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PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

Sun, Oct 17	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
5:30 pm	Living and deceased members of the Fallow family
8:00 am	† Ruby Chamgizian
11:00 am	For the People of the Parish
5:30 pm	† Clayton Schenkelberg
Mon, Oct 18	SAINT LUKE, EVANGELIST
8:00 am	† Toufik Tanous
Tue, Oct 19	Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs (USA)
8:00 am	† Frank & † Regina Fritz
Wed, Oct 20	Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest (USA)
8:00 am	† Victor Fratangelo
Thu, Oct 21	Weekday
8:00 am	<i>Sp Int</i> Katie Stirr
Fri, Oct 22	Saint John Paul II, Pope
	No Mass
Sat, Oct 23	Weekday
8:00 am	† Tim Hilgeman
Sun, Oct 24	THIRTIETH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
5:30 pm	† Fr. John S. Brown
8:00 am	† Baldomero Acosido
11:00 am	† Jack Cloward
5:30 pm	For the People of the Parish

Welcome to OUR LADY of GRACE!

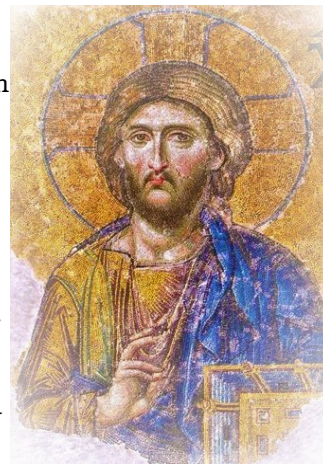
Welcome to all members and visitors who are joining us for the celebration of the Eucharist.

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 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 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 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 olg-church.org.



We love having you as part of our flock! Get updates about Masses and parish life via email or text!

Sign up! Visit olg-church.org and scroll to the blue and white sheep.

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass.

Oct 17 Wheelchair Sunday

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Frances Cabrini Council 8879
Complimentary coffee and breakfast breads. Donations gratefully accepted. Proceeds provide wheelchairs for those in need.

Oct 24 Coffee and Donut Sunday

Sponsored by Cub Scout Pack 951
All donations benefit the activities of the pack including camping trips, supplies and derbies.

Oct 31 Bread Sunday

Sponsored by the Catholic Women's Club
Enjoy freshly-baked breads, muffins, coffee, tea, juice, Lox, bagels and donuts. To pre-order bread loaves "to go" see ad on page 4.

May you choose to be nurtured through times of stillness.

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 OCT 17 - 24

Sun: Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45

Mon: 2 Tim 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9

Tue: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lk 12:35-38

Wed: Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48

Thu: Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53

Fri: Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59

Sat: Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9

Sun: Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass readings:

Is 53:10-11

Heb 4:14-16

Mk 10:35-45

GROW: What do we do best? Some of us might be math whizzes, others can send a golf ball exactly where we intend. How do we get there? Practice, natural talent, and a good coach or teacher. Following Jesus, though, is another matter entirely. As today's readings remind us, we grow as Christians not by building ourselves up but by giving ourselves away. In Isaiah, we hear about the suffering servant who "did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." That suffering servant is Jesus, who admonishes the Apostles as they jostle for position as his right-hand man. Ultimately, the greatest among them will be "a slave of all," Jesus reminds them. His words challenge us to put as much energy and prayer into finding ways to better serve others as we do oth-

er areas of our lives. We can look to Jesus, Mary, St. Joseph, and all the saints as role models.

GO: I bet most of us can think of a friend who



seems like a natural "giver." He shovels the neighbor's walk without being asked. She sends flowers or a meal during a difficult time. Serving others can take so many forms, from a simple hug or phone call to volunteering at a soup kitchen. In today's readings, Jesus invites us to bear witness to his sacrifice through humble service. It may not come naturally for all of us all the time, but that's where God's grace and the Holy Spirit come in. We can ask for the strength, creativity, flexibility – whatever we may lack – to recognize the needs around us and respond. Before we know it, our generosity will overflow and encourage others as they, too, seek to grow in Christian service.

