

Fourth Sunday of *Advent*

Blessed is the one
**who takes no
offense at me**

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church
December 21, 2025



Peace on Earth



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Community News

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24	Closed
THURSDAY, DEC. 25	Closed
FRIDAY, DEC. 26 <i>*Mass at 7 am</i>	Closed
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31	Closed
THURSDAY, JAN. 1	Closed

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SUNDAY, DEC. 21	No Classes
SUNDAY, DEC 28	No Classes

PARISH MINISTRIES

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP	Tuesday, Dec. 16th
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION	NONE-Resumes January 6th
MORNING BIBLE STUDY	ON BREAK **will resume meeting on January 28th
THAT MAN IS YOU	ON BREAK **will resume meeting on January 27th
MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP	Not Meeting
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD	ON BREAK **Children will not be gathered at Mass for CLOW on Dec. 21 Dec 28 or Jan. 4 -will resume Jan. 11



The second collection on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day is designated for the mission and ministry of Assumption Seminary.

Many THANKS to all of our parish 'Christmas Angels' .

Through the Senior Angel Tree Project Our community was able to bless the residents of San Pedro Manor & San Antonio North Nursing & Rehabilitation Centers with their requested gifts.

This year we were also able to bless our Seminarians from Assumption Seminary through their Angel Tree as well.

We would also like to thank all of our parishioners that faithfully give to our Parish Outreach Fund throughout the year.

This year we were able to draw from that fund and provide the Healy-Murphy Center with a monetary donation to purchase requested gifts/gift cards for **120 CHILDREN!**



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MASS, CONFESSION & INTENTION SCHEDULE

Monday, December 22

7:00 AM Fr. Abe
Steven Davila (d) - Parents

Tuesday, December 23

4:30 PM Confessions - Fr. Abe
5:30 PM Mass - Fr. Abe
Joseph & Jean Doski (d)

Wednesday, December 24

4:00 PM OLG - Fr. Abe - Melinda Tucker (d)
4:00 PM SAHS - Fr. Deejo - For Christians
Worldwide
6:30 PM Fr. Abe - Moses Sorola (d) - Norma Sorola
10:00 PM Fr. Abe - In Thanksgiving

Thursday, December 25

10:30 AM Mass - Fr. Abe
Eddie Gonzalez (d) - His Wife

Friday, December 26

7:00 AM Fr. Abe
Eddie Gonzalez (d)
- Yvonne Gonzalez & Daughter

Saturday, December 27

8:00 AM Fr. Abe
4:30 PM Confessions - Fr. Abe
5:30 PM Fr. Abe
Manuel Leon Fernandez (d)
- Mary Jo Fernandez

Sunday, December 28

8:30 AM Fr. Abe
Fr. Pat Guidon (d)
10:30 AM Fr. Abe
Vivienne Rettinger - Grandparents
12:00 PM Fr. Abe
Frank Garcia (d) - Ramiro Zapata Family

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.



Dear Parishioners,

Christmas is around the corner, and it gives me immense joy to wish my parish family—each and every one of you—a very **Merry Christmas**, *merry in the truest sense of the word*.

Thank you for being such an active and generous part of this beautiful family of **Our Lady of Grace**. Your sharing of time, talents, and treasure is what keeps our parish alive and vibrant. You are truly the *raison d'être* of this parish, and I am deeply grateful for the many ways you witness to faith, hope, and love throughout the year.

At the first Christmas, God embraced the human family by becoming one of us. May you feel the warmth of that divine embrace surrounding you this Christmas and always—bringing comfort, strength, and quiet joy to your hearts and homes.

In a season often marked by noise, rush, and uncertainty, may the joy of Christmas be a gentle yet powerful form of resistance amid the encircling chaos. May your heart become a manger where Christ's love is born anew, and may your Christmas gatherings be a true *university of love*—where kindness is taught, forgiveness is practiced, and joy is shared freely.

May the hope, peace, and joy of Christmas within you spread smiles across the miles, touching family, friends, neighbors, and all whom you encounter.

Please be assured of my special remembrance of and prayers for you all at all our Christmas Masses.

With gratitude for you and prayers for you and your loved ones, I wish you a blessed and joyful Christmas.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

As always,
Fr. Abe.

THANK YOU to all the businesses who advertise in our Sunday bulletin. We are very grateful for this continuous support and invite parishioners to patronize their businesses.

