

AUGUST 13, 2023

# Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church



"Take courage,  
it is I: do not be  
afraid."

MT 14:27

19th  
Sunday in Ordinary Time



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**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:**      **Please see weekly schedule.**

**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.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH**

Eugenio B., Neomi Balderas, Mary Blake, Rosa Becnel, Michael Castro, Juliana Cavazos, Maria Chavez de Hernandez, Maverick Condon, Esther Contreras, Ashley Cuellar, Emiliano Cuellar, David Davis, Kate DeWein Mary Jane Diaz, Angela Fitzner, Deacon Frank Gallardo, Vangie Gallardo, Sadie Garcia, Danny Gusme, Erlinda Hamilton, Eric Hawbecker, Marialice Hayes, Josephine Janczar, Markus Klink, Kathy McCoy, Sally McDuffee, Joseph McKinley, George Perez, Rina Pollack, Jeanie Sanders, Carlos Saucedo, Edward Jacob Sciantarelli, Jim Sciantarelli, Laurie Seligman, Jerry SESCO, Carolyn Smith, Henry Wolff, Stephen Wyrick, The Zetter Family.

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

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Elijah waits on the mountain for the LORD to pass by (1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a).

**Psalms** — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

**Second Reading** — From the Israelites, with their law and the prophets, comes the Christ (Romans 9:1-5).

**Gospel** — As Jesus walked on the sea, the disciples were terrified (Matthew 14:22-33).

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**FR. ABRAHAM**  
**Fr. Jorge, along with the OLG staff & parishioners are very happy to welcome Fr. Abraham Antony Karukaparambil as parochial vicar to our parish.**  
**Fr. Abraham comes to us from the Diocese of Rayagada, India and we look forward to getting to know him as he blesses us with his ministry.**

All are welcome to join the Rosary Prayer Group **Every third Tuesday of the month.**

Please join us from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Madonna Room.

For more information, contact Greg Clary at 903-714-0232.



**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.



## Take Courage, It Is I Do Not Be Afraid

Our Gospel today presents us with two different images to ponder. The first one is recorded above, and the second one is the story of Jesus walking on the water. In the second story, the disciples were rowing against the wind and waves in the early morning before the sun rose. Jesus appeared to them walking on the water, and they were frightened. Jesus confronts the fear they experience and calls Peter to walk on the water as a sign of his faith in Him. Peter begins to walk on water, and then in fear, he begins to sink. He cries out to Jesus Who catches Him and then gently rebukes Peter for his lack of faith. It is helpful to understand the first image in this Gospel passage as the context for the second. In this first image, we see Jesus dismissing the crowds after feeding the five thousand and going up a mountain to pray all alone. Though Jesus was always in perfect union with the Father and, therefore, had no need for prayer, He prayed nonetheless because it was His human expression of the deep union He had with His Father. As He prayed, He also set forth an example to all who would follow Him, teaching them by His example about the importance of private prayer. The primary lesson He taught on this occasion was that prayer is the remote preparation we need so as to overcome all apparent obstacles in life and to confront fear with perfect faith. First, the obvious “obstacle” Jesus overcame through His prayer was symbolized by His walking on the stormy sea. No one walks on water. It’s physically impossible. But that’s the point. When we make our life of personal prayer a priority, God will lead us to accomplish that which appears to us to be impossible. It might not be walking on water literally, but His walking on water after spending the night in prayer is symbolic of every apparent impossibility we face in life. The lesson is that if God wills it, nothing is impossible. We will know that if we make personal prayer our first priority. A second obstacle that Jesus confronts is fear. Fear is paralyzing and results in us “sinking” when life becomes difficult. Again, personal prayer is the necessary preparation for overcoming fear. What’s interesting is that we have two witnesses of prayer. First is Jesus’ witness. He prayed because it was good and right to pray. The second is Peter. He prayed when he started to sink. He said, “Lord, save me!” This is the prayer of one who failed to have faith and prayed out of a present need rather than out of pure love of God. Too often, Peter exemplifies the prayer life that many Christians have. We often wait to pray until we need help and are sinking. But what if Peter had also spent the night in prayer simply out of love of God? What if he had just finished praying all night when he was invited to walk on water? Perhaps then he would have easily walked to Jesus and would not have given into fear. Reflect, today, upon making your life of prayer the number-one priority in your life. Maybe you have many responsibilities in life. Nothing is more important than praying—and not only when you feel trapped or feel like you are sinking. Instead, we must all establish an unbreakable habit of prayer to God for the singular reason that it is good and right to do so. The fruit of such a life of prayer is that no matter what obstacle comes our way, we will have the faith we need to follow every command of our Lord, overcoming even that which appears to be impossible.

