



WE ARE OLG!

Together, we keep each other safe
**Wear A Mask, Wash Your Hands,
Give Each Other Space**

PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

Sun, Oct 25	THIRTIETH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
5:30 pm	For the People of the Parish
8:00 am	† Mark Steckbauer
11:00 am	<i>Sp Int</i> Mia Grace Stewart
5:30 pm	<i>Sp Int</i> Veronica Franc
Mon, Oct 26	Weekday
8:00 am	† Maria J. Skrinjar
Tues, Oct 27	Weekday
8:00 am	† Mario Rodriguez
Wed, Oct 28	SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES
8:00 am	† Jon Miguel
Thurs, Oct 29	Weekday
8:00 am	† Jose Borja
Fri, Oct 30	Weekday
	No Mass
Sat, Oct 31	Weekday
8:00 am	† Craig Maucere
Sun, Nov 1	ALL SAINTS
3:30 pm	For the People of the Parish
8:00 am	† Frank & † Regina Fritz
11:00 am	<i>Sp Int</i> Joe Valencia & <i>Sp Int</i> Christopher Valencia
3:30 pm	† Minnie Hilgeman & † John Hilgeman



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 look for the blue and white sheep.

Public Mass Update

MASS & CONFESSION TIME CHANGES START SAT, OCT 31!
Please see the top of page 4 for details

Masses are 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. In extreme heat Masses will be moved inside. Our Ambassadors will be present to assist you. For more info, visit olg-church.org and read the red NOTICE under the Weekly Liturgy Schedule headline.

The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays continues to be dispensed by Bishop McElroy.

Streamed Online Mass Information Available

On 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 olg-church.org homepage and click on the gold "Online Mass Info and Other Sustaining Faith Resources in the Time of Pandemic" button. Scroll to listed Mass links.

On the cover: Our Lady of Grace School students use one of two new hand washing stations recently installed on the school campus.

Welcome to OUR LADY of GRACE!

Welcome 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.

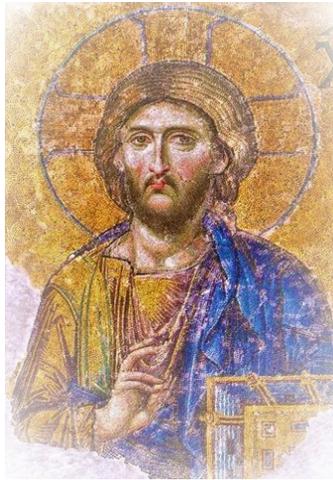
We invite all who attend OLG to become registered members of our parish. Registration forms are available on the table in the main entry of the church or the parish office. Registration allows us to communicate and effectively provide for your needs. It is necessary for baptism, marriage, and godparent 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.

Our 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 OCT 25 - NOV 1

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

Mon: Eph 4:32—5:8; Lk 13:10-17

Tue: Eph 5:21-33; Lk 13:18-21

Wed: Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16

Thu: Eph 6:10-20; Lk 13:31-35

Fri: Phil 1:1-11; Lk 14:1-6

Sat: Phil 1:18b-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sun: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Readings:

Ex 22:20-26

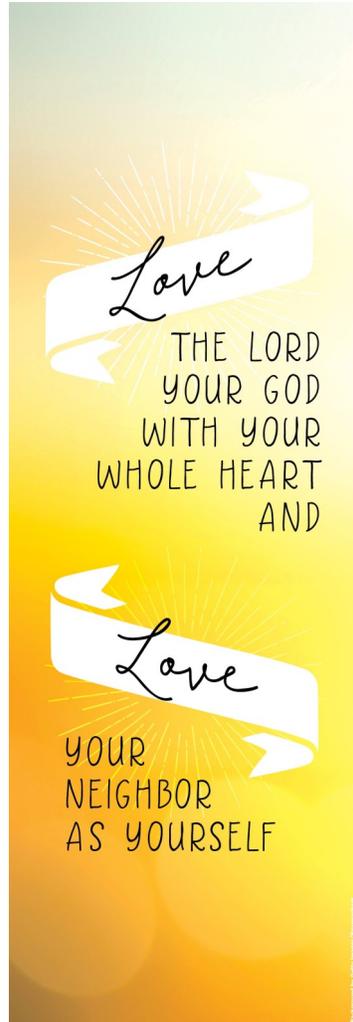
1 Thes 1:5c-10

Mt 22:34-40

GROW: In today's Gospel, Jesus has just silenced one group of religious leaders, the Sadducees (which seems to be quite a feat, if we look at their behavior in the Scripture!) and is now speaking to another group of religious leaders, the Pharisees. Jesus says that the greatest commandment in all the law is actually two: love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, and soul; and love your neighbor as yourself. These two groups of religious leaders like to test him a lot, and while I might want to tell people like them to take a hike, Jesus never does. He always speaks the truth to them, in love, even if he is frustrated with their behavior.

