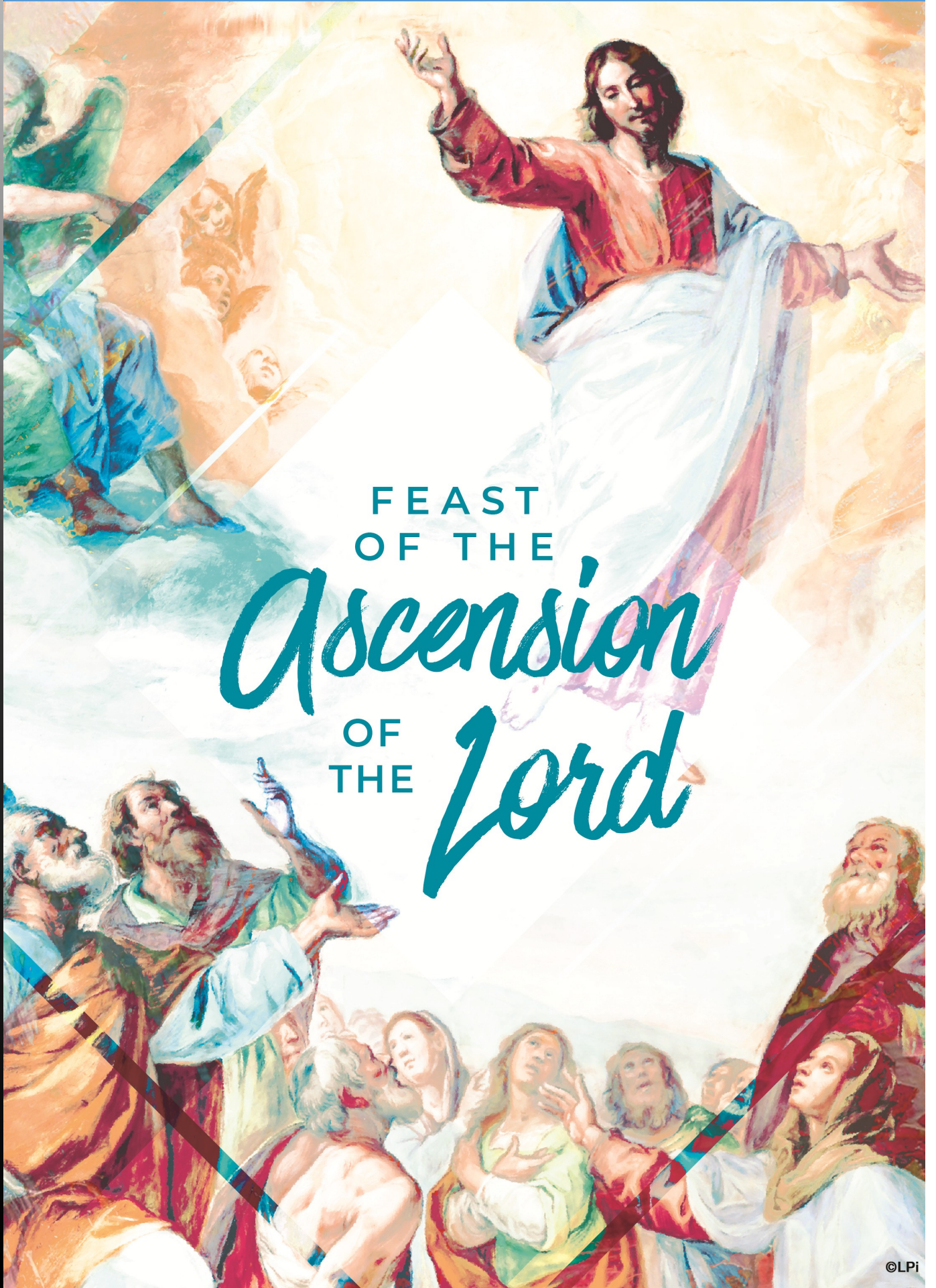




OUR LADY of GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



FEAST
OF THE
Ascension
OF THE
Lord

PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES**Sun, May 17 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**5:30 pm † Vincenzo & † Giuseppina Corso
(Vigil)

