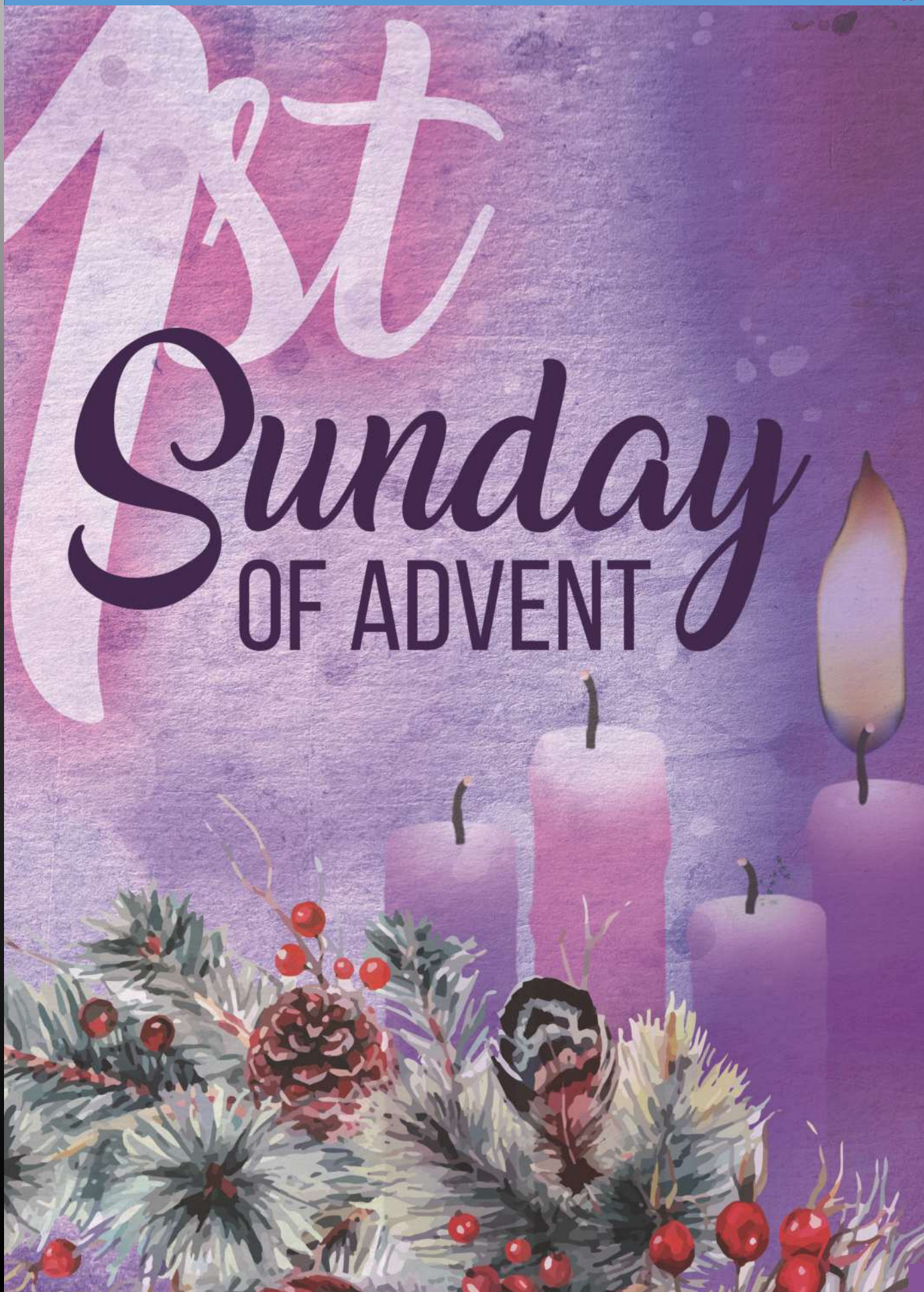




OUR LADY of GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES**Sun, Nov 30 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

5:30 pm For the People of the Parish
(Vigil)

8:00 am † Joan Rauktys

11:00 am † Frank Richard Shaw

5:30 pm † Tony Vigeon & † Helena Vigeon
† Kathleen Vigeon

Mon, Dec 1 Advent Weekday

8:00 am † Rylan O'Neal

† Mark Habina

Tue, Dec 2 Advent Weekday

8:00 am † Robert Soltis

Wed, Dec 3 St. Francis Xavier, Priest

8:00 am † Jeanette Burney

Thu, Dec 4 Advent Weekday; St. John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church

8:00 am Sp Int Gary Heflin

Fri, Dec 5 Advent Weekday

8:00 am † Rose McPhillips

Sat, Dec 6 Advent Weekday; St. Nicholas, Bishop

8:00 am † Jose Hernandez Villar

St. Nicholas, Bishop - Feast Day Dec. 6

According to legend, the gold landed in stockings dangling on the corners of the beds, which is why many of us celebrate St. Nicholas Day by hanging stockings and filling them with candy, fruit, and small toys. His reputation as a generous man continues today.

**FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER**

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass

Nov 30 Bread Sunday

Sponsored by the CWC

Bread Sunday is today! Please go and enjoy a variety of breads at the Parish Center.

Dec 7 ICF Food & Fellowship

Sponsored by the International Catholic Families

Come by and enjoy delicious food and company hosted by OLG's ICF! Details on **pg. 4** for next weekend.

Dec 14 School Sunday

Sponsored by the OLG School Families

Complimentary coffee and refreshments. All proceeds benefit OLG's Tuition Assistance Fund, the Gerard Family Endowment for Education.

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 NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 7

Sun: Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Mon: Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11

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 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

First Sunday of Advent

GROW: For many in the upper latitudes of the northern hemisphere, this is the darkest time of the year, the time when the duration of daylight is at its lowest. It's providential, then, that our first reading calls us to "walk in the light of the Lord!" Paul tells us that we do this by "throw[ing] off the works of darkness" and "put[ting] on the armor of light." While we might not struggle with the vices listed in Paul's Letter to the Romans, each of us has our own struggles against sin. As we begin this Advent season, let us take time to do a thorough examination of conscience to discern areas of weakness and sin – those "works of darkness" Paul talks about – in our own lives. Then, consider taking up practices that help you to foster the opposing virtues to arm yourself against these temptations. As you grow in these virtues,

you'll certainly be on your way up the mountain of the Lord and walking in his light!

GO: Today's Gospel calls us to vigilance. Jesus tells us, "Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on



which day your Lord will come." While he is speaking about our need to be ready to meet the Lord when he comes at the end of our lives, it's also an invitation for us to always be ready to share our faith with others whenever the opportunity presents itself. As Scripture says, we should "always be ready to give an explanation to anyone

who asks you a reason for your hope." (1 Pt 3:15) We never know the moment when someone will come to us in need of prayer, a word of encouragement, or with questions related to their own spiritual hunger. We must always be ready to meet them where they are and offer a word of hope.

PRAY: Take a moment to pray this week for those "divine appointments" – those individuals who might come your way – seeking encouragement or insight into the spiritual questions in their lives. Ask for the grace to be "awake" so that you're ready to meet them when they come. We can't always predict when these encounters will happen, but we can prepare ourselves to receive these persons as Christ and offer them our full attention and love.

Written by:
The Faithful Disciple

Prayer for the Advent Season

Lord, send down Your Spirit to guide me during Advent this year. May the Holy Spirit help me journey closer to You and lift me up when I feel down and lead me when I feel lost. I may stumble at times, but I know my ultimate journey is to draw closer to You and build Your kingdom here on earth—a kingdom that Jesus's birth, life and death helped secure.
Amen.

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.

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

SPONSORED BY THE ICF

Food & Fellowship Sunday

December 7

Keep warm this December with ICF! Join us in the parish center after morning Masses for food and fellowship. On the menu, is a warm winter breakfast of waffles and toppings. Round it off with a donut and some juice or coffee!



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PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 21, 2025

12:00PM - 3:00PM

Tri Tip Steak & Roma Chicken lunch

Adults: \$20.00

Youth 12 and under: \$6.00

Ticket sales will begin Nov 29 after all Masses! Advance ticket sales ONLY. No tickets will be sold at the door. This event is family friendly!

Program includes an adult ugly sweater contest with prizes, an appearance by Santa, costume parade for the kids, Christmas Carols and a Special Guest! Don't forget to wear your Christmas attire.



COOKIE BAKING



Friday, December 5
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Meet at St. Martin's
Address: 7710 El Cajon Blvd., La Mesa

Please bring refrigerated cookie dough (sugar or chocolate chip) and a donation of beanies, gloves, rain ponchos or jackets/hoodies for You Did It For Me homeless outreach.

Permission slip is required.
For more information, contact Doris Hertzog, Youth Ministry Coordinator at (619) 466-5451 or dhertzog@olg-church.org



BOXES OF JOY

Middle School Youth, High School Youth and Faith Formation students participated in the *Boxes of Joy* service project this year and all together packed over 70 boxes to be shipped to Catholic Missions across the world. Check out some photos below!





