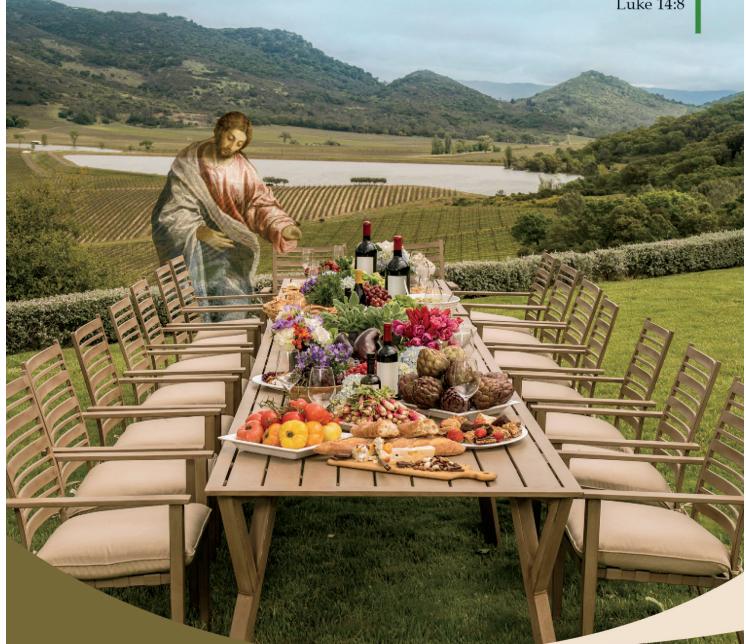


"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him..."

Luke 14:8



OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 31, 2025



# **Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church**

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# Our Clergy Pastor Administrator

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# Office Hours

Monday - Friday

9am - 5pm

# Mass Schedule

 Mon ~ Wed ~ Fri
 7:00am

 Tue ~ Thur ~ Sat
 5:30pm

 Sunday
 8:30am, 10:30am, 12pm

 1st Friday
 5:30pm

 1st Saturday
 8:00am

## Reconciliation

Tue ~ Wed ~ Sat

4:30pm

# **Baptisms**

Call the Office six weeks in advance to schedule a meeting with Fr. Abe to begin the registration process. You will be asked to bring your child's birth certificate for this meeting.

Weddings

Couples who have been registered parishioners for at least 6 months should visit our website, olgsa.org to review our guidelines and submit a Wedding Inquiry Form.

# Ministries & Organizations

#### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

#### LITURGICAL MINISTERS ~ ISRAEL MANRIQUEZ ISRAEL.MANRIQUEZ@OLGSA.ORG

Parishioners may serve in the Holy Mass as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar servers.

# SACRISTANS ~ ISRAEL MANRIQUEZ, ISRAEL.MANRIQUEZ@OLGSA.ORG

Parishioners are responsible for opening and closing the church, and for setting up and storing all items needed for Mass.

#### MUSIC MINISTERS ~RICK MCLAUGHLIN, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC, RICKMCL100@GMAIL.COM

Parishioners share their musical talents, vocal or instrumental, as ministers of the sung prayer of the community

# MINISTRIES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - ASHLEY SALVADOR, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR, ASHLEY.SALVADOR@OLGSA.ORG

Religious Ed. (K-12) These programs spread the Word of God and foster a living, conscious, and active faith in Christians of all ages.

# CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD ~CRYSTAL MONAHAN 210-734-7285

Special readings for children that include a short catechesis of each reading are offered as part of the 8:30 am Mass.

#### YOUTH MINISTRY ~ DCN. RICH DEHOYOS, DEACON.RICH.DEHOYOS@OLGSA.ORG

The changing needs of the youth, Grade 6 through High School, are met through various spiritual, service, and social activities.

# **EVANGELICAL & FORMATION MINISTRIES**

# ADULT CONFIRMATION~DCN. GEORGE WUNDERLICH, DEACON.GEORGE.WUNDERLICH@OLGSA.ORG

Adult Confirmation is for adults that have already received the sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion.

