

WE HAVE FOUND
the Messiah

JOHN 1:41



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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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*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

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MONDAY, 15TH MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

• OFFICE CLOSED

• Mass - 8:00am

TUESDAY, 16TH

• TMIY! - 6:15am

• Rosary Prayer Group
6:30pm

• Young Adult Night
7:00pm at St. Peter's

WEDNESDAY, 17TH

• Pastoral Council
Meeting 6:15pm

• RCIA - Walk Through
the Mass - 6:30pm

• Choir Practice - 7pm

SATURDAY, 20TH

• Men's Fellowship Group
8:30am

SUNDAY, 21ST

• Teens Give Back Board
Meeting 4:00pm

• Young Adult Night
5:30pm at St. Peter's

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 14, 2023**

Your body is a temple of the Holy
Spirit within you.

— 1 Corinthians 6:19a



Amen, I
say to you,
whatever
you did
for one of
these least
brothers of
mine, you
did for me.

Matthew
25:40

Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah"-which is translated Christ. Then he brought him to Jesus. *John 1:40-42*

Andrew was a follower of Saint John the Baptist until John directed him to Jesus. One day John saw Jesus walk by and pointed to Jesus, telling Andrew and another disciple, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples followed after Jesus. After spending the day with Jesus, Andrew was so impressed that the next day he excitedly went to find his brother, Simon Peter, to tell him about Jesus. As is mentioned in the passage above, he enthusiastically tells Peter, "We have found the Messiah." Then, once Peter meets Jesus, Peter also becomes His disciple.

A similar experience occurs between the brothers Philip and Nathanael (see John 1:43-51). Jesus calls Philip to follow Him, and he does. After coming to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, Philip goes to tell his brother Nathanael that he has found "the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets." Nathanael believes and follows our Lord. Thus, a series of conversions began after John the Baptist gave testimony that Jesus was the "Lamb of God."

Though we can be certain that Jesus did not need the testimony of John the Baptist to convert Andrew, nor the testimony of Andrew to convert Simon Peter, nor the testimony of Philip to convert Nathanael, this is how it happened. Jesus chose to use these three to bring about the conversion of others.

In God's divine plan of salvation, He regularly uses the mediation of others to bring forth the conversion of hearts. We see this on many levels. First and foremost, He uses our Blessed Mother as the Mediatrix of Grace to bring forth His grace upon us all. She is the instrument and Jesus is the source. Through her mediation, there are other saints who act as intercessors. And there are countless angels who also act as distributors of God's grace and mercy. God is the source of all but uses the heavenly hosts to bring forth His grace upon us all.

The same is true within our earthly existence. In addition to the numerous angels and saints who act as intercessors and mediators, God uses each one of us to bring about His Kingdom here and now in the lives of many. Every time we speak God's words or witness to God through our actions, we become instruments of God's mercy. And if we fully commit ourselves to the divine will, there are many who will be converted by God's grace through us.

Reflect, today, upon the holy and sacred calling you have received to act as a mediator of God's infinite grace and mercy. First, think about the many people God wants to touch through you. Also think about the fact that those people might never be drawn to God if you fail to act. God can do all things and touch many people in varied ways, but the fact remains that He does want to use you for His mission. Say "Yes" to that mission so that you, like many others, will share in the glorious calling of being an intercessor and a mediator of God's grace.



Respect Life Mass

Sunday, January 21, 2024 | 5:00 PM
San Fernando Cathedral

(115 Main Plaza, San Antonio TX 78205)



Gather in prayer for the protection of human life. We praise God for the opportunity that state and federal legislators have to protect unborn children. We pray for sustained protection of the unborn, for support for mothers and families in need, and for decision makers to continue to advocate for the most vulnerable among us. **Join us at 4:00 pm for a Rosary prior to Mass. Mass begins at 5:00 pm.**



Bishop Michael Boulette.
Celebrant and Homilist

Questions/comments?

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**Pray to
Protect
Human Life!**

**This novena prays for the protection of human life,
from conception to natural death.**

Visit the USCCB website for each day's intention, which is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.



If you or someone you know is seeking help in an unplanned pregnancy, please use the following link to learn how the Church can help.

<https://www.archsa.org/act-for-life#pregnancy>

Healing after Abortion

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, compassionate help is available.

Visit ***[HopeAfterAbortion.org](https://www.HopeAfterAbortion.org)***



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.

All are welcome to join the Rosary Prayer Group this **Tuesday, January 16th.**

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



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.