8:00 am † Katheryn McLaulin

11:00 am † David McArthur

5:30 pm For the People of the Parish

Mon, May 18 Easter Weekday; St. John I, Pope, Martyr

8:00 am Mother's Day Novena

Tue, May 19 Easter Weekday

8:00 am Mother's Day Novena

Wed, May 20 Easter Weekday; St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

8:00 am Mother's Day Novena

Thu, May 21 Easter Weekday; St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs8:00 am *Sp Int* Miguel Castro**Fri, May 22 Easter Weekday; St. Rita of Cascia, Religious**8:00 am *Sp Int* Maegan Carey**Sat, May 23 Easter Weekday**

8:00 am † Bushra Mansour

Welcome to OUR LADY of GRACE!

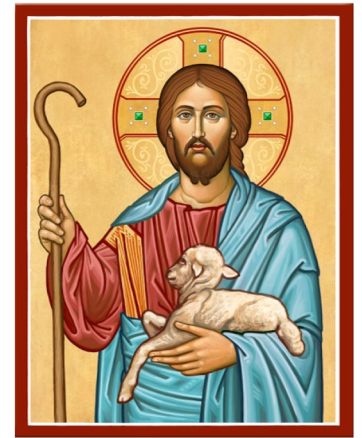
Welcome to all members and visitors who are joining us for the celebration of the Eucharist.

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.



Follow us on **Facebook!** You'll see our weekly bulletin and upcoming events! Find us at *Our Lady of Grace Church* and click the "Follow" button!

**FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER**

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass

May 17 Pancake Breakfast

*Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
Frances Cabrini Council 8879*

Join us for a pancake breakfast including pancakes, bacon, fruit, coffee and a lot more! We are excited to see you all!

May 24 Donut Sunday

Sponsored by Cub Scouts Pack 951

Our young scouts will be serving a variety of donuts, milk, juices and coffee. We hope to see you there!

May 31 Bread Sunday

Sponsored by the CWC

Bread Sunday is coming up at the end of the month! Order forms will be available on the information table in the front of the church.

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 MAY 17 - MAY 24

Sun: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

Mon: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

Tue: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

Wed: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

Thu: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

Fri: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

Sat: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25

Sun: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

The Ascension of the Lord

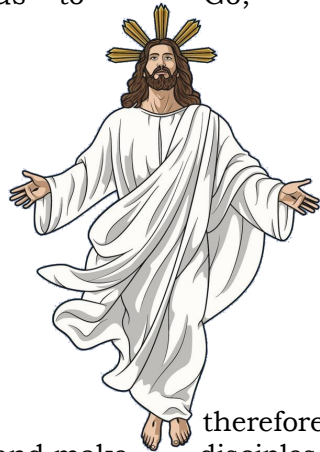
GROW:

This year, I cannot help but notice how kingdom-centric the readings for the Solemnity of the Ascension are. In our first reading, Jesus appears to his disciples for forty days after his resurrection and speaks to them about the kingdom of God. Our psalm beckons us to rejoice that God is mounting his throne – another kingdom image! Our second reading tells us that God has given Christ authority over “every principality, power, and dominion” – a clear sign that he is the one reigning over all. These references seem to be telling us that today’s feast is Jesus’ “coronation day” – the day he takes his rightful place at the right hand of the Father. From the moment Jesus ascends to heaven, he is reigning. What a consoling thought for us, who may at times find ourselves discouraged by our lives or the state of affairs

around us. We have hope because we know that despite appearances to the contrary, Jesus reigns, and it is only a matter of time until the Father puts all things beneath Christ’s feet.

GO:

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples – and us – to “Go,



therefore, and make disciples of all nations.” It’s a tall order – bringing every nation under the reign of Christ. But we needn’t be intimidated. The Ascension offers us hope, for – as the Catechism reminds us – “Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the

permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit.” (667) Jesus ascended into heaven and now is constantly interceding for us before the Father, constantly pouring out his Spirit on us! In all our efforts to evangelize, we have that constant support and grace being sent our way to equip us for this work.

