smith |
| Thien Ngoc Duong | Sharon Smith |
| David Foster | Tillie Sousa |
| Joseph Fromm | Karen Tabadisto |
| Stephen Gage | Mary Titone |
| Sammy Ganaden | Steve Thudium |
| Colette Gerard | Carlos Villar |
| Joe Hilgeman | Cindy Katan Wallace |
| Evelyn Jaba | Marilyn Winger |
| Maria Bernadette Jaba | |
| Jason Laccone | |

*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.*

Lenten

PENANCE SERVICES

Holy Trinity | March 9th | 7:00 PM
 Queen of Angels | March 11th | 7:00 PM
 Santa Sophia | March 10th | 7:00 PM
 St. Kateri Tekakwitha | March 10th | 7:00 PM
 St. Luke | March 12th | 7:00 PM
 Guardian Angels | March 16th | 7:00 PM
 St. John of the Cross | March 17th | 7:00 PM
 St. Therese | March 18th | 7:00 PM

Please pray for the eternal repose of:

FRANK PETRONE

1930 - 2026
 Monday, March 16, 2026
 Funeral Mass starting at 11:00am at OLG



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



Adorers are needed for our next 24-hour Adoration on **Friday, April 3**. To sign-up, please e-mail Michael Gross at: pnmgross1@gmail.com.

OUR LADY of GRACE PARISH AND SCHOOL DIRECTORY

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Wedding and Funeral
 Coordinator **CECILIA JONES** | Ext. 24

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

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Coordinator of Catechetical Ministry **HENRIETA VYZINKAR**
 Youth Ministry Coordinator **DORIS HERTZIG**
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 Young Adults (18-39 yrs.) **BERNADETTE ROSE SOLTERO**



PARISH SCHOOL
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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

MEN FOR CHRIST — Steve Faucher

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND — Ken Discenza

OPERATION GRATITUDE CLUB — Deborah Renick

PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY — Since 2006

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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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