

#### **PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES**

Sun, Nov 28	FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT		
5:30 pm	† Madeleine Stepan		
8:00 am	† Ray & Sp Int Pat Miller		
11:00 am	† John & † Catherine Daly		
5:30 pm	For the People of the Parish		
Mon, Nov 29	Advent Weekday		
8:00 am	† Bernice Chunn		
Tue, Nov 30	SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE		
8:00 am	† Frank Shaw		
Wed, Dec 1	Advent Weekday		
8:00 am	-		
Thu, Dec 2	Advent Weekday		
8:00 am	† Patricia Adams		
Fri, Dec 3 Saint Francis Xavier, Priest			
	No Mass		
Sat, Dec 4	Advent Weekday		
8:00 am	Sp Int Gary Heflin		
Sun, Dec 5	SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT		
5:30 pm	Sp Int of the Bautista Family		
8:00 am	† Tony Blackton		
11:00 am	† Gilbert 'Gilly' Mendoza		
5:30 pm	For the People of the Parish		

We love having you as part of our flock! Get updates about Masses and parish life via email or text! Sign up! Visit <u>olg-church.org</u> and scroll to the blue and white sheep.

#### FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass.

#### Nov 28 Bread Sunday

Sponsored by the Catholic Women's Club Enjoy freshly-baked breads, muffins, coffee, tea, juice, Lox, bagels and donuts.

#### Dec 5 ICF Food and Fellowship Sunday

Sponsored by the International Catholic Families

It's a plethora of pastries! Almond and chocolate croissants, scones, and a variety of donuts to be washed down by fresh coffee, tea or juice!

#### Dec 12 School Sunday

Sponsored by OLG School families Complimentary coffee and refreshments. Contributions not necessary but gratefully accepted. Proceeds benefit OLG's Tuition Assistance Fund, the *Gerard Family Endowment for Catholic Education*.

## The Advent mystery is the beginning of the end of all in us that is not yet Christ.

—Thomas Merton

### Welcome to OUR LADY of GRACE!

elcome 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 invite you to enrich your life through joining our parish family. In addition to our liturgies there are many ministries and service groups



that help you to build friendships and serve our parish along with the greater community. We also offer lifelong learning through our many faith formation opportunities for children and adults.

For baptized Catholics needing to complete their Sacraments of Initiation please contact our Director of Catechetical Ministry, Lissa Hutcheson, at (619) 466-5656. For those interested in joining the Catholic Church, please contact Deacon John Sawaya at (858) 869-5079. You can also contact them by using the "Contact us" link at <u>olg-church.org</u>.

#### Allergies

The first morning Mass of the Sunday or holy day will always be incense-free. The Sunday 11:00 am Mass will almost always include the use of incense.

#### **Mindfulness of Others**

Please silence all devices and refrain from using them during the liturgy.

	Readings for Nov 28 - Dec 5
Sun:	Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Mon:	Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11
Tue:	Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
Wed:	Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
Thu:	Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Fri:	Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
Sat:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sun:	Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

# First Sunday of Advent GO: We are a society and

## Mass readings:

# Jer 33:14-16 1Thes 3:12—4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

**GROW:** As the days grow shorter and darker, I am especially ready for Advent wreaths and nativity sets; sparkling lights and singing angels. More than ever, I eagerly anticipate the joyful celebration of Christ's birth. But today's readings for the first Sunday of Advent point us to the end of time, when Jesus returns in glory. Wait a minute, what? I don't want to think about the dismay and fright that Jesus foretells in the Gospel, I want to think about shepherds and holy nights. We really can't do one without the other, however, and the underlying message of the readings is one of hope and reassurance: Our God keeps his promises. He is faithful to the covenants he makes. He loves us so much; he offers us new beginnings. Our God became one of us, died to save us, and will give us the strength to be ready to greet him when he comes again. "Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand," Jesus says. Pray that our preparation for Christ's birth will make us all the more ready for his return.

