



Jesus said, "My children, I will be with
you only a little while longer. I give you a
new commandment: love one another."

- Jn 13:33a, 34a



PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

Sun, May 18	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
5:30 pm	For the People of the Parish (Vigil)
8:00 am	† Alexandra Jackson
11:00 am	† Kathryn McLoughlin
5:30 pm	† Ernesto Dela Rama
Mon, May 19	Easter Weekday
8:00 am	Mother's Day Novena
Tue, May 20	Easter Weekday; Saint Bernadine of Siena, Priest
8:00 am	Mother's Day Novena
Wed, May 21	Easter Weekday; Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious
8:00 am	Mother's Day Novena
Thu, May 22	Easter Weekday
8:00 am	Sp Int Maegan Carey
Fri, May 23	Easter Weekday
8:00 am	† John Hilgeman, Sr.
Sat, May 24	Easter Weekday
8:00 am	Sp Int Donald Jones



FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass

May 18	Knights Sunday <i>Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Frances Cabrini Council 8879</i> The Knights will be serving donuts along with coffee, tea, juice, and milk! The proceeds will support local charities.
May 25	Bread Sunday <i>Sponsored by the Catholic Women's Club</i> More info on the types of bread available and how to order can be found on pg. 4.
Jun 1	Waffle Sunday <i>Sponsored by the International Catholic Families</i> ICF will be serving up waffles galore and more! Waffles with a variety of toppings, sausage, bacon, and donuts of course!

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.



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 18 – MAY 25

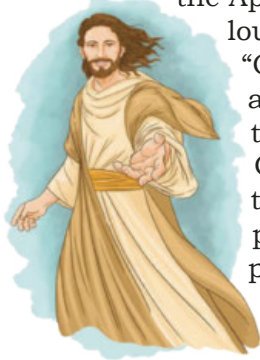
Sun:	Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
Mon:	Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26
Tue:	Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
Wed:	Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
Thu:	Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11
Fri:	Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17
Sat:	Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21
Sun:	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

Fifth Sunday of Easter

GROW: Today's Gospel occurs shortly before Jesus gives his Last Supper Discourses in the Gospel of John. Judas has betrayed Jesus, and now the Lord speaks to his inner circle for one of the last times before his arrest. "I will be with you only a little while longer," he says. At these words, I imagine a hush falling over the group. Rattled by Judas' strange actions and alarmed by the Lord announcing his impending departure, the disciples' eyes must have darted about as they held their breath, awaiting Jesus' words. "I give you a new commandment," he says. "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." In a word, Jesus summarizes his teaching: love as God loves. He is using these last moments to exhort his disciples to be as he is. We know it won't be easy – it will involve

sacrifice and suffering – but the Holy Spirit is present with us to guide and advocate for us on our journey.

GO: Have you ever experienced a season of suffering and wondered, "Have I done something wrong?" When we meet resistance on the narrow path, it can make us question our choices, ourselves, and sometimes even God. Let today's first reading be a boost of confidence on your journey; remember that your suffering does not imply a misstep. "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," Paul and Barnabas exhort the disciples (and us). It is natural to grow fatigued, especially when we encounter hardships. This is one reason why the Lord desires that we never journey alone. By God's perfect design, humans require companionship, from



other humans and from the Creator himself. In the reading from the Book of Revelation, John the Apostle hears a loud voice saying, "God himself will always be with them as their God." Though the road may be peppered with pain, and the trials overwhelming, may we never forget that our God is very near!

PRAY: Today's readings reveal themes of perseverance in faith, radical love, and the stunning reality that the Lord is truly present to us. As we pray with these Scriptures, consider asking yourself: What areas of my life feel distant from the Lord's presence? How can I open these areas up to receive his light and his love? Take time to talk to the Lord in prayer about these things. When you do, make sure you leave space and silence for him to speak.

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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, Fr. Marc Gandolfo 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.



JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL
May Crowning
TUESDAY, MAY 20

Happy month of May, our Blessed Mother 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 on May 20 at 12:30pm in the Church. 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.



Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Sunday, May 18th

Donuts and Coffee

After the 8:00 am and 11:00 am Masses.
We'll see you at the Parish Center!

Sponsored by the Catholic Women's Club

MAY 25

Bread Sunday

After the 8:00 am and 11:00 am Masses in the Parish Center.
We'll see you there!

