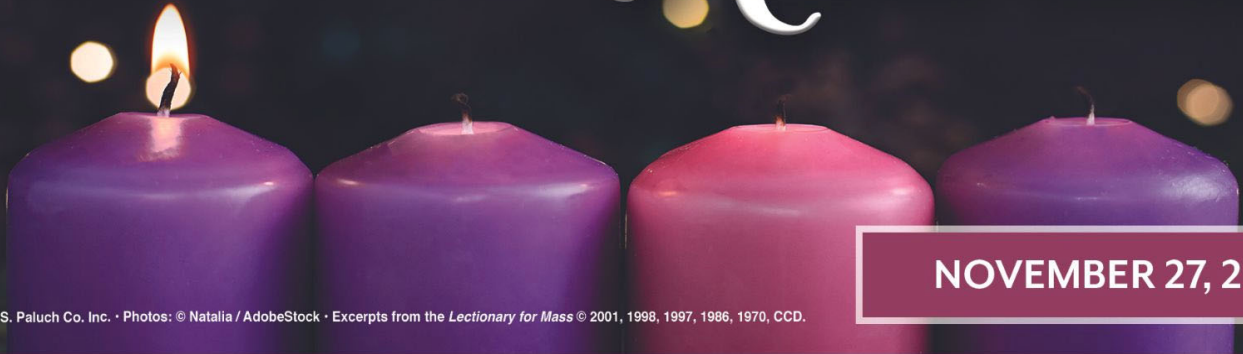




Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

**FIRST
SUNDAY OF**

Advent



NOVEMBER 27, 2022

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for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”**

MATTHEW 24:44

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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: First Sunday of Advent

Wednesday: St. Andrew

Thursday: World AIDS Awareness Day

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: St. Francis Xavier; First Saturday

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Eugenio B., Neomi Balderas, Mary Blake, Rosa Becnel, Michael Castro, Juliana Cavazos, Esther & Guadalupe Contreras, Ashley Cuellar, David Davis, John De Leon, Kate DeWein, Mary Elizabeth Donovan, Angela Fitzner, Deacon Frank Gallardo, Vangie Gallardo, 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, Lisa Weissler, Henry Wolff, Stephen Wyrick.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD'S house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalm — We will rejoice as we go up to the Lord's house (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, Interna-

Thursday, December 8th, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a Holy Day of Obligation.

A Solemn Vigil Mass will be on Wednesday, December 7th , 5:30 p.m.

On Thursday, December 8th the schedule is:

Simple Form Mass:

7:00 a.m. & 12:15pm

Solemn Vigil Mass: 5:30pm



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

The second collection next weekend is for our Parish Outreach.



Parish Guild First Friday

The Parish Guild First Friday Potluck Dinner will be held this ***Friday, December 2nd.***

Please join us for the

5:30pm Mass and Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

followed by a potluck dinner in the Madonna Room.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 28

7:00 am Bob Drury (d)
-Maria del Carmen Drury

Tuesday, November 29

5:30 pm Stella Salazar (d)
-Her Children

Wednesday, November 30

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

Thursday, December 1

5:30 pm Robert B. Ramirez (d)
-Family

Friday, December 2 - First Friday

7:00 am Mary Louise Dwyer (d)
-Parish
5:30 pm Mrs. Gonzalez (d)
-Judy Villareal

Saturday, December 3 - First Saturday

8:00 am Special Intention- John & Marivic Kane
5:30 pm Gabriel Salazar (d)
-Veronica & Ruben Escobedo

Sunday, December 4

8:30 am OLG Children's Liturgists
10:30 am Pedro Urrutia (d)
-Dora Urrutia
12:00 am Our Lady of Grace Parishioners

MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday, November 28

Mass 7:00 am Fr. Jorge

Tuesday, November 29

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

Wednesday, November 30

Mass 7:00 am Fr. Joseph

Thursday, December 1

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

Friday, December 2 - First Friday

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

Saturday, December 3 - First Saturday

Mass 8:00 am Fr. Joseph
Confessions 4:45 pm Fr. Jorge
Mass 5:30 pm Fr. Jorge

Sunday, December 4

Mass 8:30 am Fr. Joseph
Confessions 10:30 am Fr. Frank Santucci, OMI
Mass 10:30 am Fr. Jorge
Confessions 12:15 pm Fr. Joseph
Mass 12:00 pm Fr. Jorge

All are welcome to join the Rosary Prayer Group

the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Please join us from **6:30-8:00 pm** in the Madonna Room. For more information, contact Greg Clary at 903-714-0232.