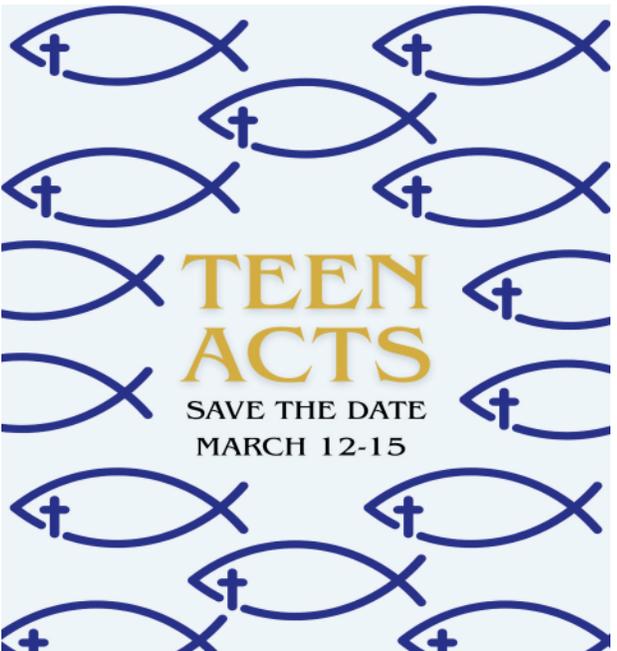


Our Lady of Grace CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

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



TEEN ACTS

SAVE THE DATE
MARCH 12-15

The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Psalms 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

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2-DAY WEEKEND SCHOOL

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"...I will pour out
my Spirit upon
all flesh, and your sons
and your daughters shall
prophesy, and your young
men shall see visions,
and your old men
shall dream dreams..."
Acts 2:17-21

FEB. 27 - 28

Our Lady Grace Catholic Church
Madonna Room
223 E. Summit Ave San Antonio, TX 78212





Christmas SEASON SCHEDULE

Parish Advent Reconciliation Service

Tuesday, Dec. 16th ~ 6:00pm

“The Light is On” Weekly Reconciliation Thursdays ~6:30pm

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**

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

BEGIN SOON!

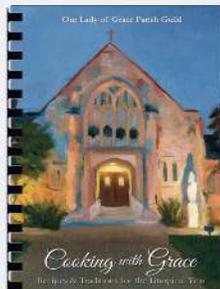
If you are an adult aged 18 or older, have received the Sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion and are ready to take the next step in your Faith Journey, you are invited to attend these classes.

The eight class series will begin on
Sunday, January 4, 2025 after the 10:30am Mass
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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Cookbooks make great gifts for all
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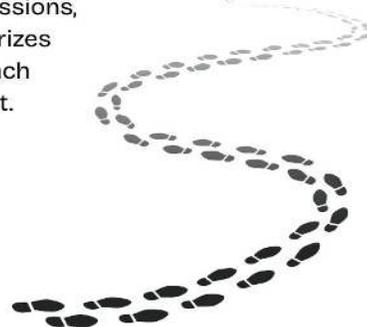
**Cost of the cookbook is \$25.
(cash or check preferred)**

**Mystagogy Roundup Podcast
with Deacon George**

If you are unable to attend our
Tuesday Faith Journey sessions,
Deacon George summarizes
the questions from each
session in a podcast.



Listen at:



St. Peter Prince of the Apostles
Friends of Music Present

*Carols by
Candlelight*
A Christmas Concert

We invite you to join us for our first annual
Christmas concert. It will be an evening of
beautiful music held in the church.

**Monday December 22nd
7:00 pm**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**Holy Spirit Church
New Year Eve Dinner & Dance**

December 31, 2025
Holy Spirit Banquet Hall
8134 Blanco Road
Purchase tickets at the church office, online,
QR code, or by phone
(210) 816-4241
www.holyspiritsa.org/NewYear2025





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Interested in becoming a parishioner? Scan the QR Code or call the office to schedule a visit with Fr. Abe.



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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 ~ 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.

Parish Leadership Team



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Ministries & Organizations

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - ISRAEL MANRIQUEZ

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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

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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

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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

210-734-7285

WOMENS SPIRITUALITY BOOK STUDY

LAURA MACOM 210-734-7285

GRIEF MINISTRY - ANASTASIA MCKENNA

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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 - TMI!

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 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

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