

The Spirit
drove Jesus
out into the
desert, and he
remained in
the desert
for forty days,
tempted by
Satan.

He was among
wild beasts, and
the angels
ministered
to him.

Mark 1:12,13

The Temptation of Christ by the Devil
by Félix Joseph Barrias, 1860



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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 at least six
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date and complete marriage
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MONDAY, 19TH

- Adult Confirmation Class - 6:30pm

TUESDAY, 20TH

- TMIY! - 6:15am
- Rosary Prayer Group & Potluck - 6:00pm

WEDNESDAY, 21ST

- Bishop Barron's This Is My Body Book Study - 9:30am
- Pastoral Council Meeting - 6:15pm
- RCIA - A Catholic Moral Vision - 6:30pm
- Choir Practice - 7:00pm

THURSDAY, 22ND

- Young Adult Night Lower Level - 7:00pm

FRIDAY, 23RD

- Stations of the Cross 6:00pm

SATURDAY, 24TH

- Men's Fellowship Group 8:30am

New to the Parish?
We welcome you to join our faith family!





**FRIDAYS AT 6:00PM
STATIONS
OF THE CROSS**
EVERY FRIDAY
FEB. 16TH - MARCH 22ND

**PARISH LENTEN
RECONCILIATION
SERVICE**

**THURSDAY,
MARCH 7, 2024
6:30 - 8:30PM**

**LENTEN
Fellowship Meals**



March 1st
First Friday Potluck (🍷)

March 8th
Knight's Fish Fry (🍷)

March 22nd
Knight's Fish Fry (🍷)

*stay tuned for additional dates

MASS, CONFESSION & INTENTION SCHEDULE

Monday, February 19

8:00 AM Fr. Abe
Robert Antolin (d) - Joann Gonzales

Tuesday, February 20

4:45 PM Confessions - Fr. Jorge
5:30 PM Mass - Fr. Jorge
In Thanksgiving - Dora Urrutia

Wednesday, February 21

7:00AM Fr. Abe
Special Intention

Thursday, February 22

4:45 PM Confessions - Fr. Jorge
5:30 PM Mass - Fr. Jorge

Friday, February 23

7:00 AM Fr. Abe
Ethel Marie Peak (d) - Joann Gonzales

Saturday, February 24

4:45 PM Confessions - Fr. Jorge
5:30 PM Mass - Fr. Jorge
Pedro Urrutia (d) - Dora Urrutia

Sunday, February 25

8:30 AM Fr. Jorge
Maria 'Sadie' Garcia (d) - Cecilio & Becky Rodriguez
10:30 AM Confessions - Fr. Frank Santucci, OMI
10:30 AM Fr. Jorge
McKenna Family - Pedraza Family
12:00PM Confessions- Fr. Abe
12:00PM Fr. Frank Santucci, OMI
Our Lady of Grace Parishioners



Please pray for the repose of the soul of
†Lucille Quinones Hooker
who died January 29, 2024
May she rest in peace.



The Altar flowers last weekend were
In Loving Memory of
†Ronnie LeVreir
From Pat LeVreir

This weekend's second collection
is for the Black & Indian Mission.

**The Parish Office will be CLOSED
Monday, February 19th for Presidents' Day.
Mass will at 8:00 am.**

Church Financial Reports: We recently mailed donation statements to our parishioners to use for tax purposes. This report included all church envelope donations as well as all loose checks. Also included in the mailing was a copy of the Parish Financial Report. We wish to thank you for your generosity and continued financial support of Our Lady of Grace Church.



CHRIST SUFFERED FOR SINS ONCE, THAT HE MIGHT LEAD YOU TO GOD

1 Peter 3:18

What an amazing event we reflect upon today. Jesus, the Son of God, the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity humbled Himself in two ways. First, He allowed Himself to endure the temptations of satan. Second, He permitted His very own creation, the good angels, to minister to Him in His human form.

First of all, recall that satan is a fallen angel. He was created by God and was created good. But the Book of Revelation (12:4) indicates that one-third of the created angels were cast out of Heaven to roam the earth. These demons act under the direction of the highest fallen angel, satan. Thus, according to the passage above, it was satan himself who tempted Jesus in the desert. Additionally, Jesus permitted the good angels to minister to Him in His human nature. These acts reveal the perfection of the virtue of humility within the humanity of our Lord.

According to Saint Thomas Aquinas, angels were created for three primary reasons. The first is for the purpose of worship. Worship of God brings about communion with God and enables perfect love to flow back and forth from God to each angelic being. Second, angels enact the will of God in all things. This includes the implementation of the laws of nature and the imparting of the grace that Christ won on the Cross. Third, God uses angels as messengers. Scripture records various ways that the angels spoke to the prophets, to our Blessed Mother, to Saint Joseph and to others. Saint Thomas Aquinas also believed that each of us is given a particular guardian angel whose role is not only to protect us but also to communicate the will of God to us.

As God, Jesus was the Creator of all angelic beings with the Father and the Holy Spirit. As man, Jesus was the recipient of both the ministry of the good angels and the attacks of the fallen angels. By humbly submitting Himself to the natural powers of these angelic creatures, Jesus was also teaching us that we must do the same.

