

“... Your paths overflow
with a rich harvest.”



15th Sunday
in Ordinary Time
July 12, 2020

- Responsorial
Psalm 65: 12

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MASS INTENTIONS

Week of July 11 - 17, 2020

* Weekend Mass held at Our Lady of Grace School Hall (Gym), 1990 Linden Road *

SATURDAY July 11 5:30 PM Livestream For John/Anne Gabi (50th Anniversary)
SUNDAY July 12 9 AM For Fe De Asis (Birthday)
11 AM For All Members of our Parish

** Daily Mass held at Our Lady of Grace Church, 911 Park Boulevard **

MONDAY July 13 8:30 AM For Rev. Father Anthony Traynor +
TUESDAY July 14 8:30 AM For John Campbell +
WEDNESDAY July 15 8:30 AM For Lawrence Vattahil +
THURSDAY July 16 No Mass
FRIDAY July 17 8:30 AM For Dave/Alison Leahy (Special Intentions)



THE WORD'S RETURN

Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings, like last week's, ask us to meditate on Israel's response to God's Word — and our own. Why do some hear the word of the kingdom, yet fail to accept it as a call to conversion and faith in Jesus? That question underlies today's Gospel, especially. Again we see, as we did last week, that the kingdom's mysteries are unfolded to those who open their hearts, making of them a rich soil in which the Word can grow and bear fruit. As we sing in today's Psalm, in Jesus, God's Word has visited our land, to water the stony earth of our hearts with the living waters of the Spirit (Jn 7:38; Rev 22:1).

The firstfruit of the Word is the Spirit of love and adoption poured into our hearts in Baptism, making us children of God, as Paul reminds us in today's Epistle (Rom 5:5; 8:15-16). In this, we are made a "new creation" (2 Cor 5:17), the firstfruits of a new heaven and a new earth (2 Pt 3:13). Since the first humans rejected God's Word, creation has been enslaved to futility (Gen 3:17-19; 5:29). But God's Word does not go forth only to return to Him void, as we hear in today's First Reading.

His Word awaits our response. We must show ourselves to be children of that Word. We must allow that Word to accomplish God's will in our lives. As Jesus warns today, we must take care lest the devil steal it away or lest it be choked by worldly concerns. In the Eucharist, the Word gives Himself to us as bread to eat. He does so that we might be made fertile, yielding fruits of holiness. And we await the crowning of the year, the great harvest of the Lord's Day (Mk 4:29; 2 Pt 3:10; Rev 1:10) when His Word will have achieved the end for which it was sent.

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Welcome to OUR LADY OF GRACE Catholic Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Message of Bishop Jaime Soto on Tearing Down of St. Junipero Serra Statue in Capital Park on July 05, 2020

On Saturday evening, the statue of St. Junipero Serra was defaced and torn down from its place in Capitol Park. The group's actions may have been meant to draw attention to the sorrowful, angry memories over California's past, but this act of vandalism does little to build the future.

There is no question that California's indigenous people endured great suffering during the colonial period and then later faced the horror of government-sanctioned genocide under the nascent State of California. This legacy is heartbreaking. Yet, it is also true that while Fr. Serra worked under this colonial system, he denounced its evils and worked to protect the dignity of native peoples. His holiness as a missionary should not be measured by his own failures to stop the exploitation or even his own personal faults. Holiness, in the end, is more a result of God's grace and our willingness to cooperate with His mercy. Archbishop Gomez's letter of July 1st illustrates some of the Franciscan friar's efforts to do so: <https://angelusnews.com/voices/letter-to-the-faithful-for-the-memorial-of-st-junipero-serra/>

Understanding the efforts of Fr. Serra to bring light into the bitter, bleak darkness of colonial ambition is the difficult task of history. So is the present arduous work to chart the future with hope. The strenuous labor of overcoming the plague of racism should not be toppled by nocturnal looting. Dialogue should not abdicate to vandalism. Nor should these unnerving episodes distract us from the duties of justice and charity upon which a better California can be built.