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**GO:** We are a society and culture that focuses a lot on the outward signs of preparation, and there is a lot of pressure to make it all perfect. Pinterest boards, social media





groups, magazine photos, clothing catalogs: all show perfectly dressed people

with perfectly adorable dogs standing in front of exquisitely perfect Christmas trees, on perfectly unblemished snow. But perfection in the exterior is not the Christian goal. Our interior preparation – how we make ourselves ready for Christ now, and at the end of time – is the focus of Advent. It is an opportunity for repentance, and a joyful new beginning in our relationship with God. It is a time to recommit ourselves to the covenant he made with us, and the psalm and the second reading offer assistance in doing so. Make time each day to dive in and explore what Scripture reveals about "conducting yourselves to please God."

**PRAYER:** Pray the psalm from the first Sunday of Advent each morning. Ask God to open your heart to ways you can be more just. He will teach you, guide you and strengthen your heart so that you can stand upright to face whatever challenges come your way.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, Guide me in your truth and teach me,

for you are God my savior,

and for you I wait all the day.

Written by The Faithful Disciple

SAT, JAN 29 LA JOLLA MARRIOTT 5:30 PM GET TICKETS NOW! OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH Founded 1954

## CLERGY

**PASTOR** Very Rev. Peter McGuine

**AUXILIARY PRIEST** *Rev. Maxime Villeneuve, OSA* 

> Priest In Residence Rev. Minh Do

**DEACON** Dcn. John Sawaya

## SCHEDULE of MASSES

SUNDAY VIGIL (Saturday) 5:30 pm

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

Monday–Thursday and 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 8:45 am Saturday 4:00 pm or by appointment.

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# Advent Candles, Keep Christ in Christmas and Christmas Card Sale

The Knights of Columbus will be outside the church after all weekend Masses on **Nov 27 and 28** to help you "Keep Christ in Christmas." They will be selling candles for your Advent wreath (\$ 9.00), Christmas cards (\$8.00 to \$13.00 per box) and Keep Christ is Christmas car magnets (\$5.00) for sharing the Gospel message with others. Brass ring Advent candle holders will also be available.



# **CWC Book Club**

I he next CWC Book Club meeting is Tue, Nov 30 from 9:30 to 11:00 am in the Church Meeting Room to discuss Lady in Waiting by Susan Meissner. This parish club is open to all. Please call Julie at (619) 461-4288 to RSVP or for answers to your questions.

# Calling All Angels—Only 8 Days remaining!

The Holiday Angel Program is accepting monetary

donations for Christmas until Mon, **Dec 6** for the families and seniors in crisis. Any donation amount is helpful; we will serve as many people as possible with the donations we receive. Use the "Online Donation" link at <u>olg-church.org</u>



or, if you donate by check in the offertory basket, be sure to write "Holiday Angel Program" in the memo line.

Thank you, OLG faith family, for your enduring generosity! If you have questions, please contact Angel Coordinator Lesley Bradley at (619) 878-0278.

# New, Easier-to-Use Online Giving Feature

t takes financial resources to accomplish the work God has called us to do and OLG made it easier than ever to use our online giving feature. Visit <u>olg-church.org</u> and click on the Online Giving link or Donation Ad to use this feature. *Good to know:* Current online givers were converted to the new format!

## YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES



New Life celebrates "Christmas Fun Night" on Sun, **Dec 12** in the Youth Room from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Don't miss this one!

Visit <u>olg-church.org/parish groups</u> and choose Youth Group, then **Escape** (Jr. High) or **New Life** (High School) to

learn about upcoming events and activities, or call Doris, Youth Minister, at (619) 466-5451.

