

✦ Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church ✦



Give thanks to the LORD, who is good,
whose mercy endures forever.

Ps 106:1



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OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY
9:00AM - 5:00PM

MASS SCHEDULE

MON, WED, FRI

7:00AM

TUES & THUR

5:30PM

SATURDAY

5:30PM

**1st Saturdays - 8:00am*

SUNDAY

8:30AM

10:30AM

12:00PM

CONFESSION/ RECONCILIATION

TUES, THURS, SAT
4:45PM - 5:15PM

SUNDAY

**Please see weekly schedule*

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BAPTISMS

*Call the office six weeks
in advance to prepare
registration documents*

WEDDINGS

*Call the office at least six
months in advance to reserve
date and complete marriage
preparation.*



TUESDAY, 21ST

- TMIY-That Man Is You!- No meeting this week
- 6pm- Eucharistic Adoration begins
- **Rosary & Potluck- 6:30pm**

WEDNESDAY, 22ND

- Office closes at 2pm
- Psalms Bible Study - No meeting this week
- RCIA - No meeting this week
- Choir Practice - No practice this week

THURSDAY, 23RD



- **9am Eucharistic Adoration ends**
- **9:00 am Mass**
- **Office Closed**



FRIDAY, 24TH

- 9:00am Mass
- Office Closed

SATURDAY, 25TH

- Men's Fellowship Group
- No meeting this week

SUNDAY, 26TH

- No R.E. Classes

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Eugenio B., Neomi Balderas, Mary Blake, Rosa Becnel, Michael Castro, Juliana Cavazos, Maria Chavez de Hernandez, Esther Contreras, Ashley Cuellar, Emiliano Cuellar, David Davis, Kate DeWein, Dcn 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, Gracie Miller, George Perez, Rina Pollack, Jose Sanchez, Jeanie Sanders, Carlos Saucedo, Edward Jacob Sciantarelli, Jim Sciantarelli, Laurie Seligman, Jerry SESCO, Carolyn Smith, Henry Wolff, Stephen Wyrick, Zetter Family.

**This weekend's second collection
is for the
Campaign for Human Development**

Thanksgiving



Dear Lord,
for all your bountiful gifts,
we thank you.



Fr. Jorge, Fr. Abraham
and all of the Parish Staff
are so very grateful for the many ways each
of you bless our Parish.
May you & your families have a
Happy Thanksgiving!



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

All are welcome to the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition will begin Tuesday in the Adoration Chapel after the 5:30pm Mass and ends on Thursday at 9am. For more information please contact Becky Prieto at 210-725-2383.

HOLIDAY TRADITIONS

What are your family traditions? Surely these include giving of gifts. And, do we not always make a gift to our Lord Jesus whose birth we are preparing to celebrate?

What will your gift to Jesus be this year?

Will you consider making a gift to His Mystical Body, the Church?

Think of what Our Lady of Grace parish has done for each of us, for our families over the years. Our parish community is a place where we each experience the Mystical Body of Christ. Here is where we can make a most meaningful gift to our Lord as we celebrate His birth on earth. We can make great gifts to the Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church Endowment Fund at the Catholic Community Foundation without using any of our current funds. Simply make a beneficiary designation to the endowment fund in one of the following:

- In your will or living trust
- In your retirement account
- In a life insurance policy

Or other methods (call us for other suggestions and/or let us know you have made a gift)

If you have already made such a gift, please let us know.

Catholic Community Foundation
Deacon John Benage, VP Planned and Estate Gifts
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All are welcome to join the
Rosary Prayer Group.
Please join us every third Tuesday of
the month from 6:30-8:00 pm in the
Madonna Room. For more
information, contact Greg Clary at
903-714-0232.



*Please pray for the repose
of the soul of †Steve P. McKenna
who died November 1, 2023
May he rest in peace.*



*Please pray for the repose
of the soul of †Mary Jane Diaz
who died November 7, 2023
May she rest in peace.*

MASS, CONFESSION & INTENTION SCHEDULE

Monday, November 20

7:00 AM Fr. Jorge
Maria B. Hernandez - Parish

Tuesday, November 21

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

Wednesday, November 22

7:00AM Fr. Jorge
In Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 23- **Happy Thanksgiving**

9:00 AM **Mass - Fr. Abe**
Greg Tatum (d) - Friends

Friday, November 24

9:00 AM Fr. Jorge
Katherine Wilson - Friends

Saturday, November 25

4:45 PM **Confessions - Fr. Jorge**
5:30 PM **Mass - Fr. Jorge**
Our Lady of Grace Parishioners

Sunday, November 26

8:30 AM Fr. Jorge
Dr. Deborah Mueller (d) - Family
10:30 AM **Confessions - Fr. Frank Santucci, OMI**
10:30 AM Fr. Jorge
Ruben Orosco (d) - Dora Urrutia
12:00 PM **Confessions - Fr. Jorge**
Fr. Frank Santucci, OMI
Vannie Johnson (d) - Marylin Johnson



Many people dream of doing great things in this life. Those who play sports dream of winning the championship. Those in business dream of growing their business. Artists and actors dream of becoming well-known. In almost everything we do, we dream of excelling. This drive is part of the natural desires God has given to us.

When it comes to the most important part of our lives, we must strive to excel also. What is the most important part of our lives? It is the calling we have received to serve the will of God. Therefore, we must strive to unite our natural desire for excellence with our faith so that we will be driven to fulfill the glorious mission God has entrusted to each one of us.

