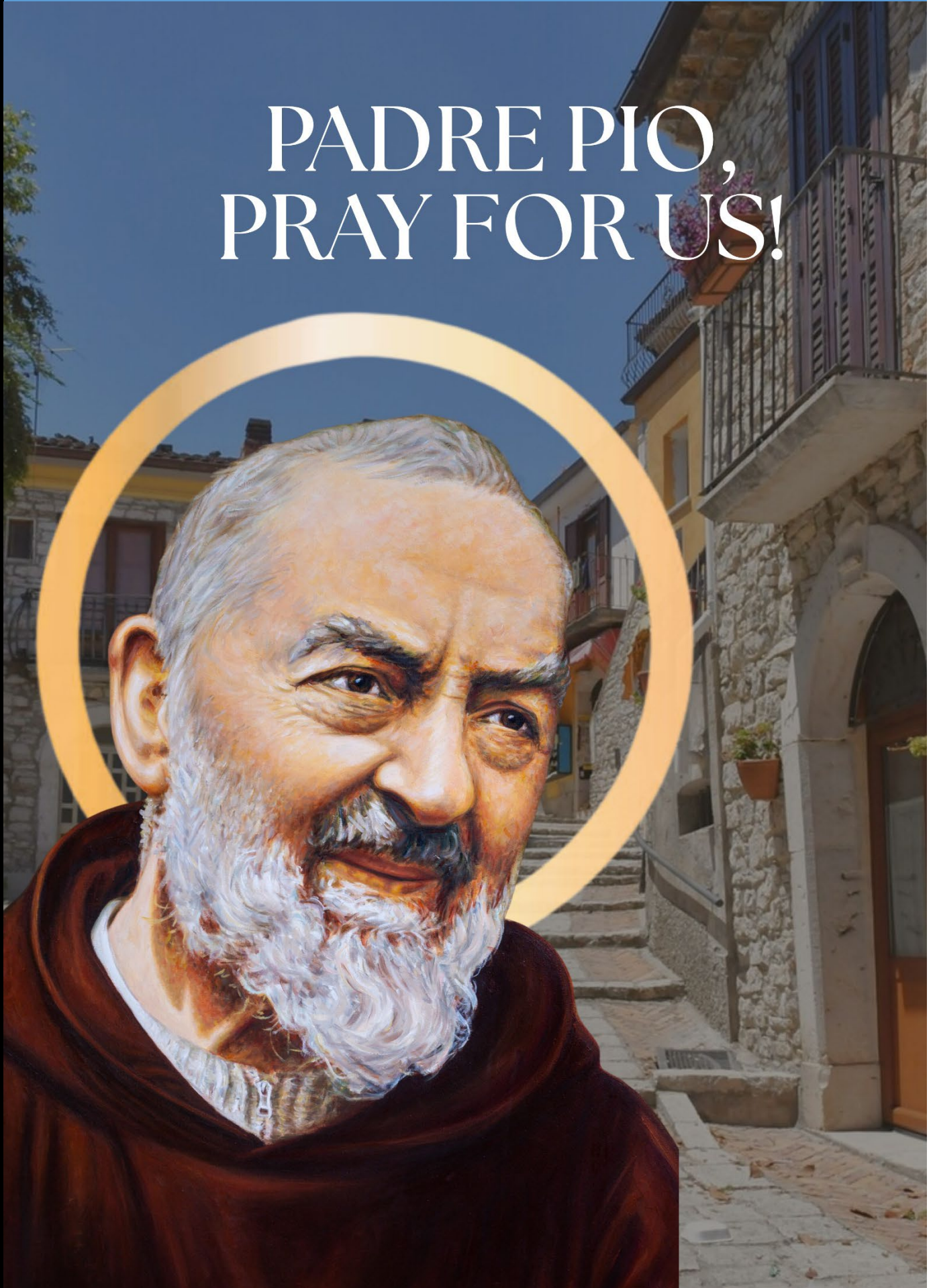




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PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

Sun, Sep 20	TWENTY - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
5:30 pm	† Sean Sexton (Vigil)
8:00 am	† Vickie Oxe
11:00 am	† Antonino LaSpisa
5:30 pm	For the People of the Parish
Mon, Sep 21	SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST
8:00 am	† Larry Manzer & Sp Int Sandy Smelik
Tue, Sep 22	Weekday
8:00 am	† Patrick McEleney
Wed, Sep 23	St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
8:00 am	† Patrick Zappa & the Zappa Family
Thu, Sep 24	Weekday
8:00 am	† Sr. Gabriella Lohan
Fri, Sep 25	Weekday
8:00 am	Collective Intentions
Sat, Sep 26	Weekday; Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
8:00 am	† Carmen Salender

Welcome to OUR LADY of GRACE!

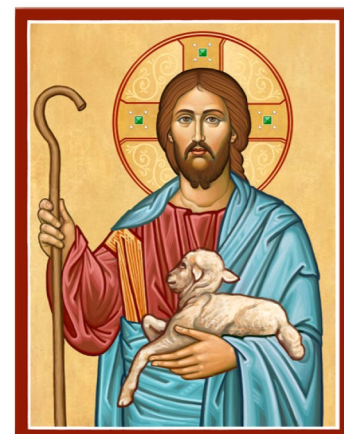
Welcome to all members and visitors who are joining us for the celebration of the Eucharist.

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.



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.**

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass

- Sep 20 Knights Pancake Breakfast**
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Frances Cabrini Council 8879
 Please join us for a delicious pancake breakfast to support Coats for Kids. We hope to see you in the Parish Center after Mass!
- Sep 27 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.
- 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.

