

# Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

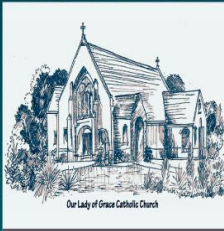
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## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*September 4, 2022*

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,  
that we may shout for  
joy and gladness all our days.

Psalm 90:14



**Pastor:**

Fr. Jorge Campos-Covarrubias      frjorge@mailbox.org

**Parochial Vicar:**

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**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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday:**      Labor Day  
**Thursday:**      The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mother  
**Friday:**      St. Peter Claver  
**Saturday:**      Blessed Virgin Mary

**LIMITS**

Today's readings continue the theme of humility explored last Sunday. All three readings today encourage us to admit that we have limits, and God has none. The poignant poetry of Wisdom resonates with all of us who have ever struggled for peace in situations we cannot control: "For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns." Saint Paul recognizes his own limitations, both physically (he is in prison) and spiritually: he cannot compel his friend to obey his wishes; he can only propose his request and respect Philemon's free will. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that God alone can complete the good we wish to do in the world. While we thank God for the gifts we receive—and the families we love—we acknowledge that they are temporary, and humbly cling to God.

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**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.



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**Please pray for the repose of the soul of**

**†Dr. Bates L. Hoffer**  
**who died August 9, 2022.**  
**May he rest in peace.**



**Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

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8-30-22

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you were able to enjoy a restful Summer and stay relatively cool with these temperatures. I pray also that our children's transition back to school life and, in a few weeks, also to their Religious Education, will be seamless.

We will undergo some changes to our Religious Education program that I would like to share with you. Unfortunately, a few weeks ago, Joey Gutierrez, our Director of Religious Education, stepped down from the position due to health concerns. Kimberly Olivarez graciously agreed to serve our Community as an interim DRE, while we find the right person for the job. Joey will be working with Kim this week to pass on any pending items.

As many of you already know, Joey was also working on implementing LifeTeen and Edge in our parish as an integrated Youth Ministry and Religious Education program for middle school and high school students. Since we will no longer have his leadership to launch these programs, we will table them for the time being and continue with our previous Religious Education programs and times. Our sister parish, St Peter, Prince of the Apostles, will move ahead in implementing both LifeTeen and Edge as a collaborative opportunity for the youth of both parishes. It is our hope that this will serve to strengthen the fellowship among our teens and create an atmosphere of living their faith as youths in today's world. High school and middle school youth and catechists of our community are invited to participate. We are grateful for the youth and adult volunteers who have already expressed their commitment to this exciting ministry. Please expect more detailed communication in the weeks to come.

We acknowledge there is a need to improve some key aspects of our communication as a community. For this reason, I am asking our Pastoral Council to take a more active role in developing new leadership for the parish and its ministries and fostering more open communication. As we prepare for our upcoming Ministry Fair, you will have the opportunity to interact with our council members in this regard.

Specifically, as to Religious Education, all new programs, catechists, and activities must be approved by me, with the advice of our Pastoral Council. So, I request that all catechists resubmit their application to the Pastoral Council by no later than September 10<sup>th</sup>. The application is available on our website at [www.olgsa.org](http://www.olgsa.org) and submitted by Flocknote to all current catechists.

If you see any ways the parish or staff can improve its ministries or develop new ones I encourage you to reach out to our Pastoral Council at [pastoralcouncil@olgsa.org](mailto:pastoralcouncil@olgsa.org), or directly to Fr Joseph or me, either by email ([frjorge@mailbox.org](mailto:frjorge@mailbox.org)), by phone, or by ways of our staff at (210)734-7285.

I look forward to a blessed and fruitful year as we strive to live the Gospel in our Community and share the joy of faith to generations to come.

