

**Jesus
returned
to Galilee
in the
power
of the
Spirit,
and
news
of him
spread
throughout
the
whole
region.**



**He taught in their synagogues
and was praised by all.**

Luke 4:14–15

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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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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.



MONDAY, JANUARY 27

- 6:00 pm - Encounter
School of Ministry

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

- 6:15 am - TMIY

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

- 9:30 am - Bible Timeline
Bible Study
- 7:00 pm - RCIA - The
Sacraments of Vocation,
The Sacrament of
Matrimony, The
Sacrament of Holy
Orders

- 7:00 pm SHE Women's
Group Meeting

- 7:00 pm Choir Practice

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1 1ST SATURDAY

- 8:00 am - Mass
- 9:00 am Women's ACTS
Fellowship Breakfast
- 9:30 am Women's ACTS
Mini Retreat

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- 6:00 pm - Women's
ACTS Planning Meeting

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, 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, Al Medina, Gracie Miller, Jim O'Brien, George Perez, Rina Pollack, Mary Lou Prieto, Jose Sanchez, Jeanie Sanders, Carlos Saucedo, Edward Laurie Seligman, Carolyn Smith, Dora Urrutia, Henry Wolff, Stephen Wyrick, Cheryl Wolf.

Online Offertory and Parishioner Registration



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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.



**FIRST SATURDAY
FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST
OLG WOMEN'S
ACTS TEAM**
ENJOY BREAKFAST, COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP
AFTER THE 8:00AM FIRST SATURDAY MASS
IN THE BREEZEWAY CLASSROOM.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of
†Gloria Curiel
who died January 10, 2025
May she rest in peace.

MASS, CONFESSION & INTENTION SCHEDULE

Monday, January 27
7:00 AM Fr. Jorge
Jimmy McMurray - Rita & Ken Bragg

Tuesday, January 28
4:45 PM *Confessions* - Fr. Abe
5:30 PM *Mass* - Fr. Abe
Killian Campbell - Joann Gonzales

Wednesday, January 29
7:00AM Fr. Jorge
Julie Eckstein (d) - Eckstein Family

Thursday, January 30
4:45 PM *Confessions* - Fr. Abe
5:30 PM *Mass* - Fr. Abe
Mary Jane Diaz (d) - Friends

Friday, January 31
7:00 AM Fr. Jorge
Jimmy McMurray - Rita & Ken Bragg

Saturday, February 1 - *First Saturday*
8:00 AM Fr. Abe
Jean Doski (d)
4:30PM *Confessions* - Fr. Abe
5:30 PM Fr. Abe
Yolanda Tolentino - Carmen Drury

Sunday, February 2
8:30 AM Fr. Abe
Our Lady of Grace Parishioners
10:30 AM Abe
Joe Garza (d) - Family & Friends
12:00 PM Fr. Frank
Pruny Huesinger (d)

**This weekend's second collection
for the Church in Latin America.**



Holy Hour For Priests
Monthly - Every Second Tuesday
7 PM- 8 PM
Rosary, Prayers and Benediction

..Jesus teaches in the synagogues of Galilee to great acclaim. He then continues to his childhood home of Nazareth. He goes to the same synagogue where he has faithfully gone with his family on the sabbath, and they give him the book of the prophet Isaiah to read. It is an honor to read, and Jesus does so with great reverence and respect. He reads from Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor ..." After reading, Jesus closes the book, gives it back to the person honored with its care, and sits down. "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing," he says.

We read that a couple thousand years later, and we skim right by it. Yep, Jesus reads Isaiah and says, "This is now," because it was — he's Jesus, Son of God, Savior of the World and all. But imagine that moment in time. He's Jesus, a neighborhood guy, son of Joseph. They grew up with him; they know his family. They know HIM, but something's different. He reads with an authority that gets their attention. They can see it. He finishes, he sits, and all eyes are on him. Silence. Wonder. And in that moment, he tells them: the time has come; the time is now. "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." Mic drop in Nazareth.

Sit in that moment for a few minutes. Could they tell? Did they know? The verses that follow suggest that maybe they didn't just yet, but in that moment, what stirred within them? What stirs within *us*? ...

Excerpt from Pamela Kavanaugh's Meditation | Diocesan

DO NOT
BE SADDENED
THIS DAY,
FOR REJOICING
IN THE LORD
MUST BE YOUR
STRENGTH!
Nehemiah 8:10

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The women's *SHE Shall Be Called Woman* program meets weekly on Wednesday nights at 7pm in the St. Joseph Room (aka the lower level of the Madonna Room), starting on January 29th.

This is a special time for fellowship and self-exploration of what it means to be a Catholic woman in modern times. All women are welcome.

For more information, please contact Amanda Claiborne at 210-365-4952.

