

"I am the light of the world,"

says the Lord:
"whoever follows Me
will have the light of life."



March 22,
2020

4th Sunday
of LENT

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- Alleluia Verse Jn 8: 12

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of March 21 - 27, 2020

All public Sunday and Weekday Masses are suspended until further notice.
Mass will be celebrated privately for the following intentions.

SATURDAY (Mar 21)	For Ramon Lallana +
SUNDAY (Mar 22)	For All Parishioners
MONDAY (Mar 23)	For Ahnle Farris (Healing)
TUESDAY (Mar 24)	For Elizer & Rose Bartolome ++
WEDNESDAY (Mar 25)	For Angelina McCann +
THURSDAY (Mar 26)	For the Sick
FRIDAY (Mar 27)	For Angelina McCann +

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mar 21	Lenten Weekday	Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
Mar 22	Fourth Sunday of Lent	1 Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1,6-9,13,17,34-28
Mar 23	Lenten Weekday	St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
Mar 24	Lenten Weekday	St. Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr Ez 47:1-9; Jn 5:1-6
Mar 25	The Annunciation of the Lord	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Mar 26	Lenten Weekday	Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Mar 27	Lenten Weekday	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30



Eyesight to the Blind: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday of Lent

God's ways of seeing are not our ways, we hear in today's First Reading. Jesus illustrates this in the Gospel as the blind man comes to see and the Pharisees are made blind. The blind man stands for all humanity. "Born totally in sin" he is made a new creation by the saving power of Christ. As God fashioned the first man from the clay of the earth (Genesis 2:7), Jesus gives the blind man new life by anointing his eyes with clay (John 9:11). As God breathed the spirit of life into the first man, the blind man is not healed until he washes in the waters of Siloam, a name that means "sent." Jesus is the One "sent" by the Father to do the Father's will (John 9:4; 12:44). He is the new source of life-giving water the Holy Spirit who rushes upon us in Baptism (John 4:10; 7:38-39). This is the Spirit that rushes upon God's chosen king David in today's First Reading. A shepherd like Moses before him (Exodus 3:1; Psalm 78:70-71), David is also a sign pointing to the good shepherd and king to come Jesus (John 10:11). The Lord is our shepherd, as we sing in today's Psalm. By His death and Resurrection He has made a path for us through the dark valley of sin and death, leading us to the verdant pastures of the kingdom of life, the Church.

In the restful waters of Baptism He has refreshed our souls. He has anointed our heads with the oil of Confirmation and spread the Eucharistic table before us, filling our cups to overflowing. With the once-blind man we enter His house to give God the praise, to renew our vow: "I do believe, Lord." "The Lord looks into the heart," we hear today. Let Him find us, as Paul advises in today's Epistle, living as "children of light" trying always to learn what is pleasing to our Father.

(St Paul Center for Biblical Theology)

Welcome to **OUR LADY OF GRACE Catholic Church**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Vincent de Paul Sacramento Council Annual Benefit Dinner for the Poor
* **CANCELLED** *
on April 24 - 5:30 PM at Double Tree Hotel at Arroyo Way.
RAFFLE TICKETS on sale now. OLG Conference receives 50% proceeds of each ticket sold. Contact Sonja Craighton (916) 502-2029



OLG WOMEN'S COUNCIL is selling **See's candy** to fill your Easter Basket. Please pick up an order form in the Church vestibule and submit your prepaid order by March 23 to Jeanne Ireland (916) 505-0407, Sonja Craighton (916) 502-2029, or deliver to the Parish Office. Make checks payable to **OLG Women's Council**. Pick up your prepaid orders from Jeanne by appointment beginning March 28 through April 11. Thank you!

At **CAMP PENDOLA**, we build lasting relationships, form servant leaders and teach stewardship of God's creation through Christian community living in the outdoors. Register now for Summer 2020
www.pendola.org or call our registrar: (916) 733-0123



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As you know already by now, all the church activities including Sunday and Weekday Masses are suspended. You may have heard the shelter in place order by the County. All these may have heightened the anxiety within everyone. At this time I would like to remind you of the words of Jesus in the Gospel according to Matthew 10:29-31, "Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." We are indeed so precious to Him that the Father would sacrifice His only Son for us. So, let us be courageous and cheerful in the face of all this.

I assure you of my love and prayers for all of you. Though the Masses are suspended for the public, I will be offering Mass everyday of the week, offering up everyone of you to our Heavenly Father, and praying for your protection from the Coronavirus.

I am inviting everyone especially the children to join me in this prayer. Dear Children, you are God's angels. So be caring angels and pray for your parents and grandparents; but not just for them but for our parish, school family, and for the whole world. Be especially loving to your parents because they are going through a lot of stress. Parents, be gentle and supportive to each other because stress can change us. By our loving support let us strengthen one another in these difficult times.

I urge you to join the Mass at OLG online or via Skype. The link will be on our parish website. If you would like to join the Weekday Masses, send your email address to westsacolg@gmail.com and I will send you a link. For your convenience, the Weekday Mass will be at 12 PM followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Join me also in praying the Rosary at 11:35 AM.

As God's family let us all stay connected to God, our Heavenly Father.

With loving hugs, prayers and blessings,

Fr. Mathew Rappu
Your Pastor



Please help us reach our Weekly Budget Goal of \$4,271.00
Collection for March 15: \$1,671.00
Thank You for your continued support!

CHRISTIAN GIVING - Developing a lifestyle of generosity. Giving is an act of worship. God is glorified when we faithfully give him our first and best. Proverbs 3:9 reads, "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops." When we make giving a priority, we honor God. If we give God our leftovers, we dishonor him.

What about my Sunday offerings?

You can mail your contributions to the Parish Office or pay by Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Discover and debit cards securely online at westsacolg.org - Donate today!



*The Annunciation
of Our Lord*
Wednesday • March 25

PRAYER LIST



Dear Lord, I trust in you. Help me to turn my trust into action. Remember in your prayers all those impacted by the Coronavirus: doctors, nurses, medical professionals, first responders, military and those who are sick.

Pat Belding - Sue Belding - Danny Felker - Pat Coughlin
Charles Roberts - Ranee Gunasekara - Nastaka Gunasekara

Name will remain on the list for one month. Call the Parish Office to add, remove or extend.

CORONA VIRUS COVID-19 UPDATE



Bishop Jaime Soto is suspending the public celebration of Sunday and weekday Masses, and **grants dispensation to all members of the Catholic Faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday until further notice**. Our Lady of Grace Church will maintain regular hours and can be open for private prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Please call the Parish Office (916) 371-4814 to schedule private Reconciliation (confession) or to make arrangements for a priest administer the Last Rites. The Diocese of Sacramento continues to monitor developments by health professionals and created a web page to share the latest information and resources as the situation develops. Visit: www.scd.org/coronavirus

MINISTRY MEETINGS - Suspended until further notice

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).