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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 4:30PM-5:15PM

SUNDAY

*Please see weekly schedule

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

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MONDAY, APRIL 7

 6:00 pm - Encounter School of Ministry

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

- 6:15 am TMIY
- 6:00 pm- Walking with Moms Meeting
- 7:00 pm Holy Hour for Priests
- 7:00 pm Knights Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

- 9:30 am Bible Timeline Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Walking with Moms General Meeting
- 7:00 pm RCIA
- 7:00 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

- 6:30 pm- Luke Bible Study
- 6:30 pm- Grief Ministry
- 7:00 pm Young Adult Group

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

 6:00pm- Stations of the Cross

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

 10:15 am - Procession with Palms



Scripture Readings For the Week of April 7, 2025

Monday Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62;

Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday Num 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-

30

Wednesday Dan 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dan 3:52, 53, 54, 55,

56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday Gen 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31

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Saturday Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-

56

Sunday Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56 or Lk 23:1-49



Please pray for the repose of the soul of †Lisa Weissler who died March 31, 2025 May she rest in peace.

MASS, CONFESSION & INTENTION SCHEDULE

Monday, April 7

7:00 AM Fr. Jorge

Armida Escobar (d) - Carmen Drury

Tuesday, April 8

4:30 PM Confessions - Fr. Abe

5:30 PM *Mass* - Fr. Abe

Roy M. Bakewell, Jr. (d) - Pierrell Family

Wednesday, April 9 7:00AM Fr. Jorge

Carol Barnes (d) - Parish

Thursday, April 10

4:30 PM Confessions - Fr. Abe

5:30 PM *Mass -* Fr.. Abe

Rosemary Wilcox (d) - Ministry to the Sick

Friday, April 11 7:00 AM Fr. Jorge

Gilbert Tijerina, Jr. (d) - Parish

Saturday, April 12

4:30PM Confessions - Fr. Jorge

5:30 PM Fr. Jorge

Judy Ann Villarreal (d) - Cecilio & Becky Rodriguez

Sunday, April 13 - Palm Sunday

8:30 AM Fr. Jorge

Dr. Deborah Mueller (d)

10:15 AM Procession with Palms

10:30 AM Fr. Jorge

James R. White (d) - Jon Koch

12:00 PM Abe

Jerry A. Sesco (d) - Christine Pytel

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Next weekend, many churches provide palms to be carried in the opening moments of the liturgy, as we gratefully recall Jesus' entry into the holy city of Jerusalem. The children who greeted him on that day used what was both handy and traditional, since palms were carried to inaugurate the joyful harvest feast of Succoth. To this day, faithful Jews are directed to take a beautiful palm branch, green and straight as possible, called a *lulav*, and bind it with three myrtle branches fifteen inches long, and two longer willow branches. At the end of the temple service, everyone carries the *lulav*, circling the sanctuary in a dance called the *Hoshanot*, singing hymns of joy.

In other climates, Jews and Christians alike have had to make accommodations over the years. In Italy, everyone carries olive branches today, often brought from their own garden. In England, forsythia branches are preferred, a relative of the olive, sign of peace. Germans prefer pussywillows, and others look for flowering spring branches. In our part of the world, what do you think would be the best choice to express joy and welcome, and to remind us of the joy of Christ's victory even as we prepare to commemorate his passion?

—James Field

40 Cans for Lent Food Drive



During Lent, you are invited to donate one can each day in solidarity with those who struggle to find their next meal. Your donation will assist the food pantry at the Guadalupe Community Center, our Parish Outreach Partner.

Parishioners can drop off cans in the bins inside the church or use the QR Code to shop/donate online.

RE Students can donate cans in each classroom and the class that brings the most food (by weight) will receive a 'breakfast party' at the conclusion of the food drive.





The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Celebrate the Easter Triduum, the days from Holy Thursday Evening to Easter Sunday Evening, which is celebrated as one great feast. This is the most solemn celebration of the Church. You are encouraged to be present and to participate in these special liturgies, which are the heart of our Catholic faith.

Holy Week Schedule Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, April 12-13



Mass Times: Saturday: 5:30 PM Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM

There will be an outdoor Procession with Palms at the 10:30 AM Mass.

Meet at the fountain outside the Church 15 minutes before Mass

Thursday of the Lord's Supper, April 17



7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Altar of Repose following in the Madonna Room until 12:00 AM

This Liturgy recalls the institution of the Eucharist and the establishment of the Priesthood, as well as our call to serve one another. It will be followed by the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose for prayer and solemn Adoration.

Friday of the Passion of the Lord, April 18



12:10 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross

The Celebration of the Lord's Passion includes the Liturgy of the Word, Adoration of the Cross, and Holy Communion.

Holy Saturday, April 19



8:30 PM Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

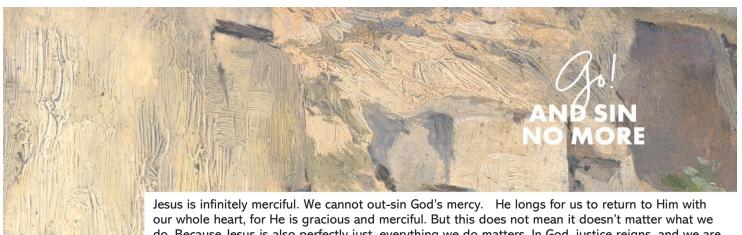
In accord with ancient tradition, this night is one of vigil for the Lord. This will be the ONLY Mass celebrated this day. The Easter Vigil includes the Service of Light, Easter Proclamation, Liturgy of the Word, Celebration of Baptism, Renewal of our Baptismal Promises, Reception of Candidates into the Catholic Church, Celebration of Confirmation, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection, April 20



8:30 AM -Our Lady of Grace Church 8:30 AM - St. Anthony High School Chapel 9:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt- area between OLG & SAHS 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM - Our Lady of Grace Church





our whole heart, for He is gracious and merciful. But this does not mean it doesn't matter what we do. Because Jesus is also perfectly just, everything we do matters. In God, justice reigns, and we are confident that we will receive from Him what is just. In today's Gospel, we see this balance of justice and mercy.

