

World Day of Prayer
for the *Care*
of *Creation*

Pledge of Commitment

To Protect and Heal God's Creation

We have come to renew our covenant with God and with one another in Christ Jesus, our Lord. We have come to help protect God's creation.

We have come as followers of Jesus to commit ourselves anew to one another and to heal injustice and poverty.

We have come to stand together against all threats to life.

We have come to discover some new beauty every day in God's creation: the sunrise and sunset, birds, flowers and trees, rainbows in the sky, the stars, the many forms of life in the forest.

We have come to listen to the "music of the universe"- water flowing over rocks, the wind, trees bending in the wind, raindrops pattering the roof.

We will remember always that God speaks to us through the beauty of his creation, and we will try our best to answer God's call to reverence all that he has created.

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Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

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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: 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, Joe Mangione, 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.

MASS, CONFESSION & INTENTION SCHEDULE

Monday, September 4 - Labor Day

8:00 AM **Fr. Abraham**

Lawrence Stovall (d)
- Berman Family

Tuesday, September 5

4:45 PM **Confessions - Fr. Jorge**

5:30 PM **Mass - Fr. Jorge**

Wally Wilson (d) - Joan Fritze

Wednesday, September 6

7:00 AM **Fr. Abraham**

In Thanksgiving

Thursday, September 7

4:45 PM **Confessions - Fr. Jorge**

5:30 PM **Mass - Fr. Jorge**

Luciano Soto (d) - Family

Friday, September 8 7:00 AM

Fr. Abraham

Yvonne Soucie (d) - Angela Zargoren
& Cecilio & Becky Rodriguez

Saturday, September 9

4:45 PM **Confessions - Fr. Jorge**

5:30 PM **Mass - Fr. Jorge**

Eileen A. & Eleanor A. Mursh's Birthdays
- Marilyn Johnson

Sunday, September 10

8:30 AM **Confessions - Fr. Jorge**

8:30 AM **Fr. Abraham**

Children's Liturgists

10:30 AM **Confessions - Fr. Abraham**

10:30 AM **Fr. Jorge**

In Thanksgiving - Dora Urrutia

12:00 PM **Fr. Jorge**

Our Lady of Grace Parishioners



**The Altar flowers this weekend are
In loving memory of
†Joe Alcantara
From Lydia Alcantara**



**Please pray for the repose of the soul of
†Yvonne Soucie
who died August 22, 2023.
May she rest in peace.**

**In observance of Labor Day,
the Parish Office
will be closed
Monday, September 4th.
Monday's Mass will be
celebrated at 8:00am.**





TAKE UP YOUR CROSS & follow Me.

Just before Jesus gave this teaching, He predicted to the Twelve for the first time that He would “suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised.” In fear, Peter objected, saying, “God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you.” To Peter’s statement, Jesus responds firmly, “Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.” What a difficult thing that must have been to hear from Jesus! Jesus was ready and willing to suffer and die for the salvation of the world. He knew that by dying He would transform death itself into the very means of eternal salvation. He knew that laying down His life in this way was the greatest act of love He could offer; therefore, Jesus didn’t hesitate at all. He was ready and willing to give His human life so that we could live. To understand this we must realize three things. First, by assuming our human nature, Jesus forged a bond between God and humanity. Second, by sharing in our death He made it possible for us to cling to Him in our own death. Third, by rising from the dead, Jesus made it possible for those who cling to Him in death to also share in His Resurrection. Though we will only fully understand this great mystery of redemption in Heaven, we must strive to comprehend it as best we can here on earth. Peter did not understand this, at least not at that moment when Jesus first revealed it. Peter allowed fear to tempt him to interfere in Jesus’ glorious act of salvation. This is why Jesus rebuked him so strongly. It was a loving rebuke meant to free Peter from his fear and to give him courage to embrace the Sacrifice Jesus was about to offer. The passage quoted above follows Peter’s rebuke and is Jesus’ instruction on how we will all share in His gift of salvation. In order to rise with Christ, we must freely die with Him. We must deny ourselves, meaning all selfishness and sin, and imitate Jesus’ heroic sacrificial gift of His life. The result will be that we are united to Him in His death and in His Resurrection to new life. Fear can paralyze us. But fear, in this case, is a response that is based on an error. We embrace that error when we act out of selfishness. Each of us will die. That’s a fact. The question is how we die. We can either die selfishly, seeing our earthly life as the center of all. Or we can die in a self-giving way with our Lord by uniting ourselves to His act of sacrificial love. We do this by turning our eyes away from ourselves and seeking out every way that we can imitate Jesus’ death. We must strive to serve, live sacrificially, put God’s will first, unite ourselves to Christ, and make love for our neighbor our mission in life. This is what Jesus did. When we do this, we take up our cross, follow Him, die with Him, and are prepared to share in His Resurrection. This is the only way to eternal life. Reflect, today, upon the words “Take up your cross and follow Me.” This is Jesus’ most sacred instruction to us all on how we should live and how we will share in His gift of eternal life. What cross in your life are you fearful of? What act of sacrifice do you avoid? True love hurts in the sense that it is always selfless. We must die to ourselves. Reflect upon any way that you fail to do this, and allow Jesus’ rebuke of Peter to also rebuke you so that you will be freed from the fear of this holy sacrificial love that will unite you to our Lord.

