



## *Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church*

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF**

# Advent



**DECEMBER 4, 2022**

John the Baptist appeared,  
preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,  
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”

MATTHEW 3:1

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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:** Second Sunday of Advent

**Tuesday:** St. Nicholas

**Wednesday:** St. Ambrose: Pearl Harbor  
Remembrance Day

**Thursday:** The Immaculate Conception of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Friday:** St. Juan Diego

**Saturday:** Our Lady of Loreto  
International Human Rights Day

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14;  
Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11  
-13; Mt 18:12-14

**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10;  
Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph  
1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

**Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt  
11:16-19

**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b,  
15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**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.



*The Altar flowers this weekend are  
In loving memory of  
†Gabriel Salazar  
from Veronica & Ruben Escobedo*

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

**Psalms** — Peace and justice will come in the day of the Lord (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** —Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

**Gospel** — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

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**HARMONY**

Have you ever known a moment when, just for a brief instant, you felt that all was right with the world? It is just such a moment, stretched into eternity, that the writer of Isaiah describes in today's first reading: the perfection of everything, centered in God's spirit, where knowledge, justice, and awe in God's presence reign. In such a paradise, everyone sees eye to eye and thinks in harmony with each other, as Saint Paul describes in his letter to the Romans. Even animals with a natural animosity toward one another coexist peacefully. John the Baptist understood that such harmonious relationships do not simply happen. They are the fruit of living in right relationship with God and others.

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, December 5

7:00 am Delfina Aviles Livingston (d)  
-Lulu & Marcos Zertuche & Family

### Tuesday, December 6

5:30 pm Janet Delores Coleman (d)  
-Lulu & Marcos Zertuche & Family

### Wednesday, December 7

7:00 am In Thanksgiving V.S.I.  
5:30 pm *Mikey Gonzales (d) - Family*

### Thursday, December 8

#### *Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:00 am *Walter Dean Burnham (d)*  
- Parish

12:10 pm *Alice & Jesus Villareal (d)*  
- *Judy Villareal*

5:30 pm Sara Jane Koblinskic (d)  
-Theresa Connelly

### Friday, December 9

7:00 am Patrick H. Alexander, Sr. (d)  
-Lulu & Marcos Zertuche & Family

### Saturday, December 10

5:30 pm Jose Marie Bonto - Birthday  
-Marivic & John Kane

### Sunday, December 11

8:30 am Helen Hoch (d)  
-Sue Vega & Family

10:30 am Janet Coleman(d)  
- Pedraza Family

12:00 am Our Lady of Grace Parishioners

## MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

### Monday, December 5

Mass 7:00 am Fr. Jorge

### Tuesday, December 6

*Confessions 4:45 pm* Fr. Joseph  
Mass 5:30 pm Fr. Joseph

### Wednesday, December 7

Mass 7:00 am Fr. Jorge  
*Vigil Mass 5:30pm* Fr. Jorge

### Thursday, December 8

#### *Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Mass 7:00 am Fr. Joseph

Mass 12:10pm Fr. Abraham Chimese, OMI

*Confessions 4:45 pm* Fr. Joseph

Mass 5:30 pm Fr. Joseph

### Friday, December 9

Mass 7:00 am Fr. Jorge

### Saturday, December 10

*Confessions 4:45 pm* Fr. Joseph

Mass 5:30 pm Fr. Joseph

### Sunday, December 11

Mass 8:30 am Fr. Joseph

Mass 10:30 am Fr. Frank Santucci, OMI

Mass 12:00 pm Fr. Joseph



*Please pray for the repose of the soul of*  
**†Edna 'Nina' De La Garza**  
*who died November 4, 2022.*  
*May she rest in peace.*



*Please pray for the repose of the soul of*  
**†Deacon Harry Flavin**  
*who died November 28, 2022.*  
*May he rest in peace.*



### 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.

*The Altar of Remembrance* If you have not yet picked up your loved one's photo, you may do so by visiting the church office Monday - Friday from 9am to 5 pm. Thank you.

**This weekend's second collection**  
**Is for our Parish Outreach.**



### PRAYER TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, did prepare a worthy dwelling place for your Son, we beseech you that, as by the foreseen death of this, Your Son, You did preserve Her from all stain, so too You would permit us, purified through Her intercession, to come unto You. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. Amen.