*My prayerful Lord, You spent the night in prayer to Your Father not because You needed help, but because of Your love. Your prayer was an expression of that love and was a natural requirement of it. Please help me to also establish an unbreakable habit of prayer so that my love for You will remain strong and so that I can follow You through every apparent obstacle in life. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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**MASS, CONFESSION & INTENTION SCHEDULE**

**Monday, August 14**

- 7:00 AM **Fr. Jorge**  
Bob Curtright (d) - Hester & Zeleski Family
- 5:30 PM **Fr. Jorge**  
Barney Claud Johnson (d) -Marylin Johnson

**Tuesday, August 15**

- 7:00AM **Fr. Abraham**  
Nohellio Izaguire - Pierrel Family
- 12:10PM **Fr. Abraham**  
Special Intention
- 4:45 PM **Confessions - Fr. Abraham**
- 5:30 PM **Mass - Fr. Abraham**  
Rachel A. Espinoza (d) - Family

**Wednesday, August 16**

- 7:00 AM **Fr. Jorge**  
In Thanksgiving

**Thursday, August 17**

- 4:45 PM **Confessions - Fr. Abraham**
- 5:30 PM **Mass - Fr. Abraham**  
Bruce Zetter - Special Intention

**Friday, August 18**

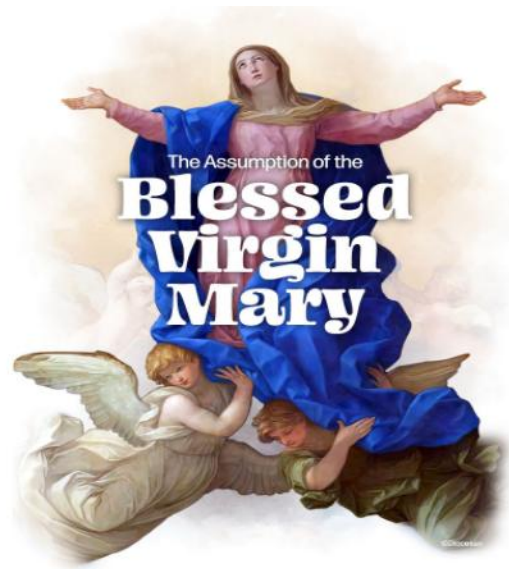
- 7:00 AM **Fr. Jorge**  
Vivienne Rettinger - Rettinger Family  
- Marylin Johnson

**Saturday, August 19**

- 4:45 PM **Confessions - Fr. Abraham**
- 5:30 PM **Mass - Fr. Abraham**  
Mrs. Nora Johnson (d)  
- Marylin Johnson

**Sunday, August 20**

- 8:30 AM **Fr. Frank Santucci, OMI**  
Our Lady of Grace Parishioners
- 10:30 AM **Confessions - Fr. Jorge**
- 10:30 AM **Fr. Fr. Abraham**  
Brionne Clary (d) - Greg & Shelley Clary
- 12:00 PM **Fr. Abraham**  
Robert Curtright (d) - Parish



**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**Monday, August 14th Vigil Mass -5:30 pm**

**Tuesday, August 15th -7 am, 12:10 pm, 5:30 pm**

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# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

IMPORTANT DATES

Registration Opens	July 23rd
Registration Closes	Aug 20th
Catechist Training	Aug 20th
Meet the Teacher	Aug 27th
Classes Begin	Sept 10th

## PRAYER FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonders of our being, for mind, body and spirit. Be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them, their parents, and their teachers and staff. Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their spirits. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

-from Catholic Households: Blessings & Prayers

**REGISTER NOW!**  
**OLG Men's ACTS Retreat**  
 Thursday September 28<sup>th</sup> -  
 Noon Mass Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup>

*ACTS is an acronym for **A**doration, **C**ommunity, **T**heology, and **S**ervice. These four themes are the focus of activities during the weekend. The ACTS weekend provides an opportunity for retreatants to develop a deeper relationship with the Lord and fellow parishioners.*