#### O.C.I.A. ~ LAURA MACOM, Lauramacom@gmail.com

The OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process that forms a community of inquirers through the education, formation and ritualization for entrance into the Catholic community. OCIA is for the unbaptized, baptized but uncatechized, and for those seeking full Catholic Communion.

### A.C.T.S ~CHRIS CLAIBORNE 210-904-4709

Retreats are offered yearly for men, women, and teens. ACTS: Adoration, Community, Theology &

#### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION-BECKY PRIETO 210-725-2383

Adorers commit 1 hour (or more) per week to be present with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel.

# MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND, ISRAEL MANRIQUEZ

Eucharistic Ministers ensure that the sick, the elderly, and the homebound continue their Eucharistic place in our community.

# ROSARY PRAYER MINISTRY ~ GREG CLARY, IRISHGMC@GMAIL.COM

Parishioners meet monthly to reflect on a passage of Scripture, for intercessory prayer, to pray the Rosary, and to enjoy a time of fellowship.

# BIBLE STUDY & BOOK STUDY

Several groups meet for Fall & Spring Sessions.
Past studies included programs from Ascension
Press, Word on Fire and Bishop Fulton Sheen. The
Teen Group is formed by teens for teens.

#### MORNING STUDY~ SHELLEY CLARY 903-714-3889

# EVENING STUDY~ LINDA ENRIQUEZ 210-387-4804

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP~ ROGER WILLIAMS 210-724-8828

TEEN STUDY~ KAI CLAIBORNE 210-734-7285

WOMENS SPIRITUALITY BOOK STUDY LAURA MACOM 210-734-7285

#### <u>Grief Ministry ~ Anastasia McKenna</u> <u>210-734-7285</u>

A pastoral ministry providing compassion and mutual support to anyone at any stage of their grief journey.

#### SHE SHALL BE CALLED WOMAN-SHE Amanda Claiborne 210-365-4952

This women's program offers deeper insights into theological truths & practical wisdom.

#### THAT MAN IS YOU -TMIY! GREG CLARY 903-714-0232

Dynamic speakers guided by the principle that "knowing who you are changes everything."

#### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AL ZGARDOWSKI 210-632-2337

This organization, which is open to Catholic men 18 years and older, provides support to the parish and community and promotes the principle of charity.

# OLG PARISH GUILD MARDI CHRISTENSEN 210-818-9352

The Guild foster the spiritual and personal growth for our members and the parish community through spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

# WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED SARAH BARLOW 318-455-5458

A prolife, nationwide initiative to increase local outreach to pregnant and parenting women facing difficulties

#### PARISH PROGRAMMING Grace Guest Speaker & Luncheon Series Verónica escobedo 210-734-7285

Hosted twice a year offering a fellowship luncheon & featuring guest speakers and presentations on various faith subjects.

# THEOLOGY ON TAP~ ROGER WILLIAMS 210-724-8828

A Catholic program for young adults that combines a relaxed, social setting, like a bar or coffeehouse, with presentations on faith-related topics by speakers

MINISTRIES HOSTED BY OLG ENCOUNTER SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

#### ASSOCIATES OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

CONNECT YOUNG ADULT GROUP
TEENS GIVE BACK

# Meet Your Parish Leadership Team (PLT)!

I am excited to introduce the Parish Leadership Team (PLT), a three-person committee that was formed following a national Amazing Parish conference attended by Fr. Jorge, parish staff and pastoral council members in 2024. I have chosen to continue this team to provide guidance and support to all parish ministries, to gather feedback from parishioners, to assist with implementation of new parish initiatives, to provide insight on key administrative issues and to assist me in developing a stewardship parish that is living and sharing the Gospel. PLT members were selected because they are already leaders in many areas of parish life and because they care deeply about all aspects of the parish. They form a team that is willing to focus their time, talents and treasures to help enrich our community as a vibrant, Christ-centered parish.

I have gotten to know these individuals quite well during my time at OLG and am convinced they are true servant leaders - humble in spirit, eager to grow, thoughtful in relationships, and deeply rooted in faith. These qualities reflect a shared commitment to spirit-led growth of our community and parish mission.

