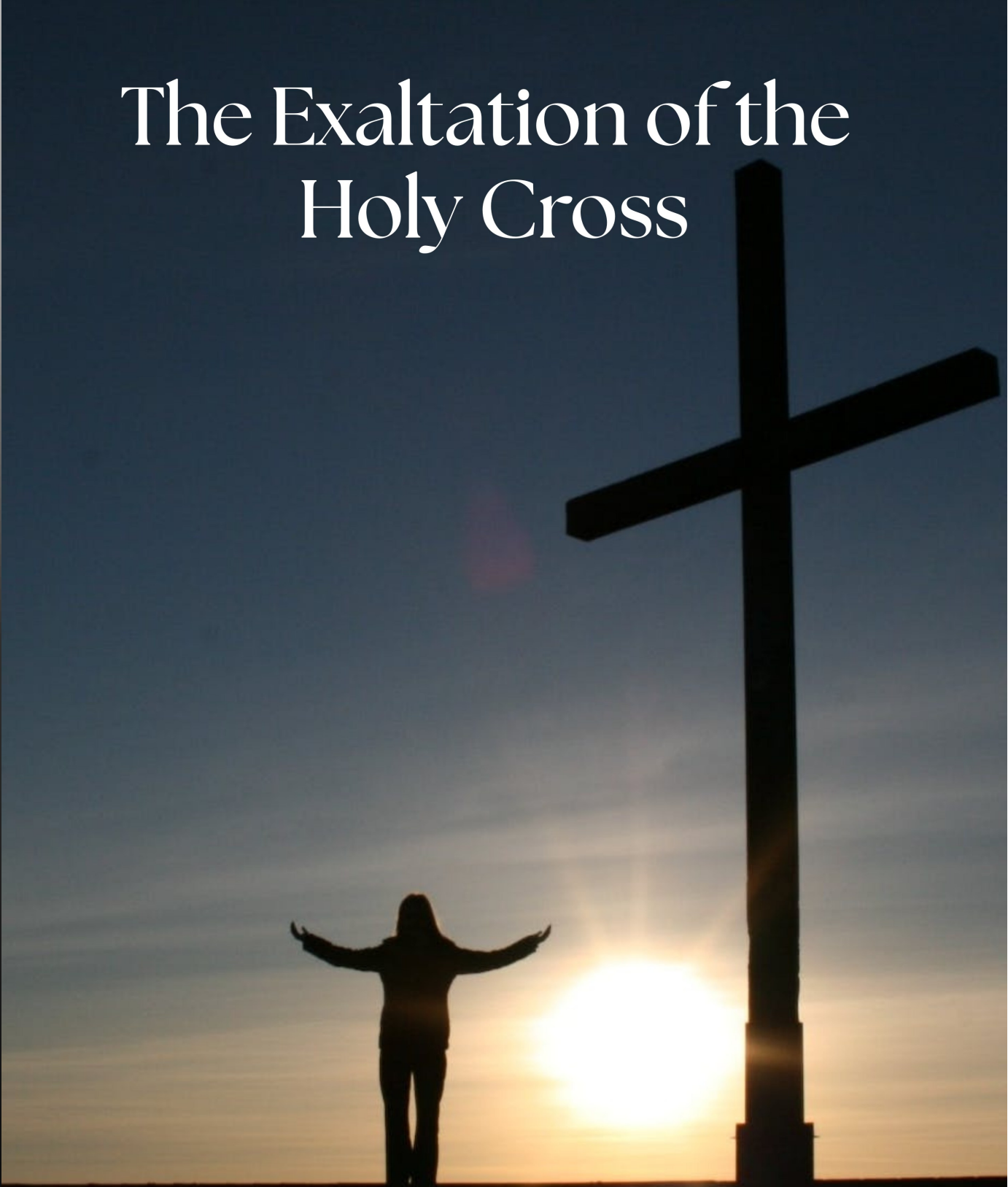




The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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A large, dark silhouette of a cross stands on the right side of the image. In the center, a person stands with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or surrender. The background is a dramatic sky at sunset or sunrise, with a bright, glowing sun low on the horizon, casting a warm orange and yellow light. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a lighter orange near the horizon.

