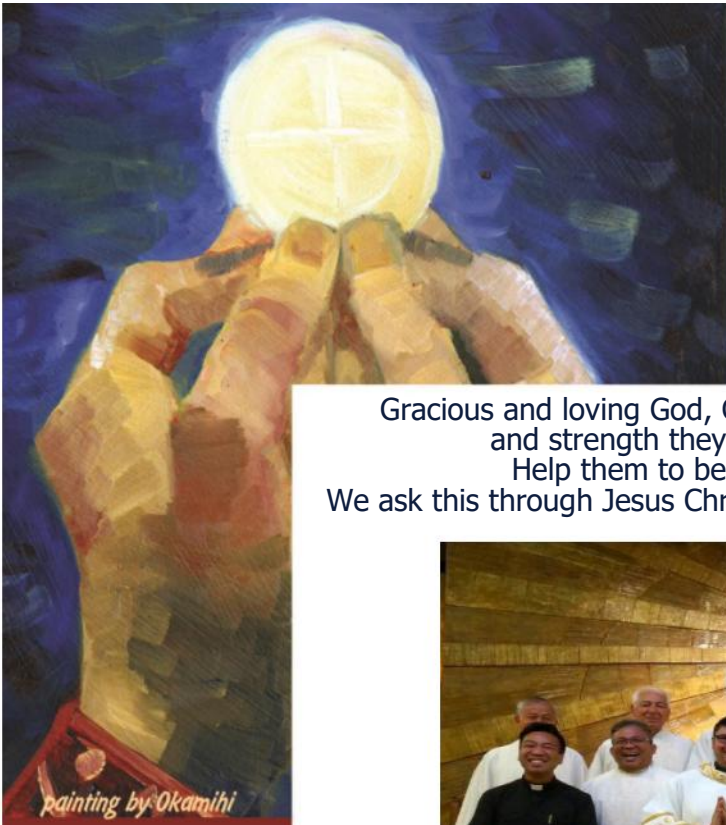


# Our Lady of Grace

## Catholic Church



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 24, 2023



How can I repay the Lord for all the good done for me? I will raise the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. Lord, I am your servant.

Psalm 116:12-14, 16a

Gracious and loving God, Grant these servants the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.



With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God and Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Archdiocese joyfully celebrated the ordination of Rafael Becerra, Ottmar Tovar, and Man Nguyen to the Order of the Transitional Diaconate through the Invocation of the Holy Spirit and the Imposition of Hands by Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, MSpS, on September 9 at St. Matthew Church. Auxiliary Bishop Michael Boulette, Auxiliary Bishop Gary Janak, and several priests served as concelebrants at the Mass.

Priesthood  
Sunday

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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.



*The Altar flowers this weekend are  
 In loving memory of  
 †Lori Berger  
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**OLG Men's ACTS Retreat**  
 Thursday September 28<sup>th</sup> -  
 Noon Mass Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup>

*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:*

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## MASS, CONFESSION & INTENTION SCHEDULE

### Monday, September 25

7:00 AM **Fr. Jorge**  
Clara Shovlin (d) - Parish

### Tuesday, September 26

4:45 PM **Confessions - Fr. Abe**  
5:30 PM **Mass - Fr. Abe**  
Luciano Soto (d) - Grandchildren

### Wednesday, September 27

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

### Thursday, September 28

4:45 PM **Confessions - Fr. Abe**  
5:30 PM **Mass - Fr. Abe**  
Vivienne Rettinger - Rettinger Family

### Friday, September 29

7:00 AM **Fr. Jorge**  
Bryson Fitzner's Birthday - Family

### Saturday, September 30

4:45 PM **Confessions - Fr. Jorge**  
5:30 PM **Mass - Fr. Jorge**  
Suzie Escobedo (d) - Veronica & Ruben Escobedo

### Sunday, October 1

8:30 AM **Fr. Jorge**  
Dr. Deborah Mueller (d) - Family  
10:30 AM **Fr. Frank Santucci, OMI**  
Rick McLaughlin's Birthday - Choir  
12:00 PM **Fr. Jorge**  
Our Lady of Grace Parishioners

### 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, Juan Garza, Danny Gusme, Erlinda Hamilton, Eric Hawbecker, Marialice Hayes, Josephine Janczar, Steve Janosek, 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.



# Liturgy of the Eucharist

## THE RITE OF HOLY COMMUNION:

The Rite of Holy Communion encompasses all the prayers and actions that immediately prepare us to receive this precious gift. These include: 1) The Our Father; 2) The Sign of Peace; 3)

The Fractioning; 4) The "Beholding;"

5) Holy Communion; 6) The Communion antiphon;

7) The Closing Prayer; 8) The Blessing.

Let's look at each of these actions in more detail.

