

Laudato Si Week: On Care for Our Common Home

PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

| Sun, May 17 | SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER † Samuel Cicora † Phyllis Ghio † Ryan Borunda & † John Hilgeman, Sr. For the Basela of the Basiah |
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| Mon, May 18 | For the People of the Parish Easter Weekday |
| 11011, 110y 10 | † Diane Williamson |
| Tues, May 19 | • |
| | † Tom & † Dorothy Stergios |
| Wed, May 20 | Easter Weekday |
| | † Kevin Donohue |
| Thurs, May 21 | Easter Weekday |
| | † Jamil Nafso |
| Fri, May 22 | Easter Weekday |
| | † Susie Eramo |
| Sat, May 23 | - |
| | † Victoria Azua |
| Sun, May 24 | THE ASCENSION of THE LORD |
| | † Margherita LoMedeico |
| | Sp Int Donald Jones |
| | † Deceased members of the Loza & |
| | Wonchee families |
| | For the People of the Parish |

The Church is Open

he church and Blessed Sacrament Adoration Chapel are open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm each day. The Chapel is accessible to all by way of the church.

Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

onfessions are by appointment only. Request an appointment with Fr. Peter by using the "Contact Us" link at olg-church.org or call (619) 469-0133.

Masses are being Streamed Online

Parish Calendar

n the parish website we have listed multiple as of May 12. Visit the links to options to participate in Sunday and daily Mass online in the Diocese of San Diego and beyond. Visit olg-church.org and click on the red "Parish Update ... " button and then the to faith sustaining revellow "Sustaining Faith in the Time of Pandemic" button. Scroll to listed Mass links.

he event status' in this bulletin were accurate website listed in the article or olg-church.org for updates.

The OLG website also offers the most current parish event information and links sources.

New links are added regularly so check often!



ur July 2020 Vacation Bible School is cancelled due to the Corona Virus. Thanks to the many volunteers who were standing by ready to help with this popular summer ministry. We look forward to Vacation Bible School 2021!

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.

Invitation to the R.C.I.A.

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-you 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 May 17 – 24 | |
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| Sun: | Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21 | |
| Mon: | Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a | |
| Tue: | Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11 | |
| Wed: | Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15 | |
| Thu: | Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20 | |
| Fri: | Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23 | |
| Sat: | Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28 | |
| Sun: | Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 | |

GUEST COLUMNIST

ALICE CAMILLE

Speaking in the Spirit of Truth

ere's a preacher's fan-tasy if even the tasy, if ever there was one. Newly ordained deacon Philip goes down to Samaria and proclaims Christ to the unsuspecting population. The crowd gives him its unanimous attention-a miracle in its own right. The unclean spirits in the populace flee before the golden words of gospel truth. People experience healing merely by being in the presence of such a proclamation. Baptisms follow. Great joy claims the city. And Philip is pretty happy, too, you can bet. He's having the kind of day most of us will not likely see in a lifetime of Sundays.

Then comes the ironic footnote to the story that all institutional Christians can appreciate. As soon as the apostles hear about Philip's one. unimaginable success, they Religious professionals send out reinforcements. They aren't really coming down to congratulate Philip and take him out for a victory dinner. Peter and John come down from Jerusalem to improve on the situation. There is this peculiarlv Lucan need to underscore the authority of the apostles and tuck the deacons neatly into their place. Philip did well, of course, but he couldn't do it all. When it comes to the acquisition of the Holy Spirit-the sacrament of Confirmation by any other name—that can only be delivered by the right chain of command.

Philip

7e can still imagine Philip slept well that night on the sweet pillow of success. This situation would be especially true if he compared his performance and results with that of fellow deacon Stephen, whose inaugural homily didn't turn out so well (unless you count martyrdom as the ultimate applause). Because we never hear what became of the ministry of the other five-Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas of Antioch—we can't say for sure if Philip's career was the brightest of the seven. Still, for his work in Samaria alone, he deserved his pension. Not that many in the early church survived long enough to collect

routinely admit that the ministry is its own reward. Sometimes we even mean it. Which is to say, sometimes we actually experience our call in this way. When we have minor-scale versions of Philip's golden day in Samaria, sure, ministry is the best job in the world. At other times, we may feel like cogs in the machinery, grinding away and wondering if the contraption is really working and effective in some bigpicture way that we are not privileged to see. In those times Jesus reminds us, as he told his first disciples, that the Spirit of truth is not something the world accepts, sees, or knows. If it often feels like we are not



getting the undivided attention for our message that Philip enjoyed, chances are we're not.

