

December 10, 2023

PEACE

all flesh shall see the salvation of God



Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church
Second Sunday of Advent



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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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WEDDINGS

*Call the office at least six
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date and complete marriage
preparation.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Eugenio B., Neomi Balderas, Marie Black, Mary Blake, Rosa Becnel, Michael Castro, Juliana Cavazos, Maria Chavez de Hernandez, Esther Contreras, Ashley Cuellar, Emiliano Cuellar, David Davis, Kate DeWein, John Ferguson, Dcn 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, Gracie Miller, John David Navejar, 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.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

Gospel — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

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TUESDAY, 12TH

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



- 12:10pm-Feast Day Mass
- 7pm- Holy Hour for
Priests

WEDNESDAY, 13TH

- RCIA - Mary & The
Saints - 6:30pm
- Choir Practice - 7pm

SATURDAY, 16TH

- Men's Fellowship Group
-8:30am
- 6:30pm- Knights of
Columbus Spaghetti
Dinner

SUNDAY, 17TH

- RE Advent Party - 9am
- Parish Posada - 6:00pm

MONDAY, 18TH

- Parish Reconciliation
Service - 6:30pm



Week of Advent - Wreath Prayer

O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen



To be repeated each day of the second week during the evening meal

Parish Advent Reconciliation Service



Our Lady of Grace

**Monday,
December 18th**

6:30 p.m.

We will have four priests available to hear your confessions.



Please Join the Rosary Prayer Group

The group will meet **December 19th at 6:30 pm** in the Madonna Room for a brief Scripture, reflection and praying the Holy Rosary.

**Holy Hour For Priests
Tuesday,
December 12, 2023 7 PM- 8 PM
Rosary, Prayers and Benediction**



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

This weekend's second collection is for the Retired Religious Fund



*The Altar flowers this weekend are
In Loving Memory of
†Gabriel Salazar
From Ruben & Veronica Escobedo*

MASS, CONFESSION & INTENTION SCHEDULE

Monday, December 11

7:00 AM Fr. Abe
James A. Oates (d) - Parish

Tuesday, December 12

4:45 PM **Confessions - Fr. Jorge**
5:30 PM **Mass - Fr. Jorge**
Rachel A. Espinoza (d) - Family

Wednesday, December 13

7:00AM Fr. Abe
In Thanksgiving

Thursday, December 14

4:45 PM **Confessions - Fr. Jorge**
5:30 PM **Mass - Fr. Jorge**
Katherine Wilson's Birthday - Georgia & John Hall

Friday, December 15

7:00 AM Fr. Abe
Kenneth Adam Cruz, Jr. - Parish

Saturday, December 16

4:45 PM **Confessions - Fr. Abe**
5:30 PM **Mass - Fr. Abe**
Rita Corey (d) - Dora Urruttia

Sunday, December 17

8:30 AM Fr. Art Flores, OMI
Mary Ann Faubion (d) - Marie & firmin Hickey
10:30 AM Fr. Abe
In Thanksgiving - Dora Urruttia
12:00PM Fr. Abe
Our Lady of Grace Parishioners

**Show us, Lord, your mercy;
grant us your salvation**

Psalm 85:8

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“It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: “A voice of one crying out in the desert, ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”

Matthew 3:3

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These, the opening lines from the Gospel of Saint Mark, present us with Saint John the Baptist. John was the one that Isaiah prophesied would come before the Messiah. John was given the responsibility and privilege of being the one who would be the most immediate preparer for the Savior of the World. Perhaps if most people were given the task of instructing John on how best to prepare the way for the Lord, they would tell him he must go to the leaders of the people, the civil authorities, the influential and those of status in society to win them over first. Many would conclude that the Messiah needed to have the full support of the leaders at that time. But that’s obviously not what John did. John the Baptist, at the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, was driven not into the homes of the most prestigious and wealthy, not into the halls of the civil governors, and not into the synagogues or Temple. Instead, John was driven into the desert. And in the desert, that dry and deserted place, he drew many people to himself and to his message of repentance. God continues to call many today to follow in the footsteps of John the Baptist. Though John was a real person sent on a real mission at one particular moment in time, the mission he fulfilled is one that still needs fulfilling in various ways today. The “way of the Lord” still needs to be prepared. The Lord still desires to come to many, and He needs prophets to prepare the way for His continual coming by grace. Are you one of those people? Truth be told, every one of us, rich or poor, learned or unlearned, young or old, etc., is called by God to prepare the way for His coming by grace every day. We are called to prepare the way by calling others to sincere repentance and conversion of life. This is done by the witness of our actions, by our words and by numerous other ways that God calls. How is God calling you to do His work? He is certainly calling you. You simply need to be open to that calling and generously respond.

