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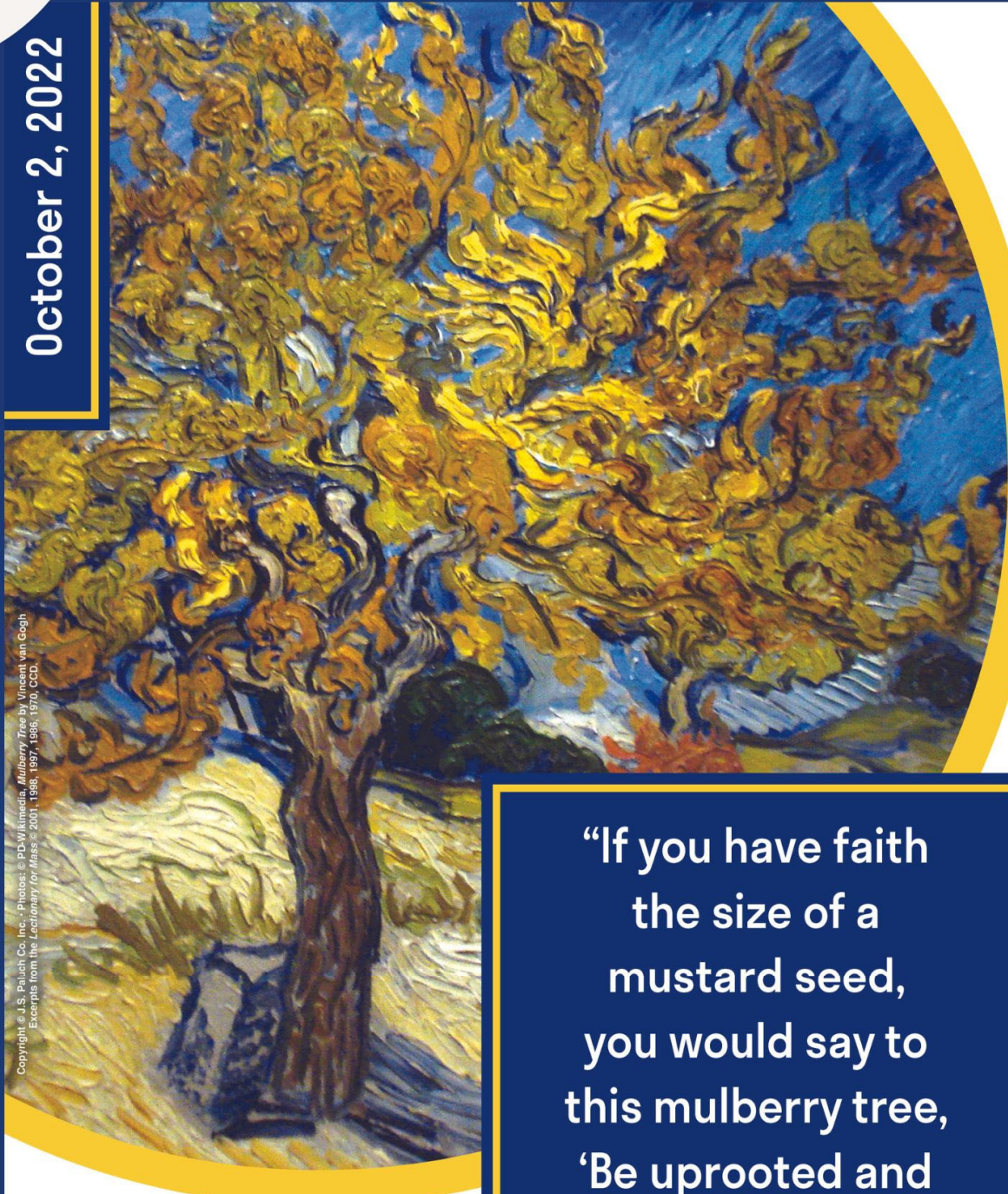
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TWENTY-SEVENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

“If you have faith
the size of a
mustard seed,
you would say to
this mulberry tree,
‘Be uprooted and
planted in the sea,’
and it would obey you.”

