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New Life youth serve the parish and community at the Catholic Women's Club's Annual Holiday Craft Fair!

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

Sun, Nov 29	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
3:30 pm	† Robert Dano & Sp Int of the Tanic
	family
8:00 am	† Ray & Sp Int Pat Miller
11:00 am	† John & † Catherine Daly
3:30 pm	For the People of the Parish
Mon, Nov 30	SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE
	† Frank Shaw
Tue, Dec 1	Advent Weekday
8:00 am	† Thomas Bickhaus
Wed, Dec 2	Advent Weekday
8:00 am	Sp Int Carmen Salender
	Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
8:00 am	Sp Int Gary Heflin
Fri, Dec 4	Advent Weekday
	No Mass
Sat, Dec 5	Advent Weekday
8:00 am	† Ryan Borunda
Sun, Dec 6	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
3:30 pm	† Rylan O'Neal
8:00 am	† Dorothy Washington
	For the People of the Parish
3:30 pm	-



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 look for the blue and white sheep.

#### **Public Mass Update**

S an Diego County is in the COVID-19 Purple Tier meaning Masses must be celebrated outside. If Mass is canceled due to inclement weather, a Flocknote email will be sent. Visit <u>olg-church.org</u> for current info. When Mass is celebrated outside in front of the church, bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on. Face coverings are required, as is physical distancing. Bottled water, hats, hand sanitizer, and sunscreen are recommended. Our Ambassadors will be present to assist you.

The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation continues to be dispensed by Bishop McElroy.

#### **Streamed Online Mass Information Available**

• n the parish website we have listed multiple links to options to participate in Sunday and daily Mass online in the Diocese of San Diego and beyond. Visit the <u>olg-church.org</u> homepage and click on the gold "Online Mass Info and Other Sustaining Faith Resources in the Time of Pandemic" bar. Scroll to Mass links.

**"ADVENT** is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man." ~ *Pope Francis* 

#### Welcome to OUR LADY of GRACE!

We 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 often include the use of incense.

#### Invitation to the R.C.I.A.

O 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 Nov 29 - Dec 6
Sun:	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37
Mon:	Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
Tue:	Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
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:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

# First Sunday of Advent always about waiting to

#### **Mass Readings:**

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**GROW:** Sometimes I grow nostalgic for the laid-back Advents of my childhood: making a list for Santa, digging into the perforated cardboard Advent calendar for chocolate for breakfast, and lighting the Advent wreath (fire!) each Sunday. We all know, however, that the season can quickly become usurped by things to do - shopping, family, cleaning, etc. Today's readings remind us that this is not what Advent is about. The tone in our Scriptures which begin the Advent season is not subtle. Isaiah asks God to return. to "rend the heavens and come down" to save and deliver his people. The psalm is equally adamant: "Lord, make us turn to you." We, as a Church, are waiting for the fullness of the Kingdom on earth, and we must prepare.

"LORD, MAKE US TURN TO OIJ"

celebrate the birth of

Christ. I love pulling out



the Nativity scene and lighting the candles each week leading to the celebration of Christ's birth. Only in recent years have I grown in awareness of the

dual meaning of Advent that we Christians also are waiting for Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. I admit, it's always seemed to me something far into the future and perhaps not applicable to my lifetime here on earth. However, as Jesus reminds us in the Gospel, "You do not know when the Lord of the house is coming." And while this is true, it is not something to fear, but something to prepare for and look forward to! We wait in joyful hope, asking for the grace to remain faithful to our baptism and to live in a way that makes Christ's presence known to others.

**STUDY:** Remember the pre-pandemic holidays? Chances are, you've got some extra time on your hands this season. Why not use it to take a deeper dive into Advent this year, by participating in an online Bible study or reading and praying with the Scriptures each day of Advent.

Written by The Faithful Disciple

Night of Hope

**GO:** I'm a cradle Catholic.

but for me, Advent was

n Sat, **Dec 12**, from 4:00-6:00 pm PST celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe through a keynote presentation about our Blessed Mother from Catholic speaker Mary Bielski, Eucharistic Adoration with Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, and more. It's all livestreamed from the Franciscan University of Steubenville. Register for this free event at steubenvilleconferences.com/night-of-hope#register.

This is the second *Night of Hope* online conference. Over 44,000 people participated in the July online event. Share this info with your family and friends. Even when our world seems its darkest, Jesus Christ remains our light.