# Stock and IRA Charitable Gift Donations

A gift of your securities, including stocks, mutual funds and IRA Charitable Rollover Distributions are an easy way to make a gift to the church! By making a gift of your appreciated securities or retirement account, you can avoid paying capital gains tax that may otherwise be due if you sold these assets. Contributions are deductible for tax purposes. There are no transaction fees or other costs and the full value of the sold securities benefits the parish, school or other Catholic charities you select. For more info on making a gift, please visit <u>sdcatholic.org</u> and click on Giving, then Stock Donations or IRA Charitable Contribution. Or call Daniel Pritchard at Merrill Lynch, the Diocese's broker, at (760) 930-3122.

# OLG | SAN DIEGO YOUNG ADULTS

**Note:** The Young Adult Annual Christmas Gala scheduled for Sat, **Dec 11** at Saint Gabriel, Poway is sold out!

The OLG Young Adults (ages 18-39) get together weekly on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm.

To receive texts or emails about activities text OLGYA to 84576 and follow us on Instagram@sd.ecya and at facebook.com/groups/youngadultsolg.



For more opportunities for San Diego Catholic adults in their 20s & 30s follow Instagram @sd.ecya or visit <u>sdcatholic.org/office-for/young-adult-ministry</u>.



OLG SCHOOL GIFT CARD SALE Shop for everyone on your list, and your school earns 2-20% on every card!

ORDER & PICK-UP SCHEDULE Note: No order or pick-up on Nov 27 or 28 Order 11/13 & 14 - Pick up 11/20 & 21

Order 11/20 & 21 - Pick up 12/4 & 5 Order 12/4 & 5 - Pick up 12/11 & 12

Get a printable order form and vendor list at <u>olg.org/events-giving</u>

## **Guadalupe Procession, Mass and Tribute**

Memorial Tribute to Bishop Gilberto Chávez

S un, **Dec 5**, join the procession at 11:00 am in Bird Park, 28th Street and Redwood, North Park, SD, 92104. Mass is at St. Augustine High School Gym, 3266 Nutmeg St, SD 92104 at 1:00 pm concelebrated by Bishop Robert McElroy and Auxiliary Bishop Ramón Bejarano. At 2:30 pm in the school garden there will be a memorial tribute including Mariachi and



traditional food for Bishop Chavez. For more info visit <u>sdcatholic.org/guadalupe2021</u> for more info.

## Noah Homes Enchanted Village

**D**ec 17-22 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm 8-acres of brilliantly lit trees, magical cottages, light tunnels, live entertainers, hundreds of giant candy canes, over 200,000 lights, interactive displays and other festive decorations will be open for you to enjoy. All proceeds benefit adults with developmental disabilities. For more info and tickets visit EnchantedVillage.org.



The Cantate Kids choir met for their first rehearsal on Nov 4. They will lead us in song for the first time at the **Dec 5** 11:00 am Mass.

# Please pray for the repose of the soul of LINCOLN WARD May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## Catholic Answers Local Lecture Series What is the Mass? Do You Really Know the Answer? The Secret to Understanding the Eucharist.

as the Mass become so routine to you that you have lost sense of what it is? Of what is actually going on? Time stops. Heaven and Earth are united. The Sacrifice of Calvary is represented. Fr. Hugh Barbour, O.Praem, chaplain of Catholic Answers and former Prior



of St. Michael's Abbey, will rekindle—or ignite for the first time—your love of the Mass by giving you the key to understanding it. Gather on Fri, **Dec 17**, at St. Therese of Carmel, 4355 Del Mar Trails Rd, SD, 92130 for wine and cheese at 6:30 pm followed by the lecture at 7:00.

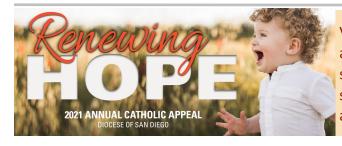
### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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.