Luke 17:6

Pastor:

Fr. Jorge Campos-Covarrubias frjorge@mailbox.org

Parochial Vicar:

Fr. Binoj Jose 'Joseph' Elukkunnel Binoa25@yahoo.com

Parish Staff:

Acolyte: Richard Flint
Business Manager: Diane Wyrick
Director of Liturgy & Pastoral Care: Patricia Pollack
Director of Religious Education: Vacant
Secretary: Hortencia 'Teni' Mehl
Secretary: Marie Eisenhoffer
Youth Minister: Robert Steele

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Mass Schedule:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:00 am
Tuesday & Thursday: 5:30 pm
Saturday*: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 pm
*1st Saturday of the month 8:00am

Sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation:

Tuesday & Thursday: 4:45 pm - 5:15 pm
Saturday 4:45 pm - 5:15 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am & 12:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism:

Call the parish office at least six weeks in advance.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Call the parish office at least six months in advance

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: Respect for Life Sunday
Tuesday: St. Francis of Assisi; Yom Kippur (Jewish Day of Atonement) begins at sunset
Wednesday: St. Faustina Kowalska; Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
Thursday: St. Bruno; Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher
Friday: Our Lady of the Rosary; First Friday
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



The Altar flowers this weekend are in loving memory of †Susie Escobedo From Ruben & Veronica Escobedo

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — In spite of violence, destruction, and ruin, the just person, because of faith, will live (Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4).
Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95)
Second Reading — Bear hardship with the strength that comes from God (2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14).
Gospel — Lord, increase our faith! (Luke 17:5-10).

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THE GIFT OF FAITH

Faith is a gift. When the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith, they were going to the source of that faith with their request. God is the giver of all good gifts, including faith. When we put our faith in Christ, we believe that God is with us, even though we cannot physically see God. Or can we? If we are attentive, we see the evidence of God's presence in the love of family and friends, care poured out in service of our neighbors, the living beauty of creation. This is not blind faith, but rather is the result of seeing with the eyes of faith. Followers of Jesus look beyond what is apparent to see what is possible with the power and presence of the Holy Spirit within and among us.

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THIS WEEKEND'S 2nd COLLECTION IS FOR OUR PARISH OUTREACH

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 3

7:00 am Dr. Bates Lowry Hoffer (d)
-Parish

Tuesday, October 4

5:30 pm Edward Dehan (d)
-Family

Wednesday, October 5

7:00 am In Thanksgiving V.S.I.

Thursday, October 6

5:30 pm Jaime Enriquez (d)
-Wife & Children

Friday, October 7 - *First Friday*

7:00 am Ben Johnson (d)
-Marylin Johnson

Saturday, October 8

5:30 pm Laurie Cerretani (d)
-The Russ Family
Our Lady of Grace Parishioners

Sunday, October 9

8:30 am Frank & Alma Garza
-John W. Davidson

10:30 am In Thanksgiving
-Dora Urrutia

12:00 am Marcos Zertuche - Birthday
-Scott & Melissa Marshall

MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday, October 3

Mass 7:00 am Fr. Jorge

Tuesday, October 4

Confessions 4:45 pm Fr. Jorge
Mass 5:30 pm Fr. Jorge

Wednesday, October 5

Mass 7:00 am Fr. Joseph

Thursday, October 6

Confessions 4:45 pm Fr. Jorge
Mass 5:30 pm Fr. Jorge

Friday, October 7 - *First Friday*

Mass 7:00 am Fr. Joseph
Mass 5:30 pm TBD

Saturday, October 8 - *Respect for Life Mass*

Confessions 4:30 pm Fr. Joseph
Mass 5:30 pm Aux. Bishop Mike Boulette, DD

Sunday, October 9

Mass 8:30 am Fr. Joseph
Mass 10:30 am Fr. Frank Santucci, OMI
Mass 12:00 pm Fr. Joseph



Women's ACTS Retreat

October 27 - October 30,
2022.

**REGISTER
NOW!**

ACTS

Adoration, Community, Theology and Service

These four themes are the focus of the activities during the weekend. The ACTS weekend provides the opportunity for the retreatants to build a deeper relationship with the Lord and fellow parishioners.

Please feel free to reach out to us if you would like to register or have any questions.

Director: Celina Alvarez -210-316-6089;
Co-Director: Julia Hamon- 210-326-5128.

WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN US



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

is a process where adults can become fully initiated into the Catholic faith.

This process is for any adult that has not been baptized, baptized into another Christian faith, or those who were baptized Catholic but have not received the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.

Sessions are held every Tuesday evening at 7:00pm in the Madonna Room and continue through the Easter season.

If you or someone you know is interested in the RCIA process contact the parish office at 210-734-7285.

*An Inquiry session was held last Tuesday, but there is still time to join and begin your journey into the Catholic faith!



All men are invited to our third year of

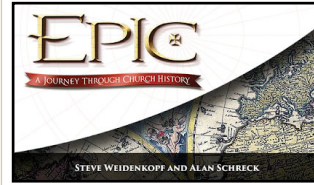
OLG's That Man Is You.