One of the primary natural powers of both the good and bad angels is the power of influence and suggestive thought. Angelic beings have the ability to put before your imagination ideas meant to either influence you for the good (the good angels) or to deceive you and lead you into sin (the bad angels). These communications are real, and we should be aware of them. In his book, *The Spiritual Exercises*, Saint Ignatius of Loyola devotes much time and energy to the ministry of angels. He teaches how to distinguish the lies and deceptions of the fallen angels from the consoling direction communicated by the good angels. In many ways, our Gospel passage today, by which Jesus submitted Himself to the temptations and ministry of the angels, lends much support to the importance of trying to understand how these angelic creatures influence us. For more on this, see the book *Probing the Depths: Ignatian Lessons and Meditations Arranged According to the Liturgical Year*.

Reflect, today, upon the amazing truth that both angels and demons are constantly active in your life, seeking to influence you. As you ponder their spiritual role in your life, consider the various ways you can learn more about them. Speak to your guardian angel. Ask for the intercession of the highest of angels. Try to join them in their divine worship. Pray for their protection. Ask them to communicate to you the highest of truths from God. Seek to be attentive to these holy angels so that as you learn to discern their voices, you will be ready to follow the direction they give to you from God.



All men are invited to join the Spring semester of **That Man Is You!** 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.

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.



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.

**SPRING
BOOK
STUDY**



Bishop Barron's This Is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival

(This book was gifted to all parishioners in the Summer of 2023)



Wednesdays, February 21 - March 20 - 9:30am

Bishop Barron wrote this book to "Help understand the Sacrament of Jesus' Body and Blood more thoroughly, precisely so that you might fall in love with the Lord more completely."

Please call or email Shelley Clary (903-714-3889; shelleyclary@gmail.com) to register and receive the reading guide.

Week 1 will discuss pages V-26 so come prepared!!

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.



Youth and Young Adult February

SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
18 Young Adult Social @ Cottage Pub after 5:30 Mass	19	20	21 Last day to Sign Up for the Youth Explosion	22 Young Adult Night @ OLG 7pm	23	24 Youth Night @ St. Peter 3pm
25	26 Youth Night @ OLG 7pm	27 Young Adult Night @ St. Peter 7pm	28	29		



Knights of Columbus *Fish Fry*



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***March 8th & 22nd
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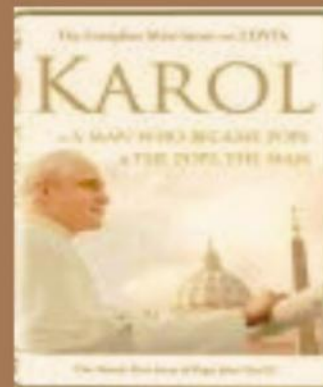
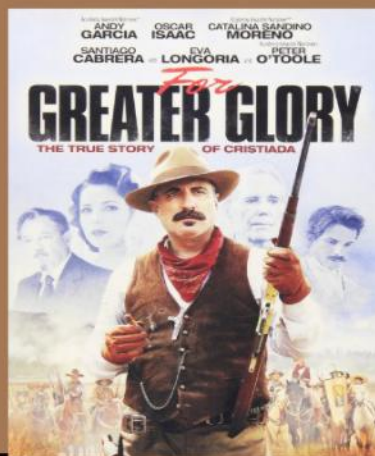
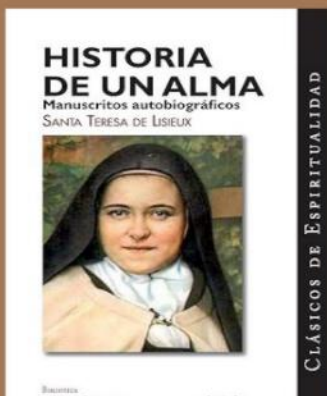
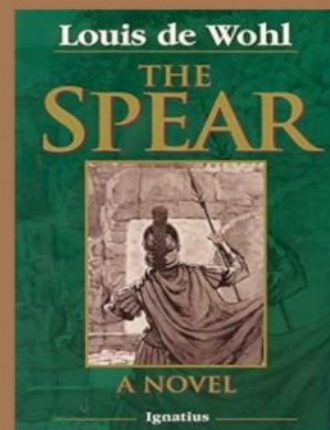
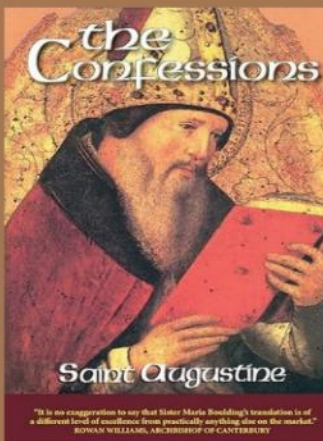
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DON'T MISS OUT ON FR. JORGE'S LENTEN RESOURCE PAGE

A compilation of recommended books, movies,
and other resources.

In Augustine's experience, reading opens the
mind to truth. Tolle, lege!

SOME EXAMPLES:



This Lenten Season "...go on a journey, one that
hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves
us changed by the encounter with Him. "

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