

Second Sunday of *Advent*

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Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church
December 7, 2025



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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 ~ Thur ~ Sat 4:30pm
1st Friday 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

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

MUSIC MINISTERS - RICK MCLAUGHLIN

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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

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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 & Service.

EUCCHARISTIC 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

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WOMENS SPIRITUALITY BOOK STUDY

LAURA MACOM 210-734-7285

GRIEF MINISTRY - ANASTASIA MCKENNA

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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 fosters 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 prolif, 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- JAIME SOLIS

210-707-3597

A Men's Fellowship group which meets every 4th Thursday of the month combining a relaxed social setting with discussions on spiritual topics over a beverage of one's liking. Location TBA each month

MINISTRIES HOSTED BY OLG

ENCOUNTER SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

ASSOCIATES OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

CONNECT YOUNG ADULT GROUP

TEENS GIVE BACK

Prayers

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Blanca Aldape, Susan Auque, Neomi Balderas, Mary Blake, Rosa Becnel, Larry Blume, Michael Castro, Juliana Cavazos, Eric Chapa, Theresa Connolly, Esther Contreras, Ashley Cuellar, Emiliano Cuellar, 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, Maria White, Henry Wolf, Cheryl Wolf.



Senior Angel Tree
CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE

Our Ministry to the Sick & Homebound will once again be asking for blessings for the residents of San Pedro Manor & SA North Rehabilitation Centers.

Angel Trees will be placed in the Narthex on December 6-7 & 13-14.



ASSUMPTION SEMINARY ASSOCIATES

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MASS, CONFESSION & INTENTION SCHEDULE

Monday, December 8

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM Fr. Abe

12:10 PM Fr. Abe Joan Lansing Birthday - Dolores Beardsley

5:30 PM Fr. Abe Maria White - Ramiro & Julie Zapata

Tuesday, December 9

4:30 PM Confessions - Fr. Abe

5:30 PM Mass - Fr. Abe

Warren Bowen (d) - Friends

Wednesday, December 10

7:00AM Fr. Abe

Thomas G. Smith (d) - Dixie & Family

Thursday, December 11

5:30 PM Mass - Fr. Abe

Rachel Olvera - Luis Cuellar

Friday, December 12

7:00 AM Fr. Abe

Helen Hoch (d) - Family

Saturday, December 13

8:00 AM Fr. Abe

4:30 PM Confessions - Fr. Abe

5:30 PM Mass - Fr. Abe

Jerry A. Sesco (d) - Christine Pytel

Sunday, December 14

8:30 AM Fr. Abe

OLG Children's Liturgists

10:30 AM Fr. Abe

Arthur Houston McCain (d)- Ashley Salvador Family

12:00 PM Fr. Abe

Mary Lou Prieto (d) - Adolfo & Aida Puig



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Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



**MONDAY
DECEMBER 8TH
Holy Day of
Obligation**

Mass Times
Monday, 8th
7:00am
12:10pm
5:30pm



The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Psalm 27:1

2026 OLG Women's ACTS Retreat

January 22 - January 25
(Thursday evening - Sunday midday)

ACTS stands for the themes which guide the retreat activities: Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service. This ACTS weekend provides an opportunity for women to develop a deeper relationship with the Lord and fellow parishioners.

For more details and to register,
pick up a registration form in the foyer or
scan the QR code!



For more information, contact
Brenda Blankenship (Director): 512-538-4598
Lauren Stadelman (Co-director): 210-260-8897
Celina Alvarez (Co-director): 210-316-6089



Cookies



The Parish Guild is hosting a *Cookie Exchange*

Wednesday, December 10th
6:00 PM
527 College Blvd. SA, TX 78209

RSVP via text to:
Mardi Christensen ~ 210.818.9352

Bring two or three dozen of your
favorite cookies to exchange!

Dinner will be served.



