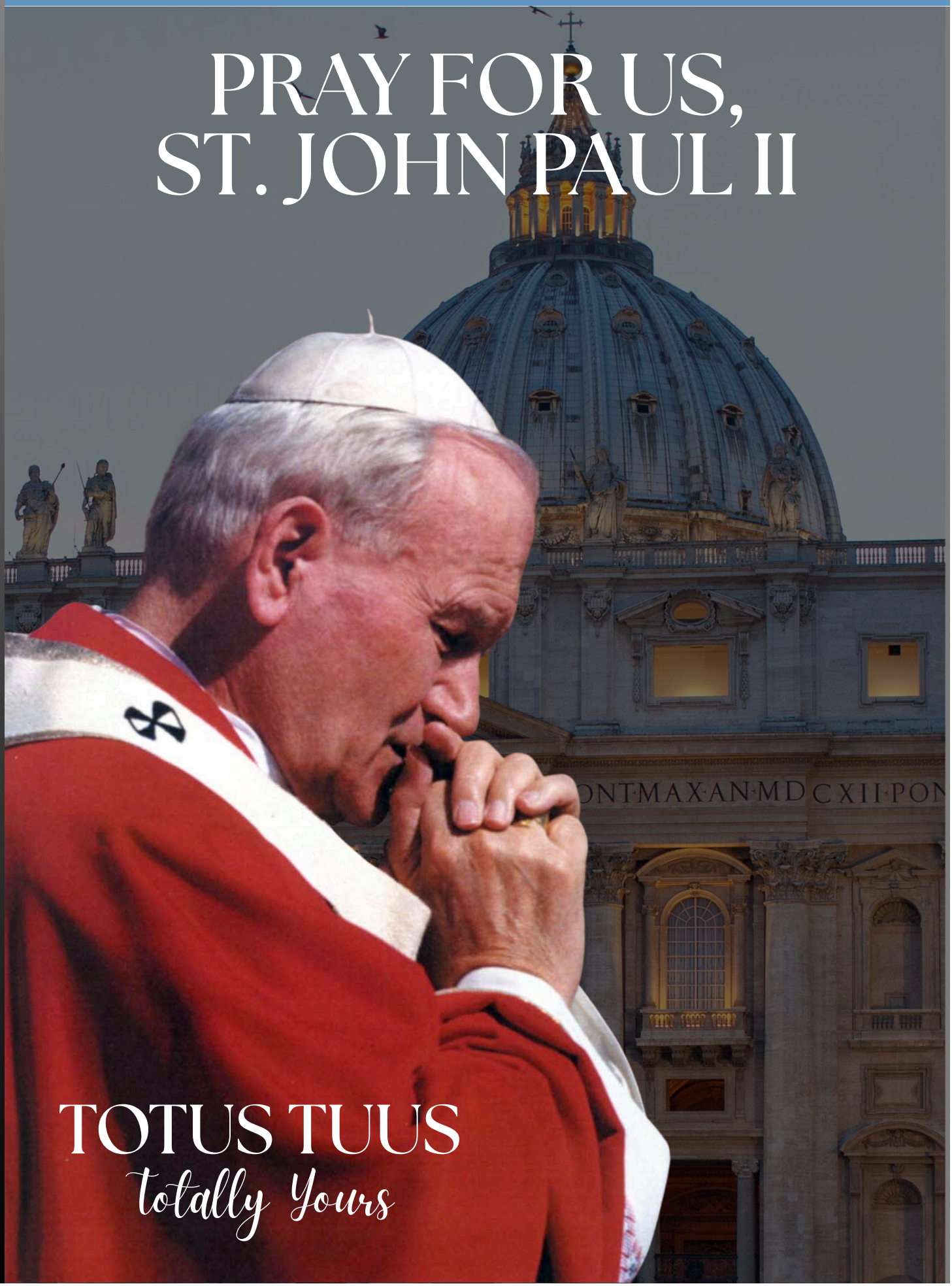
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PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

Sun, Oct 18 **TWENTY - NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
5:30 pm (Vigil) † Gary Sage
8:00 am † Carmine Perrelli & † Ida Perrelli
11:00 am For the People of the Parish
5:30 pm † Vincenza Arena & † Giovanni Arena

Mon, Oct 19 **Sts. John de Brebeuf and Issac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs**
8:00 am † Frank Fritz & † Regina Fritz

Tue, Oct 20 **Weekday; *St. Paul of the Cross, Priest***
8:00 am *Sp Int* Kate Stirr

Wed, Oct 21 **Weekday**
8:00 am † Hester Alderdice & † Lexie Alderdice

Thu, Oct 22 **Weekday; *St. John Paul II, Pope***
8:00 am † Eileen Smith

Fri, Oct 23 **Weekday; *St. John of Capistrano, Priest***
8:00 am † Gerry Sergerland

Sat, Oct 24 **Weekday; *St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop***
8:00 am † Bob Sell



FOOD & FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass

Oct 18 **Knights Pancake Breakfast**
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
Frances Cabrini Council 8879

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations after all Masses to support Special Olympics Southern California.