ACTION: Watching the news or even scrolling your social-media feed can be overwhelming at times. Instead of tuning out, find a small way to help – through prayer, a donation to a Catholic organization, or a phone call or card to a friend going through a difficult time.

Written by The Faithful Disciple

Altar Server Training Available

OLG is seeking adult and child Altar Servers to assist the priest celebrant during Mass. Altar Server training is now scheduled for 3:00 to 4:00 pm Mondays and Wednesday starting **Oct 18** and continuing on **Oct 20, 25, 27** and **Nov 1** and **3**. Children must be grade 5 and up. Contact Rosa at (619) 469-0133 for other qualifications and more details.



Weekend 6 of our *Be Renewed* Eucharist Initiative!

Before each Sunday Mass on **Oct 17-18** we will hear a brief explanation about the third part of the Mass—The Liturgy of the Word, where the story of God's people is told.

See the comprehensive explanation insert inside this bulletin.



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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

ANointing of the Sick

Call the parish office
(619) 469-0133.

Cub Scout Pack 951 Popcorn Continues

Delicious popcorn in a variety of flavors is for sale after all **Oct 16-17** Masses. Look for the Scout tables at the front and south entrances of the church! Proceeds from the sales support pack activities such as camping, hiking, fishing, woodcrafts, derbies and more!



Our Liturgical Ministry Choirs Return!

Do you or your children have a talent for singing or playing an instrument? Do you want to learn how to sing? Are you ready serve your parish? Then join one of OLG's many choirs!

Cantate Kids is a choir designed for children grades 3-10 and they are directed by Daniel Mendoza. Rehearsals are in the church on Thursdays from 4:00 to 5:30 pm starting **Nov 11**. *Cantate Kids* serve approximately once a month at the 11:00 am Mass from November to Pentecost. Singers are welcome!

The *Laudate Ensemble* is a band and choir that serves year round for the 5:30 pm Sunday Mass. It is open to older teens grades 11+ and adults. Directed by Robert Filley, the *Laudate Ensemble* is always looking for new singers. Rehearsals are in the church on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

The *Gaudete Choir* is also a choir for adults and teens grades 11+ who serve at the 11:00 am Sunday Mass. Directed by Daniel Mendoza, rehearsals start Thu, **Nov 4** from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Lauerman Hall Youth Room. Instrumentalists and singers are welcome to join with no professional training needed!

If you are interested in any of these choirs, sign up with our Director of Liturgical Music, Daniel Mendoza, at dmendoza@olg-church.org.

Catholic Women's Club Raffle Sales Start Next Weekend

Sales take place after all weekend Masses **Oct 23-24** and **Oct 31-Nov 1**. There are over 50 prizes and one or more could be yours! Single ticket cost is \$1.00 each, or six for \$5.00, 13 for \$10.00 or 26 for \$20! Winning tickets will be pulled at the Nov 6 CWC Annual Holiday Craft Fair. You do not need to be present to win. The CWC uses net proceeds from fundraising to support parish organizations, OLG School, OLG School of Religion, other religious education as well as a few diocesan ministries.



**Save the Date - Sat, Nov 6
for the CWC's
Annual Holiday Craft Fair!**



Learning about the Priesthood

On Sat, **Nov 6**, the Diocese of San Diego is hosting an Explorer Day for those men who are interested in exploring a possible vocation to the priesthood. The day will be held at the St. Francis Center on the campus of the University of San Diego from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. If living a life of service for Christ and the people of God is attractive to you, take advantage of the opportunity to attend this upcoming Explorer Day. To register, please contact Fr. Peter in the parish office or call Fr. Lauro Minimo, Director for Priestly Vocations, at (619) 291-7446.



Bread Sunday Returns—Pre-order now!

