

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

August 20, 2023



O Woman, Great is Your Faith!

Matthew 15:28

20th 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.

MASS, CONFESSION & INTENTION SCHEDULE

Monday, August 21

7:00 AM **Fr. Abraham**
Paul Zetter - Special Intentions

Tuesday, August 22

4:45 PM **Confessions - Fr. Jorge**
5:30 PM **Mass - Fr. Jorge**
Benjamin Zetter - Special Intentions

Wednesday, August 23

7:00 AM **TBD**
In Thanksgiving

Thursday, August 24

4:45 PM **Confessions - Fr. Jorge**
5:30 PM **Mass - Fr. Jorge**
Mary Ellen Winklemon - The Blume Family

Friday, August 25

7:00 AM **Fr. Abraham**
Theresa Seitz (d) - Carol Foelker

Saturday, August 26

4:45 PM **Confessions - Fr. Jorge**
5:30 PM **Mass - Fr. Jorge**
Odile Kulczyeki (d)
- Alina Kulczyeki & Jose G. Jimenez

Sunday, August 27

8:30 AM **Fr. Jorge**
Dr. Deborah Mueller (d) - Family
10:30 AM **Fr. Jorge**
Our Lady of Grace Parishioners
12:00 PM **TBD**
Esther A. Arias (d) - Homer Arias

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.



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.

All are welcome to join the Rosary Prayer Group

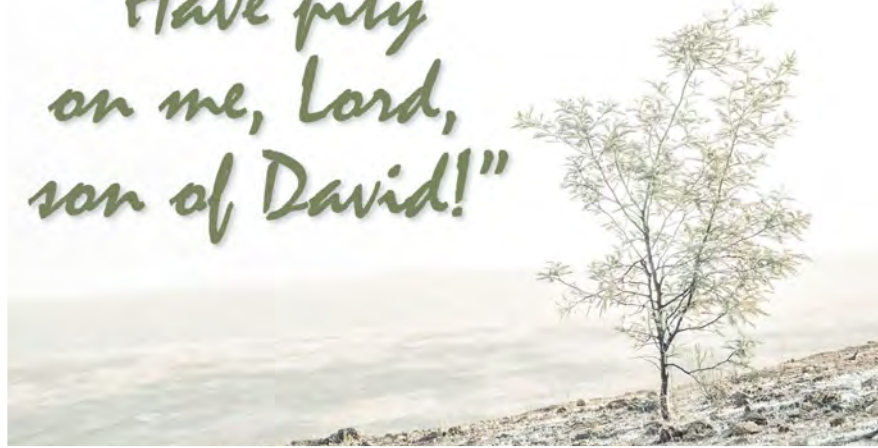
Every third Tuesday of the month.

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

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



*"Have pity
on me, Lord,
son of David!"*



Begging for Scraps of Mercy

After Jesus was harshly challenged by the Pharisees, He and His disciples took a 35-mile journey to the northwest to a region that was in pagan territory and outside of the jurisdiction of Herod and the Jewish leaders. It might have been a time of repose for Him and His disciples and an opportunity for Jesus to form the disciples more directly. It was during this retreat that a pagan woman came to ask Jesus for help. As the story unfolds, we see that her prayer is a model for us all. First, she acknowledges Who Jesus is—the Son of David. This is a manifestation of her faith and a clear contrast to the lack of faith Jesus had experienced with many of the people in Galilee. Second, her request is expressed in straightforward and simple language, “Have pity on me!” And, “Lord, help me.” Third, her prayer is persistent. Jesus allows her to manifest her persistence by first being silent to her request and then telling her “It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs.” Jesus obviously does not say this to be rude, but to invite her to manifest her faith in a persistent way. And that she does. Finally, her prayer is one of deep humility. She responds, “Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.” She was begging for the “scraps” of Jesus’ mercy, and she received His mercy in abundance. Do you desire the scraps of Jesus’ mercy in the way a dog desires the scraps from the table of its owner? Hopefully you do. This is the disposition that we must all have in prayer. Sometimes, out of pride, we can think that we have a right to God’s mercy. We can think that God owes us. And though we might realize that mercy is not deserved, we must allow that truth to sink in deeply. That is why this story is so important. It presents us with the ideal way to pray and the humble interior disposition we must have when approaching God. Prayerfully sit with the image of a dog begging for scraps from the table. When a dog is given what is left over, it is thrilled. To us, eating the scraps from another’s plate is undesirable. But if the “plate” belongs to the Savior of the World and the “food” is His grace and mercy, then that changes everything. In the end, the Master also invites us to the table and feeds us with the finest of spiritual food. But that doesn’t change the fact that we must always have the humble disposition exemplified by this humble woman. Reflect, today, upon this holy woman. In the end, Jesus cried out, “O woman, great is your faith!” But that did not come until she wholeheartedly expressed her faith with humility and persistence. With her as a shining example, reflect upon how you pray to God. Do you pray with self-righteousness, as if you deserve God’s mercy? Do you tend to see God as one Who owes you something? Do you get angry with God when He doesn’t immediately answer your demands? Try to humble yourself like this woman. Beg for whatever God wants to give to you. Do so with perseverance and the utmost trust. If you do, our Lord will not only pour forth the scraps of His mercy, He will also pick you up and invite you to the glorious meal of His abundant grace.