We meet from 6:15 - 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday mornings.

This year a new program, "The Fight of Faith" includes 26 sessions with 10 dynamic speakers and is guided by the principle that "knowing who you are changes everything."

Register at https://admin.paradisusdei.org/location_details/our-lady-of-grace-san-antonio.

Contact Greg Clary (903-714-0232) for more information.



As Catholics, we are heirs to a remarkable heritage.

Beginning with the lives of the apostles all the way up to the present day, *Epíc* takes the immense history of the Church and simplifies it into twelve, color-coded time periods. In the course of twenty sessions, participants learn about the major people, places and events that comprise the captivating story of Christianity.

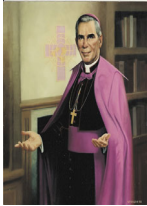
Wednesdays at 9:30am in the Guadalupe Room.

To register and for more information contact Shelley Clary at 903-714-38899 or the church office at 210-734-7285.

The cost for the study set is \$29.95.

Are you interested in a convenient and secure way to make your Offertory gift? E-giving is available for our parish through the Faith Direct program. For more information and to enroll go to our website, olgsa.org, and click on the e-giving tab or contact the office.

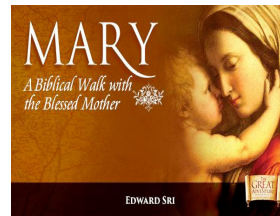
Our Lady of Grace Men's Faith Study



The Venerable Bishop Fulton Sheen was a master theologian, philosopher and preacher of the Word who recorded a series of talks entitled *Life is Worth Living!* We gather each Saturday morning from 8:30- 9:30 am in the Madonna Room basement to listen to a 25 minute talk from Bishop Sheen, share our thoughts as a group, and close with prayer. You'll be filled with a deeper appreciation and understanding of our Catholic Christian faith, as well as often uplifted by the timeless Sheen teachings. It is more important than ever that we come together as a community and learn that life is worth living!

For information please contact Roger Williams at 210-724-8828 or rogerwtx@gmail.com. Please join us!

A Powerful Study on the Blessed Mother



Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* will place you in the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine son. Seeing Mary in this will change you forever. She will become a part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ.

Everyone is welcome to join us every Thursday at 6:30pm in the Madonna Room.

**For more information or to register, please call or email:
Linda Enriquez at 210-387-4804 or at linda.lamar@yahoo.com
or the Church Office at 210-734-7285**

DIRECTOR FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



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Our Lady of Grace Parish is in the process of searching for a new

Director of Religious Education.

Anyone interested in applying can view the job descriptions on the Archdiocese website at archsa.org/employment. Please feel free to contact Fr. Jorge at frjorge@mailbox.org or Diane Wyrick at Diane.Wyrick@olgsa.org.

We are most grateful to Kimberly Olivarez, our former DRE, parishioner, and currently one of our Cantors, for agreeing to help us with the Religious Education program in the interim. We also extend our gratitude to Robert Steele (aka MOS) for his commitment to the Youth of our parish and his continued participation in that ministry.

Blessing of the Animals



Sunday, October 2nd

10am by the Fountain

Families are invited to bring their pet to receive a special blessing.

RE families are encouraged to attend the 8:30 Mass, escort their child to class, then return home to get their pet to bring back to OLG for the blessing. Students will be able to attend the blessing then return home with parents and pets.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
All are welcome to the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition begins every Wednesday in the Adoration Chapel after the 7:00 am Mass and ends on Friday at 7 am.

For more information please contact Becky Prieto at 210-725-2383.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Eugenio B., Mary Blake, Rosa Becnel, Michael Castro, Juliana Cavazos, Esther & Guadalupe Contreras, Ashley Cuellar, David Davis, Nina De La Garza, John De Leon, Kate DeWein, Mary Elizabeth Donovan, Angela Fitzner, Deacon Frank Gallardo, Vangie Gallardo, Giovanni Garza, Eric Hawbecker, Josephine Janczar, Markus Klink, Kathy McCoy, Sally McDuffee, George Perez, Rina Pollack, Jeanie Sanders, Carlos Saucedo, Edward Jacob Sciantarelli, Jim Sciantarelli, Laurie Seligman, Jerry SESCO, Carolyn Smith, David Tiggeman, Lisa Weissler, Henry Wolff.

EACH OCTOBER THE CHURCH IN THE US CELEBRATES RESPECT LIFE MONTH

THIS YEAR OUR LADY OF GRACE PARISH WILL CELEBRATE
WITH THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN ANTONIO
AT A SPECIAL MASS FOR LIFE.



