

**"You are the temple of God,
& the Spirit of God
dwells in you."**



- 1 Corinthians 3: 16

**February 23,
2020**

**7th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Week of February 22 - 28, 2020

SATURDAY (Feb 22)	5:30 PM	For Rachele Sanchez +
SUNDAY (Feb 23)	9 AM	For All Parishioners
	11 AM	For Frank Singson, Jr +
	4:30 PM	For Ann Matlock (Healing)
MONDAY (Feb 24)	7 AM	For Grace Tabasco +
TUESDAY (Feb 25)	7 AM	For Fr. Nicholas Ho (Ordination Anniversary)
WEDNESDAY (Feb 26)	7 AM Ash Wednesday	For All Parishioners
	8:30 AM Ash Wednesday	School Mass (Gym)
	7 PM Ash Wednesday	For Andrea Albano Valino + and Fr. Godofredo Albano +
THURSDAY (Feb 27)	8 AM	For Bill Hancock +
FRIDAY (Feb 28)	7 AM	For Jerry Berg (Healing)
	7 PM	Stations of the Cross (Knights of Columbus)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Feb 22	<i>The Chair of St Peter the Apostle</i> 1 Pt 4:1-4; Mk 16:13-19
Feb 23	<i>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Lv 19:1-2,17-18; 1Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48
Feb 24	Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29
Feb 25	Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37
Feb 26	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6 <i>FMO Fast & Abstinence</i>
Feb 27	<i>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</i> Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Feb 28	<i>Friday after Ash Wednesday</i> Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15



Holy as God: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are called to the holiness of God. That is the extraordinary claim made in both the First Reading and Gospel this Sunday. Yet how is it possible that we can be perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect?

Jesus explains that we must be imitators of God as His beloved children (Ephesians 5:1-2). As God does, we must love without limit with a love that does not distinguish between friend and foe, overcoming evil with good (Romans 12:21). Jesus Himself, in His Passion and death, gave us the perfect example of the love that we are called to. He offered no resistance to the evil even though He could have commanded twelve legions of angels to fight alongside Him. He offered His face to be struck and spit upon. He allowed His garments to be stripped from Him. He marched as His enemies compelled Him to the Place of the Skull. On the cross He prayed for those who persecuted Him (Matthew 26:53-54, 67; 27:28, 32; Luke 23:34). In all this He showed Himself to be the perfect Son of God. By His grace, and through our imitation of Him, He promises that we too can become children of our heavenly Father.

God does not deal with us as we deserve, as we sing in this week's Psalm. He loves us with a Father's love. He saves us from ruin. He forgives our transgressions. He loved us even when we had made ourselves His enemies through our sinfulness. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8).

We have been bought with the price of the blood of God's only Son (1 Corinthians 6:20). We belong to Christ now, as St. Paul says in this week's Epistle. By our baptism, we have been made temples of His Holy Spirit. And we have been saved to share in His holiness and perfection. So let us glorify Him by our lives lived in His service, loving as He loves.

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Welcome to OUR LADY OF GRACE Catholic Church



Lent begins

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2020 LENTEN REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday, February 26, marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is a season in which the faithful are called to reflect on the Paschal Mystery more intently. It is a time of spiritual renewal and to examine one's relationship with God and others more carefully. It is also a time in which catechumens prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

The Church calls everyone, therefore, to a spirit of penance through **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.**

- I. **FASTING AND ABSTINENCE.** In order foster a spirit of repentance and unite ourselves more closely to Christ, Church law requires the observance of Abstinence and Fasting during Lent.
 1. Abstinence: All persons, 14 years and older, are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. Other forms of abstinence, including abstinence from alcoholic beverages, television, video games, the internet and social media, are also beneficial.
 2. Fasting: Everyone from ages 18 to 59 is obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting is understood to mean that one full meal may be eaten. Two other small meals may be eaten, but together they should not equal a full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, neither the law of fasting nor the law of abstinence obliges. If in doubt, one's parish priest or confessor should be consulted.
- II. **PRAYER.** Catholics are urged to read and pray with sacred Scripture more intently during Lent, and to deepen their faith by reading the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The faithful are encouraged to participate in special devotions offered by the parish, especially parish penance services and Eucharistic adoration.
 1. Sacrament Reconciliation: Lent is a privileged time for celebrating the Sacrament of Penance. The faithful are obliged to confess their sins at least once a year (CIC 989).
 2. Lenten Mass Schedule: The faithful are urged to attend Mass on weekdays as often as possible, especially during Lent.
 3. Stations of the Cross: To be celebrated on Fridays during Lent and parishioners are encouraged to participate.
 4. Easter Vigil: April 11 this year.
 5. Easter Duty: All Catholics who have been initiated into the Holy Eucharist are bound to receive Holy Communion worthily at least once during the Easter Season. In the United States, the Easter duty may be fulfilled through Trinity Sunday, June 16. Catholics are encouraged to receive Communion as often as possible, not only during Eastertide, but throughout the year. However, "Anyone conscious of a grave sin must receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before coming to Communion." (Catechism, no. 1385)
- III. **ALMSGIVING.** From earliest times giving to the poor, or almsgiving, has been an invaluable spiritual practice, a religious duty, a form of penance, an expression of Christian charity, and an aid to interior conversion. Therefore, all Catholics are urged to give generously to assist the poor and support the charitable works of the Church, especially through their local parish and the Annual Catholic Appeal. The faithful are also encouraged to visit the sick, the homebound, the aged, and those in prison, remembering the words of our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to ." (Matthew 25:40). Fasting and abstinence together with almsgiving and charitable works unites us to the crucified Christ reflected in the image of our brothers and sisters who suffer.