Our Lady of Grace
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

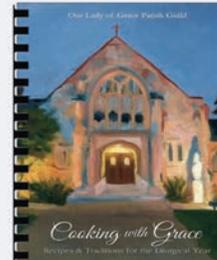
Registration Deadline is Wed. Dec. 17th @5 PM
Roles will be announced at the
First Rehearsal - Sun. Dec. 21st @2pm

Please use the QR Code to sign your children
up for the Christmas Pageant

Parents of all participants will be added to the
"2025 Christmas" Flocknote for communication




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Grief Ministry
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Potluck Dinner & Meeting
Thursday, December 11th

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for this special gathering!

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL LAS POSADAS!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH @6PM - 8PM MADONNA ROOM

COME CELEBRATE THE JOURNEY MARY AND JOSEPH MADE ON THE EVENING OF JESUS' BIRTH.

- 6:30 PM - CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION
- 7 PM - TAMALES POTLUCK DINNER
- 7:45 PM - PIÑATA, HOT COCOA & DESSERTS

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS:

ASSISTING WITH THE PARISH POSADA WILL COUNT TOWARDS SERVICE HOURS.

PLEASE RSVP YOUR VOLUNTEERING WITH THE CONFIRMATION QR CODE IN YOUR RE CLASSROOM



Advent

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

TUESDAY
December 16, 2025

5:30pm Mass
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6pm - 7pm
Reconciliation Service
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Confessions
Adoration
Talks
Rosary

Advent Potluck after service.

THURS
18
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2025

David Kauffman
in Concert

7:00 PM
OUR LADY OF GRACE
223 W SUMMIT
San Antonio, TX 78212
www.davidkauffman.com

During the concert, we will "pass the basket" in support of David's beautiful music ministry. Please consider contributing to this free will offering!

HOPE IN ADVENT

REFLECTING ON ROMANS 5

Saturday, December 13th
In the church after the
5:30pm Vigil Mass.

With Guest Speaker
Rachel Herbeck
from Renewal Ministries



Rachel Herbeck is the Director of Young Adult Discipleship for Renewal Ministries and hosts Burning Hearts, a daily podcast and radio program.

She received her degree in Catholic Studies from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. She has worked extensively in youth ministry and speaks to youth and young adults at retreats, conferences, and events in the US and Canada. Rachel is passionate about life issues and has worked for multiple pro-life and political organizations in Minnesota and Washington, DC. She formerly worked for the Minnesota Catholic Conference, doing outreach and lobbying for the Catholic Bishops of Minnesota. She currently resides in Plymouth, Michigan.

Join us for this special evening of reflection!

CHANGES AND UPDATES

I hope you're enjoying this beautiful cool weather. I wanted to share a few updates and upcoming changes in our parish life. I know that change can sometimes feel challenging, but it can also be a sign that a community is alive and growing. As Greek philosopher Heraclitus said, "You cannot step into the same river twice"—life is always moving, always inviting us forward. Please know that these changes aren't being made because anything was "wrong." They are inquiry into our strength. They come from listening, praying, and getting to know you over these past years. When Archbishop Gustavo assigned me here as administrator, he wrote asking me to "take time to know the parish before making any changes". I'm grateful that I've had more than two years to walk with you, and you continue to inspire me every day. I truly feel that we're walking in the same direction.

Saturday Morning Mass

To deepen our love for Mary, the patroness of our parish, and after listening to many of you and discussing this in our councils, we will now celebrate the Saturday morning Mass in honor of Mary every Saturday, not only on the first Saturday. Following the Mass, we will pray the novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Mass intentions will not normally be accepted for this Saturday Mass (unless there is a special circumstance). Instead, these Masses will be offered for all our parish families and for the return of those who have drifted away from the practice of the faith. Let us entrust our families and parish to our Blessed Mother, asking her to lead us ever closer to her Son Jesus Christ. Please note that this Mass does not fulfill the Sunday obligation

