

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.”

Matthew 21:31

Christ and the Pharisees by Ernst Zimmerman
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Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

October 1, 2023



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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
 †Suzie Escobedo
 From Veronica & Ruben Escobedo*



*Please pray for the repose of the soul of
 †Kenneth Adam Cruz, Jr.
 who died September 15, 2023
 May he rest in peace.*

**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, Pat Hedemann, 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.

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



*Please pray for the repose of the soul of
 †Maria B. Hernandez
 who died September 4, 2023
 May she rest in peace.*

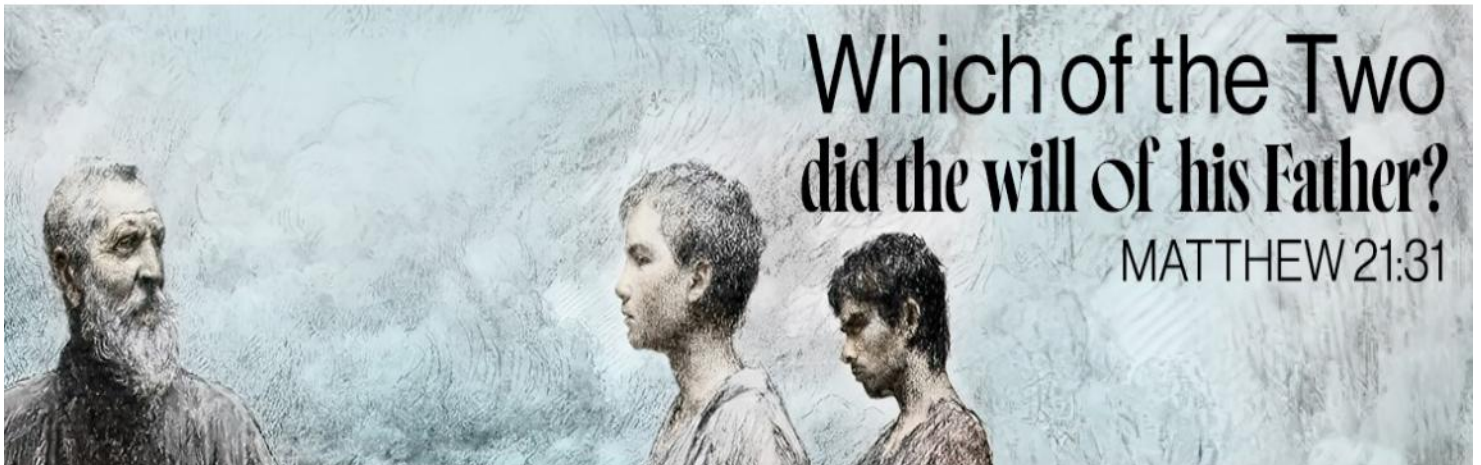
Welcome Kim!



Hello, my name is Kim Morrison and I am very excited to be the new youth minister and to get this opportunity to introduce myself. I have lived in San Antonio most of my life as a parishioner of St. Brigid. When I was in middle school and high school, I loved the youth group I was part of. I loved my youth group so much that I started volunteering with our group right after I graduated high school by helping to lead weekly meeting nights, plan monthly outings, plan retreats, and so much more for the youth.

A few years into service I was given the opportunity to help revive the young adult group we had and I quickly became a volunteer leader for the group. I loved getting to volunteer with youth and young adults at St. Brigid for the past 18 years (which I still can't believe it has been that long). Honestly, as odd as it might sound, I found volunteering at all the meetings, retreats, and events quite relaxing. Spending time with the youth and young adults became a passion of mine and if I wasn't at work I was most likely volunteering. Some of the young adults I worked with would joke that on long days and even longer weekends I ran on nothing but coffee and Jesus (there were times that statement was very true).

It was while I was volunteering on a recent young adult retreat, a couple of months ago, that during our session on discernment I started to feel a calling to do something more, to make a change in my life. It wasn't until we went into praise and worship later that evening that while watching the young adults praise God that I understood the calling was to minister fulltime to youth and young adults. When I came home from the retreat, before I looked to see if there were any job postings in the Archdiocese for a youth minister, I asked God to guide me to where he needed me. As I searched, I was blessed to find the posting that led me here. I am so excited to be joining the communities at Our Lady of Grace and St. Peter Prince of the Apostles to minister to the youth and young adults of our parish.



