



# 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

PRIEST & INTENTIONS FOR MASSES	
Sun, May 3	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EAST ER
5:30 pm	Sp Int Nguyen & Huynh Families (Vigil)
8:00 am	1/4 David McArthur
11:00 am	1/4 Jack Cloward
5:30 pm	For the People of the Parish
Mon, May 4	Easter Weekday
8:00 am	1/4 Mark & Mary Steckbauer
Tue, May 5	Easter Weekday
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Wed, May 6	Easter Weekday
8:00 am	1/4 Benny Archer
Thu, May 7	Easter Weekday
8:00 am	1/4 Vickie Oxe Sp Int Cecilia Jones
Fri, May 8	Easter Weekday
8:00 am	Collective Intentions
Sat, May 9	Easter Weekday
8:00 am	1/4 Henry Gonzales

Welcome to OUR LADY of GRACE!

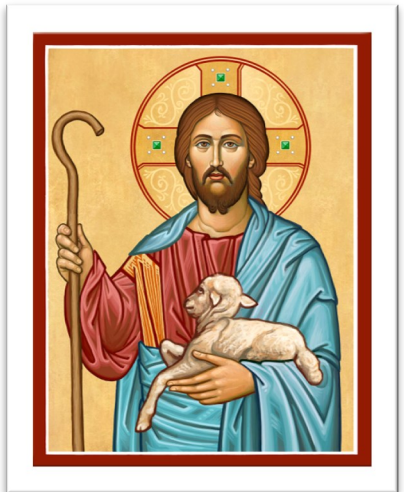
**W**elcome to all members and visitors who are joining us for the celebration of the Eucharist X

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](mailto:jsawaya@olg-church.org). For those interested in joining the Catholic Church, please also contact Deacon John Sawaya. You can also contact [www.olg-church.org](http://www.olg-church.org).



**PENANCE/RECONCILIATION AT OLG**

Monday-6:00pm  
Wednesday-8:45am  
Saturday- 4:00pm-5:15pm

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER	
All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass	
May 3	ICF Food & Fellowship Sponsored by the International Catholic Families  ICF will be offering Mexican pastries along with donuts, coffee and more to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Details on pg. 4.
May 10	+ D S S \ O R W K H U · V ' D \ No Event in the Parish Center  Today, we celebrate all mothers! The Knights of Columbus will be passing out a special JLIW 3 OHDVH ORRN IRU W K H O R W K H U · V ' D \ V L J Q
May 17	Pancake Breakfast Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Frances Cabrini Council 8879  Join us for a variety of donuts, milk, juices, coffee and more! We hope to see you all there!

**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 3 - MAY 10	
Sun:	Acts 6:1 -7; 1 Pt 2:4 -9; Jn 14:1 -12
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 8:5 -8, 14 -17; 1 Pt 3:15 -18; Jn 14:15 -21

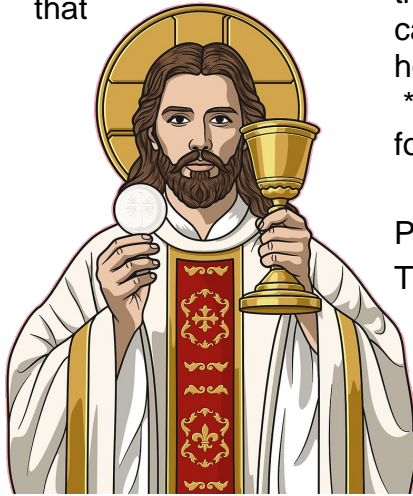
# Fifth Sunday of Easter

## GROW:

When the needs of ministry became overwhelming, the Apostles did not say they would sleep less or pray less in order to have more time to serve others. Instead, they appointed leaders from the community to help so they could continue to devote themselves to prayer and preaching. This reminds me of a story I read about Saint Teresa of Calcutta, in which the sisters of the Missionaries of Charity asked to be excused from the mandatory daily Holy Hour because the needs of the poor were so overwhelming. Saint Teresa is said to have responded that the sisters should then spend not one, but two hours in prayer each day. She knew that the foundation of a life of service was a life of prayer. We are asked in all that we do to rely not on our own abilities, but to humbly recognize that all we have to give comes from God.