***Most merciful Jesus, I beg of You that I be given only the scraps from the table of Your mercy. I beg this of You with all my heart. Though I do not deserve You, I seek You anyway. You know what I need, dear Lord; please bestow upon me Your mercy for those needs.
Jesus, I trust in You.***



*The Altar flowers this weekend are
In loving memory of
†Brionne Clary
From Greg & Shelley Clary*

*Scripture Readings
For the Week of August 20, 2023*

Sunday Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Monday Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope
Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40; & 44; Mt 19:16-22

43ab
Tuesday Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 30

19:23-
Wednesday Memorial of Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin
Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle
Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; 1:45-51

Jn
Friday Memorial of Saint Louis of France and Joseph Calasanz, Priest
Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-9a, 9bc-10; Mt 22:34-40

7, 8-
Saturday Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5;

Sunday Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

CALLED TO ACT IN GOD'S NAME

“Let all the nations praise you!” (Psalm 67:4) today’s psalm response exclaims. In the psalms and other Hebrew scriptures, this kind of invocation is actually an invitation to God to act, to intervene in human lives in a manner that will cause everyone—not just the Chosen People—to give praise. Stated a bit more strongly, it is something of a “put up or shut up” challenge to God, the sort of strong statement the psalmists of Israel, trusting in their intimate and loving relationship with God, were not afraid to make.

The Gospel has its own exclamation, announcing the appearance of the Canaanite woman with “Behold!” (Matthew 15:22) “Behold!” is a scriptural flag that tells us that God is about to act or announce something through an individual or a situation. In the case of Jesus, God was going to act through this woman, whom nobody among Jesus’ followers would have believed to be an agent of the divine will. Like the psalmists, we might passively inform or perhaps even actively challenge God to do something so that everyone will come to belief, but God will always turn the tables on us. It becomes our calling, our duty (as it was for Jesus) to behold the situations and persons of our daily lives so that God can act through us, so the Kingdom can be announced through our living.

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SAVE the DATE

OUR LADY OF GRACE

MINISTRY FAIR

SUNDAY, SEPT. 17, 2023

After all of the Masses!

*Marriage Preparation
Weekend Retreat*

September 15 - 17, 2023

Our Lady of Grace Church
223 East Summit San Antonio, Tx 78212
Madonna Room

Cost: \$40

Friday 7 - 9pm
Saturday 9am - 12pm
Sunday 4 - 6:30pm


All engaged couples are welcome to join this opportunity to focus on their new life together. Each discussion helps to ensure you will be on the same page as a couple, and ready to face the exciting adventure together, as one.

For registration information visit olgsa.org/events

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

*ACTS is an acronym for **Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service.** 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
		



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.



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OLG 2023-2024
**RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**

Spaces are still available~
Register through Aug. 20th!

Next Sunday, August 27th
MEET the TEACHER

Classes begin Sept. 10th



OLG
FALL
BIBLE
STUDY

PSALMS: THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER

The Holy Spirit inspired them. Israel sang them. Christ himself prayed them, as did our Blessed Mother. At the heart of the Bible are the Psalms, prayers from God that help us to pray. In the Psalms Bible Study, discover how these sacred hymns become our heartfelt response to God's loving and wondrous deeds for us.

Join us for an eleven-week Bible study
Psalms: The School of Prayer
which begins Wednesday morning, September 20 at 9:30.
Participants will meet every week to view an engaging
video presentation followed by a time of lively group
discussion and fellowship.

Please pre-register so that workbooks (\$27.95)
can be ordered in advance.

For more information contact Shelley Clary
903-714-3889 or shelleyclary@gmail.com



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 EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: PART 1

The Eucharistic Prayers make clear that these prayers are offered, not to Christ, but to the Father. It is worship offered to the Father by Christ as it was at the moment of his passion, death and resurrection, but now it is offered through the priest acting in the person of Christ, and it is offered as well by all of the baptized, who are part of Christ's Body, the Church. This is the action of Christ's Body, the Church at Mass. The priest offers the Eucharistic Prayer in the first person plural, for example, "Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you..." This "we" signifies that all the baptized present at the Eucharistic celebration make the sacrificial offering in union with Christ, and pray the Eucharistic Prayer in union with him. And what is most important, we do not offer Christ alone; we are called to offer ourselves, our lives, our individual efforts to grow more like Christ and our efforts as a community of believers to spread God's Word and to serve God's people, to the Father in union with Christ through the hands of the priest. Most wonderful of all, although our offering is in itself imperfect, joined with the offering of Christ it becomes perfect praise and thanksgiving to the Father

*The Eucharistic Prayer can be broken up into ten different parts.
Let's briefly look at the first of these so as to gain a deeper understanding of the
meaning and effect of this prayer.*

The Preface begins with "The Lord be with you." It continues with an exchange of statements of faith, and then the priest enters into a **Prayer of Thanksgiving**. This prayer concludes by acknowledging that we are joined by the angels and saints in their song of praise. The song of praise we pray with the angels and saints is **The Sanctus**. Sanctus means "holy" and is repeated three times to state that God is thrice holy—or the holiest of all. We cry out, "Holy, holy, holy..." This also shows we are joined with the Heavenly Liturgy, as seen in the Book of Revelation 4:8.

Epiclesis: The Third Eucharistic Prayer uses the following words for the epiclesis: "Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your spirit upon them like the dewfall." This prayer is the calling down of the Holy Spirit upon the gifts so as to begin their transformation from ordinary bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ.

Next Week: The Eucharistic Prayer: Part 2