AUXILLARY BISHOP MICHAEL J. BOULETTE, DD

**WILL CELEBRATE THIS MASS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2022 AT 5:30 PM**

**OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH
223 EAST SUMMIT AVE. - SAN ANTONIO, TX 78212**



Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

**MAY THE BLESSED MOTHER OF GOD GUIDE US ALL AS WE STRIVE TO MAKE OUR PARISHES
AND ORGANIZATIONS PLACES OF WELCOME AND ASSISTANCE
FOR MOTHERS, FATHERS, AND FAMILIES IN NEED.**





TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 2, 2022

“If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.”

Luke 17:6

PATIENCE

We live in a society of instant gratification. We download and stream and binge-watch at our convenience; we use drive-throughs or have our food and groceries delivered. Wonderful things are indeed coming, but we must learn patience and humility! The Lord encourages Habakkuk to quit being impatient and wait for the vision to mature. Anyone who has started a fire knows how patient you must be to, as Paul admonishes, “Stir into flame the gift of God you have,” and to guard it well. Even in their good zeal, Jesus slows down the apostles. He equates faith to a mustard seed and tells them to settle down. As it takes that little seed many years to become a great tree, the Apostles and disciples must spend their time in service and grow in learning and love, and faith will come with it.

LESS IS MORE

The last few weeks, we have seen Jesus speaking in parables that were long and complex, and sometimes it was difficult to find the point of his message. But today he speaks simply to the Apostles and gives them a graphic image that is very easy to grasp. Think of how many pictures you have seen with an open hand holding mustard seeds, or the image of the seeds and the grown tree. The thing is, those photos are worth a thousand words. One could call it the “elevator pitch” on faith. Jesus provides his followers with a touchstone to hold onto, a spiritual roadmap as it were. But along with that beloved parable is a more difficult message.

REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE

At some point, Jesus must just get exasperated with these folks. The Apostles and disciples have been following him for how long now? And they still don’t understand. The kingdom of God is not about how great you are on earth, or how much faith you have. There is much work to be done. He reminds them that they are still the folks who are going to be cooking dinner when they come home in the evening. They are the servants. Their work continues until the kitchen is clean! Similarly, it is not enough for us to simply show up to church on Sunday morning. We must be servants in our daily lives. On my computer screen is a yellow sticky note that says “If serving is below you, then leadership is above you.” Right now, “Servant Leadership” is a big buzzword phrase bordering on overuse, but there is a lot of truth to it. Some of the ways we may lead our families, our workgroups, our faith groups include: listening to others, showing empathy, healing yourself through work-life balance, developing your self-awareness, and being a good steward. Wrap it any way you want, it is all about being a good Christian. Have faith. Serve others. Watch it grow!

TODAY’S READINGS

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Luke 17:5-10

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Please consider making a Gift to one of the following Catholic causes:
Seminarian Formation Endowment – *to support the formation of priests.*
Catholic Charities Endowment – *to support social service ministries.*
Hope For The Future Catholic Schools Endowment Fund – *to support Catholic Schools tuition assistance*
or to your favorite Catholic Endowment Fund.

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<https://www.givecentral.org/appeals-form-registration/acp5d2cb0ccd5da1/user/guest>

or mail your donation to the Catholic Community Foundation, 111 Barilla Place, San Antonio TX 78209.

**Please indicate which mentioned endowment you wish your donation to go towards.*



Please Join the Rosary Prayer Group

The group will meet
Tuesday, October 18th at 6:30 pm
in the Madonna Room
for a brief Scripture, reflection
and praying the Holy Rosary.
For information, call Greg Clary
at 903-714-0232.

Mass Intentions



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Masses are for the living
as well as for the dead.
Having a Mass offered on
a birthday, anniversary or
other special occasion, is a most prayerful
way to commemorate the special event. Mass
cards are available to acknowledge your gift.
Call or come by the Church Office to check
available dates.

Parish Bulletin Deadline

If ministry or parish organization needs something to be
included in the bulletin, please submit the information
by Friday afternoon before 5:00 PM for the following
week's bulletin.
Please email your request to Teni at office@olgsa.org.

Holy Hour For Priests



Tuesday,

October 11, 2022

7 PM- 8 PM

Rosary, Prayers and Benediction

Altar Flowers: If you would like to donate flowers
for the altar in memory of a loved one, or in honor of
a birthday or anniversary, please call the office at
734-7285. Each weekend in the bulletin we thank all
those who sponsor the altar flowers.

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