## GO:

The cornerstone of our lives is the piece that gives strength to everything else that grows within us is our relationship with God. The works of our vocation are meant to flow from that



relationship. And so coming to know Jesus through prayer is at the core of serving others. In my vocation as a wife and mother, I sometimes get consumed in completing tasks and only realize at the end of the day that I have not prayed. But even Christ, the Son of God, tells us in the Gospel that the Father who dwells in me is doing his work. The Trinity means that the love of the Father flows through the

Son. If Jesus does not rely on his own being to preach and serve, I certainly cannot respond to the family apart from him. As we complete the daily tasks of our vocations, we must remember that the ultimate call of a life of holiness is to allow the Holy Spirit to work through us.

## PRAY:

This week, consider how you can develop or strengthen a habit of prayer as the first act of your day. You might be able to pray in silence, or you might choose to incorporate prayer into the activity of your morning. However you are able to establish this routine, be intentional about how you recognize prayer as the cornerstone of all that you do.

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  
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SUNDAY  
8:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:30 pm  
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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.

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ORDER of CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULTS  
Contact Dcn. John Sawaya (858) 869 -5079.

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HOLY MATRIMONY  
Marriage preparation begins nine months in advance. Please contact Fr. Lauro Minimo or Dcn. John Sawaya.

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PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION  
Monday 6:00 pm  
Wednesday 8:45 am  
Saturday 4:00 pm  
or by appointment.

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ANointing of the SICK  
Call the parish office (619) 469 -0133.



**Cinco de Mayo Celebration**  
*feat. Mariachi Dinastia & D. Perez*  
**SATURDAY, MAY 2**  
**PARISH CENTER**

Live Mariachi band, dinner and raffle from 6:30pm - 9:30pm after the 5:30pm Mass.

- Tacos - Rice - Beans - Mexican corn - Churros
- Nachos - Beverages

Additional items to purchase




**55 Plus Club Lunch**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 5**

The 55 Plus Club for May will be this coming Tuesday, May 5, 2026. The lunch fee is now \$20. The theme will be Spring Rain Brings May Flowers and our lunch will be a Mexican feast.

May 5th will be the second to last lunch before our summer break. In September, we will start our 18th year hosting the 55 Plus Club.

For questions, call Mary at 619-463-1129.



**IT'S BUNCO TIME**  
**Saturday, May 16**  
**OLG Parish Center**

Doors open at 10:00am and games will begin at 10:30am immediately following instructions.

**Tickets (cash or check): \$25**

Come and join in the fun! If you've never played, here's your chance to learn. It's fun and easy! There will be a delicious lunch, dessert, snacks, drinks and prizes to win like a \$25 gift card!

To RSVP, contact Alice Freeh at (610)248-0130



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**FOOD & FELLOWSHIP**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 3**

We'll be offering a variety of Mexican pastries along with donuts, coffee, and more. Let's continue our celebration of Cinco de Mayo!

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**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.



Our OLG Food Pantry is open Monday - Friday from 9:30am - 11:00am (except major holidays). We are located in the Ministry Center behind Lauerman Hall. If you can help, or want more information, please call (619) 469 -0061 during our open hours.

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

April 14, 2026 - April 20, 2026 \$21,167.99

Plate	\$3,266.38
Envelopes	\$11,564.31
Online Giving	\$6,337.30

Breakdown of Gifts Received

\$0.01 - \$5.00	44
\$5.01 - \$10.00	60
\$10.01 - \$25.00	122
\$25.01 - \$50.00	80
\$50.01 - \$100.00	40
\$100.01 - \$150.00	8
\$150.01 - \$500.00	18
\$500.01 - Over	2

Total Contributing Households 374

Building Fund	\$3,709.00
Easter Sunday	\$367.00
Food Pantry	\$1,909.50
School - General	\$205.00



**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](http://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



**SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT Today!**



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

**WALK-INS WELCOME**

Photo ID required | Arrive hydrated

Give for local blood recipients like Carter.