**3.) The Fractioning:** In the fractioning, the priest breaks the Host in two and then drops a small piece in the chalice full of the Precious Blood. There are two meanings here to point out: 1) This reveals a connection with the pope. There was an early custom of bringing a fragment from the pope's Mass to other churches and placing that fragment in the chalices at each church as a way of showing the unity between all of the faithful united under the Holy Father. 2) During the Eucharistic Prayer, there is a separate consecration of the Body and Blood. The fact that they are consecrated separately points to the death of Christ (the separation of Christ's Body and Blood by the pouring out of His blood). But during this rite, there is a commingling of the two. This commingling points to the Resurrection in that the Body and Blood now are joined together once again.

## Next Week: Part 4 The Beholding

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### 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.**

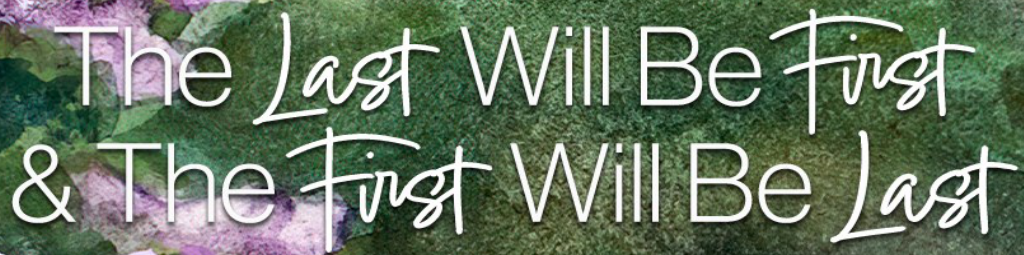
Please join us from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Madonna Room. For more information, contact Greg Clary at 903-714-0232.



## Rosary in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima

**On Saturday, October 14th, we will be gathering at 11:45a.m. near the statue of Our Lady in front of the church. Let us come together to pray through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother that God's grace may convert the minds and hearts of many people. For information, call Angela Notzon at 732-7147.**





# The Last Will Be First & The First Will Be Last

## **We All Receive More Than We Deserve**

The parable of the landowner and the laborers hired to work in his vineyard is, on one level, about abundance. The landowner had a large enough vineyard that he needed to hire laborers repeatedly throughout the day to get the work done. As evening approached and the men lined up for their pay, the landowner paid all of them a denarius each. A "denarius" was a silver Roman coin used as payment for a full day's wage. The owner of the vineyard didn't need to scrimp and save. "Are you envious because I am generous?" he asked those who complained that all had been treated with equal generosity. The landowner's actions depict the endlessly loving heart of the Father that poured itself out onto his undeserving creation with the incarnation of his Son, the Word-made-flesh, God-with us. Jesus Christ became our brother, our Savior, our Friend, the Lamb of God, our Eucharistic Lord, generosity without limits.

As he one day multiplied the loaves and the fish for a crowd of 5000, Jesus abundantly multiplies the gift of his presence to us in the Eucharist all over the world until the end of history. Generous abundance is a hallmark of the Kingdom. Jesus said:

"I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (Jn 10:10).

Against the backdrop of this image of extravagant magnanimity the parable paints the stinginess and selfish demands of the workers of the first hour. They assumed that they would get more than what had been agreed upon because the landowner was doling out a full day's wage to those who had come at the last hour and who had clearly done far less work. As these tired laborers watched I can imagine them muttering among themselves that these latecomers were absolutely unworthy to be treated the same as they. The unexpected reversal of the parable is this: no matter how much or little we work, we are all equal recipients of God's generous abundance, of the gifts of His forgiveness, holiness, mercy, salvation, eternal life.

How many times have I thought that I deserved more than the others because I had given more of my time, energy, and love than they. I have fallen into the trap that the others deserved less because of how little they worked or how selfish they had been.

This parable frees us from thinking we need to win God's endless love. This love is abundant and freely given to us all according to God's own generous determination.

Let us not be upset that others receive what we have been given, but rejoice that others have been gifted, included, loved, and blessed, for we all receive more than we could ever deserve.

Jesus, you surprise me by your love for me and your love for others who I sometimes feel don't deserve that love. I am amazed at how you keep me in existence through your bounteous mercies, even when my love is so small and stingy compared to yours. Take my heart, O Lord, and make it just like yours. Amen.