The types of bread available are: Cranberry Walnut, Guinness Bread, Irish Soda, Yeast bread, Sprouted Quinoa Bread, Italian Herb, and Jalapeño Cheddar. Donuts, muffins, coffee, juice, lox and bagels will also be available. Order forms are available on the information table in the front of the Church.



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The Mission Work in the Archdiocese of Kumasi, Ghana

The Archdiocese of Kumasi in Ghana (West Africa), was established by the early missionaries in 1950. During these past years, there has been a tremendous growth of the Church in Ghana.

Kumasi Archdiocese is located in the central part of Ghana. It has both rural and urban parishes.

We undertake many projects as a means of evangelization to help our rural communities and the people of the diocese.

We provide good and portable drinking water to rural communities. Many of these rural folks fetch water from the stream and rivers, which are polluted by activities of Illegal Mining for Gold. The diocese helps to provide Wells and Boreholes to such deprived communities and rural schools so that people can have decent water to drink.

Very young people migrate from the rural communities to the cities in search of jobs. Unfortunately, when they come, there are no job opportunities for them. Some end up on the street and some of the young girls get abused, become pregnant and some of the young boys also get into bad companies/groups. The diocese is having a program called “Catholic Action for Street Children”. In this project, we house many of these young people and those who are capable of going to school, we put them back into school and those who cannot we put them into technical, vocational and computer training so that they can have a decent life for themselves in the future.

We provide education to young people, particularly in the basic level by providing or maintaining some educational facilities for the rural communities. As part of the education, we train young teachers posted to deprived communities as Catechists to help the mission Churches.

Most Rev. Gabriel J. Anokye, the Archbishop of Kumasi, expresses his gratitude to the Church in America and acknowledges that the generosity of American Catholics has immensely improved the condition of many people of Kumasi and has aided the growth of the Church in Africa as a whole.

We thank you in much anticipation for your generosity and hospitality offered to our missionary representative visiting your parish community and for the financial support you offer. Your parish family will be remembered in Masses and prayers offered by the priests, deacons, religious, and missionaries serving in the Archdiocese of Kumasi, Ghana. God’s blessings be with you and your families.

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT**April 29, 2025 - May 5, 2025****\$21,731.55**

Plate	\$2,625.60
Envelopes	\$12,818.00
Online Giving	\$6,287.95

Breakdown of Gifts Received

\$0.01 - \$5.00	50
\$5.01 - \$10.00	49
\$10.01 - \$25.00	121
\$25.01 - \$50.00	80
\$50.01 - \$100.00	43
\$100.01 - \$150.00	6
\$150.01 - \$500.00	22
\$500.01 - Over	3

Total Contributing Households 374

Building Fund	\$1,133.25
Easter Sunday	\$252.00
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Mother's Day	\$395.00
School - General	\$637.50
School - Tuition Assistance	\$240.00



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Join our blood drive, hosted by:**Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church****Sunday, May 25, 2025****09:00 AM to 02:00 PM**

Parish Center

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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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Griselda Albanez	Rebecca Leyden
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Kali'a Arrayan	Charlotte Locy
Monique Ayala	Dawn MacNabb
David Bandrowski	Jean Marcotte
Carly Brashear	Christine Martins
Angie Biner	Annika Maun
Miriam Biros	Steve McMeekan
Ilene Black	Mark Mellinger
Donna Botzer	John Mendez
Stephen Botzer	Luz Mendez
Catalina Branch	Italia Mendez
Edward Brown	Claire Miller
Walter Butcher	Steven Mull
Lucy Caballero	Rigoberto Osuna
Cheryl Casey	Victoria Oxe
Justo Casillas Jr.	Phil Panuco
Humberto Castañeda	Tom Pastore
Carol Colonelli	Daniel Rubio
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Adrienne Jones	Marilyn Winger
Mary Kowalski	Florence B. Willkomm
Janet Kozakiewicz	Colleen Wynne

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 Jocelyn Ayala at:

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Director **ROBERT FILLEY**
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For a ministry leader phone number please call the Parish Office at (619) 469-0133.

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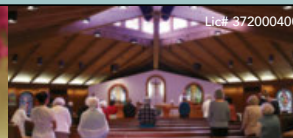
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