My sacrificial Lord, You did not fear laying down Your sacred life for us all. You embraced Your mission of love by entering into death itself so that we could die with You and thus share in Your Resurrection. Please free me from all fear of the crosses in my life and help me to fully embrace a life of sacrificial love. Jesus, I trust in You.


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REGISTER NOW! OLG Men's ACTS Retreat

Thursday September 28th -
Noon Mass Sunday October 1st

*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
		



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: PART 3

The Eucharistic Prayer can be broken up into ten different parts. We now look at the last three parts so as to gain a deeper understanding of the meaning and effect of this prayer.

Offering: The priest now offers himself and the Church, uniting us all to the one Sacrifice of Christ offered to the Father. Once united to the Sacrifice of Christ, we offer ourselves to the Father in Christ as He is offered to the Father. **Intercessions:** The priest then prays for those present at the Mass, for all who are in a state of grace (the whole Church), and for all who have died and are receiving the grace from this Mass. **Doxology:** "Through Him, with Him and in Him..." This prayer, prayed by the priest as he lifts the Body and Blood of Christ, echoes the words of St. Paul in that all things are done in, with and through God for His glory (see Ephesians 1). The doxology is then affirmed by God's people with the great Amen!

Next Week: The Rite of Communion

Content Sources: usccb.org & mycatholiclife.com

Fr. Jorge's Spiritual Enrichment Recommendations:

In our journey of faith, it is essential not only to nourish our spirits but also to engage our minds. The pursuit of intellectual and theological growth enhances our understanding of the rich Catholic tradition, allowing us to deepen our connection with God and His Church. See below a few resources on living our Faith through the cultivation of the Mind and Heart.

Dappled Things

A Window into Beauty and Faith. Discover the interplay between art, literature, and theology in Dappled Things. This journal offers thought-provoking essays, poetry, and fiction that explore the Catholic faith from various angles. Delve into the profound connections between creativity and spirituality, and let the pages of Dappled Things inspire your own reflections. Learn more at www.dappledthings.org.



Immerse yourself in The Lamp, a journal that focuses on scripture, theology, and spirituality. This publication offers insightful reflections on the Bible, allowing you to connect the ancient Word with your contemporary life. The Lamp's blend of accessible language and profound insights makes it a valuable companion for anyone seeking to deepen their understanding of God's Word. Find out more at www.thelampmagazine.com.



For those seeking a rigorous exploration of Catholic thought, Logos is a scholarly treasure trove. Engage with scholarly articles that dissect theological nuances, ethical dilemmas, and cultural intersections through a Catholic lens. Delving into Logos will equip you with the intellectual tools to navigate complex questions with clarity and depth. Explore further at <https://www.pdcnet.org/logos>

As we gather in worship, let us remember that faith flourishes when rooted in knowledge. Explore these theology journals, among others, to foster a vibrant faith that engages both heart and mind. Let us continue to grow together as a community, embracing the intellectual riches our faith offers.