Every natural ability we have must be seen as a gift, given to us by God for the purpose of glorifying Him and furthering His Kingdom on earth. In our parable today, the man who went on a journey entrusted each of his servants with a large sum of money. To one he entrusted five talents; to another two; to a third, one. A talent was a measurement of precious metals such as silver or gold. In today's value, one talent of silver would be worth about \$30,000 USD. That's a lot of money entrusted to each of these servants. However, when the master returned, he referred to this initial gift to each as a small amount and then promised to entrust a large amount to the two servants who used the talents well.

From a human perspective, we should see the natural gifts that God has given us as a huge amount. From a divine perspective, we must see every natural gift from God as only the beginning. God has so much more He wishes to bestow upon us. In order to obtain those riches of grace, we must first use well what we have been given for God's glory and for the furtherance of His Kingdom.

What has our Lord entrusted to you? What gifts and talents do you have? As you think about your natural talents, consider how well you use them for the service of God. Using your natural abilities only for yourself is the same as refusing to use them for God. To the one man who was entrusted with one talent and did nothing with it, the master said, "You wicked, lazy servant!" He then took the one talent away and gave it to the one with ten who was responsible with the master's money. So in our lives, if we fail to dedicate our natural abilities to the service of God, we will lose even the little we have. But if we unite our natural desire for greatness with the call to serve the will of God, then there is no limit to the riches of grace God will bestow.

Reflect, today, upon how diligent you are in your drive to fulfill the will of God in your life. If you feel as though you cannot make much of a difference, then try to dispel that idea. Try to do small things well. Work at perfecting your charity in your daily life. Commit yourself to daily prayer. Strive to weed out all sin in your life. Do the small things well and God will smile on these little offerings and transform them into a superabundance of grace.



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SHARING OUR GIFTS

Autumn is the season for harvesting and sharing the fruits of our labors. This week's scriptures use images of the harvest, family life, pregnancy, and investment to describe the abundant harvest in the reign of God. We discover that sharing the gifts we have been given brings eternal rewards for everyone.

In the Gospel parable a master entrusts his possessions to three servants before going on a journey. Each is given some talents. What they do with those talents determines what the master will do with them when he returns. How about us? What are we doing with our talents? How will our Master treat us when he returns?

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Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This feast is associated with an event recounted not in the New Testament, but in the apocryphal Infancy Narrative of James. According to that text, Mary's parents, Joachim and Anne, who had been childless, received a heavenly message that they would have a child. In thanksgiving for the gift of their daughter, they brought her, when still a child, to the temple in Jerusalem to consecrate her to God.



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THANKSGIVING Week Schedule

<i>Mass Schedule</i>	Thursday, 23rd	9:00am
	Friday, 24th	9:00am
	Saturday, 25th	5:30pm

Office Schedule

Wednesday - Closed 2-5pm

Thursday & Friday - Closed

Rosary Prayer Group & Potluck

Tuesday, 21st - 6:30 - 8:00pm





TAKE SURVEY



OLG Parishioners:

The Pastoral Council has been asked to facilitate this survey.

As you all know, we used to have daily Masses at 7am and 5:30pm when the parish had access to more priests. Now with just Fr. Jorge and Fr. Abe, there is some thought of moving away from the morning-evening-morning weekday mass format at Our Lady of Grace and adopt a consistent daily Mass, morning, or evening.

Please scan the QR code to respond to the survey online or mark your response on this form and return to one of the boxes at the church exits. The results of the survey will be used by Fr. Jorge to decide any possible changes in Mass schedules. The poll will be open through November 22.

Please contact pastoralcouncil@olgsa.org with questions.



- 7am daily
- 5:30pm daily with confessions
- Do not have a preference
- Prefer current schedule: MWF 7am & TTH 5:30pm

Survey sheets are also available on the credenzas in the church foyer.

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CALLING ALL YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

We are looking to start setting up meetings and events for middle school and high school youth and young adults (age 18-39) and we need your input. Please fill out the form with your preferred day(s).



Scan to fill out survey



Healy-Murphy Angel Tree Project

Nov. 12th - Dec. 17th

This year our parish will once again be participating in the gift drive to provide holiday cheer to children at the Healy-Murphy Center. Each registered child will receive a \$25 gift card to the store of their choice.

Parishioners may simply place cash or a check in an envelope labeled 'Angel Tree Project' and drop it in the collection basket or drop it off at the church office.

You may also use Venmo@OurLady-OfGraceSA and write Angel Tree in the memo.

A parishioner will then shop to purchase all the requested gift cards!



IN RECEIVING THE
Eucharist,
WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE.

EL RECIBIR LA
Eucaristía,
NOS LANZA A SERVIR.

ARCHBISHOP'S
Appeal
for **MINISTRIES**
CAMPAÑA DEL ARZOBISPO PARA LOS MINISTERIOS

Thank you,
Our Lady of Grace Parishioners



You have shown such wonderful generosity in support of
this year's Appeal that we have reached

117%
of our monetary pledge goal!

If we can also reach our Donor Goal, a portion of pledge
money can be returned to our parish. With just

11
more family pledges, we will reach that goal!

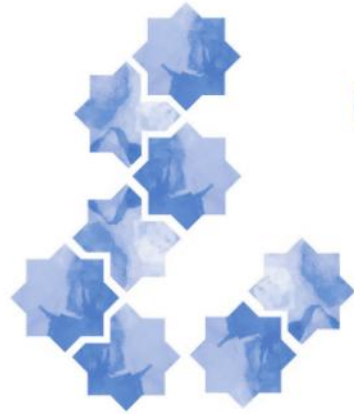






If you have not made your gift to the appeal, it is not too late.
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