Jesus is saying something important in today's Gospel. He talks about tax collectors and prostitutes who repented after hearing John the Baptist preach. He must have shocked the priests and elders when he said those prostitutes would enter the kingdom of God before them. After all, his listeners had spent their whole lives being faithful to the Law. Yet Jesus was saying that sinners who repented will enter God's kingdom first. Jesus' point was not so much about final salvation as about our daily choices.

Remember the parable about the two sons. The second son said what his father wanted to hear, with no intention of doing it. The first was honest about not wanting to go to the vineyard, but then decided to do it anyway. I suspect the father of those men knew what each would or would not do.

And whom do we want to imitate? The priests and elders said all the right things about obeying God's laws, but they were more interested in looking important than living a holy life. Are we like that—telling everyone I am a good Christian, going to church every Sunday (or at least on Christmas and Easter), and yet never making any effort to be loving, forgiving, patient, honest, or any of the difficult things that Jesus calls us to be?

The tax collectors and sinners knew that they were unworthy, but they listened to the call to repentance and let God make them worthy. Are we honest enough to look at our lives and repent of our hatred, our selfishness, or whatever keeps us in sin, and then to follow Jesus with our whole heart? We may not always like doing what God asks of us, but God is an understanding Father who can accept our weaknesses and forgive them when we are ready to return to him.

MASS, CONFESSION & INTENTION SCHEDULE

Monday, October 2

7:00 AM **Fr. Abe**
Mary Ann Faubion (d) - Marie & Firmin Hickey

Tuesday, October 3

4:45 PM **Confessions - Fr. Jorge**
5:30 PM **Mass - Fr. Jorge**
Eamon A. Mursch's Birthday - Marylin Johnson
7:00 AM **Fr. Abe**
In Thanksgiving

Thursday, October 5

4:45 PM **Confessions - Fr. Jorge**
5:30 PM **Mass - Fr. Jorge**
Ewan A. Mursch's Birthday - Marylin Johnson

Friday, October 6 - First Friday

7:00 AM **Fr. Abe**
Mina Flores Terry (d) - Carmen Hindman
5:30 PM **Mass - TBD**
Luciano Soto (d) - Elizabeth & Amelia

Saturday, 7 - First Saturday

8:00 AM **Fr. Abe**
Alicia Lagrevere (d) - Carmen Hindman
4:45 PM **Confessions - Fr. Abe**
5:30 PM **Mass - Fr. Abe**
Ben Johnson (d) - Marylin Johnson

Sunday, October 8

8:30 AM **Fr. Abe**
Children's Liturgists
10:30 AM **Fr. Jorge**
Jane B. Parker (d) - Pedraza Family
12:00 PM **Fr. Jorge**
Our Lady of Grace Parishioners

This weekend's second collection
is for the
Parish Outreach.

GOD BLESS THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES



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.



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.

4. The "Beholding:" Next, the priest holds up the host and proclaims, "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." These words include those from St. John the Baptist as Jesus came walking toward him to be baptized (see [John 1:29](#)). The words reveal the sacrificial aspect of the Mass by calling Jesus the "Lamb of God." He was the Lamb who was the Sacrifice for our sins. In response to beholding the Lamb, we say, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." This is an expression of humility and faith and is taken from the words of the Roman centurion when he did not feel worthy to have Jesus come to his house to heal his servant (see [Matthew 8:8](#)).