Parish Advent Reconciliation Service

*Monday,
December 5th*

6:00 p.m.



Our Lady of Grace

*We will have four priests available to
hear your confessions.*



Last Sunday we celebrated the Rite of Welcome and Acceptance with the members of our RCIA community. We *welcome* the candidates (persons previously baptized, may or may not be a catholic baptism) and *accept* the Catechumens (unbaptized persons). During this rite we will call out the candidates and catechumens names, ask what they want from the church and receive a blessing. We ask that you keep these individuals in your prayers as they continue on their journey towards becoming fully initiated members of the Catholic Church.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

All are welcome to the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Exposition begins every Tuesday in the Adoration Chapel after the 5:30pm Mass and ends on Friday at 7 am.

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

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PREPARE

Have you ever been caught off guard? The first Sundays of Advent often have an ominous quality to them. Jesus reminds his listeners today about how many people who lived at the same time as Noah were caught off guard when the deluge came. Of course, we can end up being complete nervous wrecks if we spend each day in paranoia, looking for signs of impending doom. A healthy readiness is called for, one that keeps us alert so we can find signs of God’s reign—soon to be made manifest in Jesus—around us. In the coming days of holiday sensate bombardment and hours that fill up with busyness, this readiness can also serve to keep us focused on the coming gift of the Messiah, God’s Anointed. Now is the time to take stock, to evaluate life, to make changes where necessary, preparing for God’s holy reign to come.

ON EDGE

There are numerous photographs of people who sleep on mountainside ledges, who carelessly dangle their feet into the space of geological chasms, and of course there’s the iconic photograph of workers eating their lunch on a beam of the under-construction Chrysler building in New York. Some people seem attracted to these precarious, stomach-churning locations; many of us are not. More of us have had the experience of beginning a new stage in life, with the excitement and occasional stomach-churning newness of a moment that can put us a bit on edge. Advent—its first couple of Sundays in particular—has a similar role in the passage of time that we call the liturgical year. It’s unlikely that the First Sunday of Advent makes many stomachs churn, but perhaps more would if we truly took it seriously that we are to make ourselves ready for the coming of the reign of God at any moment.

WALK IN THE LIGHT

When we encounter the daily news, it can seem as though Isaiah’s prophecy of swords turned into plowshares is running in reverse, making despair seem wiser than hopefulness. This is where Advent as the brink of God’s reign comes into play. Advent can be a time for each of us to de-weaponize, even in the smallest of ways, the world around us. Advent’s days offer a chance to look for opportunities to make the world a bit more hopeful for others. As we head through Advent, the elevated focus we have when we are standing at those new moments, those new stages of life, can help us tune out the despair, so we might open our ears and hearts to Jesus. This way, we can turn our backs on gloom, and accept Isaiah’s invitation to walk in the light of the Lord: Jesus Christ, the Word-made-Flesh!

TODAY’S READINGS

Isaiah 2:1–5

Psalms 122:1–2, 3–4, 4–5, 6–7, 8–9

Romans 13:11–14

Matthew 24:37–44

SAVE THE DATE

LAS POSADAS

~ December 18th from 6:00pm—8:00pm ~

Join us as we celebrate the journey that Mary and Joseph made on the evening of Jesus' birth.

6:00 pm—Candlelight Procession

7:00 pm—Tamale Potluck Dinner

7:45 pm—Piñata & Deserts

Email Ashley.salvador@olgsa.org for more information.



Thank you to all who donated to the Religious Education annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. This year we collected over 60 donation bags containing non-perishable holiday pantry items and \$800 in gift cards and monetary donations. This food was distributed to our 16 registered families, helping over 45 individuals in our community and the community of Our Lady of Sorrows. We have the remaining 12 thanksgiving donation bags held at our parish office pantry to bless any families that walk in and are in need of a food blessing.