Your pastor,  
In Christ

*Fr Jorge Campos-Covarrubias*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911
- Tuesday** 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday** 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
- Friday:** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday:** 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49
- Sunday:** Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

**In observance of Labor Day,**



**Monday's Mass will be celebrated at 8:00am. The Parish Office will be closed Monday, September 5th**

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, September 5

**8:00 am** Audrey Marie Link- 20th Birthday  
-Link-Guzman Family

### Tuesday, September 6

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

### Wednesday, September 7

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

### Thursday, September 8

5:30 pm Flora Dehan (d)  
-Family

### Friday, September 9

7:00 am Eileen Mursch's Birthday  
-Marylin Johnson

### Saturday, September 10

5:30 pm Daniel Netemeyer (d)  
- Cockerill Family

### Sunday, September 11

8:30 am Our Lady of Grace Parishioners  
10:30 am The Moran Boys (d)  
-Pat LeVrier  
12:00 am Eunice Hermes Davidson (d)  
-John W. Davidson

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Who can ever know God's counsel unless God gives wisdom and sends the Holy Spirit from on high? (Wisdom 9:13-18b).

**Psalm** —In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge (Psalm 90).

**Second Reading** — Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus, not as a slave but as a brother (Philemon 9-10, 12-17).

**Gospel** —To be a disciple of Jesus one must carry one's own cross and renounce all possessions (Luke 14:25-33).

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## MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

### Monday, September 5

Mass **8:00 am** Fr. Jorge

### Tuesday, September 6

Confessions 4:45 pm Fr. Jorge

Mass 5:30 pm Fr. Jorge

### Wednesday, September 7

Mass 7:00 am Fr. Joseph

### Thursday, September 8

Confessions 4:45 pm Fr. Jorge

Mass 5:30 pm Fr. Jorge

### Friday, September 9

Mass 7:00 am Fr. Joseph

### Saturday, September 10

Confessions 4:30 pm Fr. Joseph

Mass 5:30 pm Fr. Joseph

### Sunday, September 11

Mass 8:30 am Fr. Joseph

Mass 10:30 am Fr. Frank Santucci, OMI

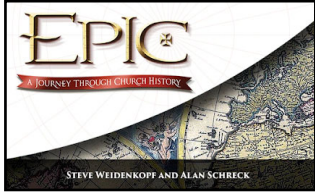
Mass 12:00 pm Fr. Joseph

Confessions 12:15 pm Fr. Jorge

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Eugenio B., Mary Blake, Rosa Becnel, Michael Castro, Juliana Cavazos, Eric Chapa, Esther & Guadalupe Contreras, Ashley Cuellar, David Davis, Nina De La Garza, John De Leon, Kate De Wein, 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, Carlos Saucedo, Edward Jacob Sciantarelli, Jim Sciantarelli, Laurie Seligman, Jerry SESCO, Carolyn Smith, Luciano Steve Soto, Lisa Weissler, Henry Wolff.

Prayer list requests can be made by calling the Office at 210-734-7285.



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**Wednesday mornings at 9:30am beginning September 14 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.

*Our Lady of Grace  
Catholic Church  
Women's  
ACTS Retreat*

October 27 - 30, 2022.  
Registration will be available soon.

*We would love for you to join us.*



All men are invited to our third year of **OLG's That Man Is You.**

The program will be from 6:15 - 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday mornings beginning September 13. 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." The videos and small group discussions will help us rediscover our identity as soldiers, saints, brothers, disciples, apostles, and beloved sons of God and friends of Christ." Register at [https://admin.paradisusdei.org/location\\_details/our-lady-of-grace-san-antonio](https://admin.paradisusdei.org/location_details/our-lady-of-grace-san-antonio).

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

**Our Lady of Grace Parish is in need of a SACRISTAN to serve at the Thursday and Saturday evening Masses.**

**Training will be provided for this most Important service to our Lord and to our faith community.**

If you feel called to this ministry, please contact Patricia Pollack at 210-734-7285 or by email at [Patricia.Pollack@olgsa.org](mailto:Patricia.Pollack@olgsa.org)



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO JOIN OUR YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM**

*MINISTRY WITH ADOLESCENTS HELPS YOUNG PEOPLE LEARN WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO LIVE AS HIS DISCIPLES TODAY, EMPOWERING THEM TO SERVE OTHERS AND TO WORK TOWARD A WORLD BUILT ON THE VISION AND VALUES OF THE REIGN OF GOD.*

[\(USCCB, RENEWING THE VISION: A FRAMEWORK FOR CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY\)](#)

**Contact the Parish Office at 210-734-7285 to join!**

***Please Join the Rosary Prayer Group***

The group meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month 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.