GO: Sometimes it's hard to see how three particular readings fit together on a Sunday, but I was struck by how well these do. The first reading, listing ways that we should *not* behave, can easily be summed up as: love your neighbor as yourself. We all are, or have been, some form of what the Lord mentions:

an outsider (alien), vulnerable (widow/orphan), in financial need (loan recipient), or requiring some other assistance (needing a cloak). How do we want



others to treat us in those times? Then we should behave the same. It seems like the Thessalonians understood this, for Paul praises them for being a model for other believers. They have a reputation for being truly loving; of turn-

ing to God from idols, and serving him. We can be discouraged by our human failings, as all of us living in lockdown/quarantine these recent months know. It may not take much to set us off. But this is where God's grace can help us to speak truth in love, and be a model for those around us.

ACTIONS: Reflect on any obstacles to truly loving God with full heart, mind, and soul. Then think creatively about how to love God, and in turn others.

How I can love God with my whole heart?

After spending time in prayer, write down how you see God in your family and friends. And then go tell them!

How I can love God with my whole mind?

Use "online time" to engage with a faith-related website such as Bishop Barron's wordonfire.org, or follow Pope Francis on Twitter.

How I can love God with my soul?

Pray the litany of humility.

Written by The Faithful Disciple

Adult Formation
Created in the Image of God

olg-church.org/upcoming-events
Wed, Nov 4 - 7:00 pm
via Zoom

Catholic Wills and Trust Webinars

The Catholic Community Foundation of San Diego is hosting free webinars led by local estate planning attorneys throughout San Diego and Imperial Counties. These professionals are not looking for clients but rather offer free help. Choose one webinar from five date/time options, **Nov 9-13**. Information at each webinar is the same - only the presenter changes. To register go to CCFSD.org/events. Spanish options are also available.

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

Rev. Jerome Molokie, O Praem.

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 8:30 am
 Saturday 4:00 pm

ANOINTING of THE SICK

Call the parish office (619) 469-0133.



MASS TIMES TO CHANGE

Beginning **Sat, Oct 31**, our evening Mass times will change. Masses will continue to be celebrated outside and, as the evening darkness comes earlier due to the end of Daylight Savings Time, **the Sunday Vigil and Sunday evening Masses will be celebrated at 3:30 pm and Saturday Confessions move to 2:00 pm.** There is no change to any other Mass or confession time.

Catholic Women's Club "Bread Sunday"

Pre-order pick-up Sun, **Oct 25**, after the 8:00 and 11:00 am Masses in front of the school. There will also be a limited supply of extra breads on a first come first serve basis. Choose Irish Soda, Yeast, Cranberry Walnut, Pumpkin and/or Quinoa breads for only \$7.00 per loaf.



Donate Your Extra Halloween Candy

Each year, Halloween candy is collected from parishes and used for the Christmas distribution at the Casa de los Pobres (House of the Poor) in Mexico. If your family wants to be especially helpful, please put your candy in quart-size Ziploc Freezer bags. Toothbrushes and toothpaste are also greatly appreciated!



Please deliver your donation to the parish office by Thu, **Nov 5**. Visit casadelospobresusa.com for information about this ministry.

New Format for Holiday Angel Program

Help East County families and seniors in need of special meals during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. Grocery gift cards will be purchased for Holiday Angel families. Any excess funds—after all have enough to eat—will be provided to parents in the form of gift cards to purchase gifts for their children. Suggested donations are \$100, \$200, \$300, or any donation amount. Please use the online giving link at olg-church.org or place an envelope with your check in the donation basket – be sure to designate your gift as "Holiday Angel Program". Thanksgiving donations are due by Oct 30 and Christmas donations will be accepted through Sun, **Nov 15**. On behalf of the families and seniors now being served, thank you OLG faith family for your enduring generosity! If you have questions, please contact Angel Coordinator Lesley Bradley, (619) 878-0278.



Thank you for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. You may stay connected year-round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday, by visiting MISSIO.org.