Women's Council is again selling **See's Candy** for Easter. Order now through March 23. Pick up an order form as you leave church and submit it as soon as possible. Pick up your prepaid orders after all Masses during the weekends of March 28 -29 and April 4, 5 & 11. Everyone loves See's!



BIG BUNCO NIGHT hosted by OLG WOMEN'S COUNCIL on Saturday, February 29th at 6 PM in the OLG School Hall, 1990 Linden Road. Tickets just \$20.00 each! Contact Jeanne Ireland 916-505-0407 or Sonja Craighton 916-502-2029



Please help us reach our Weekly Budget Goal of \$4,271.00

Collection for February 16: \$2,881.00

Thank You for your continued support!

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Ash Wed Confessions before Mass: 4:30-5:30 PM
 Ash Wed Mass: 7 AM, 8:30 AM School Mass & 7 PM
 Mass Times: Daily 7 AM, Thur 8 AM & Sat 8 AM
 Stations of the Cross: Friday at 7 PM

2/28	Knights of Columbus
3/6	Women's Council
3/13	Eucharistic Ministers
3/20	St. Vincent de Paul
3/27	Graced Youth Ministry & Young Adults

PRAYER LIST

Lord, we ask You to lift up those who are facing illness today. We ask You to bring healing, comfort and peace to their body, mind and soul. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.
 Eileen Mosley-Pacing McFeely-Rene Araza-Jairus Enjambre-Pat Belding
 Dave Enjambre-May Taddei-Donna Sablan-Susanne Shunk-Danny Felker
 Names will remain on the list for one month. Call the Parish Office to add, remove or extend.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	<u>Commentator/Lector</u>
Sat, February 29 5:30 PM - Bonnie Sue Barrow	Sat, February 29 5:30 PM - Grace Mosley, Kenneth Barrow, Millie Centers
Sun, March 1 9 AM - Millie Centers, Trudy Connolly, Ellie Luna, Sandy Westlake 11 AM - Judie Martinez, Fidel Martinez, Job Lawrence, Celine Lawrence 4:30 PM - Glenn Mochel	Sun, March 1 9 AM - Valerie Paige, Rose Lloyd, Byron Paige 11 AM - Mike McFeely, Johnny Regadio, Johnny Regadio 4:30 PM - Dennison Ocampo, Carrie Houdeshell, Carrie Houdeshell
Sat, February 29 5:30 PM - TBD	Sat, February 29 5:30 PM - Jeremy & Katie
Sun, March 1 9 AM - Andrew Yuzon, Roger Babowal 11 AM - Camilla Santolini, Gino Santolini, Charlotte Santolini 4:30 PM - TBD	Sun, March 1 9 AM - Montana 11 AM - Leonila 4:30 PM - Jason & Katie
	Children's Liturgy Sun, March 1 9 AM - Ellie 11 AM - Mrs. G 4:30PM - Sherae

MINISTRY MEETINGS

- Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help:** Wednesdays, Rosary and Novena at 6:00 pm, followed by Mass (Church).
- Bereavement Ministry:** Call the Parish Office (916) 371-4814.
- Bible Study:** Tuesdays, 7:00 pm except 1st Tuesday of the month (Parish Center).
- Catholic Faith Formation:** Tuesdays, 5:30 - 6:45 pm (September to May) for K-8th grade, includes first Communion and Confirmation sacrament preparation (School).
- Graced Youth Ministry:** Every other Sunday, 6:00 pm (School Gym).
- Mom's Ministry:** 3rd Sunday, 6:30 pm (Parish Center).
- Mom's Bible Study:** Fridays, 8:45 am (Parish Center).
- OLG Prayer Meeting:** 2nd thru 5th Fridays of the month, 7:00 pm (School Chapel).
- RCIA Adapted for Teens:** Sundays, 10:00 am (Rectory).
- RCIA:** Thursdays, 7:00 pm and Inquiry on Mondays, 7:00 pm (Parish Center).
- Respect Life Ministry:** 3rd Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm (Rectory).
- St. Vincent de Paul:** 1st and 2nd Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm (Rectory).
- Women's Council:** 1st Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm (Parish Center).



**60th Anniversary
CELEBRATION**

ENJOY DINNER & DANCING
SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020
 Our Lady of Grace Gym • Live Entertainment! • 21+ Event

5:30PM Alumni Reception & Toast | 6:00PM Doors Open for Dinner

TICKETS: \$25
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