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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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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

Susan Auquet, Neomi Balderas, Marie Black, Mary Blake, Rosa Becnel, Melinda C., Annabel Castaneda, Michael Castro, Juliana Cavazos, Joann Cockrie, Theresa Connolly, Esther Contreras, Ashley Cuellar, Emiliano Cuellar, David Davis, Kate DeWein, Theresa Ellie, Vangie Gallardo, Juan Garza, Danny Gusme, Eric Hawbecker, Josephine Janczar, Mary Margaret Janosek, Steve Janosek, Helga Mayo, Kathy McCoy, Sally McDuffee, Joseph McKinley, Gracie Miller, Jim O'Brien, George Perez, Rina Pollack, Mary Lou Prieto, Jose Sanchez, Jeanie Sanders, Carlos Saucedo, Edward Jacob Sciantarelli, Jim Sciantarelli, Laurie Seligman, Carolyn Smith, Dora Urrutia, Henry Wolff, Stephen Wyrick, Cheryl Wolf.



MONDAY, JANUARY 6

- 6:00 pm - Encounter School of Ministry

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

- 6:30pm- Grief Ministry
- 7:00pm- RCIA - The Sacraments: An Introduction

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

- 7:00 pm - RCIA - The Early Church
- 7:00 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

- 6:30 pm - Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

- 3:00pm -Teens Give Back Board Meeting
- 6:00 pm - Women's ACTS Planning Meeting

Online Offertory and Parishioner Registration



Our Lady of Grace
Catholic Church



Holy Hour For Priests
 Monthly - Every Second Tuesday
 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.

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.



Masses as Gifts: Having a Mass offered on a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion, is a most prayerful way to commemorate the special event. Mass cards are available to acknowledge your loved one's special remembrance.

Parish Bulletin Deadline

If ministry or parish organization needs something to be included in the bulletin, please submit the information by Friday afternoon before 5:00 PM *ten days* before your desired publication date. Please call the office or email your request to Teni at office@olgsa.org.

Save the date...



**OUR LADY OF GRACE
 PARISH GUILD
 Membership Drive**

**January 16th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm
 &
 January 21st from 10:00 -12:00 pm**

More Details to Follow

MASS, CONFESSION & INTENTION SCHEDULE

Monday, January 6
 7:00 AM Fr. Abe
 Ernest H. Horton, Sr. (d) - Pierrel Family

Tuesday, January 7
 4:45 PM *Confessions* - Fr. Jorge
 5:30 PM *Mass* - Fr. Jorge
 Carmen Link Birthday - Family & Friends

Wednesday, January 8
 8:30AM Fr. Abe
 Pruney Huesinger (d)
 12:10PM Fr. Abe
 Fr. Pat Guidon

Thursday, January 9
 4:45 PM *Confessions* - Fr. Jorge
 5:30 PM *Mass* - Fr. Jorge
 John Amity (d) - Joann Gonzalez

Friday, January 10
 7:00 AM Fr. Abe
 In Thanksgiving

Saturday, January 11
 4:30PM *Confessions* - Fr. Abe
 5:30 PM Fr. Abe
 Pernecy Heusinger (d)
 - Cecilio & Becky Rodriguez

Sunday, January 12
 8:30AM *Confessions* - Fr. Frank
 8:30 AM Fr. Jorge
 OLG Children's Liturgists
 10:30 AM Fr. Jorge
 In Thanksgiving
 12:00 PM Fr. Abe
 Our Lady of Grace Parishioners

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

Scripture Readings

Sunday **The Epiphany of the Lord**
 Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday
 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday
 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday
 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday
 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2; 14 and 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22

Friday
 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday
 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday **Baptism of the Lord**
 Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

Materials: a piece of chalk and a lighted candle (candle is optional).
Gather with family members, friends, and perhaps some neighbors at the front door.

Leader: In the (+) name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We sign this doorway with four crosses and the numerals of the new year.
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Let us pray: May Christ bless this house!
ALL: Amen!

Each room of the house is blessed using the following prayers.

Living Room:

Where two or three are gathered in your name, Lord, you are present.
Bless this room, O Lord.
ALL: Amen!

Kitchen:

Give us this day our daily bread. Bless this room O Lord.
ALL: Amen!

Dining Room:

Prepare us for the heavenly banquet. Bless this room, O Lord.
ALL: Amen!

Bedrooms:

Stay with us Lord, when night has come. Bless this room, O Lord.
ALL: Amen!

Bathroom:

Cleanse us from all sin. Bless this room, O Lord.
ALL: Amen!

All return to the front door to pray together around the lighted candle.
Leader: Let us pray as Jesus taught us: Our Father . . .

The leader prays the final prayer below.

Bless this household through all days to come, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
forever and ever.
ALL: Amen!



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The Epiphany of the Lord
A Gift for the Wise Men

A rather liberal priest was teasing one of the women of the parish, asking, "How do we know the Wise Men weren't Wise Women?" She answered, "If they were, they'd have brought bottles, diapers, and a bassinet, instead of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Maybe they were wise enough to know that Mary could have bought a lot of diapers with the gold.

The gifts, of course, are symbols of who Jesus is: a king who is both God and human. And I wonder what our gifts to the Lord say about our faith in him. Remember the song about the little drummer boy, who had no gift to bring but his ability to play the drum? Or the parable of the woman who brought two small coins to donate at the temple (Mark 12:42)? They both remind us that a person who gives all they have, no matter how little it seems, is the most generous.

So what do we bring to the newborn king? I can give my time by coming to church for the Feast of Epiphany and actually paying attention. How often do I sit in the pews, answer the prayers by heart, and suddenly realize that I can't remember what the first reading was, or what the homily was about? Just making the effort to listen to the words of Scripture, to hear what God may be trying to tell me, could be a great gift. Or I could bring someone in our family, or a friend, who doesn't go to church very much.

Now let's not forget the meaning of "epiphany." In ancient times it meant the appearance or manifestation of a divine being. In the early Church the feast included the baptism of Christ (with the voice of the Father and the Spirit as a dove) and the miracle at Cana, as well as the visit of the magi. So what we celebrate is not so much our gifts or those of the wise men, as it is a gift from God, manifested in Jesus. Maybe a way to celebrate the Epiphany is to reflect on how God has been made known to me. Simple things, like a hug from a friend or an answered prayer, or major events like a wedding, the birth of a child, or a funeral, can all be ways to experience the Lord. The wise men received the gift of an epiphany by following a star. May the light of Christ lead you to him also.

Tom Schmidt

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We are very grateful for this continuous support and invite parishioners to patronize their businesses.



Many wonderful people, too many to list, worked together to decorate our church and grounds, set up our nativity scene and serve at our Sacred Liturgies. Thank you so much for all you do for our Parish, and have a Blessed New Year!

-The Parish Staff

For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.
~Matthew 6:21

The Our Lady of Grace parish endowment provides important income to the parish each year for as long as the parish exists. Yet, that income depends on the size of the endowment. Your generous support of this endowment helps the parish each year for as long as there is a parish here.

And, your support does not need to affect your current income. The very best support of the parish endowment fund comes from planned or end of life gifts.

There are many more ways to make such a gift. Please reach out to Deacon John Benage at the Catholic Community Foundation to discuss other opportunities, let him know that you have made a gift to the *Our Lady of Grace Endowment Fund*, or just to chat.

Catholic Community Foundation
(210) 732-2157

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February 20-23, 2025

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 9TH ~ 6:30-8:30PM

**Everyone is invited
to join together and enjoy a meal
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