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Matthew 16:24-25

PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

Sun, Sep 13	TWENTY - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
5:30 pm	For the People of the Parish (Vigil)
8:00 am	† Nino LaSpisa
11:00 am	Sp Int Haney Hong
5:30 pm	† Sarun Dith
Mon, Sep 14	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
8:00 am	† Ed Hiebing & † Marie Hiebing
Tue, Sep 15	Our Lady of Sorrows
8:00 am	† Danilo Bautista
Wed, Sep 16	Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
8:00 am	Sp Int Joseph Fromm & Sp Int Elizabeth Fromm
Thu, Sep 17	Weekday; St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin, Doctor of the Church
8:00 am	† Maria Thudium
Fri, Sep 18	Weekday
8:00 am	† Mark Steckbauer & † Mary Steckbauer
Sat, Sep 19	Weekday; St. Januarius, Bishop, Martyr
8:00 am	Sp Int Ryan Jones

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FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass

Sep 13	School Sunday <i>Sponsored by OLG School Families</i> Complimentary coffee & refreshments. Contributions not necessary but gratefully accepted. Proceeds benefit OLG School's Tuition Assistance Fund.
Sep 20	Knights Pancake Breakfast <i>Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Frances Cabrini Council 8879</i> Please join us for a delicious pancake breakfast to support Coats for Kids. More information on pg. 4.
Sep 27	Bread Sunday <i>Sponsored by the CWC</i> Bread Sunday is back! Order forms will be available on the information table in front of the Church.

Welcome to OUR LADY of GRACE!

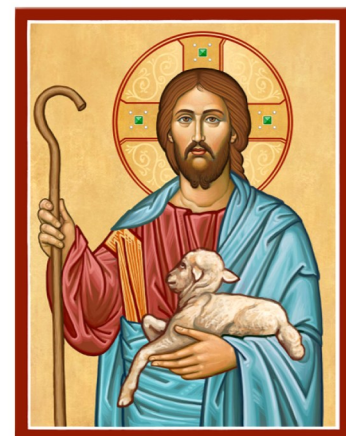
Welcome to all members and visitors who are joining us for the celebration of the Eucharist.

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 SEPTEMBER 13 - SEPTEMBER 20

Sun: Sir 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Mon: Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Tue: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Jn 19:25-27

Wed: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 7:31-35

Thu: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50

Fri: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3

Sat: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15

Sun: Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

Twenty - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

GROW

It strikes me that the real issue in the Gospel is that the first man whose debt the king forgives fails to see that his fellow servant who owes him a smaller debt is just like himself. "Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins?" Sirach asks. I think we sometimes languish in unforgiveness because we think of others' wrongful actions as being somehow worse than ours. As a result, we hold others to a higher standard, while expecting people to easily excuse our failings. Perhaps the first step toward the radical forgiveness that Jesus calls us to in today's Gospel is to foster compassion for our fellow human beings. When we are wronged, it may be helpful to remind ourselves of the classic phrase, "There but for the grace of God, go I." When we recognize that those who wrong us

have the same struggles as our own, we are more likely to extend the same mercy we wish to be offered to us.

GO

After the attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II by Mehmet Ali Ağca in 1981, the future saint forgave his would-be assassin from his hospital bed, only four days after the shooting that nearly took his life. Later, the pope went to visit Ağca in prison, and the two spoke for more than 20 minutes. Since that time, John Paul's example has stood as a witness to the power of God at work in us; the strength to forgive, it is clear, comes not from ourselves, but from the Lord. Our willingness to receive God's grace and to extend forgiveness to others offers a powerful

witness to the goodness of God, who is "kind and merciful, slow to anger and rich in compassion."

PRAY

Radical forgiveness is a challenging spiritual practice; it is not easy! To forgive as Christ calls us to requires that we cultivate an interior disposition of humility and compassion. This ancient prayer from St. Ephrem can help to open our hearts to overcome anger or judgment toward those who have wronged us:



Lord and Master of my life, spare me from the spirit of indifference, despair, lust for power, and idle chatter. Instead, bestow on me, your servant, the spirit of integrity, humility, patience and love. Yes, O Lord and King, let me see my own sins, and not judge my brothers and sisters for you are blessed for ever and ever. Amen.

Written by:
The Faithful Disciple



Turn your eyes incessantly to the Blessed Virgin; she, who is the Mother of Sorrows and also the Mother of Consolation, can understand you completely and help you. Looking to her, praying to her, you will obtain that your tedium will become serenity, your anguish change into hope, and your grief into love....

- Pope St. John Paul II

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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 - 5:15 pm

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

IT'S BUNCO TIME

Saturday, September 19

OLG Parish Center

Doors open at 10:00am and games will begin at 10:30am immediately following instructions.

Tickets (cash or check): \$25

Come and join in the fun! If you've never played, here's your chance to learn. It's fun and easy! There will be a delicious lunch, dessert, snacks, drinks and prizes to win like a \$25 gift card!

**To RSVP, contact Alice Freeh at
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WELCOME TO THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY!

