

Fr. Gino Correa, O.F.M. A very fond farewell as you leave for your new assignment!

PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

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	
Mon, May 25	Easter Weekday [USA: Memorial Day]	
	† Alberto V. Garcia	
Tues, May 26	St. Philip Neri, Priest	
	Sp Int Frank &	
	Sp Int Genevieve Gamma	
Wed, May 27	' Easter Weekday	
	† Rebecca Sanchez Velarde	
Thurs, May 28	Easter Weekday	
	† Elizabeth Ann Dietz	
Fri, May 29	Easter Weekday	
	† Rita Wood	
Sat, May 30	Easter Weekday	
	† Maria Skrinjar	
Sun, May 31	PENTECOST SUNDAY	
	<i>Sp Int</i> Huynh family	
	† Danica Davis	
	For the People of the Parish	
	† Jose Q. Cruz &	
	Sp Int Nora Hilgeman	

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 19. 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 reyellow "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!

he Ascension exhorts us to lift our gaze toward heaven, in order to return it immediately to the earth, to implement the tasks that the Risen Lord entrusts to us.

~Pope Francis, May 13, 2018

Welcome to OUR LADY of GRACE!

A 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 24 - 31
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

GUEST COLUMNIST

ALICE CAMILLE

Catch Some Air

hen athletes in racing, basketball, or be able to float up and other sports leave the ground even for a few seconds, they are said to "catch air." Especially when it comes to basketball, most of those players have a higher perspective than the rest of us who are only walking around! The euphoria of getting off your feet and into the air, however, lends an additional sensation not unlike our childhood dreams of flying. We feel somehow less materially bound, more than a mortal, if only for an instant.

Maybe folks who feel compelled to climb every mountain or walk a tightrope or do daredevil stunts in a skateboard park are answering that same wild urge to transcend mortal boundaries and catch some of that rarified air. Maybe it was a similar urge that drove Saint Peter to get out of a boat and walk toward Jesus on the water. Being human weighs us down with cares and limitations, a sometimes-leaden past or a sense of our own futility.

Don't we all feel a desire to away from everything that keeps us pinned to the ground and all of the "have -tos" of our existence?

Is there a way we are invited to ascend with Jesus on this feast? He asks his disciples to do just that in the 40 days Luke tells us he spoke with them after the Resurrection. After Jesus presents himself so improbably alive and glorified, living, the need to pay bills, he instructs them once more about the kingdom of God.

Admittedly, he had a lot to say about God's reign before he was crucified, but it seems as if they were asleep at the time. Now they're wide awake, blasted open by the trauma and the magnificence of the Triduum events (are we?), better prepared to hear what he's been saying all along.

Yet still, what do they ask him when they have this wonderful opportunity?

"Will you restore the kingdom of Israel now?" They have yet to ascend, these

friends of Jesus. They're still fretting about temporal kingdoms and earthly authority. It's as if Jesus said to them, "My friends, come up higher!" and they persisted in responding. "But lower is so much more familiar and comfortable!"

We sympathize with these friends of Jesus because we, too, find ascension a challenging way to go. So much locks us down to earth: the pursuit of a the obligation to care for children and elders, the politics demanded by our social contract, the fragility of bodies not built to last. We feel especially burdened these days, as our fragility has never been more apparent than in the pandemic.

When we are asked to lift our gaze and maybe even catch some air by adopting a Kingdom perspective, it can seem impractical and even implausible. If we remain earthbound, though, most of what Jesus said won't make much sense.

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Horrified, the little boy obeyed.

After a few seconds he whispered, "But, mommy, why was the money tainted? Was it dirty?

"Oh, no dear," she replied. "It's not really dirty. It just 'taint yours, and it 'taint mine," she replied. "It's God's."

◊ Storytelling is the essential human activity. The harder the situation the more essential it is!



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.

TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN THROUGH JUNIOR HIGH! Now Enrolling for Fall 2020



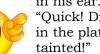


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A Little Humor

◊ Timmy didn't want to put his money in the offering plate Sunday morning, so his mother decided to use some hurried creative reasoning with him.

"You don't want that money, honey," she whispered in his ear.



"Quick! Drop it in the plate. It's

FROM the PASTOR

VERY REV. PETER M. MCGUINE



Dear Parishioners,

I write to update you on a couple of important issues regarding parish life here at Our Lady of Grace.

