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OUR LADY of GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASSES

Sun, Sep 6	TWENTY - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
5:30 pm	For the People of the Parish (Vigil)
8:00 am	† Ken Eichinger
11:00 am	† Hossein Ali Kazemi
5:30 pm	† Ronnie Stewart
Mon, Sep 7	Weekday
8:00 am	† Rylan O'Neal
	† Mark Habina
Tue, Sep 8	THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
8:00 am	† Mary Andrews
Wed, Sep 9	St. Peter Claver, Priest
8:00 am	Sp Int Steve Baum
Thu, Sep 10	Weekday
8:00 am	Sp Int Sam Bigknife & Sp Int Gail Bigknife
Fri, Sep 11	Weekday
8:00 am	† Henrieta Tan & † Rogelio Tan
Sat, Sep 12	Weekday; The Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 am	Sp Int Deacon John Sawaya

**FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE PARISH CENTER**

All are welcome Sunday mornings after Mass

Sep 6	ICF Food & Fellowship <i>Sponsored by the International Catholic Families</i> ICF will be serving breakfast sandwiches (egg, sausage, cheese on an English muffin), donuts and beverages!
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.

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 6 - SEPTEMBER 13

Sun: Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

Mon: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11

Tue: Mi 5:1-4a; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Wed: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26

Thu: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38

Fri: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42

Sat: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49

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

Twenty - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

GROW

St. Teresa of Calcutta once wrote, "If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other." Community, when lived according to Christ's command to love one another, fills us with joy and companionship. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples that living as a Church also means holding one another accountable when a member of the community has gone astray. While we are not responsible for the choices others make, we have a responsibility to help one another out of love. Ezekiel's task as a prophet was not always an easy one, nor is it easy today to speak out against injustice or wrongdoing. But the good news of our faith and our Church is that we belong to Christ and to each other. When we

speak the truth in the face of injustice, it should serve to rally one another toward righteousness as we journey as one Body to the eternal glory of heaven.

GO

Our Gospel speaks about moments where members of the Church help one another to recognize and turn away from sin. Each of us will have moments in which we need to be reminded of God's commands and called to conversion. In those moments, we can give powerful witness to Christ by receiving the truth with humility and allowing ourselves to be led back to the loving arms of the Good Shepherd. Acceptance of our own shortcomings and flaws can be an opportunity to recognize that we are not the agents of our own salvation. Then, by seeking the love and forgiveness of God – especially in the sacrament of

reconciliation – we show, by our example, that all people are called to be reconciled with our Lord so that we may live together in the fullness of his glory for all eternity.

PRAY

A prayer before confession:

God, you know all that I do and all that is in my heart. I turn to you today because I know that I have made choices that have hurt others and rejected you.

You have made me conscious of an emptiness in my life because of my sinfulness. I want to turn back to you and the way of life to which you call me.
In your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

Written by:
The Faithful Disciple



OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH

Founded 1954

CLERGY

PASTOR

Rev. Lauro Minimo

DEACON

John Sawaya

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.

Please pray for the eternal repose of:



Maralyn Jean Sardo

1932 - 2026

Friday, September 11, 2026

Funeral Mass starting at 11:00am at OLG

Reception to follow in the Parish Center

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

55 PLUS CLUB IS BACK!

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

55 Plus Club starts again this Tuesday. At this time, the lunch fee is now \$20. Doors open at 10:30am. This lunch's theme is PATRIOTIC, so wear your red, white and blue!

Call Mary for information or questions at 619-463-1129.




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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!



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.**

Annual Diocesan Young Adult Retreat

Whispering Winds Retreat Center
September 11-13

Featured Speaker: Tanner Kalina
Music: Nico Cabrera



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IT'S BUNGO 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
(610) 248-0130**



WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT**August 18, 2026 - August 24, 2026 \$17,852.05**

Plate	\$3,537.25
Envelopes	\$9,282.50
Online Giving	\$5,032.30

Breakdown of Gifts Received

\$0.01 - \$5.00	52
\$5.01 - \$10.00	49
\$10.01 - \$25.00	141
\$25.01 - \$50.00	84
\$50.01 - \$100.00	34
\$100.01 - \$150.00	5
\$150.01 - \$500.00	12
\$500.01 - Over	2

Total Contributing Households 379

Building Fund	\$921.00
Food Pantry	\$504.00

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MAKE LIFESAVING a HABIT

**350 blood donations needed daily.**

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Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

Sunday, September 27, 2026
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Parish Center

2766 Navajo Rd
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Visit SanDiegoBloodBank.org/donate
Scan the QR code or call (619) 400-8251
Walk-ins welcome.

Photo ID required. Arrive hydrated.



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY



We had a great time partnering with the Catholic Women's Club in welcoming newly registered members to our OLG family. It was great to meet them, and we are looking forward to introducing them to our various ministries, growing in faith, and experiencing Mass together as a community.

There will be more welcome events coming soon! If you know anyone who would like to register to become a parishioner at OLG, please keep a look out for our next welcome event in the bulletin.

They can also stop by the Parish Office to fill out a registration form. We are open Monday - Friday from 8:30am - 4:30pm.

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	Joanna Kwak
Ron Aguinaldo	Nelson Kwak
Aurora Alcantara	Jason Laccone
Byron Alcantara	Lillian Lavarado
Kali'a Arrayan	Ofelia Lopez
Angela Biner	Jose A Lopez
Joan Blake	Angelina Martinez
Robert Blake	Frank Principato
Donna Botzer	Danny Rubio
Steve Botzer	Danilo Sanchez
Catalina Branch	Marie Staffiero
Carly Brashear	Christine Stanley
Michael Carteron	Suzanne Stanley
Msgr. John Cusack	Steve Thudium
Lang Duong	Nina Topacio
Irma Eichinger	Ricardo Topacio
Suzana Felix	Christopher Trujillo
Judy Frank	John Vanderslice
Joseph Fromm	Laurie Vanderslice
Stephen Gage	Marilyn Winger
Louise Gardella	Mike Zaspal
Paulina Geniza	
Mary Ann Haggerty	
Joe Hilgeman	
Rosa Hilgeman	
Philip Hessling	

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.

OUR LADY of GRACE PARISH AND SCHOOL DIRECTORY

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Pastor **REV. LAURO MINIMO** | Ext. 17
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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Wedding and Funeral
 Coordinator **CECILIA JONES** | Ext. 24

Director of Liturgical Music **TERRY HENDRICKS** | Ext. 26
Cantate Kids and Gaudete Choir (11:00 am Sun)

Director **ROBERT FILLEY**
Laudate Ensemble (5:30 pm Sun)

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

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 staff, please visit our website at:

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 corner of the browser window.



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PARISH MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

To e-mail 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 — 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 — Since 1981 (619) 469-0061
 Doug Perl M-F, 9:30-11:00 am

HOLIDAY ANGELS — Since 1988 — Pam & Michael Gross

INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC FAMILIES (ICF)

Carla Pedroncelli

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS — Frances Cabrini Council 8879
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