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PRIEST’S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

Sun, Oct 4 **MEMORIAL OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

5:30 pm (Vigil) *Sp Int* Msgr. Michael Gallagher

8:00 am † Ken Eichinger

11:00 am For the People of the Parish

5:30 pm † Jean Landry

Mon, Oct 5 **Weekday; St. Faustina Kowalska; Virgin; Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest**

8:00 am † Elenor Seppi Mathis

Tue, Oct 6 **Weekday; St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin**

8:00 am † Frances O. Galindo

Wed, Oct 7 **Our Lady of the Rosary**

8:00 am † Matt Bradley

Thu, Oct 8 **Weekday**

8:00 am † Carlos Castellano Solanos

Fri, Oct 9 **Weekday; St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest**

8:00 am † Praxedes Minimo

Sat, Oct 10 **Weekday**

8:00 am † Praxedes Minimo

WELCOME TO THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY!

James Aleksander Georgiev

Emmett Jude Cote

Lennox Carter Flores

BAPTIZED AT OLG ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2026



FOOD & FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass

Oct 4 **ICF Food & Fellowship**

Sponsored by the International Catholic Families

This is for those with a savory appetite or a sweet tooth! We'll be serving a vegetarian egg breakfast casserole, a berry croissant toast casserole and donuts as well.

Oct 11 **School Sunday**

Sponsored by OLG School Families

Complimentary coffee & refreshments. Contributions not necessary but gratefully accepted. Proceeds benefit OLG School's Tuition Assistance Fund, the Gerard Family Endowment for Catholic Education.

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. Find them in their traditional yellow & red vests!

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 4 – OCTOBER 11

Sun: Sir 50: 1,3-4,6-7; Gal 6:14-18; Mt 11:25-30

Mon: Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37

Tue: Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42

Wed: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4

Thu: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Lk 11:5-13

Fri: Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26

Sat: Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28

Sun: Is 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14



Letter of the Holy Father Leo XIV to the Ministers General of the Conference of the Franciscan Family on the occasion of the opening of the Eighth Centenary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi, 10.01.2026

To the Ministers General of the Conference of the Franciscan Family:
“Our Sister Death”, exclaimed Saint Francis on 3 October 1226 in Porziuncola, as he went towards her as a man finally at peace. Eight centuries have passed since the death of the Poverello of Assisi, who wrote the word of Christ’s salvation indelibly in the hearts of the people of his time.

In commemorating the significant anniversary of the eighth centenary of his passing, I wish to join spiritually with the entire Franciscan Family and with all those who will take part in the commemorative events, hoping that the message of peace may find a profound echo in the Church and society today.

At the beginning of his evangelical life, he heard a call: "The Lord revealed to me that we should say this greeting: “May the Lord give you peace. With these essential words, he conveys to his friars and to every believer the inner wonder that the Gospel had brought into his life: peace is the sum of all God’s gifts, a gift that comes from above. What an illusion it would be to think that it can be built by human efforts alone! And yet it is an active gift, to be welcomed and lived every day.

It is the same greeting that, on the evening of Easter, the Risen Lord addresses to his disciples, afraid and locked in the Upper Room: “Peace be with you”. It is not a formula of courtesy, but the certain proclamation of Christ's victory over death. Like the voice of the Angels on Christmas night – “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those whom he loves” – so the peace that the Seraphic Father proclaims is the peace that Christ himself made resound between heaven and earth.

In this age, marked by so many seemingly interminable wars, by internal and social divisions that create mistrust and fear, he continues to speak. Not because he offers technical solutions, but because his life points to the authentic source of peace.

The Franciscan vision of peace is not limited to the relations between human beings, but also embraces the whole of creation. Francis, who calls the sun “brother” and the moon “sister”, who recognizes in every creature a reflection of divine beauty, reminds us that peace must be extended to the entire family of Creation. This insight resonates with particular urgency in our time, when our common home is threatened and cries out under exploitation. Peace with God, peace among human beings and with creation are inseparable dimensions of a single call to universal reconciliation.

Dear brothers and sisters, may the example and spiritual legacy of this Saint, strong in faith, steadfast in hope and ardent in active charity towards his neighbour, inspire in everyone the importance of trusting in the Lord, of living a life faithful to the Gospel, and of accepting and illuminating every circumstance and action of life with faith and prayer.

In this Year of Grace, I wish to offer you a prayer that Saint Francis of Assisi may continue to instil in all of us perfect joy and harmony:

Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us before the Lord. You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano, teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall. You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries. In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ. Amen.

With these sentiments, I express my fervent wishes for good, especially for all of you who follow the charism of the Poverello of Assisi and for those who will commemorate the anniversary of his dies natalis in various ways, while I cordially impart my desired Apostolic Blessing.

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Rev. Lauro Minimo

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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



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.



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FOOD & FELLOWSHIP SAVORY & SWEET OCTOBER 4, 2026

This is for those with a savory appetite or a sweet tooth! We'll be serving a vegetarian egg breakfast casserole, a berry croissant toast casserole and donuts as well.



BOXES OF JOY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026 6:30PM - 8:30PM

Our Middle School Youth Ministry, ESCAPE, will be participating in a service project to purchase small toys, school supplies, books & personal items to fill a "box of joy". These will be sent to children of the Catholic Missions across the world to share the spirit of Christmas.

Please bring a shoe box, \$15.00 (OR you can shop ahead) and reserve \$9.00 for shipping & donation to the Missions Food needs. See more information about this event below.