Reflect, today, upon that “desert” to which you have been called, so as to prepare yourself and others for the coming of Christ. That desert is any place where there is need and every place where our Lord is not. It might be your family, work environment, community, among friends, or any place that lacks the superabundance of God’s grace. Seek to enter those deserts and to be open to be a channel of our Lord's grace to those in need.

Our Lady of Grace
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Please use the QR Code to sign your children up for the Christmas Pageant

Registration Deadline is Wed. Dec. 13th @5 PM
Roles will be announced Thurs. Dec. 14th

Participants parents will be added to the “2023 Christmas” flocknote for communication

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 \$30 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 Christmas Angel will then shop to purchase all the requested gift cards!



**Please join us for our annual
Las Posadas!**

Sunday December 17th @6:30pm - 8:30pm

**Come celebrate the journey Mary and Joseph made
on the evening of Jesus' birth.**

6:30 pm - Candlelight Procession

7 pm - Tamale Potluck Dinner

7:45 pm - Piñata, Hot Cocoa & Desserts

Donations are welcome!



CONFIRMATION STUDENTS:

Assisting with the Parish Posada will count towards service hours.

*Please arrive for Set up @5 PM; Madonna Room

We should be finished and cleaned up by @9 PM*



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***DELIZIOSO*
Spaghetti Dinner**



SATURDAY, DEC. 16TH ~ 6:30-8:30PM

Everyone is invited

**to take a break from the holiday hustle
& enjoy a Table Service Spaghetti Dinner
sponsored by the Knights of Columbus!**

**Visit
with
Santa!**

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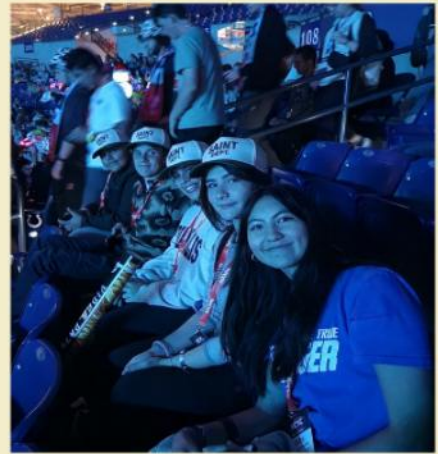
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AFTER EVERY SUNDAY MASS
OR YOU CAN JOIN IN & PAY AT THE DINNER!**

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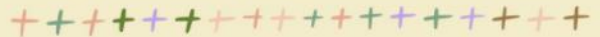
A couple of weeks ago five youth coming from St. Peter's and Our Lady of Grace went to Indianapolis, IN to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference.

The weekend was life changing for our youth as they got to participate in Mass, Eucharistic procession, receive Confession, and listen to inspiring Catholic speakers and musicians with thousands of youth from all over the country. Our group loved getting to meet other youth who share the same belief's and faith as them.



A message that was presented the first night of the conference (that really resonated with our youth) was ***"You are not a mistake, but a mystery waiting to be encountered."***

Our youth came home feeling fully alive and made connections with youth just like them. They can't wait for the next conference and we hope you will join us for the next one!!



"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." - John 1:5

We ask that high school youth and parents spend the next few weeks prayerfully considering attending the Steubenville conference. Registration will open **January 1, 2024** for incoming 9th graders through outgoing 12th graders.

Watch the promotion video by scanning the QR Code



For more information or if interested in being a chaperone please email kim.morrison@olgsa.org



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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





Christmas SEASON SCHEDULE

Parish Advent Reconciliation Service
Monday, Dec. 18th 6:30pm

4th Sunday of Advent

Dec. 23rd Confessions 4:30pm & Mass 5:30pm

Dec. 24th 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:00pm

*Choose one

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Sunday, Dec. 24th

3:30pm

Children's Pageant-OLG

4:00pm

Children's Mass-OLG

4:00pm

Christmas Eve Mass-SAHS Chapel

6:30pm

Christmas Eve Mass

9:30pm

Christmas Carols

10:00pm

Christmas Eve Mass

Monday, Dec. 25th

Christmas Day Mass

10:30am

*Choose one

Feast of the Holy Family

Dec. 30th Confessions 4:30pm & Mass 5:30pm

Dec. 31st 8:30pm, 10:30pm, 12:00pm

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Mon. Jan. 1st

10:30am

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Jan. 6th Confessions 4:30pm & Mass 5:30pm

Jan. 7th 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:00pm

Adoration of the Child Jesus after every Mass

**The Baptism of the Lord (Jan. 8th- 7am Mass)
is the conclusion of the Christmas Season**

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