ALL SOULS—TRIDUUM OF MASSES AT OLG TUE - THU, NOV 3-5, 8:00 AM

Intention envelopes are available on the info table in the church vestibule and in the parish office.

SD Life Chain East County Rosary
St. Ephrem Church Mariam Shrine
750 Medford St, El Cajon 92020

SUN
Oct 25
1:15-
2:30 pm



Christmas Greenery Sale

Online orders open now through Nov 8

Visit SherwoodFundraiser.com/olg. You may also call Mitch Diccianni at (619) 743-6844 or email mdiscover@hotmail.com for help with paper, phone or online orders.

Catholic Women's Club Annual Holiday Craft Fair

Sat, Nov 7,
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

50+ CRAFTERS FEATURING FASHION APPAREL, HOME DECOR, AND ARTWORK FOR UPCOMING HOLIDAYS! AND, DONT MISS THE CWC FRESHLY BAKED ITEMS BOOTH INCLUDING PEANUT BRITTLE AND FUDGE. RAFFLE TICKET SALES OCT 31 & NOV 1 AFTER MASS \$1 PER TICKET OR 6 FOR \$5



YOUTH MINISTRY AND FORMATION

PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH TAKING PART IN THE HIGH SCHOOL FALL RETREAT AT PINE VALLEY BIBLE CAMP THIS WEEKEND!

Get Jr. High and/or High School event details. Visit olg-church.org click "Serve" then "Parish Groups" and under "Youth Groups" choose ESCAPE (Jr. High) or New Life (High School).



SAN DIEGO ADULT COMMUNITY

Activities and a social network for all Catholics! Young Adults (20s & 30s), Adult (40s & 50s), Active 60s+. Learn more at sandiegocac.org.

For a complete list of spiritual development and social opportunities for 18-39 year old Catholic young adults follow Instagram @sd.ecya or visit the website: sdcatholic.org/office-for/young-adult-ministry.

Coping with Life Alone

One-day retreats (with COVID-19 precautions) for men and women coping with the loss of a marriage due to divorce, separation or death. It is a day filled with listening, reflecting, and sharing to guide your own healing journey.



Sat, **Nov 7**, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at St. Mary's Church, 1170 S Broadway, Escondido 92025. For more info or to sign up call (858) 748-2273 or email BeginningExperienceSD@gmail.com.

FUNERAL LITURGIES AT OUR LADY of GRACE

CHRISTOPHER JONES

Wed, **Nov 4**, at 12:30 pm
Inurnment at Miramar National Cemetery at 2:30 pm
Reception to follow

MARGARITA ALVAREZ

Thu, **Nov 12** at 11:00 am
Inurnment at Holy Cross Cemetery and Mausoleum
12:30 pm

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

Welcome to the Christian family
Baptized at OLG on Sun, Oct 25

CANDACE ROSE LABEY

"You have become a new creation, and have clothed yourself in Christ..."



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.

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| Patricia Adams | Brenda Hilgeman |
| Griselda Albanez | Susan Hori |
| Heriberto Albanez | Ralph Howlett |
| Tilly Allison | Norma Kahan |
| Gabriela Alvarenga | John Kelly |
| Marvin Alvarenga | Rebecca Leyden |
| Mari Kay Ames | Tim Leyden |
| Angie Arrayan | Mickey Lyle |
| Patrick Attardo | Donald Marsh |
| Carol Bessone | Ann Renzi |
| Angie Biner | Anthony Renzi |
| Angela Bolin | Sharisse Rola |
| Anita Branch | Joseph Shecora |
| Pat Burke | Clayton Schenkelberg |
| Stephanie Butcher | Margaret Steinberg |
| Pam Carlson | Hibe Thornton |
| Brian Cashman | Andy Tong |
| Tim Clasemen | Eve Ulshoeffter |
| Jenny Geb | Marilyn Winger |
| Mark Habina | Kyle Wollet |

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

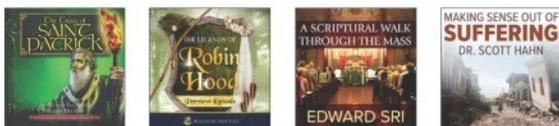
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Gratitude in Action



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

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Explorer Day—Is God Calling?

On Sat, **Nov 9**, 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 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.

Contact Fr. Peter at (619) 469-0133 or call Fr. Lauro Minimo, Vocation Director, at (619) 291-7446. For more info, see sdcatholic.org/diocese/clergy/vocations/.