**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 ONLY.  
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:

Adult Volunteer  
Registration Form



PARTICIPANT  
Registration Form



Youth Volunteer  
Registration Form



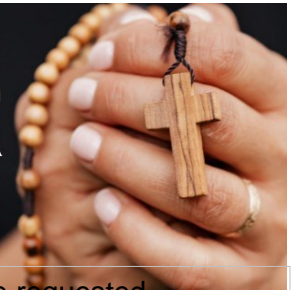
Santa Sophia's  
St. Vincent de Paul's Society

## THRIFT SALE!

Saturday, May 9th  
9:00am - 2:00pm  
In the hall behind Santa  
Sophia Church

New & used treasures! ALL CLOTHES in the main hall for only \$2.00. Home goods, linens, jewelry, toys, books, and more! There will also be a vintage/collectables section plus a boutique! All proceeds benefit the Santa Sophia St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

# 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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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| William Abellar          | Rosa Hilgeman          |
| Netti Aguinaldo          | Philip Hessling        |
| Ron Aguinaldo            | Soveida Knowles        |
| Heriberto Albanez        | Joanna Kwak            |
| Griselda Albanez         | Nelson Kwak            |
| Glen Elmo Arnold         | Ofelia Lopez           |
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| Michael Barletta         | Cynthia Mancilla       |
| Angela Biner             | Annika Mawn            |
| Bob Blake                | Betty Oliwa            |
| Joan & Robert Blake      | \$ Q Q 2 · 1 H L O O   |
| Catalina Branch          | Arcenia Padilla        |
| Sky Cariola              | Frank Principato       |
| Cheryl Casey             | James Principato       |
| Phyllis Ciesielski       | Richard Ruttenberg     |
| Luzanne Coyne            | Jeffery Sanders        |
| Msgr. John Cusack        | James Kenneth San Jose |
| Irene Dahlheimer         | Joel San Jose          |
| Daniel Dunn              | David Smith            |
| Helen Dunn               | Sharon Smith           |
| Nathan Allan Dunn        | Tillie Sousa           |
| Dung Ngoc Duong          | Suzanne Stanley        |
| Nick Duhancik            | Karen Tabadisto        |
| Irma Eichinger           | Mary Titone            |
| Suzana Felix             | Christopher Trujillo   |
| David Foster             | Cindy Katan Wallace    |
| Joseph Fromm             | Marilyn Winger         |
| Colette Gerard           |                        |
| Joe Hilgeman             |                        |

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.



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

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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)

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FAITH FORMATION & CONFIRMATION  
**Phone: (619) 466 -5656**

Director of Catechetical Ministries DEACON JOHN SAWAYA  
 Youth Ministry Coordinator DORIS HERTZIG  
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**Parish School**

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 Fax: (619) 466 -8994  
 Web: [olg.org](http://olg.org)  
 Hours: Weekdays 7:15 am - 2:30 pm  
*(During School Year)*


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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](http://olg-church.org) - F O L F N R Q W K H ' & R Q W D F W 8 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 <sup>3</sup> Mary Cloward
- BLOOD DRIVE <sup>3</sup> Peggy Breslin
- CATHOLIC WOMEN S CLUB (CWC) <sup>3</sup> Linda LeNeve  
 Bread Sunday <sup>3</sup> Linda LeNeve  
 Book Club <sup>3</sup> Julie Hazelton  
 Craft Fair <sup>3</sup> Kathy Porterfield  
 Bunco <sup>3</sup> Alice Freeh
- CENTERING PRAYER <sup>3</sup>  
 Irma Eichinger & Mary Asher -Fitzpatrick
- CURSILLO <sup>3</sup> Lanny Kimsey
- EVENTS COMMITTEE <sup>3</sup> Deborah Renick
- FOOD PANTRY <sup>3</sup> Since 1981 (619) 469 -0061  
 Doug Perl M ㉚, 9:30 ㉚11:00 am
- HOLIDAY ANGELS <sup>3</sup> Since 1988 <sup>3</sup> Pam & Michael Gross
- INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC FAMILIES (ICF)  
 Carla Pedroncelli
- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS <sup>3</sup> Frances Cabrini Council 8879  
 Juan Bernal, Grand Knight
- MEN FOR CHRIST <sup>3</sup> Steve Faucher
- MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND <sup>3</sup> Ken Discenza
- OPERATION GRATITUDE CLUB <sup>3</sup> Deborah Renick
- PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY <sup>3</sup> Since 2006  
 Maretta Clauson & Sharon Stevens
- PRO-LIFE <sup>3</sup> Vicki Whitmire (40 Days for Life)
- CULTURE OF LIFE <sup>3</sup> Elena & Emily Ruta
- WALKING WITH PURPOSE <sup>3</sup> Vicky Szymanski  
 (WOMEN S BIBLE STUDY)



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