*More information contact the following team members or locate the registration flyers in the Church foyer:*

Director	Chris Claiborne	(210) 904-4709
Co-Director	Al Zgardowski	(210) 632-2337

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 Nicky Mata at 210-328-3939 or  
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*Wednesdays 9:30 AM  
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Sept. 20th - Dec. 6th*

For more information contact Shelley Clary  
903-714-3889

## Our Lady of Grace "That Man Is You" 2023-24



"Life isn't about doing or having. It's about becoming. Who you become is infinitely more important than what you do or what you have." (The Rocking Chair Prophet)  
If you want to find more meaning in your life and become the-best-version-of-yourself, then please join us for our Fall semester of "That Man Is You" (TMIY)

*Beginning Sept. 12th, we will meet on Tuesdays from  
6:15-7:30 a.m. in the OLG Madonna Room.*

This year's program is entitled "Thy Kingdom Come" and it features 10 dynamic speakers. Come join a community of dedicated Catholic men striving to find meaning in our lives and to actively build up the kingdom of God. Each week will include an educational thought-provoking video and small group discussions. Speakers will help us discover that the kingdom of God is not of this world yet within our midst and our hearts. Sessions will focus on how we can overthrow the power of sin and usher in a new way of living. Come learn how we can become authentic Catholic leaders that our families, our church and our world so desperately need.

## Upcoming Important August Dates

- Sunday, 6th - *Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord*
- Tuesday, 8th - Knights of Columbus Meeting 7- 8:30pm
- Tuesday, 8th - RCIA Team Workshop 6 - 8pm
- Tuesday, 15th - *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
- Tuesday, 15th - Mass, Rosary & Potluck 5:30 -8pm
- Saturday, 26th - Ministers Formation Day 7am-3pm
- Tuesday, 22nd - Altar Servers Training 5:30 - 8pm
- Sunday, 27th - *Blessing of Wedding Anniversaries & Birthdays*





# Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Liturgy of the Eucharist is the highpoint of the Mass. It's also the summit of our entire faith and worship. There is no more perfect way to worship God than to enter into the celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice, adore His divine presence and receive Him in Holy Communion.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist involves the following parts:

- 1) Preparation of the Gifts; 2) Eucharistic Prayer;
- 3) Communion Rite. Within each of these three parts, there are various prayers and gestures of great significance.

## PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

This part of the Mass includes the preparation of the altar, the presentation of the gifts of bread and wine, and the preparation of those gifts at the altar by the priest and deacon. This action is also called the "offertory," which better illustrates the sacrificial nature of the action.

After the altar is prepared with the chalice, Missal, cloths, etc., there are the basic gifts offered: bread and wine. Some cultures also offer: wax (for candles), flowers, fruit, wool (for vestments), honey, oil, and money. Most often only bread and wine are brought forward, but any of these gifts may be presented. Additionally, in some cultures there are gifts brought forward for the sustenance of the priest, such as fruit, honey and oil. These gifts should come from the hard work of one's hands, which represents the personal investment through the sacrifice of labor. The priest acknowledges this fact in the prayer he prays as the gifts are initially offered to God. He says they are "fruit of the earth and work of human hands (a joint gift from God and His people)."

Bread symbolized basic sustenance in the ancient world (not just a side dish), and wine symbolized the gift of superabundance. God does not need our gifts. Rather, He invites us to enter into His offering because we need to give. Additionally, in the offering, we should see our lives and our personal sacrifices presented to God. As the gift of wine is prepared, the priest states, "by the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled Himself to share in our humanity." As he says this, he adds a drop of water to the chalice, which symbolizes humanity being immersed in divinity. We are that single drop, and we must become consumed by the Blood of Christ and His divinity.

The priest then washes his hands, which is symbolic of him purifying himself before entering into the "Holy of Holies." Afterwards, he addresses the congregation with the following: "Pray brethren that my sacrifice and yours..." This is important because it indicates that there are two sacrifices taking place, united as one. First, there is the sacrifice the priest is offering, which is the one Sacrifice of Christ. Second, there is the sacrifice the people offer, which is their own personal sacrifice united to the Sacrifice of Christ. This unity of sacrifices ensures that the sacrifices we bring will be received by the Father as if they were coming from Christ the Son.








Next week: *The Eucharistic Prayer*

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