Gift Card Drive for Survivors of Human Trafficking

The Order of Malta is sponsoring a gift card drive from **Oct 25 to Nov 22** in support of Children of the Immaculate Heart (CIH). A Catholic apostolate founded in 2013, CIH works to help heal all those young and old coming out of the life of sex trafficking. Please consider supporting this worthy cause with a gift card or two valued at \$25-\$50 to Walmart, Ross, Arco Gasoline, Food-4-Less, T.J. Maxx, etc. Cards can be mailed to: Children of the Immaculate Heart, P.O. Box 13954, San Diego 92170. Call Valerie at (714) 651-7075 for more info. Thank you for your support.

Gift Cards available for order beginning Nov 7!

Plan your shopping now! Hundreds of retail stores, restaurants, gas stations, grocery stores, online services, hotels, and more. Our parish school earns between 2% and 20% on each and every card! More details to come!



Support Our Lady of Grace School & STOCK UP ON GIFT CARDS FOR CHRISTMAS!
Get your shopping list ready...more details coming soon!

Order Dates: November 7-8
Pick Up Dates: November 14-15 (Mass)
Order Dates: November 14-15
Pick Up Dates: November 20 (School Office), November 28-29 (Mass)
Order Dates: November 28-29
Pick Up Dates: December 5-6 (Mass)
Order Dates: December 5-6
Pick Up Dates: December 12-13

olg.org/events_giving/gift_cards_for_christmas

Do You Long for a Deeper Relationship With God?

Centering Prayer may be for you. Centering Prayer is a silent prayer in which we open our mind and heart to the presence and action of God who dwells at the center of our being. This silent prayer is designed to reduce the obstacles to an intimate relationship with God and to provide personal healing, and transformation in our every day lives. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact Irma at godisinnerpeace@cox.net. We have a Zoom meeting on Mondays from 9:00-10:00 am. Hope to hear from you.



WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

October 13 - 19, 2020	\$11,424.26
Plate	\$ 463.26
Envelopes	\$ 6,917.00
Online Giving	\$ 4,044.00
Breakdown of Gifts Received	
\$0.01 - \$5.00	16
\$5.01 - \$10.00	25
\$10.01 - \$25.00	61
\$25.01 - \$50.00	61
\$50.01 - \$100.00	32
\$100.01 - \$150.00	6
\$150.01 - \$500.00	13
Total Contributing Households	214

Additional Gifts	
Building Fund	\$1,465.00
Food Pantry	\$2,347.00
Holiday Angels	\$6,395.00
World Mission Sunday	\$1,133.00

Secure Parish Online Giving

Give a one-time gift or set up recurring gifts

Visit olg-church.org and click on the "Online Giving" link in the upper right corner of the webpage (or use the QR code with your smart phone app!).



The Amazon Smile Foundation recently surpassed \$200 million in donations to charities worldwide. It's easy to increase your support to OLG when making your everyday purchases!

Shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/27-3860489 or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon shopping app and Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to Our Lady of Grace parish! Thank you for your support!

OUR LADY of GRACE PARISH AND SCHOOL DIRECTORY

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Liturgy Coordinator **ROSA HILGEMAN** | Ext. 14
 Director of Liturgical Music **PAUL MAY** | Ext. 26
Cantate Kids and Gaudete Choir (11:00 am Sun)
 Director **ROBERT FILLEY**
Laudate Ensemble (5:30 pm Sun)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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 PHONE: (619) 466-5656

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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
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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 writing misconduct@sdccatholic.org.



PARISH SCHOOL

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PARISH MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

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.

- 55 PLUS CLUB**—Mary Cloward
- BLOOD DRIVE**—Debbie Ipsen
- CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB—CWC**
 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*
 Bob Cosgrove (619) 469-0061
 M-F, 9:30-11:00 am
- HOLIDAY ANGELS**—*Since 1988*—Lesley Bradley
- INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC FAMILIES—ICF**
 Carla Pedroncelli
- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**—*Frances Cabrini Council 8879*
 Lou Crow, Grand Knight
- LADIES OF GRACE**—Rosemarie McLain
- LEGION OF MARY**—*Since 1987*—Dee Draper
- MEN FOR CHRIST**—Steve Faucher
- MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND**
 Rosa Hilgeman
- PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY**—*Since 2006*
 Nettie Aguinaldo
- PRO-LIFE**
 Mary Dixon
 Vicki Whitmire (40 Days for Life)
- WALKING WITH PURPOSE**—*Women's Bible Study*
 Danica Hertzig



If any of your personal information has changed please be so kind as to update us in the Parish Office. It is important that we update our family records.