Griselda Albanez Heriberto Albanez Tilly Allison Gabriela Alvarenga Marvin Alvarenga Angie Arrayan Patrick Attardo Violetta Bacniss Gary Barker Susie Bellenbaum Carol Bessone Angie Biner Anita Branch Deborah Butcher Stephanie Butcher Pam Carlson Linda Coit David Conway **Rosemary Cosgrove** John Coyne Gerry Cruz Barbara Cvr Catherine Dizon Dee Draper Steve Duggins Nubia Grimes

Mark Habina Susan Hori **Richard Jensen** Lynn Jolivet Stephen Kane John Kleine Rebecca Leyden Tim Leyden Mickey Lyle Donald Marsh Barbara Messier Tessie Montano Mary Montoya Jacob McDermott Anthony Renzi Charlisse Rola David Smith Theresa Smith Christine Stanley Tony Tabadisto Terry Tedrow Christian Valdez Roy Wheeler Marilyn Winger Kyle Wollett

Names remain listed for four weeks and can be renewed by contacting Marie Pospichal at mpospichal@olg-church.org.



Visit <u>olg-church.org</u> and scroll to the "Annual Catholic Appeal" ad. Click the "2021 ACA video" link to see how funds raised will support diocesan and local efforts to announce the Gospel and serve God's people. Click the "Renewing Hope" image to make a pledge and/or gift to this year's Appeal. Thank you!

Advent Penance Services	Date	Time
St. Therese, San Diego	2-Dec	7:00 PM
St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Lakeside/Barona	6-Dec	7:00 PM
St. Luke, El Cajon	9-Dec	7:00 PM
St. Martin of Tours, La Mesa	13-Dec	7:00 PM
Guardian Angels, Santee	14-Dec	7:00 PM
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside	14-Dec	9:00 AM
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside	14-Dec	7:00 PM
Santa Sophia, Spring Valley	15-Dec	7:00 PM
Holy Trinity, El Cajon	16-Dec	7:00 PM
St. Pius X, Jamul	16-Dec	7:00 PM
St. John of the Cross, Lemon Grove	17-Dec	7:00 PM
Our Lady of Grace, El Cajon	21-Dec	7:00 PM



## **Preparing the Manger**

here do you fall in the "Christmas-songs-in-November" debate — do you like them, tolerate them, or outright hate them? There's no theological problem with Christmas songs in November outside of worship, even if it's not everyone's cup of tea. But there is a problem with getting so caught up in the baggage of the season — the trimmings, the gifts, the celebrations, all of which are marvelous in their own way — that you forget to prepare the manger.

Every good Catholic knows that Lent is a penitential

season. It's hard to miss that point — Lent doesn't even have any fun songs you can groove to on the radio. We are pretty good at recognizing that Lent calls us to examine ourselves. To deny ourselves. To give of ourselves. And most of all, Lent calls us to prepare, as a good steward does, for the return of our master.



It's harder for us to remember that with Advent, but Advent is just as much of an opportunity for penance, preparation, and reconciliation to God — and just as



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Sat, Dec 4 in the Parish Center from 1:00 to 4:00 pm Enjoy a delicious Chicken Marsala lunch, a live DJ, Christmas sing-along and the ever popular Ugly Sweater Contest

Adults \$15.00 | Youth 12 and under \$5.00

Last chance to buy tickets is after the weekend Masses of Nov 27-28!

Doors open at 12:30 pm—Lunch served at 1:15 pm

much reason, too. The very name of the season — "advent" — encourages us to focus on what is coming, not what is already here. Be on guard, the readings tell us today, "so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and (the coming of the Lord) catch you unexpectedly, like a trap."

~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## **Special Prayer for a Pro-Life Outcome**

The 40 Days for Life El Cajon team is joining thousands of others in America by hosting a two -day "Mini" Prayer Campaign. Meet on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood in El Cajon asking God to be in the hearts of the Supreme Court Justices as they make their decision in the **Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health** case.

Two-Day Mini Prayer Campaign Tue, Nov 30 and Wed, Dec 1 ~ 7:00am - 7:00pm On the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood 1685 E. Main Street, El Cajon, 92021

Sign up for a convenient time slot at <u>40daysforlife.com/elcajon</u> or call 619-647-5793.

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