**Parish Bulletin Deadline**

If your 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](mailto:Teni@olgsa.org) at [office@olgsa.org](mailto:office@olgsa.org).

**GOD BLESS THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES**

The Countdown Continues

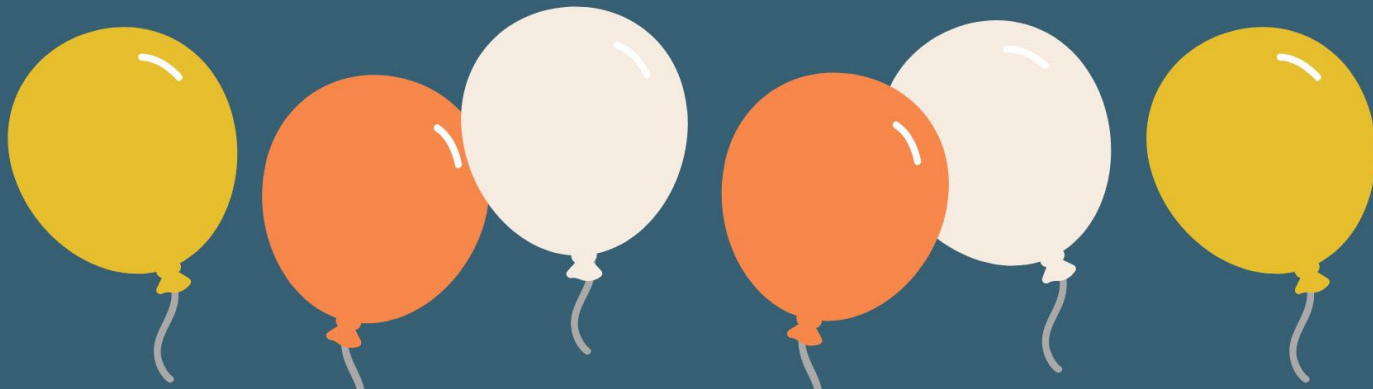
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# MINISTRY FAIR!

*September 24 & 25*

Religious Education - Youth Ministry  
Children's Liturgy of the Word  
Bible Study - Lectors  
Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion  
Eucharistic Adoration  
Knights of Columbus  
Parish Guild - Music & Choir  
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults -RCIA  
Sacristans - ACTS  
Ministry to the Sick & Homebound  
Rosary Prayer Ministry

*Come explore where God  
might be calling you!*



# The Eucharist:

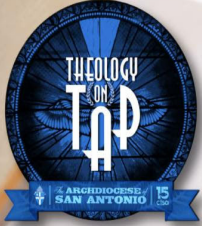
*The Food of the People of God*

Thursday, September 22, 2022 | 7:00 PM

Blue Star Brewing Company

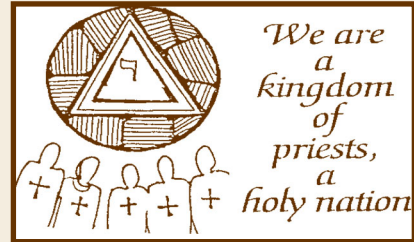
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Presenter: Archbishop Gustavo  
García-Siller, M.Sp.S.



For more information, contact Rebecca  
at [Rebecca.Villarreal@ArchSA.org](mailto:Rebecca.Villarreal@ArchSA.org)  
or call 210-734-5138.

## Holy Hour For Priests



**Tuesday,**

**September 13, 2022**

**7 PM- 8 PM**

**Rosary, Prayers and Benediction**

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