CIVILIZE IT



DIGNITY BEYOND THE DEBATE

2020

What does it mean to form my conscience?

Catholics have a long tradition of engagement in the public square. Sometimes that engagement requires making difficult moral decisions that impact our own lives and those of others. Our conscience can help guide the decisions we make. The Second Vatican Council guides us: “Always summoning [one] to love good and avoid evil, the voice of conscience can when necessary speak to [one’s] heart more specifically: do this, shun that” (*Gaudium et Spes* 16). However, our conscience doesn’t just come to us when we are born. We must work throughout our lives to form it through prayer, learning, and conversation.

How do I form my conscience?

It takes time to form our consciences so that we can make well-reasoned judgments about particular, real-life situations. The Church teaches that it is important to work continually on conscience formation so we can be prepared to make decisions whenever the opportunity arises. Some specific ideas to form your conscience are:

- 1) Begin by **being open to the truth** and what is right.
- 2) **Study Sacred Scripture** and the **teaching** of the Church.
- 3) **Examine the facts** and **background information** about various choices and be discerning in where we gather information.
- 4) **Prayerfully reflect** to discern the will of God (*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, no. 18).

Additionally, it is important to consider how

our community of faith can help us form good consciences through some of these steps:

- 1) Seek the **prudent advice** and **good example** of trusted leaders and others to support and enlighten our conscience.
- 2) Learn about the **authoritative teaching** of the Church.
- 3) Pray for the **gifts of the Holy Spirit** to help us develop our conscience.
- 4) Regularly partake in an **examination of conscience** to hear God’s voice in your life.¹

Doing the work of forming our consciences can seem daunting. Fortunately, we have many church teachings that can help us in this important task. *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* is an important resource for U.S. Catholics and helps us prayerfully reflect on how we can apply Church teaching in our civic life. “Conscience is not something that allows us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere “feeling” about what we should or should not do. Rather, **conscience is the voice of God resounding in the human heart**, revealing the truth to us and calling us to do what is good while shunning what is evil.”²

Here are some questions for further reflection:

1. When has my conscience guided me to “do good and avoid evil”?
2. What are some key resources I can use to form my conscience?
3. Forming conscience is a “lifelong task.” What do I do to *regularly* form my conscience? What more should I do?

¹ Catechism of the Catholic Church (2nd ed.). Washington, DC: Libreria Editrice Vaticana–United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), 2000, no 1777

² USCCB. *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*. Washington, DC: 2015, no. 17





CIVILIZE IT

DIGNITY BEYOND THE DEBATE

2020

A divided country. Fights at the dinner table. Political vitriol. What does it mean to love our neighbors in the midst of such a climate?

As Catholics, we have a long tradition of engagement in the political process as a means of putting our faith into action. We are called to bring the best of ourselves and our faith to the public square—and yet today, many shy away from such involvement because our national and local conversations are filled with vitriol and harsh language, often directed at people themselves.

When personal attacks replace honest debate, no one wins. This kind of attack, no matter the reason, only serves to further divide our communities. As Catholics, we

must model a better way. We invite you to join the *Civilize It* campaign by taking the

pledge below as a way to promote civility, love our neighbors, and build community.

Civilize It is about making room in your heart for those with whom you disagree. We are called to recognize that each one of us is a beloved child of God and to respond in love to that reality. *Civilize It* is a non-partisan call to focus on the dignity of all people, even when we disagree, and to put faith in action by bearing witness to a better way forward.

Take the pledge below as an individual, family, or community. Anyone and everyone can commit together to honoring human dignity through civil conversation.

I pledge:

Civility

To recognize the human dignity of those with whom I disagree, treat others with respect, and rise above attacks when directed at me.

Clarity

To root my political viewpoints in the Gospel and a well formed conscience, which involves prayer, conversation, study and listening. I will stand up for my convictions and speak out when I witness language that disparages others' dignity, while also listening and seeking to understand others' experiences.

Compassion

To encounter others with a tone and posture which affirms that I honor the dignity of others and invites others to do the same. I will presume others' best intentions and listen to their stories with empathy. I will strive to understand before seeking to be understood.

Signature

Date



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