Shop: 6:30pm - 7:15pm at the Dollar Tree
(meeting place)
2320 Fletcher Pkwy, El Cajon

Wrap: 7:15pm - 8:15pm at the Youth Room
We will be writing notes to those receiving our boxes and watching a video.

Pray: 8:15pm - 8:30pm
This will be for the child receiving your box.



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.**

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

September 15, 2026 – September 21, 2026		\$18,916.43
Plate		\$3,004.58
Envelopes		\$9,764.55
Online Giving		\$6,147.30

Breakdown of Gifts Received

\$0.01 – \$5.00	39
\$5.01 – \$10.00	53
\$10.01 – \$25.00	135
\$25.01 – \$50.00	79
\$50.01 – \$100.00	36
\$100.01 – \$150.00	10
\$150.01 – \$500.00	18
\$500.01 – Over	1

Total Contributing Households	371
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Building Fund	\$331.00
Food Pantry	\$1,353.00

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Annual
GOLF
TOURNAMENT

Join us for a day of fun and fellowship while supporting
Our Lady of Grace Catholic School's mission!

Early Bird Pricing:
\$200 Single
\$800 Foursome

Pricing after 10/14
\$250 Single
\$1000 Foursome

Friday, November 6th
Admiral Baker South Golf Course
2400 Admiral Baker Road
San Diego, CA 92124



Scan the QR code to purchase tickets,
bundles, and explore sponsorship
opportunities.



ONLINE GIVING



If you would like to contribute to our Parish through Online Giving, you can scan the QR code.



We are grateful for your contribution and support of OLG!



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THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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.

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.

For more information contact us at:
elcajon40days@hotmail.com or
40daysforlife.com/elcajon

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
Griselda Albanez
Heriberto Albanez
Aurora Alcantara
Byron Alcantara
Kali'a Arrayan
Angela Biner
Joan Blake
Robert Blake
Donna Botzer
Catalina Branch
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Michael Carteron
Cheryl Casey
Luzanne Coyne
Msgr. John Cusack
Lang Duong
Mercedes Edwards
Irma Eichinger
Suzana Felix
Cynthia Font
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Joseph Fromm
Stephen Gage
Louise Gardella
Paulina Geniza
Colette Gerard
Mary Ann Haggerty
Joe Hilgeman
Rosa Hilgeman
Philip Hessling
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James Patrick Kiley
Mary Kathryn Mizera Kiley
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Patricia Ann Kiley Kueber
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Ofelia Lopez
Jose A Lopez
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Marina Malvar
Christine Martins
Angelina Martinez
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Robert William Mizera
Betty Oliwa
Frank Principato
Danny Rubio
Danilo Sanchez
Emma Scholpler
Marie Staffiero
Christine Stanley
Suzanne Stanley
Jordyn Suarez
Steve Thudium
Nina Topacio
Ricardo Topacio
Christopher Trujillo
Laurie Vanderslice
Cindy Katan Wallace
Marilyn Winger
Mike Zaspal

Join Us: *All Are Welcome!*

Join our special **"Welcome to Our Parish Family"** gathering in the Parish Center on October 4th after the 8 and 11am Masses. All **new** and **long-time** parishioners are invited to attend.

This event is hosted by the International Catholic Families (ICF) and is a great opportunity to welcome newly registered members of our OLG family. We can learn ways to grow together in faith. Come and say hello. A warm welcome is waiting for you!



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.

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.

OUR LADY of GRACE PARISH AND SCHOOL DIRECTORY

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PARISH OFFICE

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Maintenance & Facilities	Dennis Crowley, James Crowley & Matthew Hilgeman

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Wedding & Funeral Coordinator	Cecilia Jones Ext. 24
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Director of Liturgical Music	Terry Hendricks Ext. 26
<i>Cantate Kids and Gaudete Choir (11:00 am Sun)</i>	

Director	Robert Filley
<i>Laudate Ensemble (5:30 pm Sun)</i>	

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Director of Catechetical Ministries - All Programs
Deacon John Sawaya
 (619) 466-0133, Ext. 27, jsawaya@olg-church.org

Youth Ministry Coordinator
Doris Hertzig
 (619) 466-5451, dhertzig@olg-church.org

To e-mail members of the parish staff, please visit our website at:
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PARISH SCHOOL

Phone: 619-466-0055
 Fax: 619-466-8994
 Website: olg.org
 Hours: Weekdays 7:15 am - 3:30 pm
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PARISH MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

To e-mail members of the parish or the ministry leaders listed below, please visit our website at: olg-church.org. Click on the "Contact Us" 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 - Peggy Breslin

Catholic Women's Club (CWC) -
 Linda LeNeve & Marie Kane

Bread Sunday - Linda LeNeve

Book Club - Julie Hazelton

Craft Fair - Kathy Porterfield

Bunco - Alice Freeh

Centering Prayer - Mary Asher-Fitzpatrick & Irma Eichinger

Cursillo - Lanny Kimsey

Events Committee - Deborah Renick

Food Pantry - Doug Perl - Since 1981
 (619) 469-0061

Mon - Fri 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Holiday Angels - Pam & Michael Gross - Since 1988

International Catholic Families (ICF) - Carla Pedroncelli

Knights of Columbus - Nick Swanson, Grand Knight
 Frances Cabrini Council 8879

Ministry to the Sick & Homebound - Ken Discenza

Operation Gratitude Club - Deborah Renick

Prayer Quilt Ministry - Maretta Clauson & Sharon Stevens
 Since 2006

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