The first issue concerns the reopening of our church for public Masses. On May 15, Bishop McElroy sent to each pastor a letter requesting that a specific parish plan to reopen our church for both weekday and weekend Masses be developed. A set of directives and a three-page list of considerations was provided to help us with the development of a plan. Our plan has been developed and submitted to the Diocesan Pastoral Center for review.

While the County of San Diego has yet to provide a specific date for the resumption of large gatherings to take place, I, with you, am hopeful that such a date comes sooner than later! This two-month stretch of not being able to publicly celebrate our liturgies and sacraments with one another has been difficult. Nevertheless, many have told me that this time has afforded a new, deeper appreciation of what they had come to take for granted.

When Masses resume, what will they look like? Seating will be limited due social distancing requirements. Tickets or some other way of planning for limited seating will be a reality. While families and those in the same household may sit together, all others must be seated 6-feet apart. Self-provided face masks will be required for everyone age two and above. Hand sanitizer will be readily available at the entrances of the church. Holy Communion will be available under the form of consecrated hosts and will be distributed in the hand after Mass as parishioners depart the church. Music will be provided but singing by the assembly will be limited. Gatherings after Mass in the Parish Center will continue to be suspended.

During this time, the bishop will continue to dispense all from the obligation to participate in Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation. *That being the case, I recommend that individuals and families consider participating in weekday Masses over Sunday Masses, if possible.* Most likely, celebrations of First Communion and Confirmation will take place in smaller numbers at these weekday Masses. The same is true for those who are seeking to celebrate the Easter sacraments in the RCIA (Rites of Christian Initiation) process.

Those who are ill and those who are more susceptible to the coronavirus are asked to continue to participate in the Mass as it is broadcast on television or the Internet for the time being.

We'll need additional volunteers to be a part of the hospitality team for each Mass. Because we won't need as many Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at each Mass, those who currently serve in this capacity are encouraged to be a part of the hospitality team. Signups for this important, necessary and temporary minis-

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THE CHURCH OF THE DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO CALLS

Raymond Philip Cerezo Napuli

TO BE ORDAINED FOR SERVICE IN THE PRESBYTERAL ORDER

THROUGH THE IMPOSITION OF THE HANDS AND THE INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BY

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THE MOST REVERENCE ROBERT W. McELROY BISHOP OF SAN DIEGO

Friday, June 5, 2020 - 4:00pm | church of the immaculata



Dear Family and Friends,

Thank you so much for continuing to be a special part of my journey to the Priesthood. It have been a real blessing to discern God's call for me, and much more so to journey with the support, prayers, and presence of so many remarkable individuals.



To be ordained to the priesthood of Jesus Christ will certainly be a life changing moment. I hope it will be a big day for your as well.

Given the directives regarding public gatherings during he current COVID-19 pandemic, the ceremony at present cannot be open to the large public and will instead be accessible via live stream. Even though we cannot gather together in person, know that I cannot imagine this day without you. It would mean so much if you could still join in prayer and share in the joy of this occasion, albeit remotely. For more information please visit <u>raymondphilip-ordination.com</u>.

Let's continue to pray for one another and for the world. May God bless you.

Ad Jesum Per Mariam,

Deacon Raymond Philip Napuli

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Silverio Ramirez | Aurora Alonso

Sister Catherine Egan, RSM

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

No Pantry Food Collection During May, But...

O 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 <u>olg-church.org</u> 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.

FROM the PASTOR (Continued from page 4)

try will be via our website very soon, as will updates about the resumption of public Masses at OLG.

Secondly, the time has come for us to bid farewell to Fr. Gino Correa, O.F.M. Fr. Gino is concluding his assignment as one of several University Chaplains at USD and will be returning to his Franciscan community in Albuquerque, NM to await a new assignment. Our parish community has been blessed these past five and a half years by Fr. Gino's availability, preaching and willingness to minister at our parish in addition to his formal responsibilities at USD. I'll certainly miss his joyful presence and pray God's blessings be upon him as he moves to serve a different portion of God's vineyard. Should you wish to send Fr. Gino a card or letter, please send it to our parish office. We'll forward it to him for you.

Finally, I thank you for your continued prayerful and financial support of the parish in these past months. If someone told me in 2019 that parish life would come to a near standstill for over two months in 2020, I would never have believed them. I look forward to being together again soon, and celebrating together the peace, joy and life of the risen Lord Jesus... that eternal gift and blessing that no one can ever take away.