Sr. Kathryn James - Diocesan

## 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)

*Tuesdays from 6:15-7:30 a.m.  
in the OLG Guadalupe Room.*

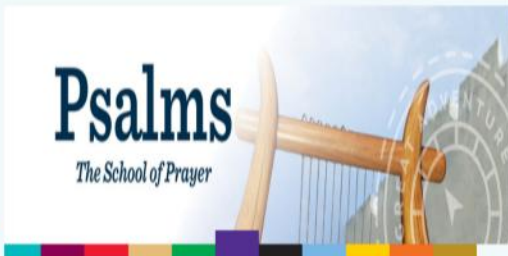
This year's program is entitled "Thy Kingdom Come" and it features 10 dynamic speakers. Come join a community of dedicated Catholic men striving to find meaning in our lives and to actively build up the kingdom of God. Each week will include an educational thought-provoking video and small group discussions. 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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### BIBLE STUDY

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*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.*

**Wednesday mornings at 9:30 in the Guadalupe Room**

Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship.

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## ADVENT Sunday Readings

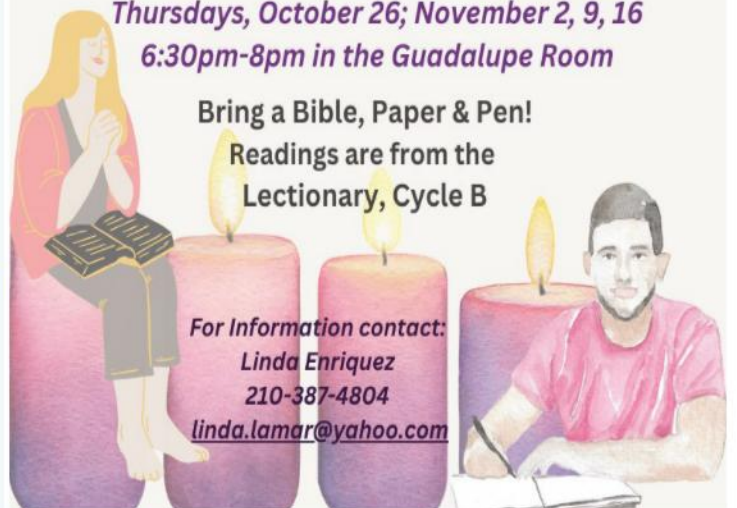


The Fall session of the  
Thursday Evening Bible Study begins October 26.

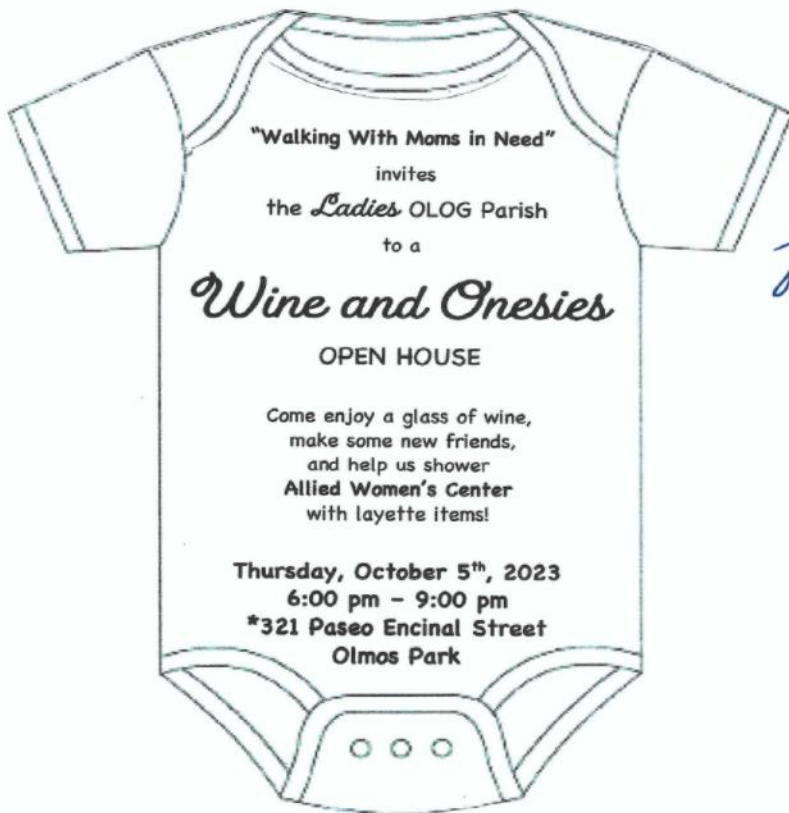
This will be a 4 week session during which we will read, pray and meditate on the Sunday Mass readings of Advent. Taking a spiritual inventory as we prepare for Christ's birth is a good way to begin the liturgical year. The readings during the Advent season are intentional and are a reflection on Christ's assurance that he will come again by remembering His first coming. Advent is a time to focus on and renew our relationship with Christ. By reading, praying and meditating on these scripture passages we will be better prepared for the joyous season ahead!

**Thursdays, October 26; November 2, 9, 16  
6:30pm-8pm in the Guadalupe Room**

Bring a Bible, Paper & Pen!  
Readings are from the  
Lectionary, Cycle B



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