We might also keep in mind that scripture doesn't record what happened to Philip on all the other days and in all the other cities on his way to Caesarea. Yes, he did do well with one Ethiopian Bible study, but he also had to deal with the fanatic devotion of a rather annoying egomaniac, Simon the magician. Even when you win some, you lose some.

Evangelization takes to the streets

by this is not a message simply for religious professionals, because by our Baptism all of us are called to be witnesses to the gospel. The universality of this vocation is very good news because our mission is to take the message to the ends of the earth, and that's a lot of territory to cover. For this purpose Jesus delivers to the church the spirit of truth, and we are all recipients of that gift. Like most Christian gifts, it comes with a built-in responsibility—which is not to say it's the gift that keeps on taking. It's more in line with getting the car keys on vour 16th birthday. Very liberating, but not without a precise obligation to the greater community.

This gift is emblematic of our relationship to God and to others: Divine truth is intended for human in-

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

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Congratulations to ART & MARTHA WALSTON who celebrated their 60th

wedding anniversary on May 7.

May the Lord continue to bless you both with his life and love!



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

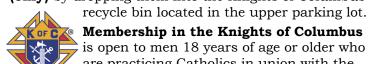
No Pantry Food Collection During May, But...

ur pantry continues to serve those in need. While food items cannot be accepted, monetary donations can be made through the parish "Online Giving" link at olg-church.org or send a check to the parish by way of the US Mail or use the black "drop box" located to the right of the front door to the parish office.

Reminders from the Knights of Columbus

arishioners in need of free, gently-used medical equipment and/or who would like to donate items email Lou Crow at crowlou@yahoo.com or call Lou at (619) 972-6221.

Recycle your aluminum cans and plastic bottles (only) by dropping them into the Knights of Columbus



Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics in union with the Holy See. Get more info at kofc8879.org.

Paraprosdokians to Make You Think Twice

araprosdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising and frequently humorous!

- To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
- Having knowledge means knowing that a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.



blaming you. Where there is a will, I want to be in it.

I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

Seen in Recent Church Bulletins

- The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility ...
- This evening at 7:00 pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
- The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.

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struction and consumption. The Spirit of truth reminds us that we are in vital relationship and are most certainly not orphans. Someone is looking out for us, loving us, and providing for us. The car keys, so to speak, are never handed over to somebody else's kid.

It's a sign of our belonging, then, that we are entrusted with the truth-talking Spirit. And it's a sign of our maturity in faith that we exercise this Spirit in our daily living. This fact doesn't oblige us to stand on milk crates in the park and shout Bible verses at passersby. We don't even have to imitate Philip's stirring example in Samaria and proclaim the gospel story in any literal way. To the evangelically inclined, it often sounds like a mealy cop-out to say all we have to do is live the truth we profess.

Yet gospel living is by no means an easy out or an inconspicuous testimony, if done courageously. When we are extravagant with our love, generosity, forgiveness, and compassion—especially in this time of pandemic, when all of these qualities are urgently needed in abundance-those around us will be staggered by the implications in our lives and in theirs. Think of how it impacts you when you see someone make a heroic

decision. You find it almost incredible that a human being could choose so selflessly. What if we lived in the footsteps of Jesus, hour by hour?

Now more than ever, heroic living might become the only reasonable response for those accustomed to genuinely Christian behavior. By this, of course, we always mean something much different from mere moralistic rule-following. Christian behavior includes everything from eating with sinners and welcoming them to yielding up your body to the cross.

Why do you do that?

lways be prepared to explain yourself, today's epistle writer recommends. When we develop the habit of heroic Christian living, we're bound to attract some attention and not a few questions. But it's infinitely better to find ourselves in the position of explaining our courageous choices than in rationalizing and justifying our hypocrisy. I'd rather people try to puzzle out the mystery of my lavish forgiveness than the incongruity between what I believe and how I actually live. Sometimes heroic living will lead to a day like Philip's, and at other times it will be more like Stephen's. The tally is never taken in terms of worldly success anyway but in how closely we are united to the spirit of truth.

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66 r aith in the resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life which is a part of the person is indeed answered. God exists: that is the real message of Easter. Anyone who even begins to grasp what this means also knows what it means to be redeemed."

~Pope Benedict XVI

Youth Ministry

Escape Middle School Youth Group

E scape will not meet until further notice. Watch for updates on the ESCAPE page of the parish website:

olg-church.org.

New Life High School Youth Group

ZOOM is how New Life youth are gathering these days! Upcoming meetings are on Sundays: May 17 and 31; June 7 and 14



Note: No meetings on **May 24**, Memorial Day weekend, or **June 21**, Father's Day.