Sun, **Oct 31** is Catholic Women's Club Bread Sunday! Place your order online and your bread will be bagged and ready for pick-up on Bread Sunday. Choose from Irish Soda, Yeast, Cranberry-walnut, Sprouted Quinoa, Rustic Oat and Guinness Spice for only \$7.00 per loaf, payable at pick up. Access the order form at olg-church.org/upcoming-events.



YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

New Life is back to meeting on Sunday nights in the Youth Room from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Meet old friends and make new ones while having fun and sharing faith. Pizza and snacks are available.



On Fri, **Nov 5** **Escape** middle school youth learn the meaning of serving others in the name of Jesus through *Box of Joy*, a service project of Catholic Missions that shares the spirit of Christmas across the world. Parents must provide transportation. From

6:30 to 7:15 pm youth will shop at the **99¢ Only Store** at 2320 Fletcher Parkway, El Cajon, 92020. Then, wrapping takes place in the Youth Room from 7:15 to 8:15 pm. After a short time of prayer for the children who will receive each *Box of Joy*, the evening ends. No permission form is necessary.

Save the Date! On Fri, **Nov 12** **Escape** youth take on a Thanksgiving Decathlon at Guardian Angels, 9310 Dalehurst Dr., Santee, 90271, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. More details to come!

For more info about our youth groups you can visit olg-church.org/parish-groups and choose Youth Group, then **Escape** (Jr. High) or **New Life** (High School). For answers to your questions call Doris, Youth Minister, at (619) 466-5451.



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Mass Followed by Tacos

Meet at OLG on Sun, **Oct 24** for 5:30 pm Mass (sit together in the section in front of the Mary statue or where you feel most comfortable) then head to City Tacos, 8325 La Mesa Blvd, La Mesa, 91942, for socializing. Come to Mass or dinner only, too.



- The OLG Young Adults (ages 18-39) get together weekly on Thursdays in the Youth Room from 7:30 - 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 a complete list of spiritual development and social opportunities for Catholic adults in their 20s & 30s follow Instagram @sd.ecya or visit sdcatholic.org/office-for/young-adult-ministry.

Faiths 4 Climate Justice Rally

Mon, **Oct 18** at 1:00 pm at the County Administration Building, 1600 Pacific Hwy, SD, 92101. Meet on the east side of the building, look for the rally banner. Organized by GREENFAITH and the San Diego Interfaith Coalition for Earth Justice. Bring a poster with your parish/group name. Face coverings are suggested.



"The gravity of the ecological crisis demands that we all look to the common good."

~Laudato Si 201

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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.

Griselda Albanez	Susan Hori
Heriberto Albanez	Lynn Jolivet
Tilly Allison	Ken Kanine
Gabriela Alvarenga	Elizabeth Kozakiewicz
Marvin Alvarenga	Rebecca Leyden
Angie Arrayan	Tim Leyden
Patrick Attardo	Mickey Lyle
Gary Barker	Jean Marcotte
Carol Bessone	Donald Marsh
Angie Biner	Barbara Messier
Anita Branch	Mary Montoya
Deborah Butcher	Jacob McDermott
Stephanie Butcher	Donna O'Fallon
Pam Carlson	Anthony Renzi
Rosemary Cosgrove	Violet Rhodes
John Coyne	Charlissee Rola
Gerry Cruz	Sue Seguin
Barbara Cyr	David Smith
Dee Draper	Theresa Smith
Steve Duggins	Tony Tabadisto
Mark Habina	Terry Tedrow
Brenda Hilgeman	Marilyn Winger
Dawn Hoope	Kyle Wollett

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

Over 50? Here's an Opportunity to Use Your Gifts to Build the Kingdom**The Ignatian Volunteer Corps is recruiting!**

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps is an organization of retired men and women who want to use their time and talents to help others. IVC volunteers commit to one or two days per week to work directly with organizations that address the issues that affect the poor. IVC volunteers gather monthly to prayerfully reflect on their apostolic work and discover the deeper meaning of the service they do. For additional info call Curran Gaughan, IVC Director - San Diego at 858-822-9814 or e-mail cgaughan@ivcusa.org.