REFLECT:

Oftentimes, we think of the Ascension as Jesus leaving us after the end of his earthly ministry. But Jesus promises that he does not leave us, but rather, that he is always with us, “until the end of the age.” Spend some time this week reflecting on the ways that, having taken his seat at the right hand of the Father, Jesus is now ever-more present, pouring out his grace and his Spirit upon us at every moment.

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.



OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Feast Day - May 13

O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.

Amen.

Catholic Night at Petco Park

THEME GAME
CATHOLIC NIGHT
FRIDAY, JULY 10 vs BLUE JAYS | 6:40 PM
\$15

Please scan the QR code to buy your tickets. Details are on the graphic above.

SPONSORED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KNIGHTS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

MAY 17

Pancake breakfast will be served after the 8 AM and 11 AM Masses in the parish center. Serving 2 pancakes, 2 pieces of bacon, sausage, eggs and fruit for a suggested donation of \$12. Biscuits and gravy are also available for \$6. Coffee, donuts, and orange juice will be provided.

SPONSORED BY CUB SCOUT PACK 951

Donut Sunday

SUNDAY, MAY 24TH

They will be serving a variety of donuts, milk, juices and coffee after the 8:00 am and 11:00 am Masses. Come join us at the Parish Center!

Cinco de Mayo Celebration



The Events Committee's Cinco de Mayo celebration brought the OLG community together with good food, a fabulous Mariachi band and a strong sense of community! Many thanks to our sponsors - CWC, ICF and the Knight of Columbus!

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."



WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

April 28, 2026 - May 4, 2026 **\$24,263.79**

Plate	\$3,296.88
Envelopes	\$15,028.37
Online Giving	\$5,938.54

Breakdown of Gifts Received

\$0.01 - \$5.00	42
\$5.01 - \$10.00	53
\$10.01 - \$25.00	135
\$25.01 - \$50.00	79
\$50.01 - \$100.00	44
\$100.01 - \$150.00	8
\$150.01 - \$500.00	27
\$500.01 - Over	2

Total Contributing Households **390**

Building Fund	\$6,277.00
Food Pantry	\$1,072.15
Mother's Day	\$1,744.00
School - General	\$1,747.50
School - Tuition Assistance	\$204.00



2 MILLION MEALS EVENT

FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD
MATTHEW 25:35

This event is unlike any other project. Volunteers of all ages come together joyously for one purpose: to pack 2 million meals for families living in poverty. 1 million meals will be distributed by the Diocese of San Diego locally.

JUNE 13TH & 14TH, 2026 *

Cathedral Catholic High School

* The shift for Our Lady of Grace will be on Saturday June 13th at 8:00 am

VOLUNTEER OR DONATE

www.MillionMealEvent.org

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!

PITCH IN
for Local Patients

Give at our upcoming blood drive and get a 2026 Padres Summer Blood Drive UPF 50 Sun Shirt*.

Join our blood drive, hosted by:
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church
Sunday, May 31, 2026
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Parish Center
2766 Navajo Rd
El Cajon, CA 92020



Give for local blood recipients like Carter.

SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT Today!



Visit sandiegobloodbank.org/donate
Scan QR code or call (619) 400-8251.

WALK-INS WELCOME

Photo ID required | Arrive hydrated



San Diego Blood Bank

*Available while sizes and supplies last. Blood donors must be 17+ years old, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, and be in general good health to donate.

Vacation Bible School



June 22 - 26
 9:00am - 12:00pm
 Registration deadline is
 June 1st

Children entering grades Kinder - 6th for the
 2026-2027 school year.
 For any questions, please contact Deacon John Sawaya at
 (858) 869-5079 or jsawaya@olg-church.org

Scan the QR code for the needed form:

**PARTICIPANT
 Registration Form**



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.

- | | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Catherine Abad | Lina Jaba |
| Netti Aguinaldo | Soveida Knowles |
| Ron Aguinaldo | Joanna Kwak |
| Heriberto Albanez | Nelson Kwak |
| Griselda Albanez | Jason Laccone |
| Kali'a Arrayan | Ofelia Lopez |
| Michael Barletta | Jose A Lopez |
| Dangie Bautista | Mary Ann Manalo |
| Angela Biner | Cynthia Mancilla |
| Bob Blake | Hanzel Mariano |
| Joan & Robert Blake | Annika Mawn |
| Catalina Branch | Wakako Nier |
| Mylyn Caoili | Betty Oliwa |
| Sky Cariola | Ann O'Neill |
| Cheryl Casey | Arcenia Padilla |
| Phyllis Ciesielski | Frank Principato |
| Luzanne Coyne | James Principato |
| Msgr. John Cusack | Richard Ruttenberg |
| Irene Dahlheimer | Jeffery Sanders |
| Nick Duhancik | David Smith |
| Irma Eichinger | Tillie Sousa |
| Suzana Felix | Suzanne Stanley |
| David Foster | Karen Tabadisto |
| Joseph Fromm | Mary Titone |
| Colette Gerard | Christopher Trujillo |
| Joe Hilgeman | Cindy Katan Wallace |
| Rosa Hilgeman | Marilyn Winger |
| Philip Hessling | |
| Fernando Jaba | |

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.

May Crowning

Tuesday, May 19
 12:45pm in the Church

Happy month of May, our Blessed Mary's special month! From the early days of the Church, images of Mary have been crowned during the month of May as a sign of our love and devotion to the Mother of God. Join our OLG students as they offer prayers, songs, and a crown of flowers to Our Lady. Take this time to gather as a community under the loving mantle of our patroness, Our Lady of Grace. Join us in offering our love to the most perfect of all Mothers.



Adorers are needed for our next 24-hour Adoration on **Friday, June 5.**

To sign-up, please e-mail Michael Gross at: pnmgross1@gmail.com.

OUR LADY of GRACE PARISH AND SCHOOL DIRECTORY

2766 NAVAJO ROAD, EL CAJON, CA 92020



PARISH OFFICE
 PHONE: **(619) 469-0133**
 FAX: (619) 469-0575
 WEB: OLG-CHURCH.ORG
 HOURS: MON - FRI 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

Pastor **REV. LAURO MINIMO** | Ext. 17
 Deacon **JOHN SAWAYA** | (858) 869-5079
 Business Manager **CHERI SHUBERT** | Ext. 12
 Special Projects Coordinator **KEN DISCENZA** | Ext. 14
 Bookkeeper **SIONI BAUTISTA** | Ext. 28
 Human Resources & Office Support **LINDA LE NEVE** | Ext. 30
 Office Manager **BRANDI TORRES** | Ext. 10
 Publicity & Media Coordinator **ALEXA ALCANTARA** | Ext. 33

Housekeeping **MARÍA ARIAS**
 Maintenance & Facilities **DENNIS CROWLEY & MATTHEW HILGEMAN**

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

FAITH FORMATION & CONFIRMATION

PHONE: (619) 466-5656

Director of Catechetical Ministries **DEACON JOHN SAWAYA**
 Youth Ministry Coordinator **DORIS HERTZIG**
 Junior & Senior HS (619) 466-5451



PARISH SCHOOL
 PHONE: **(619) 466-0055**
 FAX: (619) 466-8994
 WEB: OLG.ORG
 HOURS: WEEKDAYS 7:15 AM-3:30 PM
 (DURING SCHOOL YEAR)

School Office **olgschooloffice@olg.org**
 Admissions & Advancement **info@olg.org**
 Principal **ERIN MARES**
 Vice Principal **TORI FRANKLIN**
 Administrative Assistant **LINDA PETERS**
 Office Manager **KIMBERLY RUIZ**

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

Maretta Clauson & Sharon Stevens

PRO-LIFE — Vicki Whitmire (40 Days for Life)

CULTURE OF LIFE — Elena & Emily Ruta

WALKING WITH PURPOSE — Vicky Szymanski

(WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY)



To e-mail members of the parish staff, please visit our website at: olg-church.org

Click on the "Contact Us" in the upper right corner of the browser window.

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.