### *Parish Advent Reconciliation Service*



Our Lady of Grace

*Monday,  
December 5th*

*6:00 p.m.*

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



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### The 33rd 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.

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



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**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. & 12:10pm  
Solemn Mass: 5:30pm**



## 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 11<sup>th</sup> from 1- 3pm**

**Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 - 7:30pm**  
In the Madonna Room.

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

To sign up for a part in the pageant please email  
[Ashley.salvador@olgsa.org](mailto: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](mailto:RICKMCL100@gmail.com)  
Rehearsals to be announced soon!

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.

### 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)  
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### 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  
**Next Weekend's Second Collection**  
helps provide care, medicine, and more.  
*Please be generous.*



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!

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# Advent

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John the Baptist appeared,  
preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,  
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”

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## NEW LIFE

In our scripture translations, word choices matter. When today’s first reading tells us that a “stump” will bring forth a new shoot, it’s Isaiah’s way of telling us that God’s miraculous power is at work. Seeds bring forth shoots. Even buried roots can bring forth shoots. But a stump? When we look at a stump, essentially we are seeing the corpse of what used to be a tree. Mortal eyes look and see death, but divine eyes look and see new life. And what a life the Spirit of God will bring forth from this stump! A life filled with wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, and fear of the Lord—the life that we name “Jesus.” How fitting it is that we will also look upon the wood Calvary’s cross—a tree of death—and behold that the Spirit of God has turned that tree into a Tree of Life!

## NAME CALLING

We often change our tone of voice and vocabulary when we really want to get somebody’s attention. Parents will add a middle name to indicate a child is in trouble (a middle and last name when the child is really in trouble). Change of tone and words invites attention, demanding a response. Today John the Baptist does a bit of name-calling: “You brood of vipers!” Even for someone like John, who regularly used potent vocabulary, this way of addressing the holy men—the Pharisees and Sadducees—this level of name-calling stands out. Snakes were commonly understood as a representation of evil, and a poisonous snake in the ancient world held the power of life and death, as the holy men thought they did. Instead of thinking about their own power, John tells them to produce good fruit. We still get ourselves in trouble today when we think that we truly hold any type of power over others, when it’s a power that belongs only to God.

## EMBRACING CHANGE

Words like John’s might cause fear in us, or may hold us back, hesitant. Words like these can also invite us to change our lives. When we do so, we open ourselves to a core virtue of the Advent season: hope. Changing our lives can also open us up to a more vigorous presence of the gifts of the Holy Spirit—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, and fear of the Lord—named in Isaiah today. Recall that it was in that very Spirit we were named for Christ at Baptism. Open your ears and heart to the voice of God, who knows the name given to you on that day. Respond not out of fear, but in love, to the ways that God is calling to you today; calling you to change what needs to be changed, and to welcome Christ today, as you will once again on Christmas day.

## TODAY’S READINGS

Isaiah 11:1–10  
Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 12–13, 17  
Romans 15:4–9  
Matthew 3:1–12

# 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

REVISED!!

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

## Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

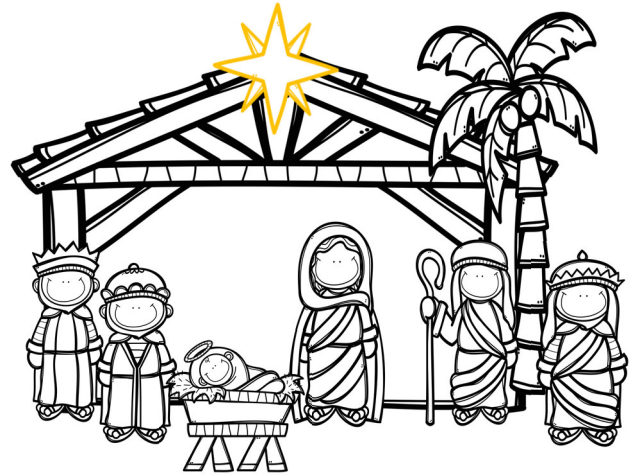
Sun. Jan. 8 8:30 am | 10:30 am | 12 noon  
**Adoration of the Child Jesus after every Mass**