To join get info at <u>olg-church.org</u>, click on Start Here and choose Youth Ministry or email Doris using the website Contact Us link.



The Steubenville San Diego USD campus event is cancelled... BUT

A virtual event is in the planning stages. Stay tuned for more info!

Hope is Nourishing

Specially in these trying times, we may be tempted to dismiss hope as something akin to wishful thinking. Yet hope is a theological virtue, along with faith and love. These three put us into position for personal union with God. Hope, in particular, orients us perpetually in a Godward direction no matter where life takes us. As Cistercian monk Aelred of Rivaulx declared: "What is hope but food for the journey to support us in the miseries of this life?" Cultivate hope by weeding out habits of negativity and cynicism.

"Now who is going to harm you if you are enthusiastic for what is good? But even if you should suffer because of righteousness, blessed are you. Do not be afraid or terrified with fear of them, but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope," 1 Pt 13-15

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EAST COUNTY YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

To learn the status of events for San Diego East County Young Adults follow Instagram @sd.ecya or visit <u>sdcatholic.org/office-for/young-adult-ministry</u> to see a complete list of spiritual development and social opportunities for 18-39 year old Catholic Young Adults.



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.

Joan Acord Patricia Adams Heberto Albanez Grizelda Albanez Gabriela Alvarenga Marvin Alvarenga Angie Arrayan Margaret Bostwick Anita Branch Pat Burke Stephanie Butcher Brian Cashman Tim Clasemen Jeanine Estepa, RN Mark Habina Brenda Hilgeman Hannah Hilgeman Susan Hori Richard Jimenez Nathan Kahan Stephanie Kahan Lenora Kneeshaw

Rebecca Leyden José A. Lopez Natalie Mascari Mary Mele Nick Melton Vivianna Mullins Dr. Edward Pezanoski Silverio Ramirez Greg Ranches, MD Ann Renzi Anthony Renzi Carter Santos Clayton Schenkelberg Marilyn Silva Pattie Sloan-Deacon Hibe Thornton Manuel Blas Garcia Toca Andy Tong Jan Vyzinkar Marilyn Winger Tyler Woddell, MD

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

On the cover: This year marks the 5th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home*. In celebration, he invites us to join Catholics around the world in committing to action that increases our response to "the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor." Visit LaudatoSiWeek.org



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COMMON PRAYER

for the 5th Anniversary of LAUDATO SI'

oving God, Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them, you created us in your own image and made us stewards of all your creation.

You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful land so that all might be nourished.

Open our Mind and touch our hearts, so that we may attend to your gift of creation. Help us to be conscious that our common home belongs not only to us, but to all of your creatures and to all future generations, and that it is our responsibility to preserve it.

May we help each person secure the food and resource that they need.

Be present to those in need in these trying times, especially the poorest and those most at risk of being left behind.

This is Why We Love Children

etchup: A woman was trying heard to get the ketch-• up out of the bottle. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her four year-old daughter to answer the phone. 'Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle!'

Police: While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school a police officer was interrupted by a little girl about six years old. Looking up and down at his uniform she asked, "Are you a cop?"

"Yes." he answered and continued writing the report.

The little girl continued, "My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask the police. Is that right?"

"It sure is," the officer replied.

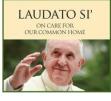
School Support-Greatest Need

Transform our fear and feelings of isolation into hope and fraternity so that we may experience a true conversion of the heart.

Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing the consequences of this global pandemic.

Make us courageous to embrace the changes that are needed in search of the common good.

Now, more than ever may we feel that we are all interconnected and interdependent, enable us to listen and re-



spond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. May the present sufferings be the birth pangs of a more fraternal and sustainable world.

Under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians, we make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

"Well then," she said as she extended her foot towards him, "Would you please tie my shoe?"

Elderly: While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, a woman used to take her four year-old daughter on the afternoon rounds. The

little girl was unfailing intrigued by the various appliances of maturity; particularly canes, walkers, and wheelchairs.



One day she was found staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As her mother braced herself for the

barrage of questions, her daughter merely turned and whispered, "The tooth fairy will never believe this!"

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Young Adults (18-39 yrs)

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Reporting Sexual Abuse

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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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MEN FOR CHRIST—Steve Faucher

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND Rosa Hilgeman

PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY—Since 2006 Nettie Aguinaldo

Mary Dixon

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God's Work in Our Hands

Vicki Whitmire (40 Days for Life)

WALKING WITH PURPOSE—Women's Bible Study Rebecca Krawczak