Adult Formation Annunciation, Immaculate Conception Wed, Dec 2 - 7:00 pm via Zoom

OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH Founded 1954

#### **CLERGY**

PASTOR Very Rev. Peter McGuine

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

**PRIESTS IN RESIDENCE** Rev. Curtiss Dwyer, LT, CHC, USN

> DEACON Dcn. John Sawaya

#### SCHEDULE of MASSES

SUNDAY VIGIL (Saturday) 3:30 pm

SUNDAY 8:00 am, 11:00 am, 3:30 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 8:30 am Saturday 2:00 pm

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

#### Catholic Women's Club "Bread Sunday"

S unday, **Nov 29**, is Bread Sunday. Pick up your order in front of the school after the 8:00 and 11:00 am Masses. There will also be some extra loaves for sale, while supplies last.



Choose Irish Soda, Yeast, Cranberry Walnut, Pumpkin and/or Quinoa breads for only \$7.00 per loaf. Thank you for your continued support!



1:00 and 3:00 pm Christmas Day, Dec 25 9:00 and 11:00 am



## In the Unexpected

What could happen next?" How many times have you asked yourself that question in the past year? Though we most often use that expression when things don't seem to be going our way, this year it has been an expression of the constant changes to our world which the COVID-19 pandemic has wrought. But we might use the same expression to explain our feelings of being overwhelmed by blessings and good things, when the stars seem to align just right.

No matter what, we can say with certainty that tomorrow will not go

exactly as we envisioned. Our lives are influenced by so many factors and the world around us is increas-

ingly complex. Rather than be surprised by the unexpected, maybe we should expect the unexpected.

Living in this manner causes us to cherish more deeply the gifts we have been given. It helps us to live in the present and become mindful of those around us. Our relationships deepen. Our sense of responsibility builds. Our stewardship way of life finds new meaning and purpose.

This Advent will not be the same

#### Stock and IRA Charitable Gift Donations

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 retire-



ment 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 information on making a gift please call Merrill Lynch, the diocese's broker, at (800) 844-0720 or visit the diocesan website at <u>sdcatholic.org/giving/stock-donations</u>.

#### Deadline for Mutual Funds: Dec 1 Deadline for Stocks and EFTs: Dec 15

#### SAN DIEGO ADULT COMMUNITY

A ctivities and a social network for adult Catholics: College Age, Young Adults (20s & 30s), Adult (40s & 50s), Active 60s+. Learn more at <u>sandiegocac.org</u>.

#### East County Deanery Young Adult Calendar

Tue, **Dec 1, 8, 15 and 22:** Advent Series on the topics of Hope, Love and Joy, respectively, at 7:00 pm. St. Therese Parish, 6400 St Therese Way, SD 92120.



For a complete list of spiritual develop-

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ment and social opportunities for Catholic adults in their 20s & 30s follow Instagram @sd.ecya or visit the website:

sdcatholic.org/office-for/young-adult-ministry.

experience as last Advent. It remains to be seen what the coming days and weeks have in store for

> each of us. However, no matter what happens, Jesus Christ is there to welcome us to the unexpected. He will celebrate with us in joy and he will even feel our pain. You can count on the

unexpected, but you can also count on Him to be there with you. He is now and forever, Emmanuel, "God with us." He is the expected in all things unexpected.

# FROM the DIRECTOR of LITURGICAL MUSIC



PAUL THOMAS MAY

Praised be Jesus Christ, now and forever!

Dear fellow parishioners,

t has been an absolute pleasure serving as your Director of Liturgical Music for the past two and half years. I've been able to plan beautiful liturgies, provide instrumental music, teach our children, and most importantly share the Gospel though the Music Ministry. What's more, my family has grown twofold with our dear Margaret Mary and Nathaniel Thomas. With the pandemic forcing so many churches to shut their doors for worship, I certainly count our parish lucky that we can continue to worship safely outdoors.

However, my other music jobs apart from the parishas is the case with many fields—have been indefinitely suspended until we can get back to a pre-pandemic normal. As such, my wife and I have decided that we must leave behind California for the sake of our family and job opportunities. I've been offered a position in Harrisburg, PA that begins in January. I will remain here at OLG through Christmas and my final weekend will be Dec 26-27: the Feast of the Holy Family.

I hope you accept my sincere gratitude for the many kind words, gifts, and welcome company that you have shown me and my family during my tenure. May the Lord bless you all abundantly. Rest assured when we come back to San Diego, the May family will pay a visit to OLG!

In Christ,

Paul Thomas May

"Even a smile that we can share with the poor is a source of love. An outstretched hand can always be enriched by the smile of those who quietly and unassumingly offer to help, inspired only by the joy of living as one of Christ's disciples."