C A L L I N G All Angels

We are happy to report that we completed a joyful and beautiful distribution to 55 families in need in East County for Thanksgiving. Thank you OLG family for your continuing generosity.

Christmas is coming and we are continuing to accept monetary donations to aid support to those in need. Any donation is helpful: we will help as many families as possible with the donations we receive.

Are you interested in adopting a child from the program by filling a stocking with small gifts? If so, we will be distributing the stockings on November 23 & 24 after all masses. Return filled stockings on December 6 & 7 before or after all masses. If you have any questions about donations, please contact Angel Coordinator Lesley Bradley at: (619) 878-0278.



Please use the QR code below or place an envelope on the donation basket.
(Be sure to designate your gift as Holiday Angel Program)

Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary
Invites all to our free event!

Advent Tidings of Great Joy

With Debbie Bradel

Saturday Dec 6, 2025 9-11am

St Kieran's Church Hall
1510 Greenfield Dr, El Cajon, CA 92021

Questions? Contact Kesa 619-504-7620

Presentation on The Mass: Heaven Touching Earth

Bring your family. Invite a friend.
Join Fr. Lauro to discover the heart of
the Catholic Mass.

When: December 2, 2025

Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Where: In the Church at Our Lady of Grace

Who: Adults young, old, seekers, skeptics and
believers alike



YOUTH Christmas Caroling

Tuesday, December 9th

6:00pm - 7:30pm

(arrive by 5:45pm for check in)

Montera & Country Manor
Retirement Home
5740 Lake Murray Blvd., La Mesa



Wear your Santa hat, a scarf or Christmas socks!
There will be a hot cocoa excursion to a coffee
shop around 7:30pm - 8:30pm.

Permission slip required for this event. Please visit olg-church.org, click on the Ministries tab, and scroll down for the online DocuSign link.
Please RSVP to OLG Youth Ministry at (619) 466-5451 or dhertzig@olg-church.org
*Parents must provide transportation at each location.

Bread Sunday

November 30, 2025



Advent Penance Service

St. Martin of Tours, La Mesa
Santa Sophia, Spring Valley
St. Pius X, Jamul
St. Luke, El Cajon
Our Lady of Grace, El Cajon
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside
Queen of Angels, Alpine
Guardian Angels, Santee
St. John of the Cross, Lemon Grove
St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Lakeside/Barona
St. Therese, San Diego
Holy Trinity, El Cajon

December 1 - 7:00pm
December 2 - 7:00pm
December 3 - 7:00pm
December 4 - 7:00pm
December 9 - 7:00pm
December 10 - 10:00am
December 10 - 7:00pm
December 11 - 7:00pm
December 15 - 7:00pm
December 16 - 7:00pm
December 16 - 7:00pm
December 17 - 7:00pm
December 19 - 7:00pm

Socal/San Diego
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LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

North County CORE
December 6, 2025
3:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Join Dan & Gayle and other CORE couples for the November 1st **North County CORE** at their home located at:

1140 Santa Luisa Drive
Solana Beach, CA 92075

A detailed email invitation will arrive in your Inbox about one week before the event with more information.



Please pray for the eternal repose of the soul of

BARBARA SOLAND

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace!

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.

Netti Aguinaldo
Ron Aguinaldo
Heriberto Albanez
Griselda Albanez
Kali'a Arrayan
Angela Biner
Charles Black
Eileen Black
Donna Botzer
Stephen Botzer
Catalina Branch
Cheryl Casey
Miguel Castro
Luzanne Coyne
Msgr. John Cusack
Irene Dahlheimer
Dee Draper
Lesly Egan
Mike Egan
Irma Eichinger
Frank Ferrone
Lucy Forcier
David Foster
Joseph Fromm
Colette Gerard
John Harshberger
Edwin Howell
Gary Kurutz
Jason Laccone
Lillian Lavado
Rebecca Leyden
Charloette Locy

Jacklich Lonero
Ofelia Lopez
Lorene MacLaird
Vern MacLaird
Dawn MacNabb
Owen Macrae
Christine Martins
Annika Mawn
Card. Robert McElroy
Steven Mull
Phil Panuco
Pat Pfohl
MaryJo Piazza
Frank Principato
Gayle Regan
Erin Reilly
Danny Rubio
Karen Scott
Tillie Sousa
Marlene Tuyay-Scott
Victorina Uy
Lilian Valencia
Carlos Villar
Nina Vyzinkar
Cindy Katan Wallace
Marilyn Winger

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, Dec. 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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FRI 8:30AM - 12:00PM

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Director **ROBERT FILLEY**
Laudate Ensemble (5:30 pm Sun)

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