Our Lady full of grace, pray for us!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Escape Middle School Youth Group

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

<u>olg-church.org</u>.

New Life High School Youth Group

ZOOM is how New Life youth are gathering these days! Upcoming meetings are on

Sundays: May 31; June 7 and 14

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

To get info about all Escape and New Life events visit <u>olg-church.org</u>, click on Start Here and choose Youth Ministry.

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 Angela Biner Margaret Bostwick Anita Branch Pat Burke Stephanie Butcher Brian Cashman Tim Clasemen Jeannine 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 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.

66 To preserve our cheerfulness amid sicknesses and troubles, is a sign of a right and good spirit."

~ St. Philip Neri Feast Day May 26



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THE ASCENSION by Fr. Larry Rice

n the Feast of the Ascension, the Church celebrates the return of Christ to the Father, his physical body leaving the earth behind. In John's

Gospel, Jesus makes it clear that his return to the Father is necessary so that the Holy Spirit can be given to his disciples.

For many years, this feast was celebrated as a Holy Day of obligation on the Thursday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter. The precise date moved from year to year, as the date of Easter moved based on the lunar calendar. Not long ago, most of the dioceses in the United States moved the celebration of the Ascension to the Seventh Sunday of Easter. The eccleasiastical provinces of Boston, Hartford, New York, Newark, Philadelphia, and the state of Nebraska have maintained the celebration on the Thursday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter.

So why couldn't the risen Christ have simply stayed with us, guiding the Church on Earth for all time? Imagine what the world would look like today if Christ has not ascended. If Christ were still walking the earth, what would faith be? Where would our free will be?

This is Why We Love Children

Opinions: On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, 'The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents!'

Nudity: One warm summer evening a mom was driving with her three young children. While waiting at a stop light a woman in the convertible ahead of them stood up and waved. She was stark naked!

My own opinion is that it was necessary for Christ to ascend and send the Holy Spirit so that our faith would matter, and our free will remain intact. God is still with us, and present to us, but in ways that allow us to freely choose to accept or reject his grace. Christ is



present in the Eucharist, in the Word of God proclaimed, and in his Body the Church. The Holy Spirit is present to us, dwelling with us, received at our Baptism and sealed at our Confirmation. But these ways of remaining with us are not so concrete that our free will is collapsed. We have the ability to choose the Good, and to choose to accept God's grace, and he's never going to do anything that makes that choice less meaningful.

So, the Feast of the Ascension is important to us, not because it's a big "good-bye" to Jesus, but because it ushers in a new era in which Christ continues to be present to us, and in which the Holy Spirit dwells in the hearts of all believers.

Fr. Larry Rice is a former vocations director for the Paulist Fathers. Used with permission:
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As the mom reeled from shock she heard her 5-year-old shout from the back seat, 'Mom, that lady isn't wearing a seat belt!



School: A little girl had just finished her first week of school. 'I'm just wasting my time,' she said to her mother. 'I can't read, I can't write, and they won't let me talk!

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

May 12 - 18, 2020		\$12,501.34
Plate	\$	0.00
Envelopes	\$	6,055.34
Online Giving	\$	6,446.00
Breakdown of gifts received		
\$0.01 - \$5.00		5
\$5.01 - \$10.00		13
\$10.01 - \$25.00		30
\$25.01 - \$50.00		34
\$50.01 - \$100.00		29
\$100.01 - \$150.00		12
\$150.01 - \$500.00		14
\$500.01 - Over		4
Total Contributing Households		141
Additional Gifts		
Building Fund		\$831.00
Easter		\$320.00
Faith Formation & Youth Ministry		\$170.00
Food Pantry		\$902.00
Mother's Day		\$1,410.00
School Support - Greatest Need		\$325.00
School Support - Tuition Assistance		\$125.00

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Liturgy Coordinator	Rosa Hilgeman		Ext. 14
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Director Laudate Ensemble (5:30 pm Sun) **ROBERT FILLEY**

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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 Bob Cosgrove M-F, 9:30-10:30 am

HOLIDAY ANGELS—Since 1988—Lesley Bradley

INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC FAMILIES-ICF Carla Pedroncelli

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—Frances Cabrini Council 8879 Kelly Missey, Grand Knight

LADIES OF GRACE-Rosemarie McLain

LEGION OF MARY—Since 1987—Dee Draper

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