**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 18<sup>th</sup> from 6pm—8pm**

**6:00pm—Candlelight Procession**

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

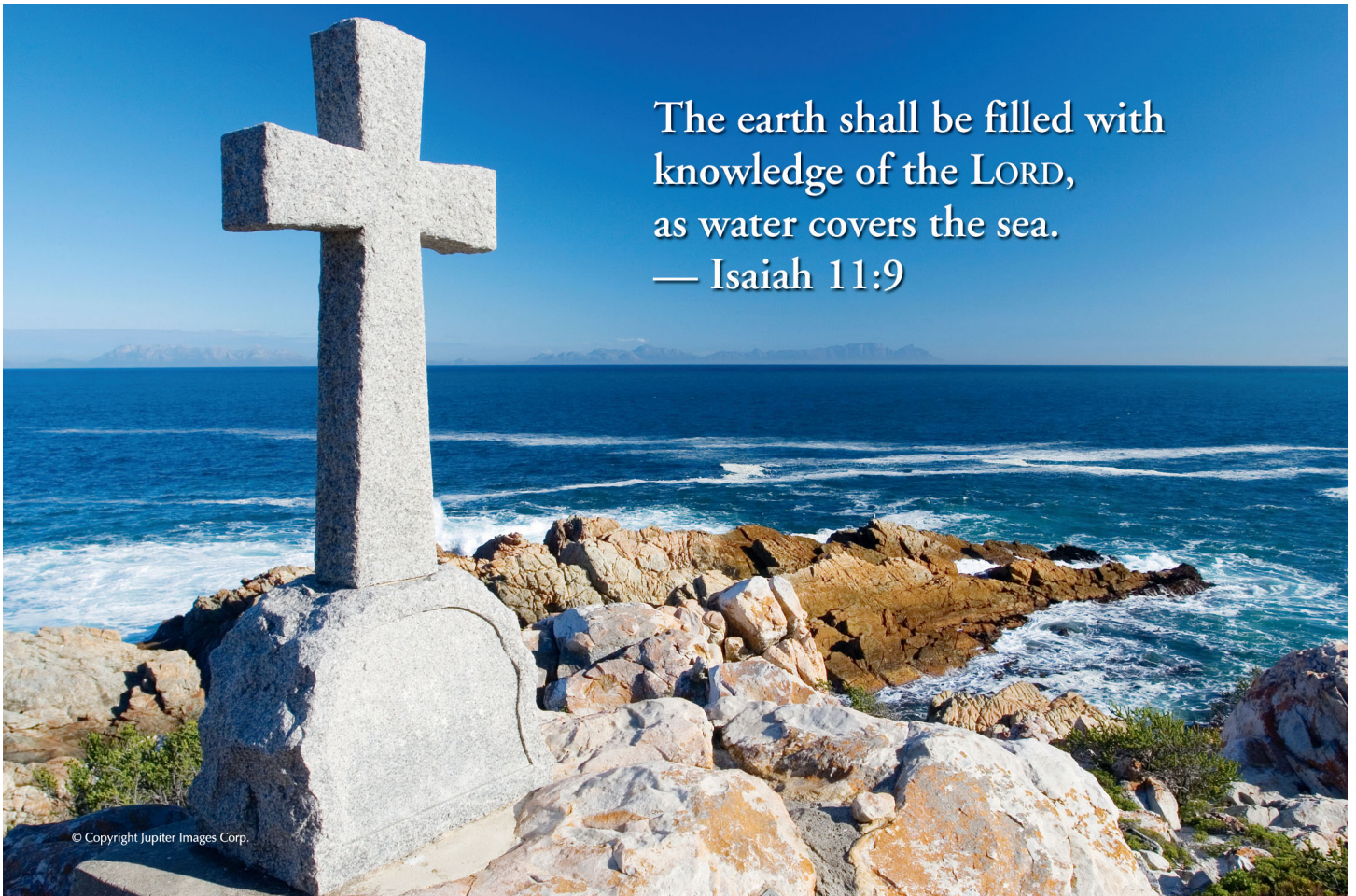
**7:00pm—Potluck Tamale Dinner**

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](mailto:Ashley.salvador@olgsa.org) or call (210) 734 - 7285

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The earth shall be filled with  
knowledge of the LORD,  
as water covers the sea.  
— Isaiah 11:9