A few of the responsibilities I am asking of PLT members include:

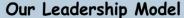
- Take an active facilitation role with all ministries to ensure they get the support needed to grow and to make a significant contribution to the parish.
- Partner with ministry leaders to launch initiatives, accelerate decisions and empower growth.
- Provide administrative support so I can focus on pastoral care and spiritual leadership across Our Lady of Grace, Trinity University and the Oblate seminary.
- Serve as ex-officio members of the Pastoral Council (which will be reimagined in the coming months).
- Organize and lead parish "town hall" information gathering sessions which will result in a parish prioritized plan.

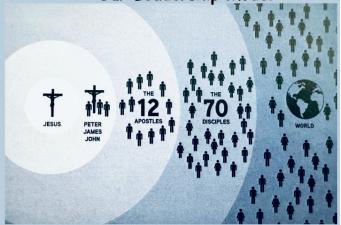
I am grateful for their "yes" to this mission and look forward to the fruits of their leadership. This is no small commitment so please keep them in your prayers and feel free to reach out to them, they're here for you! In loving service,

Fr. Abe



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This month we joyfully welcomed the following children into the One Holy Catholic Church by the Sacrament of Baptism.

Child

Parents

Camila Amelia Chacon James Grayson Perry Damien Chacon & Rebeca Oliva Cole Perry & Jordan Brownlow

# Everyone is Invited

to join us this Friday, Sept. 5th for

First Friday Mass & Fellowship Potluck Dinner



4:30pm Confessions



5:30pm Mass

& Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus



# 6:30pm Potluck

Main Dish of Pot Roast provided by The Parish Guild!

Bring an app or side to pair & share with the meal!



# SEPTEMBER @ OLG



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
August 31 Blessing of Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries after all Masses. RE Reg. & Payment Due Teens Give Back - 3:30pm	OFFICE CLOSED  Men's ACTS Retreat Planning - 6pm	2 Mystagogy Formation 7pm	OCIA 7pm Choir Practice 7pm	Associates of the Blessed Sacrament 6pm Young Adult Group 7pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday Devotion Mass 5:30pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday Potluck 6:30pm	1st Saturday Devotion Mass - 8am Women's Spirituality Book Club - 8am
RE Starts 9:30am - 10:20am	8 Encounter School of Ministry - Years 1 & 2 6pm  Men's ACTS Retreat Planning - 6pm	TMIY! 6:15am  Holy Hour for Priests 7pm  Knights of Columbus Meeting 7pm	Bible Study 10 9:30am SHE Women's Ministry 6:45pm OCIA 7pm Choir Practice 7pm	11 Bible Study 6:15 pm Grief Ministry 6:30pm Young Adult Group 7pm	12	13 Men's Fellowship Group 8:30am
14 Catechists Blessing @10:30 AM Mass Teens Give Back Board Meeting 3pm	15 Encounter School of Ministry - Years 1 & 2 6pm  Men's ACTS Retreat Planning - 6pm	TMIY! 6:15am  Rosary Prayer Group & Potluck 6:30pm Mystagogy Formation 7pm	Bible Study 9:30am 17 Mass at San Pedro Manor 9:30am SHE Women's Ministry 6:45pm OCIA 7pm Choir Practice 7pm	Bible Study 6:15 pm Young Adult Group 7pm	19	20 Men's Fellowship Group 8:30am Women's Spirituality Book Club - 8am
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Men's ACTS Return 28  Men's ACTS Return Mass - 12pm Reception - 1pm	29 Encounter School of Ministry - Years 1 & 2 6pm	30 TMIY! 6:15am	& Orga	ore event information Inization contacts li 34.7285.		

#### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The readings today center on mindfulness, awareness of where we stand in God's plan. The mountain of Sinai carries a message of the majesty and distance of God, while Jesus' presence as host of the banquet speaks of intimacy and mystery. September's shadow calls us all to mindfulness as we prepare to return to life outside of summer. The Christian life holds these two places of knowledge of God in careful balance. Even in the accounts of the Passion we see the table of the upper room in balance with the Mount of Olives.