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In the first reading, Ezra gets a strange reaction from the people to whom he reads the book of the law. First they lie down, with faces to the ground, and then they all are weeping. Remember the background of this reading. The people of Israel had returned from exile and needed to become a unified nation. Most had never heard the laws, so when they learned what was expected of them and realized how much of the Law they had broken, they wept from shame. Many probably didn't know that they had been breaking the law. Others might have been overwhelmed with all the requirements of the law.

Ezra and Nehemiah console the people by reminding them that their return makes this a day "holy to the Lord" (Nehemiah 8:10). He adds that they would draw strength from "rejoicing in the Lord." That may be good advice for us also.

We might find ourselves so trapped in sin that we think we could never be forgiven. We need to remember that Jesus loved sinners so much that he gave his life on the cross to free us from sin. No sin can be so bad that God's love cannot forgive it. In other words, God's forgiveness is only limited by our failure to ask for it. As the psalms say, God's mercy endures forever. In fact, the more I have to repent, the more God wants to forgive. So we can rejoice in the Lord's forgiveness and the Spirit will give us the strength to change our lives.

And what about those who find the law overwhelming? That usually means a lack of faith in God's willingness to help us or in our ability to do the best we can to live as Christians. It can also be because we have forgotten Jesus' saying that all of God's laws are contained in the command to love God and love our neighbor as we love ourselves. The more we come to accept God's presence in our lives and see God in others, the easier it becomes to keep the law of love.

Tom Schmidt

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25
Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

Welcome Back, OLG Bible Studies & Ministries!



- **Tuesdays**- The TMIY! Men's Group meets at 6:15am.
- **Wednesdays** - The Timeline Bible Study Group resumes on January 29th at 9:30am.
- **Wednesdays** - The SHE Women's Ministry Group resumes on January 29th at 7:00pm.
- **Wednesdays** - *Stay tuned for a New Men's Evening Bible Study!*
- **Thursdays** - The Luke Bible Study will begin meeting on March 6th at 6:30pm.
- **Thursdays** - The Grief Ministry Group meets twice a month. (Call the Office or check the bulletin for dates.)
- **Thursdays** - Theology on Tap Men's Group meets every 4th Thursday at the Wild Barley Kitchen & Brewery at 6:30pm.
- **Saturdays** - The Women's Spirituality Book Club meets twice a month. (Call the Office or check the bulletin for book titles & dates.)

***Adult Confirmation Classes begin Tuesday, Feb. 25th**



The OLG Parish Guild invites everyone to join together for the

***First Friday Mass & Devotion
to the Sacred Heart of Jesus***

February 7th at 5:30pm



After Mass, everyone from toddlers to Seniors are welcome to join our

***First Friday Potluck
in the Madonna Room***

A main course of Chicken Pot Pie will be served; just bring a side dish, dessert or salad to share.

Let's break bread together!

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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 these classes.

The eight class series will begin on
Tuesday, February 4, 2025 from 6:30pm- 8:00pm
in the OLG Guadalupe Room
223 East Summit San Antonio, Tx 78212

You will be asked to provide your Baptism & 1st Communion certificates.

Contact Deacon George Wunderlich at 240-707-0724
for more information about the program.



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A NEW RETREAT CALLED

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UP



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Thursday, February 13th
6-9 pm

321 Paseo Encinal Street
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RSVP Sarah Barlow
Text: 318-455-5458



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.





Blessed is she who *Believed.*

Luke 1:45

**WOMEN'S
ACTS RETREAT
FEBRUARY 20-23, 2025**



A DORATION and daily prayer;
C OMMUNITY as a member of the Body of Christ;
T HEOLOGY through the study of Holy Scriptures
and the teachings of the Catholic Church; and
S ERVICE with emphasis on the virtue of service to
our Lord, to our Church, and to one another.

Weekend Details:

An ACTS Women's retreat is a four-day retreat beginning on Thursday evening and ending on Sunday after the 12 pm Mass at Our Lady of Grace.

This retreat is designed to strengthen your Catholic faith and community by spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This weekend retreat gives you the chance to spend time with God, focus on your faith, and cultivate friendships. The retreat is staffed and run with love by your fellow parishioner women.

Please prayerfully consider deepening your faith by attending this retreat.

The ACTS Team is proud to provide a retreat designed to give women an opportunity to enter into a deeper relationship with our Lord and our community.

It is open to all women 21 and over.

SPACE AVAILABLE~REGISTER NOW

Cost:

The cost is \$225, which includes a \$75 registration deposit fee. The balance is due upon arrival Thursday evening at OLG before departure. This will cover all meals, lodging, t-shirt, and transportation between the retreat center and OLG.

DO NOT LET THE COST OF THE RETREAT KEEP YOU FROM PARTICIPATING!

If the fee makes attending prohibitive, please contact the ACTS Director to discuss available financial assistance.

**For more information call:
Alma Garza at 210-744-4983**

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