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True encounter only arises through listening.

~ Pope Francis, @Pontifex, 10/10/21



Visit olg-church.org 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!

San Diego White Mass

The San Diego White Mass for healthcare workers will be on Sat, **Oct 30**, at 10:00 am at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 6628 Santa Isabel St, Carlsbad, 92009. A reception will follow with a talk by Dr. Lauren Rubal, who will share her inspiring conversion story. Everyone, Catholic or not, healthcare worker or not, is invited.

Family Mass

Gather at St. Gregory the Great, 14511 Blue Cypress Dr, SD, 92131 on **Oct 23** at 10:30 am to pray the rosary followed by Mass at 11:00 am to celebrate the five-year anniversary of "The Joy of Love" (*Amoris Laetitia*). There will be family activities after Mass. Email bolivero@sdccatholic.org for info.

FUNERAL LITURGIES AT OUR LADY of GRACE

JOSEPH FENICK

Rosary, Thu, **Oct 21** at 1:00 pm

Mass at 1:30 pm

followed by a reception in the Parish Hall

Inurnment Tue, Oct 26 9:30 am

Miramar National Cemetery

ANN RENZI

Rosary, Thu, **Oct 28** at 10:30 am

Mass, at 11:00 am

followed by a reception in the Parish Hall

Private Inurnment at a later time

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

World Mission Sunday

Next weekend, **Oct 23-24** Pope Francis invites us to support vulnerable communities in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands and parts of Latin America and Europe. Special envelopes will be available in the pews—be sure to note WMS in the memo line or visit olg-church.org and click the donate ad.

CALLING ALL ANGELS!

OLG parishioners have been generously serving East County families and seniors in need of life's basics at



Thanksgiving and Christmas for over 32 years through the

OLG Holiday Angel Program. In this time of pandemic, we are all familiar with the increased needs of our most vulnerable community members. With your support, we will continue the program again this year using the same gift-card-giving format from last year for the safety of volunteers and program

participants.

The Holiday Angel Program is now accepting monetary donations for Thanksgiving and Christmas 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.

Visit olg-church.org and click on the "Online Donation" link or place your check in the donation basket. Be sure to write "Holiday Angel Program" in the memo line.

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

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

Oct 5 - 11, 2021

\$14,715.15

Plate	\$1,588.60
Envelopes	\$8,830.05
Online Giving	\$4,296.50

Breakdown of Gifts Received

\$0.01 - \$5.00	22
\$5.01 - \$10.00	33
\$10.01 - \$25.00	102
\$25.01 - \$50.00	75
\$50.01 - \$100.00	30
\$100.01 - \$150.00	12
\$150.01 - \$500.00	13

Total Contributing Households

287

Additional Gifts

Building Fund	\$351.00
Food Pantry	\$373.00
Religious Education	\$443.00
School Support - General	\$351.00
School Support - Tuition Assistance	\$123.00

Please Consider Online Giving

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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.

On the cover: Jackie and Ryan Lewis represent Cub Scout Pack 951 during OLG's Annual Open House event in August, providing activity information and an invitation for children ages 7-12 to participate in Cub Scouts.



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For a ministry leader phone number please call the Parish Office at (619) 469-0133.

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CWC—Mary Cloward

Book Club—Julie Hazelton

Craft Fair—Kathy Porterfield

CENTERING PRAYER—Irma Eichinger or Beatrice Doblado**CUB SCOUTS**—Pack 951—Crystal Carr**CURSILLO**—Dcn. John Sawaya**EVENTS COMMITTEE**—Nettie Aguinaldo**FOOD PANTRY**—Since 1981

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M-F, 9:30-11:00 am

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Understanding the Real Presence of Christ in the Mass

A Walk Through the Mass: A Step-by-Step Explanation



Week Two: Storytelling; The Liturgy of the Word

When we gather at a friend's home for a meal, we almost always begin with conversation, telling our stories. At Mass, after the gathering rites, we sit down and listen as readings from the Word of God are proclaimed. They are the stories of God's people.