Children's Mass

Our children bring so much life into the parish. They are not only the future of the Church—they are the Church today. You may have noticed that we welcome the sounds children bring with them, even when that means a bit of crying. A "quiet" church is not necessarily a growing church! A church where children cry is a church that is alive. To help our children know that they belong here, the 10:30 a.m. Mass on the first Sunday of each month (when catechism is in session) will be dedicated especially to them. We will use the children's lectionary and Eucharistic prayer, include a children's choir, offer a children's homily, and invite them to serve in various ministries as they are able. Donuts and juice will follow this Mass—thanks to our Parish Guild. Our second collection on the first Sunday, which is ordinarily for parish outreach, will once every quarter support our children's choir and ministry. Please be patient with the extra energy and noise that come with little ones. The first Advent happened in a stable—God is very comfortable working in the midst of a bit of holy chaos. He is used to a little mess.

Baptism During Mass

The Order of Baptism of children within Mass is designed to foster a sense of community and shared faith, allowing the congregation to support the newly baptized and their families. This integration of baptism into the Mass underscores its importance as a foundational Sacrament in the Christian life. Starting in Advent 2025, we'll celebrate baptisms of children during the 10:30 a.m. Mass on the first Sunday of each month. We will be following the official liturgical texts. And if your family has a deacon, priest, or bishop who would like to preside, they are most welcome.

Anointing of the Sick Within Mass

Jesus cared deeply for those who were sick, and we want to reflect that same care as a parish. While we will always continue visiting the sick in homes and hospitals, we also want to support them as a community. We'll offer the Anointing of the Sick at the First Friday 5:30 p.m. Mass in January, April, July, and October, with Confessions beforehand. We'll also offer it after Mass on February 11, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Communal Reconciliation Services

During Advent and Lent, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in a communal setting. These gatherings help us reflect together on the ways we need God's mercy and recognize the social dimension of sin. Each service will last about an hour, with a parishioner serving as the presider. Individual Confessions will be available during this time, but they are not required. Time not permitting, you may go to Confession the next earliest time available before Christmas/Easter. Our goal is to create a true Kairos moment—an opportunity to prepare our hearts for Christmas and Easter. The Knights of Columbus will lead the Rosary during individual Confessions. After the service, all are welcome to join in fellowship in the Madonna Room.

"The Light Is On"

During Advent and Lent, we will add an additional hour each week for those wishing to make Confession. The confessional light will be on from 6:30–7:30 p.m. During this time, we will also have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Afterward, another hour of Adoration and Confession will take place at the Trinity University chapel from 8–9 p.m., and **you are warmly invited to participate there as well.**

Please look for further details as these changes unfold. Thank you for being a caring, prayerful, and faith-filled community. In the spirit of synodality, let us continue walking together, listening to the Holy Spirit and supporting one another every step of the way.

With gratitude and prayers,

As always,

Fr. Abe.





Christmas SEASON SCHEDULE

Parish Advent Reconciliation Service
Tuesday, Dec. 16th ~ 6:00pm

4th Sunday of Advent

Dec. 20th Confessions 4:30pm & Mass 5:30pm
Dec. 21st 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:00pm

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Wednesday, Dec. 24th

3:30pm Children's Pageant-OLG
4:00pm Children's Mass-OLG
4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass-St.AHS Chapel
6:30pm Christmas Eve Mass
9:00pm Christmas Carols
10:00pm Christmas Eve Mass

Thursday, Dec. 25th

Christmas Day Mass 10:30am

Feast of the Holy Family

Dec. 27th Confessions 4:30pm & Mass 5:30pm
Dec. 28th 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:00pm

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Dec. 31st Vigil Mass 5:30pm
Jan. 1st 8:30am, 12:10pm & 5:30pm

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Jan. 3rd Confessions 4:30pm & Mass 5:30pm
Jan. 4th 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:00pm

Adoration of the Child Jesus after every Mass

The Baptism of the Lord (Jan. 10th & 11th)
is the conclusion of the Christmas Season



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