The 31th Annual National Night of Prayer for Life

will be Thursday, December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, at 9:00 pm until December 9th, at 1:00 am. Come join Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church for this 4-hour prayer vigil before the

Blessed Sacrament along with Catholic parishes across the country to honor our Blessed Mother and to pray through her intercession for a Culture of Life, the protection for the Church from persecution, and for our nation.

Come pray with us for one hour.
For information, call Becky at 210-725-2383.

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

JOIN THE CHOIR!

Rehearsals are held every Wednesday at 7pm in the Choir Loft.

We are preparing to sing at the 10:30 Sunday Mass

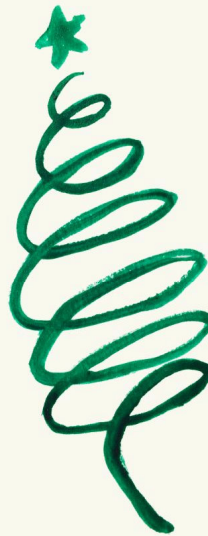
and special parish celebrations.

Please contact me if you have any questions or if you want to join us!

“Mr. Rick” McLaughlin, Director of Music
(210) 887-7425 (call or text)
RICKMCL100@gmail.com

OUR LADY OF GRACE
PARISH

Angel Tree Project



Everyone is invited to become an angel this Christmas. This weekend in the foyer there will be a Christmas tree with the names and wishes of children from the Healy-Murphy Center. This year we are asked to bless the recipient with a \$25 gift card to the store of their choosing. You may also participate with a monetary donation and our parish coordinators will purchase the requested gift cards. You may donate through Venmo @OurLady-OfGraceSA and specify Angel Tree.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR RECIPIENT TAG AND GIFT CARD TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY DECEMBER 7TH.

Our Lady of Grace Children's Christmas Pageant

Christmas Eve, December 24 at 3:30 PM

This year we will have two Christmas Eve Masses occurring at the same time.

One will be at Our Lady of Grace and the other will occur at St. Anthony's Chapel. This **will not** be an overflow Mass but, an additional Mass. We will have 3 pageant rehearsals. All children, especially those with leading roles, will be asked to attend two rehearsals. (You are welcome to attend all three.)

Your choice of one of these two rehearsals :

Sunday, December 11th from 1– 3pm

Wednesday, December 14th from 6:30 – 7:30pm
In the Madonna Room.

Required rehearsal with costume fitting on
Saturday, December 17th from 1 - 3pm
In the Church.

To sign up for a part in the pageant please email Ashley.salvador@olgsa.org

Christmas Season Schedule



Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Sat. Dec. 24 **At St. Anthony's Chapel**
3:30 pm Children's Pageant
4:00 pm Children's Mass

At Our Lady of Grace Church

3:30 pm Children's Pageant
4:00 pm Children's Mass
6:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass
10:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

Sun. Dec. 25 10:30 am Christmas Day Mass

Feast of the Holy Family

Fri. Dec. 30 7:00 am Mass

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Sat. Dec. 31 5:30 pm *not a Holy Day of Obligation*
Sun. Jan. 1 10:30 am *not a Holy Day of Obligation*

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Sun. Jan. 8 8:30 am | 10:30 am | 12 noon

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (JAN 9)
IS THE CONCLUSION OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON**

Give In Gratitude



Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to **the December 11th second collection** helps provide care, medicine, and more.
Please be generous.

If you have moved, recently married, or had any change in your contact information, please call the office at 210-734-7285 so that we can update our records. Thank you.



Please make your 2022 one-time gift, monthly pledge or recurring gift today! Text-To-Give, (210) 750-6712, Keyword: APPEAL. Give online at www.archsa.org/appeal. Use appeal envelopes located in the Church. Your gifts can be received until December 31, 2022.

Thank you for your support.

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.

THANK YOU to all the business people who advertise in our Sunday bulletin. Your advertising helps to provide our bulletin free of charge each week.

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