Three readings and a psalm. On Sundays, there are three readings from the Bible. The first reading will be from the Old Testament (except during the Easter season). We recall the origins

of the covenants God made with our ancestors in faith. The first reading often relates to the Gospel selection of the day and will give background and an insight into the meaning of what Jesus will do in the Gospel. Then we will

sing or recite a psalm—a song from God's own inspired hymnal, the Book of Psalms. The second reading will usually be from one of the letters of Paul or another apostolic writing. The third reading will be taken from one of the four Gospels.

Standing for the Gospel. Because of the unique presence of Christ in the proclamation of the Gospel, it has long been the custom to stand in attentive reverence to hear these words. We believe that Christ "is present in his word, since

it is He himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in the church" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, #7). The priest will again greet us with "The Lord be with you." He then introduces the Gospel reading while marking a small cross on his forehead, lips and heart with his thumb while praying silently that God cleans his mind and his heart so that his lips may worthily proclaim the Gospel. In many places, the congregation performs this ritual action along

with the priest. The Gospel reading concludes with the ritual formula "The Gospel of the Lord" and we respond, "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ," again proclaiming our faith in the presence of Christ in the Word.

Homily. Then we sit for the homily. A homily is more than just a sermon or a talk about how we are to live or what we are to believe. Given by one who is ordained, the homily is an act of worship rooted in the texts of the Mass and Scripture, especially the readings which have just been proclaimed. The homily takes that word and brings it into our life today.

Creed. On Sundays we stand and together recite the Nicene or Apostles' Creed. The recita-



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tion of the creed is both a series of core truths we believe as Catholics, and a statement of our faith in the Word we have heard proclaimed in the Scripture and the homily.

“The profession of faith links the Liturgies of the Word and Eucharist as the congregation recalls the mysteries of faith which will again be proclaimed in the Eucharistic Prayer. The people accept God’s Word before they move on to the celebration of the Eucharist, which itself is

a profession of faith” (Mysteries of Faith, FDLC, p. 48).

Universal Prayer. The Liturgy of the Word comes to an end with the Universal Prayer. Responding to the Word of God, we offer prayers for the needs and the salvation of all the world. The petitions usually fall into four categories: the Church, nations and their leaders, people in special need, and the local needs of our parish.

How are Readings Chosen for Mass?

By Father Francis Hoffman

The cycle of readings at Mass throughout the year has been established by the Church; more specifically, with the Second Vatican Council’s reform of the Liturgy, and by the authority of the Pope, a new Roman Missal and Lectionary has been established. There are two cycles of readings: weekdays and Sundays (feast days).

The weekday readings are on a two-year cycle (I, II) except for Lent and Advent, when the readings are the same every year. The Sundays are on a three-year cycle (A, B, C), supposedly because during the time of Christ the Sabbath readings in the local synagogue were also on a three-year cycle, and in the Church we try to do what Jesus did.

Vatican II reforms introduced a much wider variety of readings for the Masses because of the Church’s desire that Catho-

lics know a lot more of sacred Scripture.

Although the cycle of readings has been established by the Church, there is room for choice depending on the occasion. For instance, the readings for a funeral Mass

on a weekday could be selected from *Readings for a Funeral*, and not necessarily the readings for that weekday; likewise with wedding Masses, etc.; and likewise for local celebrations of local saints. All of that is set forth clearly in the “Ordo,” an official guide for the daily celebration of the Liturgy available in every diocese. Usually there is a copy of the local Ordo in the sacristy of your Church.