Altar means "high place," yet it is also a table. The former liturgy of the Latin Rite began with the priest bowing at the foot of the altar's three steps, chanting Introibo ad altare Dei, or "I will go to the altar of God," followed by the altar servers' response, "The God who gives joy to my youth." Many parishioners can recall and recite this scene by heart. As with so many things in liturgy, there are layers of meaning in our worship. The altar table evokes memories of the high places once reserved for encounter with the holy, and the intimacy of the table where hospitality draws us to share food and drink.

—James Field

Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 31, 2025

Sunday Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Heb

12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

**Monday** 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13; Lk

4:16-30

**Tuesday** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and

Doctor of the Church

Col 1: 1-8; Ps 52: 10, 11; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

**Friday** Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday** Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17;

Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

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MASS, CONFESSION & INTENTION SCHEDULE OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Monday Morning Mass at 8 am.

Monday, Sept 1 8:00 AM Fr. Abe

The Family of Robert Hudson Curtright

Tuesday, Sept 2

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

Wednesday, Sept 23

7:00AM Fr. Abe Joseph Francis 'Joev' Harris (d) - His Family

Thursday, Sept 4

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

Friday, Sept 5 -1st Friday Devotion Mass

7:00 AM Fr. Abe Helga Mayo (d) - Friends 5:30 PM Fr. Abe Stephen Wyrick (d)

Saturday, Sept 6 – 1st Saturday Devotion Mass 8:00 AM Fr. Abe Margaret Ann McCaffrey

- Al & Angela (McCaffrey) Notzon
4:30 PM Confessions - Fr. Abe
5:30 PM Mass - Fr. Abe
The Family of Robert Hudson Curtright

Sunday, Sept 7

8:30 AM Fr. Abe
OLG Children's Liturgists
10:30 AM Fr. Abe
Pedro Urrutia (d) - Dora Urrutia
12:00 PM Fr. Abe
Hudson Curtright (d)

# PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Susan Auque, Neomi Balderas, Mary Blake, Rosa Becnel, Annabel Castaneda, Michael Castro, Juliana Cavazos, Eric Chapa, Theresa Connolly, Esther Contreras, Ashley Cuellar, Emiliano Cuellar, Randy Daniels, David Davis, Kate DeWein, Theresa Ellie, Vangie Gallardo, Juan Garza, Danny Gusme, Don Harz, Eric Hawbecker, Josephine Janczar, Mary Margaret Janosek, Steve Janosek, Joann Lamb, Kathy McCoy, Sally McDuffee, Joseph McKinley, Al Medina, Gracie Miller, Jim O'Brien, George Perez, Rina Pollack, Jose Sanchez, Jeanie Sanders, Carlos Saucedo, Edward Laurie Seligman, Carolyn Smith, Dora Urrutia, Henry Wolf, Cheryl Wolf.

# OLG Teens Bible Study Starting September!!!

Join the GroupMe for more Info!





# Pivotal Players of the Catholic Church

Wednesdays September 10 – December 10, 2025

9:30 - 11:00

Join Bishop Barron on the journey to unlock the truth behind the most influential people of the Catholic Church.

You'll discover the places where St. Thomas Aquinas lived, learned, and wrote. Visit the countryside where St. Francis gathered a group of friars and revived the Church. See the places where St. Catherine of Siena ministered and prayed. Trek through England to where St. John Henry Newman and G.K. Chesterton left their mark and sparked an English Catholic revival. And through unprecedented HD footage, marvel at the extraordinary art of Michelangelo, from his David statue in Florence, to the Pietà at St. Peter's, to the Sistine Chapel.

Class size is limited. Please register in advance by email or phone so that books can be ordered and ready for you! Hope to see you there!

Shelley Clary 903-714-3889 <a href="mailto:shelleyclary@gmail.com">shelleyclary@gmail.com</a> Cost of Materials \$30.00



The Venerable Bishop Fulton Sheen was a master theologian, philosopher and preacher of the Word who recorded a series of talks entitled *Life is Worth Living!*We will gather each Saturday morning beginning Sept. 13th from

8:30 - 9:30 am in the St. Joseph's Room to listen to a 25 minute talk from Bishop Sheen, share our thoughts as a group, and close with prayer.