Next Week: Part 5: Holy Communion

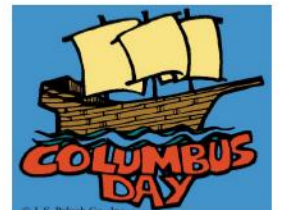
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Holy Hour For Priests



**Tuesday,
October 9, 2023
7 PM- 8 PM**

**In observance of
Columbus Day,
the Parish Office
will be closed
Monday, October 9th.
Monday's Mass will be
celebrated at 8:00am.**



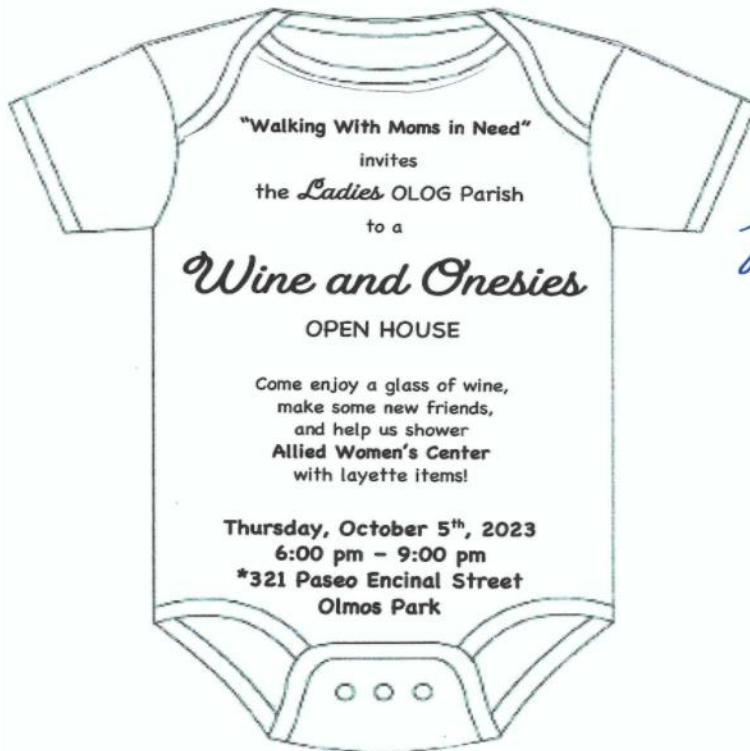
Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 8th

10:10am by the Fountain

Families are invited to bring their pet to receive a special blessing.

RE families are encouraged to attend the 8:30 Mass, escort their child to class, then return home to get their pet to bring back to OLG for the blessing. Students will be able to attend the blessing then return home with parents and pets.

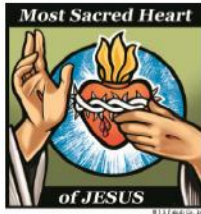


RSVP: *Sarah Barlow
Text 318-455-5458 or SarahNBarlow@aol.com



FIRST FRIDAY MASS - OCTOBER 6th

Please join us for the
5:30pm Mass and Devotion to the
Sacred Heart of Jesus



First Friday Potluck

The Parish Guild First Friday Potluck Dinner will be held this Friday, October 6th

Please join us after the
5:30pm Mass and Devotion to the
Sacred Heart of Jesus

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.



Practices held
Wednesdays
at 7:00pm
in the choir loft.
No prior choir experience
required, just a desire to
lift your voice in praise
of our Lord!

New Members Welcome!

ADVENT Sunday Readings



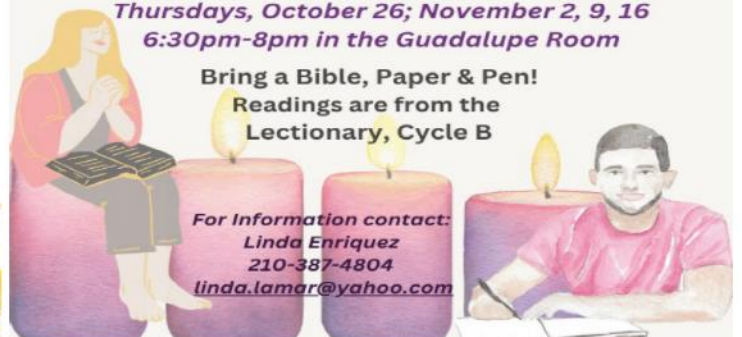
The Fall session of the
Thursday Evening Bible Study begins October 26.

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

For information contact:
Linda Enriquez
210-387-4804
linda.lamar@yahoo.com





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.



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ROSARY *challenge*

October is the 'Month of the Rosary', and everyone is invited to join in our Parish








2,500 Rosary Challenge.

Place a sticker on our rosary board for every rosary prayed to help reach our goal!

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