

*Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church*



IN YOU, LORD  
I HAVE FOUND  
MY PEACE.

*31st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

November 5, 2023





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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.*

#### 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, Mary Jane Diaz, 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, Jeanie Sanders, Carlos Saucedo, Edward Jacob Sciantarelli, Jim Sciantarelli, Laurie Seligman, Jerry SESCO, Carolyn Smith, Henry Wolff, Stephen Wyrick, Zetter Family.

THIS  
WEEK  
@OLG



#### SUNDAY, 5TH

- Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Rite of Welcome 8:30am

#### TUESDAY, 7TH

- Election Day
- TMIY-That Man Is You! 6:15am

#### WEDNESDAY, 8TH

- Psalms Bible Study - 9:30am
- RCIA The Paschal Mystery: Jesus' Death & Resurrection- 6:30pm
- Choir Practice - 7pm

#### THURSDAY, 9TH

- Advent Bible Study 6pm
- Opus Dei Women's Recollection - 6:30pm

#### FRIDAY, 10TH

- Opus Dei Women's Recollection & Mass- 9:30am

#### SATURDAY, 11TH

- Men's Fellowship Group 8:30am

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Do we not have one father? Did not the one God create us? (Malachi 1:14b — 2:2b, 8-10).

**Psalm** — In you, Lord, I have found my peace (Psalm 131).

**Second Reading** — You have received not a human word but the word of God (1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13).

**Gospel** — Call no one your father on earth; you have but one Father, the one in heaven (Matthew 23:1-12).

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*Whoever exalts himself will be humbled*  
**BUT WHOEVER HUMBLING HIMSELF**

**WILL BE EXALTED**

*Matthew 23:12*



## THE GREATEST AMONG US

Whom do you admire? Is it the President of the United States or a movie star or a billionaire? These are people whom the world exalts as great. Like the Pharisees in today's Gospel, they have places of honor wherever they go. Would you like to follow in their footsteps?

The scriptures for today offer different examples for us to follow. Jesus tells us that the greatest among us are the servants. These are the people we are to honor and imitate. We are called to be like Paul, who worked hard to serve the needs of his communities, and Jesus, who gave his life in service to the world.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14

**Tuesday:** Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24

**Wednesday:** Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33

**Thursday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

**Friday:** Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8

**Saturday:** Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15

**Sunday:** Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

NATIONAL  
VOCAION  
AWARENESS WEEK

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"  
**"Here I am," I said; "send me!"**  
Is 6:8

O God, Father of all Mercies, Provider of a bountiful Harvest, send Your Graces upon those You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor; preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you. Open the hearts of Your children that they may discern Your Holy Will; inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ. Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life guided by Your Divine Word and Truth. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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*Please pray for the repose  
of the soul of †Adolfo Valadez  
who died October 24, 2023.  
May he rest in peace.*



*The Altar flowers this weekend are  
In Loving Memory of  
†Nina De La Garza,  
from her family.*



### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

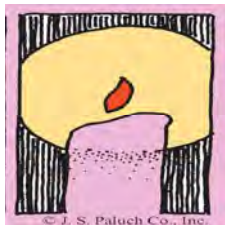
All are welcome to the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition begins every Tuesday in the Adoration Chapel after the 5:30pm Mass and ends on Friday at 7 am. For more information please contact Becky Prieto at 210-725-2383.

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

All are welcome to join the Rosary Prayer Group. Please join us every third Thursday of the month from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Madonna Room. For more information, contact Greg Clary at 903-714-0232.



## Holy Hour For Priests



**Tuesday,  
November 14, 2023  
7 PM- 8 PM**

**Rosary, Prayers and Benediction**

### MASS, CONFESSION & INTENTION SCHEDULE

#### Monday, November 6

7:00 AM **Fr. Abe**  
Novena for All Souls  
Vivienne Rettinger - Rettinger Family

#### Tuesday, November 7

4:45 PM **Confessions - Fr. Abe**  
5:30 PM **Mass - Fr. Abe**  
Novena for All Souls

#### Wednesday, November 8

7:00AM **Fr. Abe**  
Novena for All Souls

#### Thursday, November 9

4:45 PM **Confessions - Fr. Abe**  
5:30 PM **Mass - Fr. Abe**  
Novena for All Souls

#### Friday, November 10

7:00 AM **Fr. Abe**  
Novena for All Souls

#### Saturday, November 11

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

#### Sunday, November 12

8:30 AM **Fr. Abraham**  
Children's Liturgists  
10:30 AM TBD  
David & Madelaine Asbury  
- Dolores Beardsley  
12:00 PM TBD  
Mass of Remembrance