**Gratitude** in



~ Pope Francis, @Pontifex, Nov 17, 2020

#### Mental Health Resources from our Diocese

he "Mental Health" webpage of the Office for Family Life & Spirituality at the Diocese of San survivors of suicide loss Diego offers a comprehensive list of links to help with many mental health challenges.

The webpage provides links to sites that provide face-to-face online therapy sessions with licensed psychologists, social workers and other mental health disciplines with a wide variety of specialties.

Additional resources include a Crisis Text Line and links to local Affiliated Groups to help with overcoming depression, post-abortion healing, and more.

Also, a list of therapists for referral is available by calling (858) 490-8299.



To access these resources visit olg-church.org then click on the image shown above.

#### **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.

Patricia Adams Griselda Albanez Heriberto Albanez Tilly Allison Gabriela Alvarenga Marvin Alvarenga Mari Kay Ames Angie Arrayan Patrick Attardo Carol Bessone Angie Biner Angela Bolin Anita Branch Pat Burke Stephanie Butcher David Byram Pam Carlson Brian Cashman Tim Clasemen Helen Dalton Mark Habina Brenda Hilgeman

Susan Hori Ralph Howlett John Kelly Rebecca Leyden Tim Leyden Mickey Lyle Donald Marsh Richard Pezanoski Ann Renzi Anthony Renzi George Roehrich Sharisse Rola Joseph Shecora Clayton Schenkelberg Roy Seibert Karen Tabadisto Hibe Thornton Andy Tong Eve Ulshoeffer Marilyn Winger Kyle Wollet

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

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal supports Catholic Schools, Clergy & Seminarian Support, Faith Formation and Catholic Charities.

Visit olg-church.org to give or pledge!

#### What's in your Heart?

W hat do you plan to do while you wait for the coming of the Lord? Stay awake, listen, watch, be prepared?

- Do I see myself as the work of God's hands? What changes could I make to help shape myself into one who is better prepared to receive the Lord?
- When have I been unconscious to the feelings of others or ignored their importance in my life? What were the warning signs? What can I do to stay more alert?
- When I really listen to my own heart and the deepest thoughts of others, what common refrains do I hear? How can I remember them when I begin to judge others?
- What do I see as I look ahead? Am I growing impatient? What can I do to ensure that God is in my future?

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Shop at <u>smile.amazon.com/ch/27-3860489</u> anytime of the year and Amazon will donate 0.5% back to Our Lady of Grace parish!

## Saint Francis Xavier - Feast Day Dec 3

The patron saint of missionaries and one of the founders of the Jesuit order, Saint Francis Xavier sought religious converts throughout Asia during the 1500s. With encouragement from his friend Ignatius of Loyola, Saint Francis Xavier devoted himself to religious service and became one of the founders of the Jesuit order. Much of his life was spent tending to missions in areas such as India and Japan. He was 46 when he died in China on December 3, 1552.

#### 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal Closing

The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) ensures our diocese can carry out our mission to support priestly formation, assist the poor and vulnerable people, provide partial funding for some Catholic Schools, and fund tuition assistance for Catholic school students. Your gifts also support our Restorative Justice and Detention Ministry programs. **Please remember to finish all payments to your ACA pledge before Dec 31**. Any payments made after Dec 31 will be attributed to your 2021 statement. To participate in the 2020 Appeal visit <u>sdcatholic.org</u>.



## **Please Support Our Parish**

D on't forget to continue to support your parish and parish school financially. Ministry at OLG is alive and parish life continues. Expenses have been reduced where possible, however, the parish and school offices remain open, operating expenses accrue, employees need to be paid, those who are hungry need to be helped by way of our Food Pantry, and more!

Offertory envelopes or checks can be placed in the offertory basket at Mass or dropped off at or mailed to the parish office. Or, visit <u>olg-church.org</u> and click on the "Please Donate Online Giving" link. Be sure to use either a Chrome, Firefox or Edge browser!



"Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."



# OUR LADY of GRACE PARISH AND SCHOOL DIRECTORY

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For answers to almost every question about Our Lady of Grace liturgies, ministries and parish activities please visit our website at olg-church.org And Like Us on Facebook!

#### **Reporting Sexual Abuse**

Complaints about sexual abuse by a member of the clergy or by a parish or Catholic school employee or volunteer can be made by calling Mary Acosta at (858) 490-8353 or email misconduct@sdcatholic.org.

If any of your personal information has changed please call the Parish Office to let us know. We strive to keep our family records up-to-date.



# PARISH SCHOOL

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To email 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.

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