Why does Jesus refuse to condemn the woman who is caught in the very act of adultery (a sin so serious that the punishment is being stoned to death)? Isn't her activity condemnable? Isn't there a commandment against adultery? Yes, there is. So is Jesus saying the commandment doesn't matter? Certainly not.

While Jesus does not condemn her, He does not condone her actions; he does not say that her sin does not matter and she can just go on as she has been. He deals a "one-two" punch to the enemies of her soul: sin and the unforgiving judgment of others. And then He calls her in freedom to walk a new way.

First, He pauses to point out the hypocrisy of the Pharisees who seem to revel in their self-righteous accusation and eagerness to inflict punishment for offenses. No one has the right to condemn the woman for her sin, because none of them are without sin themselves – and yet, they publicly accuse others and seem to delight in discovering and pointing out the woman's obvious sin because it makes them feel superior. Without love, they have no right to point out the transgressions of others. There is no compassion or desire for the other's good in their response to the woman. Under Jesus' penetrating gaze, their own guilt sends them away from her.

Next, Jesus turns his attention fully to the woman, whose life was hanging in the balance and at the whim of the judgmental crowd publicly accusing her. He does not ignore her sin, but with great love and desire for her good, He forgives her, saying, "Neither do I condemn you." And then, as Love always does, Jesus invites her to a fuller life beyond sin. He has set her free to walk in newness of life, and with great compassion He calls her to use this freedom to choose good: "Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

God's forgiveness is spectacularly freeing and life-changing. But in order to receive it, we must acknowledge our sin and be filled with desire to walk away from it, and all that leads us into it. We must freely choose to reject sin and walk with HIM.

This is what we have been called to learn anew during Lent: that God's mercy is infinite, that we must open ourselves fully to His forgiveness and love, and be determined to walk in the newness of life Jesus made possible through His Passion and Death on the Cross.

Kathryn Mulderink

Parish Bulletin Deadline

If ministry or parish organization needs something to be included in the bulletin, please submit the information by <u>ten days before your desired publication date.</u> Please call the office or email your request to Teni at office@olgsa.org.

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Catholics are required to fast and abstain on certain days during Lent, in imitation of Jesus' fast in the desert. "Fasting" is defined as eating one regular-sized meal



and two small meals. "Abstaining" means refraining from eating animal flesh. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast and Abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

Have you refurned your envelope?



If not, remember to mail it in or turn it in to your parish in order to support the Archbishop's Appeal for Ministries!

If you lost yours, contact your parish to receive another one!



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.



Join us on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month 6:30 to 8:00 pm in Our Lady of Knock Classroom.

This event is open to anyone at any stage of their grief journey, whether you are dealing with a recent loss or reflecting on past experiences. We aim to create an environment where mutual support helps us heal together.

We look forward to walking alongside you on this path toward healing.

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.



Walking with Moms in Need Ministry General Meeting Wednesday, April 9th at 6pm In the St. Joseph's Room

Find out more about how our OLG parish is striving to help local women who are pregnant or parenting in difficult circumstances.

Come and learn more about our ministry and how you can help.



Holy Hour For Priests

Monthly - Every Second Tuesday
7 PM- 8 PM

Rosary & Prayers

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.

Our Lady of Grace Choir needs You!

Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays at 7pm in the Church. The Choir sings regularly at the 10:30 Mass and for High Feasts of the Church such as Christmas and Holy Week. You needn't have prior experience, we welcome all voices!

Interested? Want to know more? Want to sign up?
Contact 'Mr. Rick' McLaughlin, Director of Music
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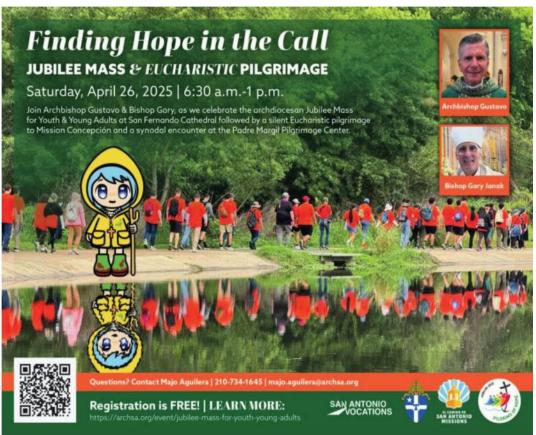


All men are invited to join a special Lenten Series of TMIY beginning Tuesday, March 4th from 6:15am-7:30am in the Madonna Room. The series will focus on rediscovering the power of the Rosary through videos filmed in the Holy Land focusing on the Sorrowful Mysteries. Please come join this awesome brotherhood of men growing in faith together!



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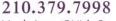
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