Oct 25 **Bread Sunday**
Sponsored by the CWC

Bread Sunday is coming soon! Order forms will be available on the information table in front of the Church.

Nov 1 **Dia de los Muertos Breakfast**
Sponsored by the International Catholic Families

This is a "Dia de los Muertos" themed breakfast with tamales, eggs and fruit. There will also be donuts and pan dulce (sweet bread) along with coffee, juice and horchata (rice milk). Stop by for food, fellowship and see the traditional ofrenda (altar) honoring and welcoming the souls of our deceased loved ones.

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 OCTOBER 18 - OCTOBER 25

Sun: Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

Mon: Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21

Tue: Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38

Wed: Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48

Thu: Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53

Fri: Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59

Sat: Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9

Sun: Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

GROW

A mentor once told me that there is no sweeter sound than that of one's own name. It communicates that one is seen, known, and cared for. We read in Isaiah today that God has chosen Cyrus and has called him by name. In the Letter to the Thessalonians, Paul and his followers "give thanks to God always" for all in the community, knowing that each brother and sister is "loved by God" and "chosen." And although these words are written about Cyrus and the Thessalonians, we trust that God speaks these words to us as well. We have each been chosen. Our Father calls each of us by name. It is sometimes difficult to believe that God desires me and chooses me individually. It is a love that I often fail to reciprocate, despite my desire to do so. But that does not diminish the love God has for me. I am not lost in the crowd of history and humanity. Each of us was created with love and rejoiced over by our heavenly Father.



GO

When Jesus is asked in today's Gospel about the taxes due to Caesar, he does not falter with his response. We must live the truth of our faith in the world, but ultimately, what the world asks of us is not the same as what our Creator desires. Taxes are paid out of obligation, but God asks for our love. In using the talents God has given us in caring for our brothers and sisters, we acknowledge the fullness of the majesty and wonder of our Creator. We do not have to isolate ourselves from this world, but we must remember that we were not created for this world. We have already been chosen and claimed by our loving Father. And it is to him that we offer the gift of our heart, which is infinitely more valuable than coins.

PRAY

In the Gospel of Matthew, Christ also says, "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." (6:21) In light of today's Gospel, we must also consider whether our participation in society in any way prevents us from offering ourselves totally to God. Spend some time reflecting on what it is that you truly treasure. Do you reserve the offering of your heart for God? Or are you giving to the world what should be reserved for God?

Written by:
The Faithful Diciple



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SCHEDULE *of* MASSES

SUNDAY VIGIL
(Saturday) 5:30 pm

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

MONDAY - SATURDAY
8:00 am
Holy days and holidays listed separately in the 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
jsawaya@olg-church.org

HOLY MATRIMONY
Marriage preparation begins nine months in advance. Please contact Dcn. John Sawaya.

PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION
Monday, 6:00 pm
Wednesday, 8:45 pm
Saturday, 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm

ANOINTING *of* THE SICK
Call the Parish Office
(619) 469-0133

Engagement Announcement



We joyfully announce the engagement of parishioners Alexander Willkomm and Bridget Ferrari, who plan to unite in Holy Matrimony at Our Lady of the Rosary in October of 2027. Please join us in praying for God's blessing and guidance upon them as they prepare for their life together.

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Intellectual Disabilities Campaign Drive

October 10 & 11 through October 18

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations after all Masses to support Special Olympics Southern California. Look for our Knights in their traditional yellow and red vests. As a small thank you, donors will receive a Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll!

Ways to Donate:

Make checks payable to **Columbian Foundation** and:

- Give to a Knight or place in the collection basket
- You can also mail to: Knights of Columbus Council 8879, PO Box 19004, San Diego, CA 92159-0004

Last year, Our Lady of Grace parishioners donated over **$2,600!** Thank you for your support!

Save the date for the Knights of Columbus' Pancake Breakfast on **October 18**. Proceeds from there will also benefit Special Olympics Southern California.





WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

September 29, 2026 – October 5, 2026	***$23, 123.12***
Plate	$3,596.17
Envelopes	$12,003.50
Online Giving	$7,523.45

Breakdown of Gifts Received

$0.01 – $5.00	24
$5.01 – $10.00	47
$10.01 – $25.00	104
$25.01 – $50.00	80
$50.01 – $100.00	39
$100.01 – $150.00	8
$150.01 – $500.00	30
$500.01 – Over	1
Total Contributing Households	333
Building Fund	$4,386.00
Food Pantry	$823.00
School – Tuition Assistance	$2,055.00



The holidays are quickly approaching, and with them comes the annual OLG Holiday Angel Program, a cherished tradition started over 35 years ago by Tony and Helena Vidgeon. Although the Vidgeons are no longer with us, the program continues to support families and seniors in crisis.

Since the pandemic you have very generously made monetary donations to provide meals and pantry items at Thanksgiving and Christmas, as well as gifts for the children at Christmas. We recently took a step toward our pre-pandemic tradition by asking parishioners to adopt children and fill stockings with small gifts, in addition to the gift cards provided through your monetary donations.

The Holiday Angel program is now accepting monetary donations for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Any donation is helpful: we will help as many families as possible with the donations we receive. Please use the QR code below, the online portal or place an envelope on the donation basket (be sure to designate your gift as **Holiday Angel Program**).

Most importantly, please keep the Angel Program in your prayers. With faith and community support, we can make this holiday season special for many families, children and seniors in crisis. If you have any questions about donations, please contact Pam Gross at 619-540-7292 or Lesley Bradley at 619-878-0278.





40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Prayer continues through November 1

Come join hundreds of thousands of Christians around the world in peaceful sidewalk prayer for the end of abortion. Our constant 40 days of public witness, in front of Planned Parenthood in El Cajon, will change hearts and minds, and bring awareness to the tragic reality of abortion. We are highly supported by our San Diego Diocese.

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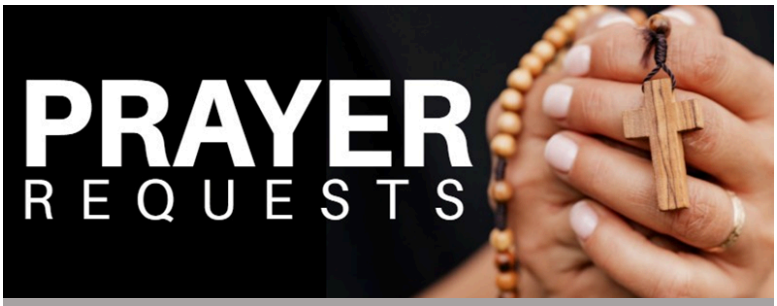
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1949 - 2026

Monday, October 26, 2026
Funeral Mass starting at
10:30am at OLG

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

Please be advised that Fr. Lauro or anyone else from our parish staff will never send out e-mails, text messages or Flocknotes requesting any form of monetary assistance such as cash, Amazon, iTunes, gift cards etc. **If you receive such suspicious e-mails, please delete or disregard.**



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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Ron Aguinaldo
Griselda Albanez
Heriberto Albanez
Kali'a Arrayan
Chloe Gastelum - Austin
Angela Biner
Joan Blake
Robert Blake
Donna Botzer
Catalina Branch
Luzanne Coyne
Msgr. John Cusack
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Mercedes Edwards
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Marilyn Winger
Mike Zaspal

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 will be needed for our next 24-hour Adoration on Friday, Nov. 6. To sign-up e-mail Michael Gross at: pnmgross1@gmail.com.

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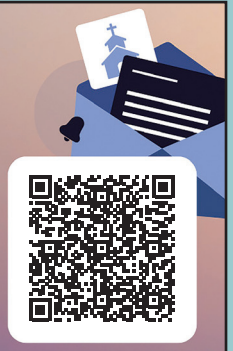
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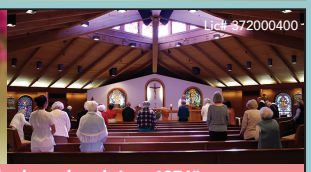
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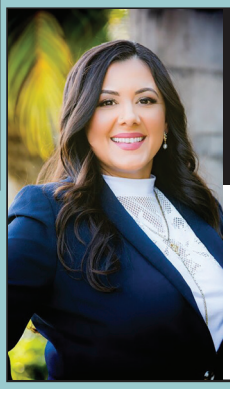
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