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5TH 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'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

Sun, May 3	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
5:30 pm	<i>Sp Int</i> Nguyen & Huynh Families (Vigil)
8:00 am	† David McArthur
11:00 am	† Jack Cloward
5:30 pm	For the People of the Parish
Mon, May 4	Easter Weekday
8:00 am	† Mark & Mary Steckbauer
Tue, May 5	Easter Weekday
8:00 am	† Rylan O'Neal <i>Sp Int</i> Matt O'Neal
Wed, May 6	Easter Weekday
8:00 am	† Benny Archer
Thu, May 7	Easter Weekday
8:00 am	† Vickie Oxe <i>Sp Int</i> Cecilia Jones
Fri, May 8	Easter Weekday
8:00 am	Collective Intentions
Sat, May 9	Easter Weekday
8:00 am	† Henry Gonzales

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 Happy Mother's Day!**
No Event in the Parish Center
- Today, we celebrate all mothers! The Knights of Columbus will be passing out a special gift. Please look for the Mother's Day sign.
- 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!

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 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

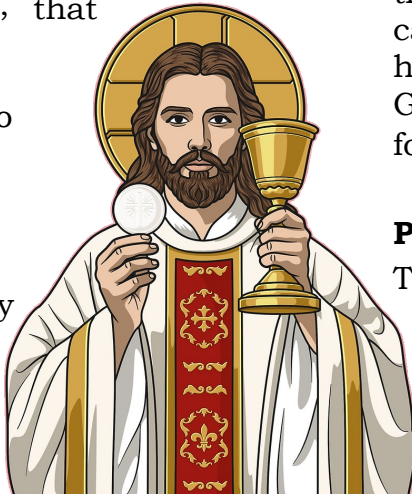
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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 – 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 works.” Life in 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 God’s call to love my 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 God’s love to flow forth 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

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.



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!



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.



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



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 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 |
| Kali'a Arrayan | Jose A Lopez |
| Michael Barletta | Cynthia Mancilla |
| Angela Biner | Annika Mawn |
| Bob Blake | Betty Oliwa |
| Joan & Robert Blake | Ann O'Neill |
| 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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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**
 Junior & Senior HS (619) 466-5451



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 (DURING SCHOOL YEAR)

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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)



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