Liam Paul Monaghan

BAPTIZED AT OLG ON AUGUST 30, 2026



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COATS FOR KIDS PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

All parishioners are invited for a pancake breakfast on Sunday, September 20, after all morning Masses in the Parish Center! Proceeds will provide winter coats for children who are in the care of Father Joe's Villages. Donations can be made at any time by check made out to "Knights of Columbus Council 8879." Please write "Coats for Kids" on the memo line.

We hope to see you there!

High School
New Life Youth Ministry

Our New Life Youth Ministry is back on September 13th! We will start with a BBQ and have some activities as we begin our new year.

For our Confirmation Candidates, levels 1 & 2, please bring your parent with you for this information meeting. It will be from 6:30 – 8:30pm in the youth room. Check your emails for more details!



Baptism at OLG



As the first Sacrament into the Catholic faith, we are excited to have your child join our community!

A preparation packet is available in the Parish Office. Please feel free to stop by during our office hours, Mon.- Fri. from 8:30 am-4:30 pm.

For more information, contact us at 619-469-0133.



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

August 25, 2026 - August 31, 2026	\$25,635.24
Plate	\$3,394.40
Envelopes	\$17,406.54
Online Giving	\$4,834.30

Breakdown of Gifts Received

\$0.01 - \$5.00	37
\$5.01 - \$10.00	58
\$10.01 - \$25.00	129
\$25.01 - \$50.00	85
\$50.01 - \$100.00	36
\$100.01 - \$150.00	4
\$150.01 - \$500.00	12
\$500.01 - Over	5

Total Contributing Households **366**

Building Fund	\$6,202.00
Food Pantry	\$1,269.18
Peter's Pence	\$305.00
School - General	\$2,051.00

ONLINE GIVING

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Visit SanDiegoBloodBank.org/donate
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Marriage Help!

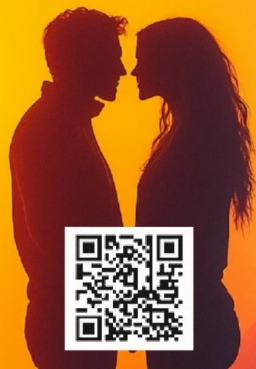
September 25 - 27

Not willing to let go of your marriage?

THERE IS HOPE.

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For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, call 951-259-9474 or visit helpourmarriage-sandiego.org.



OLG FAITH FORMATION

Enrollment is **now open** for 2026-2027!

- Kinder - 5th grade
- Middle School
- High School Confirmation
- First Communion
- Baptism

1 Student: \$150 2 Students: \$225 3 Students: \$300

To register, please scan the QR code or head to our website and click on our [“Faith Formation Program”](#).



<https://olg-church.org/our-lady-grace-religious-education>



For more information, please contact Dcn. John Sawaya at JSawaya@olg-church.org, or call the Parish Office at 619-469-0133.

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
Steve Botzer
Catalina Branch
Carly Brashear
Michael Carteron
Cheryl Casey
Msgr. John Cusack
Lang Duong
Mercedes Edwards
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Suzana Felix
Judy Frank
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Stephen Gage
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Rosa Hilgeman

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James George Kiley
James Patrick Kiley
Mary Kathryn Mizera Kiley
Richard Robert Kiley
Joanna Kwak
Nelson Kwak
Jason Laccone
Ofelia Lopez
Jose A Lopez
Christine Martins
Angelina Martinez
Hazel D. Mizera
Robert William Mizera
Frank Principato
Danny Rubio
Danilo Sanchez
Marie Staffiero
Christine Stanley
Suzanne Stanley
Steve Thudium
Nina Topacio
Ricardo Topacio
Christopher Trujillo
John Vanderslice
Laurie Vanderslice
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.

7 Sorrows of Mary

1. The Prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:34-35)
2. The Flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-21)
3. The Loss of Jesus for Three Days (Luke 2:41-50)
4. The Carrying of the Cross (John 19:17)
5. The Crucifixion of Jesus (John 19:18-30)
6. Jesus Taken Down from the Cross (John 19:39-40)
7. Jesus Laid in the Tomb (John 19:39-42)

Let us Pray: Let intercession be made for us, we beseech You, O Lord Jesus Christ, now and at the Hour of our death, before the throne of Your mercy, by the Blessed Virgin Mary, Your Mother, whose most holy soul was pierced by a sword of sorrow in the hour of Your bitter Passion. Through You, O Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns world without end. Amen.



Adorers will be needed for our next 24-hour Adoration on **Friday, Oct. 2**. To sign-up e-mail Michael Gross at: pnmgross1@gmail.com.

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