

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return
and enter Zion singing,
crowned with everlasting joy.

— Isaiah 35:10a



December 11, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY
of
Advent

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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: Third Sunday of Advent

Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday: St. Lucy

Wednesday: St. John of the Cross

Friday: Las Posadas begins

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Eugenio B., Neomi Balderas, Dolores Beardsley, Mary Blake, Rosa Becnel, Michael Castro, Juliana Cavazos, Maria Chavez de Hernandez, 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 — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower. Tired bodies will receive strength. Aching hearts will be made glad (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

Psalms — The Lord saves us when he comes (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

Gospel — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

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***The Altar flowers this weekend are
In honor of
Our Lady of Guadalupe***

THE ONE FOR WHOM OUR HEARTS LONG

Put yourself in the scene of today's Gospel passage. John the Baptist is in prison. He has heard stories of what Jesus is doing, and wants reassurance that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah. John's disciples and those who surrounded Jesus were faithful Jews who would have known Isaiah's prophecies by heart. God would send One who would bring sight to the blind, healing to those who were ill, salvation to all who longed to know God's mercy and peace. Jesus' response to the disciples' question rings as powerfully in our ears today as it surely did for the people who were with him that day. His actions are precisely those that the people had been told to expect. Jesus is the One for whom the people have been patiently yet anxiously waiting, like the farmer who waits for the fruits of his labor. Jesus is the One for whom our hearts long.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 12

7:00 am J.W. Cade (d)
-Marylin Johnson

Tuesday, December 13

5:30 pm John Collins (d)
-Lulu & Marcos Zertuche & Family

Wednesday, December 14

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

Thursday, December 15

5:30 pm Roberto Garza (d)
-Parish

Friday, December 16

7:00 am Kenneth H. Bennett, Jr. (d)
-Lulu & Marcos Zertuche & Family

Saturday, December 17

5:30 pm Our Lady of Grace Parishioners

Sunday, December 18

8:30 am Jane Horton (d)
-Pierrel Family
10:30 am In Thanksgiving
-Dora Urrutia
12:00 am Matilde Aguilar Alvarez (d)
-A. Krol

MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday, December 12

Mass 7:00 am Fr. Jorge

Tuesday, December 13

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

Wednesday, December 14

Mass 7:00 am Fr. Joseph

Thursday, December 15

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

Friday, December 16

Mass 7:00 am Fr. Joseph

Saturday, December 17

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

Sunday, December 18

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

Gaudete in Domino! Rejoice in the Lord! The Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as Gaudete Sunday. Notice the pink colors in the Church telling us to rejoice in joyful expectation for the birth of our Savior. The Liturgy urges us to recognize that Emanuel, God-with-Us, really is with us here and now.

Rejoice in the Lord!



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.

Please Join the Rosary Prayer Group



The group will meet
Tuesday, December, 20th
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.

Give In Gratitude



Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to **This Weekend's Second Collection** helps provide care, medicine, and more.
Please be generous.

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

Children's Christmas Choir

We are forming a Children's & Teen's Christmas Choir that will sing on Christmas Eve! This year we will have two Pageants with two choirs at 3:30 PM, each followed by Mass. Students in 2nd grade (able to read) and above are invited to join.

To register your child to participate please contact
"Mr. Rick" McLaughlin, Director of Music
(210) 887-7425 (call or text) RICKMCL100@gmail.com
Rehearsals to be announced soon!

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!

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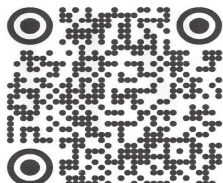
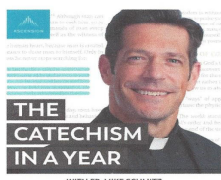
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DECEMBER

R.C.I.A.

Did you know that RCIA is a wonderful source of adult faith formation not only for those entering the church, but also for those who wish to grow in their faith?

Session Topics :

- December 6th - Mary
- December 13th - The Early Church
- December 20th - Church History
- December 27th - No Session

MEETS ON TUESDAYS FROM 7 - 9PM IN THE MADONNA ROOM.

ALL ADULT PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND ANY RCIA SESSION!

PARISH ADVENT VESPERS



Tuesday,
Dec. 13th
6:30 - 7:30pm

Evening Prayer (also called Vespers)

is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office. In the Liturgy of the Hours, the Church fulfills Jesus' command to "pray always" (Luke 18:1; see also 1 Thessalonians 5:17). Through this prayer, the people of God sanctify the day by continual praise of God and prayers of intercession for the needs of the world. Evening Prayer gives thanks for the day just past and makes an evening sacrifice of praise to God.

The structure of Evening Prayer is as follows:

Introductory Verse:

The Prayer begins with the Sign of the Cross, a request for God's assistance, and a doxology of praise.

Hymn

Psalmody: Singing or recitation of Psalms follows the hymn. At Evening Prayer, the psalmody consists of two psalms (or two parts of a longer psalm) and a canticle (or hymn) taken from the Epistles or the Book of Revelation in the New Testament. Each Psalm is preceded by an antiphon. The antiphon calls attention to the spiritual meaning of the Psalm, particularly any meaning especially appropriate to the feast or season. When the Psalms are chanted, the antiphon gives the tone (or melody) for the singing.

Each Psalm is followed by a brief period of silent reflection.

Scripture Reading: This reading may be followed by a period of silence or a brief reflection.

Responsory: A short responsory is sung or recited. This responsory highlights themes of the reading or the season and concludes with a doxology of praise.

Gospel Cantic: At Evening Prayer, those assembled sing or recite the Cantic of Mary, also called the Magnificat after the first word in the Latin text of this prayer.

Intercessions

Lord's Prayer: In this prayer, the people join their voices to pray for the coming of God's kingdom and to ask God to provide for our needs, forgive our sins, and bring us to the joy of heaven.

Concluding Prayer

Dismissal



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
Sun. Jan. 1 8:30 am | 10:30 am | 12 noon

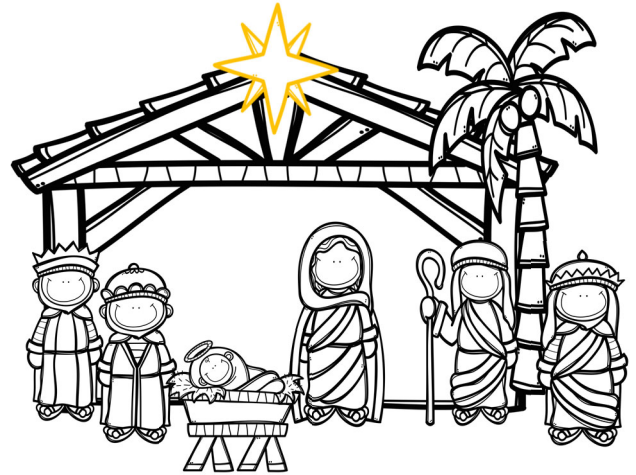
Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Sun. Jan. 8 8:30 am | 10:30 am | 12 noon
Adoration of the Child Jesus after every Mass

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

Our Lady of Grace **LAS POSADAS**

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



Sunday, December 18th from 6pm—8pm

6:00pm—Candlelight Procession

We will begin the procession near the fountain in the lawn in front of the Church offices

7:00pm—Potluck Tamale Dinner

Bring a dish to compliment tamales such as rice, beans, chips, corn, soup, chili, etc....

7:45pm—Piñata & Desserts

Questions: email Ashley at Ashley.salvador@olgsa.org or call (210) 734 - 7285

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