IX:

Prayer for Praising God

Drowsing noontime. A cicada creaks
From a pine. Only the fig tree seems strong and fresh
Under the glistening scarlet azure.
I'm alone with you, my God, for everything's gone
Silent in the deep, sad, village gardens.
The dark, gleaming pear trees, shaped like censers,
sleep alongside the boxwoods trailing in garlands
over the gravel, white as the Tables of the Law.
A few humble mint plants waft a holy odor
for the one meditating there, among the castor plants.
My God, I would have, once, here, dreamed of love,
but love no longer pulses in my dull blood,
and it's in vain for that broken-down bench of
dark wood to still be there, surrounded
by the foliage of the lilies. No, I won't be taking
that tender, happy girl there again, to rest my head
on her soft shoulder. My God,
all that's left for me is sorrow and the certainty
that I am nothing but the unconscious echo of
my light soul, like a leafless branch of a heather plant.
I read and I smiled. I wrote, I smiled.
I thought, I smiled, wept and I also
smiled, knowing this world is impossible for happiness,
and I wept sometimes when I wanted to smile.
My God, calm my heart, calm my poor heart,
and make it so that this drowsing summer day
will spread like water, covering all things alike, and
so that I'll have the courage again, like that cicada
crying out from within the sleeping pine tree,
to praise you, my God, modestly and well.

Francis James (XIX c.) in Dappled Things

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RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

is a process where adults can become fully initiated into the Catholic faith. This process is for any adult that has not been baptized, baptized into another Christian faith, or those who were baptized Catholic but have not received the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. There will be a series of inquiry sessions beginning in early September for those who wish to speak with team members about this process. RCIA Sessions will begin September 20th and continue through the Easter season.

If you or someone you know is interested in the RCIA process contact the parish office at office@olgsa.org or 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.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The name of the LORD has become like fire burning in Jeremiah's heart (Jeremiah 20:7-9).

Psalm — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

Second Reading — Be transformed; renew your mind; discern what is good (Romans 12:1-2).

Gospel — Those who lose their lives for Jesus' sake will find them (Matthew 16:21-27).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos. 907-911

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

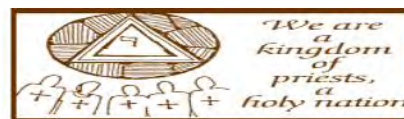
Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

Holy Hour For Priests



**Tuesday,
September 12, 2023
7 PM- 8 PM**

Please Join the Rosary Prayer Group


The group meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month 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.



Marriage Preparation Weekend Retreat

September 15 - 17, 2023

**Our Lady of Grace Church
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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



OLG PARISH MINISTRY FAIR

Sunday
September 17th
After all Masses!

Religious Education (Catechists) Bible Study (Formation)

Youth Ministry (Evangelization) Music & Choir (Liturgy)

Children's Liturgy of the Word (Liturgy)

Lectors (Liturgy) Sacristans (Liturgy) ACTS (Evangelization)

Eucharistic Ministers of the Holy Communion (Liturgy)

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults-RCIA (Evangelization)

Eucharistic Adoration (Evangelization)

Knights of Columbus (Evangelization) Parish Guild (Hospitality)

Ministry to the Sick & Homebound (Pastoral Care)

Rosary Prayer Ministry (Evangelization)



**Come explore
where God
might be
calling you!**



FALL BIBLE STUDY

**SATURDAYS
8AM - ONGOING**

*Bishop Fulton
Sheen Men's
Bible Study*

**TUESDAYS
6:15AM - SEPT 13**

*TMIY-That Man
Is You!*

WEDNESDAYS

9:30AM-SEPT 20

*Psalms Bible
Study (\$)*

6:30 PM-SEPT 20

*RCIA - Everyone is
welcome to join.*

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