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



**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



# ADVENT

## Sunday Readings



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

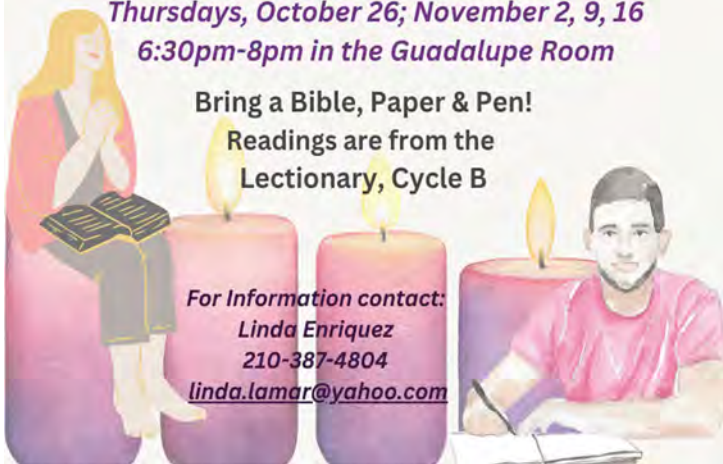
This will be a 4 week session during which we will read, pray and meditate on the Sunday Mass readings of Advent. Taking a spiritual inventory as we prepare for Christ's birth is a good way to begin the liturgical year. The readings during the Advent season are intentional and are a reflection on Christ's 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](mailto:linda.lamar@yahoo.com)



The Men's Fellowship Group (formerly Bishop Sheen group) continues to meet on Saturday mornings from 8:30-9:30 am in the Madonna Lower Level. Currently, the focus of our discussions, after completing the Sheen series, is now the weekly readings and sermons by Bishop Barron. All men are invited to join us as we prepare for Sunday Mass with scripture, spiritual discussion and fellowship. Coffee is provided.



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!



## 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  
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## Our Lady of Grace



Knights of  
Columbus

# Annual Wheelchair Drive

EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED  
TO SUPPORT THE  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
IN THEIR INITIATIVE  
TO BLESS THOSE IN NEED  
WITH THE GIFT OF MOBILITY.



For more information, contact  
Al Zgardowski at 210-632-2337  
or the Parish Office.



## Altar of Remembrance

A special Altar of Remembrance will be placed  
in the foyer of the church for All Souls Day.  
Beginning on Friday, October 27th  
you are invited to bring photos or mementos  
of your deceased loved ones to place on the Altar.  
Please clearly I.D. them so they may  
be returned to you.



For more information, contact the Church Office at 210-734-7285.



### All Souls Novena -November 2<sup>nd</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

We remember our deceased loved ones in a  
Novena of Masses at Our Lady of Grace,  
beginning on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray  
for the dead, that they may be loosed  
from their sins."

2<sup>nd</sup> Maccabees 12:39-46



### Mass of Remembrance:

On Sunday, November 12th at the 12:00 Noon Mass,  
we will honor our departed loved ones,  
particularly those who have died since November 2022.  
If you would like to include the name of a loved one,  
please contact the Church Office at 734-7285.

*Receive Their Souls and Present Them to  
God the Most High*

Edna "Nina" De La Garza	November 4, 2022	Charles L. Arriaga, Jr.	April 5, 2023
Annette Munster	November 24, 2022	Imelda Matjeka	April 7, 2023
Deacon Harry Flavin	November 28, 2022	Jesse John "Johnny" Celis	April 26, 2023
Gloria Riojas Rodriguez	December 10, 2022	Maria del Carmen Guzman	April 22, 2023
Mary Josie Villarreal	December 11, 2022	Robert Dale Curtright	May 2, 2023
Mary Jo Bolner	December 29, 2022	Guadalupe Contreras	May 9, 2023
Nelda Rafaela Etheredge	January 9, 2023	Yvonne Annette Soucie	August 22, 2023
Clifton Joseph Bolner	January 10, 2023	Clara Shovlin	August 26, 2023
Dr. Deborah Lynn Mueller	February 10, 2023	Maria B. Hernandez	September 4, 2023
Raul Alonzo McGinnes	February 23, 2023	Kenneth Adam Cruz, Jr.	September 15, 2023
Pamela Eugene Gregory Janush	February 28, 2023	Leticia Gomez de Diaz	September 19, 2023
Sr. Estella Flynn, CCVI	March 8, 2023	Nancy Pabst	September 22, 2023
Fr. Patrick Guidon, OMI	March 18, 2023	James A. Oates	October 12, 2023
Adrian Flores	March 21, 2023	Laura Ivaldi	October 17, 2023
		Adolfo Valadez	October 24, 2023

All the deceased religious and priests of the Archdiocese of San Antonio.



OUR LADY OF GRACE

Thanksgiving

# Food Drive

Let's Share  
& Care

**October - November**  
**29th 15th**

**Drop-off information:**

*RE Children- Last day is Sunday,  
Nov. 12th in the classrooms  
Parishioners can drop off at the  
Office through Nov. 15th*

**Recipient Pick-up Dates**  
**November 16th & 17th**

Pick up your  
'Thanksgiving Gift Bag'  
in **RE Class**, at the  
**Trunk or Treat** or at  
the **Church Office**  
and fill with a  
\$25 grocery card for  
turkey/main dish  
purchase and pantry  
items to complete the  
holiday meal!