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 20 - SEPTEMBER 27

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

Mon: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

Tue: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21

Wed: Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

Thu: Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9

Fri: Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22

Sat: Eccl 11:9-12:8; Lk 9:43b-45

Sun: Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

Twenty - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

GROW

Writing to the Philippians while in prison, St. Paul feels complete peace about his fate. To stay on this earth means fruitful labor for him; to die means entering eternal life with God. Having lived apart from God in the past, he finds immense joy at being able to labor for the Lord, despite the suffering it entails. Upon first glance, the parable St. Matthew recounts in his Gospel offers a glimpse of God's generous mercy. But reading the parable alongside Paul's letter reveals another layer of meaning: Those who have more time to labor in the vineyard of the Lord are given a great gift – the chance to bear immense fruit. Our long hours laboring in the Lord's vineyard are not something we're meant

to merely suffer through on our way to our eternal reward. Rather, they are an opportunity to be drawn into communion with the Lord. As with St. Paul, the joy that comes from realizing that we share in the very life and work of God is available to us now, not only in the life to come.

GO

Each of the vocations to which God calls us requires sacrifice and includes challenges. Living in humble obedience to the will of God is not easy, but it is full of peace. To focus only on the eternal reward offered after death disregards the love, peace, and joy of the kingdom that we are gifted now. We are invited to be laborers in the vineyard, co-creators with the Master of the universe. As we creatively and compassionately allow God's love to flow

through us, we infuse new life and love into the world around us. When we truly believe that a life lived in Christ is the most abundant life, we stop asking what is fair and we begin to eagerly invite others to join us in the vineyard. Doing the will of God in this life is a reward unto itself.

STUDY

This week, return to the first reading from the prophet Isaiah. As you reflect on his call to "seek the Lord while he may be found," consider the gift of God's love and presence in your life right now. And as we labor in the vineyard, keeping our eyes on the ultimate reward of eternity with our Creator, may we also recognize the immense gift of knowing, loving, and serving God in this life.

*Written by:
The Faithful Disciple*

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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.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

AMAZING GRACE RACE & JOG-A-THON

OLG students are getting ready for this year's Amazing Grace Race and Jog-A-Thon!

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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:
Vicki 619-647-5793 or elcajon40days@hotmail.com
40daysforlife.com/elcajon

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CARING FOR OUR HOME CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, El Cajon, CA



The following receptions will be held in the Parish Hall:

- Monday, September 28, 2026 at 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, September 30, 2026 at 7:00 pm
- Thursday, October 1, 2026 at 7:00 pm
- Thursday, October 8, 2026 at 9:00 am
- Friday, October 9, 2026 at 7:00 pm
- Saturday, October 10, 2026 after 5:30 pm mass
- Sunday, October 11, 2026 after 8:00 am mass
- Sunday, October 11, 2026 after 11:00 am ass
- Sunday, October 11, 2026 after 5:30 pm Mass

Reception Invitations Are Being Mailed

Every registered family will receive an invitation to attend one of our informational campaign events in September and October. Those who do not receive an invitation can see the reception schedule to the left and RSVP to the parish office or use the QR code provided on this newsletter.. ***We ask that everyone respond promptly!***

QR Code for RSVP to
Campaign Reception



[HTTPS://OLG-CHURCH.ORG/](https://olg-church.org/)

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

September 1, 2026 - September 7, 2026	\$30,184.78
Plate	\$2,894.33
Envelopes	\$18,517.00
Online Giving	\$8,773.45

Breakdown of Gifts Received

\$0.01 - \$5.00	40
\$5.01 - \$10.00	57
\$10.01 - \$25.00	150
\$25.01 - \$50.00	96
\$50.01 - \$100.00	42
\$100.01 - \$150.00	9
\$150.01 - \$500.00	30
\$500.01 - Over	2

Total Contributing Households 426

Building Fund	\$953.00
Food Pantry	\$1,939.00
Peter's Pence	\$305.00
School - General	\$770.50

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!

WELCOME TO THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY!

Fletcher Fox Gould

BAPTIZED AT OLG ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Ava Marie Lazette

BAPTIZED AT OLG ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

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AN INTERRELIGIOUS PROCESSION SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 2PM BALBOA PARK NEW VENUE 6TH AVE. AND LAUREL ST. SAN DIEGO, CA 92101	UNA PROCESIÓN INTERRELIGIOSA DOMINGO 27 DE SEPTIEMBRE DEL 2026 2PM BALBOA PARK NUEVO LUGAR 6TH AVE. Y LAUREL ST. SAN DIEGO, CA 92101	MỘT CUỘC RỪNG LIÊN TÔN CHỦ NHẬT NGÀY 27 THÁNG 9 NĂM 2026 2 GIỜ CHIỀU BALBOA PARK ĐỊA ĐIỂM MỚI 6TH AVE. VÀ LAUREL ST. SAN DIEGO, CA 92101
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Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

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Parish Center

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Walk-ins welcome.

Photo ID required. Arrive hydrated.



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!



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:
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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.



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
Luzanne Coyne
Msgr. John Cusack
Irene Dahlheimer
Lang Duong
Mercedes Edwards
Irma Eichinger
Suzana Felix
Judy Frank
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Joe Hilgeman
Rosa Hilgeman

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James Patrick Kiley
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Marie Staffiero
Christine Stanley
Suzanne Stanley
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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



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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 staff, please visit our website at:

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 Parish Office at (619) 469-0133.**

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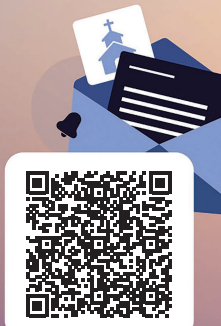
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