Holy Hour for Priests
Every Second Tuesday of the Month
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Rosary, Prayer & Benediction

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21
- Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

MASS, CONFESSION & INTENTION SCHEDULE

Monday, January 15

8:00 PM Fr. Jorge
John Yudt (d) & Margie Miketta (d) - Family

Tuesday, January 16

4:45 PM Confessions - Fr. Abe
5:30 PM Mass - Fr. Abe
In Thanksgiving

Wednesday, January 17

7:00AM Fr. Jorge
Charles Castro, Jr. (d) - Parish

Thursday, January 18

4:45 PM Confessions - Fr. Abe
5:30 PM Mass - Fr. Abe
Susie Mendiola (d) - Parish

Friday, January 19

7:00 AM Fr. Jorge
Pat Hedemann (d) - Parish

Saturday, January 20

4:45 PM Confessions - Fr. Abe
5:30 PM Mass - Fr. Abe
Cecilio & Becky Rodriguez - Armando & Delia Salinas

Sunday, January 21

8:30 AM Fr. Frank Santucci, OMI
Our Lady of Grace Parishioners
10:30 AM Confessions - Fr. Frank Santucci, OMI
10:30 AM Fr. Abe
Angelica Molina (d) - Dora Urrutia
12:15 PM Confessions - Fr. Jorge
12:00PM Fr. Abe
Jim Oates (d) - Pedraza Family

The January 28th second collection
is for the
Church in Latin America.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Speak, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).
Psalms — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).
Second Reading — Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you? (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).
Gospel — Andrew found his brother Simon and brought him to Jesus (John 1:35-42).

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All men are invited to join the Spring semester of That Man Is You beginning Tuesday Jan. 9. The program starts at 6:30 am and we adjourn promptly at 7:30 am. The theme of this year's program is "Thy Kingdom Come" which focuses on the fact that "The kingdom of God is among us. Indeed, it is here now. For where the King is there is His Kingdom.

Let us live with an eternal perspective."

Come join men gathering to learn more about our faith and to support each other We strive to be better holier men for our families and communities.

Upcoming Young Adult Events

- ∨ 16 January **Young Adult Night**
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm
 At St. Peter Prince of the Apostles Mark and Luke room

- ∨ 21 January **Young Adult Night**
 5:30 pm
 5:30 pm Mass at St. Peter Prince of the Apostles followed by fellowship at a near by restaurant

- ∨ 25 January **Young Adult Night**
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm
 At Our Lady of Grace in the Lower Madonna Room

- ∨ 30 January **Young Adult Night**
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm
 At St. Peter Prince of the Apostles Mark and Luke room

UPCOMING JANUARY YOUTH NIGHTS

- 8
BACK TO SCHOOL GAME NIGHT 7 PM - 8:30 PM AT OUR LADY OF GRACE LOWER MADONNA ROOM
- 20
NEW YEAR NEW ME YOUTH NIGHT 3 PM - 4:30 PM AT ST. PETER PRINCE OF THE APOSTELS PARISH HALL
- 22
"THESE ARE THE DAYS" BIBLE STUDY 7 PM - 8:30 PM AT OUR LADY OF GRACE LOWER MADONNA ROOM

Quick Reflection

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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

Just before our first reading it says that “the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions” (1Sam 3:1) I imagine most people today would think that was true. Do you think God has stopped talking? People apparently felt that way in Samuel’s time. Let’s look at the reading to see what Samuel’s experience can teach us.

At first Samuel thinks it is Eli calling him. It is not unusual for people to miss a sign from God. If you have a talent that you are proud of, perhaps it is a sign that God wants you to use that talent to help others. Or if a friend tells you she is concerned about your health, it could be God’s way of telling you to get help. Try to see God speaking in whatever happens to you and you may hear a lot more than you think.

Samuel also gets help from Eli. Eli began to recognize that the LORD was speaking to Samuel. Sometimes we need help discerning what the Lord is telling us. A good spiritual director can help. He or she will probably ask how often you pray. In our reading Samuel finally speaks directly to God, instead of going back to Eli. So if you wonder what God plans for your life, try spending more time in prayer with him. I bet we have all had times where we didn’t know if we are doing God’s will because we didn’t take time to pray. But don’t do all the talking. Give God some quiet time to hear his response. For God hasn’t stopped talking; we just stopped listening.

Tom Schmidt-Diocesan



A Retreat FOR YOUNG ADULTS

FEB. 9-11, 2024

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ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

BEGIN SOON!

If you are an adult aged 18 or older, have received the Sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion and are ready to take the next step in your Faith Journey, you are invited to attend Our Lady of Grace's Adult Confirmation Classes.

The eight class series will begin on **Monday, January 29, 2024 from 6:30pm- 8:00pm** in the OLG Church Family Room. Confirmation will take place on April 12, 2024 at St. Peter, Prince of Apostles Church.



Our Lady of Grace

World Marriage Day Retreat

February 10, 2024 6 -9 pm

The observance of World Marriage Day is an opportunity for married couples to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family.

Married couples are invited to an evening of reflection to spend time together and renew their marriage.

Please email the parish office at office@olgsa.org to register.



If you would like to donate flowers for the Altar in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a birthday or anniversary, please call the office at 210-734-7285. In each week's bulletin we thank all those who sponsor the Altar flowers.

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



If you have moved, recently married, or had any change in your contact information, please call the office at 210-734-7285 so that we can update our records.

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