For information contact Roger Williams at 210-724-8828 or <a href="mailto:rogerwtx@gmail.com">rogerwtx@gmail.com</a>.



Associate of the Blessed Sacrament Classes
This formation program will help you
explore how the Eucharist shapes your life as
an individual, as a family member,
and as a member of society.

Class meets every 1st Thursday beginning Sept. 4th at 6:00pm in the Madonna Room

The Thursday Evening Bible Study at OLG resumes September 11, 2025 at 6:30pm ~ Guadalupe Room Please join us as we study the *Acts of the Apostles: the Beginning of the Church.* In this second part of his writings, Luke presents the crucial events and turning points in the early Christian community after the Resurrection. Writing from acquired tradition and from first hand experience with Paul, Luke covers the Church's development from the Ascension of Christ to Paul's journey to Rome. We will explore these events through scripture reading and discussion. This study is open to all men and women. *Bring your Catholic Bible, Catechism of the Catholic Church & pen/paper for notes!* 



Join us on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month 6:30 to 8:00 pm

in Our Lady of Knock Classroom.

REGULAR SCHEDULE RESUMES SEPT. 11th

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.

The She Shall be Called Women Program welcomes all women to attend our weekly sessions. We enjoy fellowship, watch special guest speaker videos, and share in small group discussion.

It is a time to meet new people, grow your relationship with God, and gain deeper insights into our Catholic faith and yourself.



The Program starts on *September 10th and meets weekly on Wednesdays at 7:00 in* the St. Joseph Room. For more information, contact Amanda Claiborne at 210-365-4952.





If you are, or someone you know is:

- · An adult who has not been baptized and is interested in joining the Catholic Church; or
- An adult who was baptized into another Christian faith and is interested in converting to the Catholic faith; or
- An adult who was baptized into the Catholic Church but has not received the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, and would like to receive those sacraments; or
- An adult who is fully initiated into the Catholic faith but desires to know more about the faith and receive ongoing adult faith formation...

You are invited to join OCIA for the 2025-2026 year.

OCIA is a process where adults can become fully initiated into the Catholic faith or receive ongoing faith formation. OCIA sessions take place on Wednesday nights from 7-9 pm in the Madonna Room starting September 3rd and continue through the Easter season.

There is no cost to join OCIA or attend the sessions.

Please contact Laura Macom at 210-863-8269 with any further questions.

# 2025-2026 Faith Formation registration is now OPENI through Sunday, Aug. 31st



CATECHISTS
URGENTLY NEEDED!
5th, 6th & Confirmation I

We welcome volunteers aged 17 & older, no experience necessary!

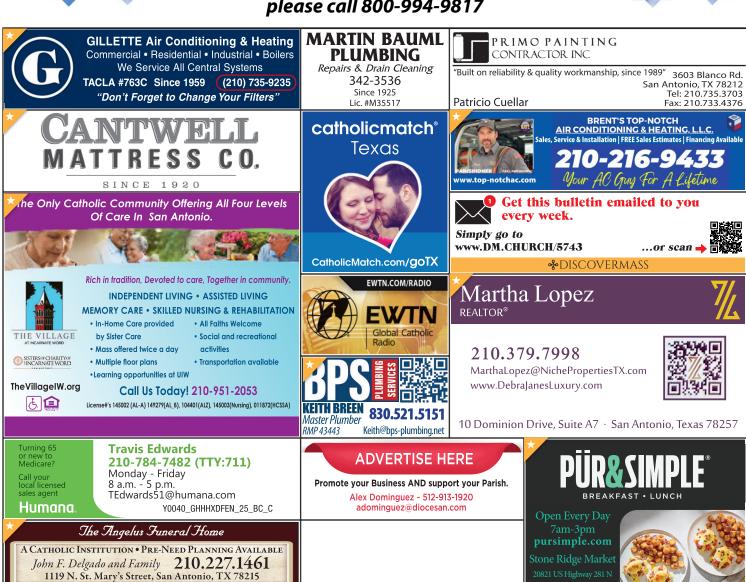
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