On this Fourth of July weekend, we are reminded that our common cause is to be a living monument to those words carved into the American soul, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

All monuments are imperfect as are our efforts to live up to America's founding ideals. The primary task is to build up our community, not tear it down.

FORMED NEW RELEASES



The Search

Have you ever felt a deep longing in your heart and wondered what could fulfill it? Start with episode 1, "What Do You Seek?", and find out.



Into the Breach

Don't miss this groundbreaking series from the Knights of Columbus that seeks to answer what it means to be a Catholic man in today's world.

Our Parish has acquired a subscription to FORMED. Register yourself to access FORMED with these 4 easy steps:

1. Go to formed.org/signup click on the 3rd button: I belong to a parish or organization
2. Select your parish: Enter zip code 95691 and select Our Lady of Grace Church from the drop down menu
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CHRISTIAN GIVING

Please help us reach our Weekly Budget Goal of \$4,271.00
Collection for June 28: \$1,747.00



Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha
City of the Mohawks
Tuesday July 14

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10).

CHURCH OFFERINGS - Bring your envelopes with you to Mass, or drop off at the Parish Office, or mail to OLG Church, 911 Park Blvd, West Sacramento, CA 95691 or pay by Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Discover and debit cards securely online at westsacolg.org - God bless you!

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Prayer to Our Lady of Mount Carmel

O most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendour of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me this my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, to succour me in this necessity; there are none that can withstand your power. O, show me herein you are my Mother, O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands.

(Catholic Prayers)

In your prayers remember the Sick Members of our Parish: Fr. Cesar Ageas Pat Belding Sue Belding Rane Gunasekara Nastaka Gunasekara Stefanie Smith Charles Shunk Leonila Arucan Kathy Vilhauer Janet Montemayor Fidel Martinez Harry Valencia Departed Souls: Billy Lewis+ Joe Virga+ Rudy Demartelaere+ Joe Cruz+ Lucille Pope+

Our Church is OPEN for public celebration of Mass!

Attend Sunday Mass online via [Livestream westsacolg.org/live](https://westsacolg.org/live) or attend in-person at Our Lady of Grace School Hall (Gym) limited to 70 people).

RSVP using the Eventbrite App westsacolg.org/COVID

Saturday 5:30pm Vigil Mass is live streamed and will be available for replay on the website. For in-person attendance: face-coverings required, temperature reading, and name & phone no. recorded for contact tracing. Donations can be dropped into the basket before Mass. There will be no passing of the offertory basket. More COVID-19 related information found on the parish website.

Call the Parish Office (916) 371-4814 to schedule Reconciliation (confessions) or private prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. For urgent sick calls or to make arrangements for a priest to administer the Last Rites call (530) 378-4114.



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MINISTRY MEETINGS - Social Media Platforms (Zoom, Google, etc.)

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).



Communion for the Homebound - Please call the Parish office if you wish a Eucharistic Minister to visit.

Anointing of the Sick - Persons who are sick or who are going to have surgery may request the Sacrament of the Sick by calling the Parish office. One need not be in immediate danger of death.

St Vincent de Paul (SVDP) - If anyone in our Parish or greater community needs assistance, or if anyone would like to volunteer their time to work with our Parish SVDP program please call 916-371-5264.

Mission Statement – We are a welcoming Eucharistic community nourished by the Word of God, committed to extend Christ’s unconditional love to ALL.

Life Long Catholic Faith Formation

Baptism - Mandatory class for parents and godparents is scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the rectory. Baptisms will be scheduled for the First Saturday at 11:30 am after completion of the class and all required paperwork. Please call the Parish Office to register for the class or to schedule the Baptism.

Children’s Religious Education/Catholic Faith Formation (CFF), K-8th - Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:45 pm at the school. Includes preparation in the 2nd grade to receive the First Eucharist; and preparation in the 7th grade for Confirmation. Both sacraments require 2-year attendance in CFF. Classes for high school students that need the sacraments are held on an as-needed basis. Call the Parish Office at (916) 371-4814.

Matrimony - Engaged couples should contact the Pastor to begin preparation a minimum of six months prior to the time you would like to be married. Please do not make any other arrangements before meeting with the Pastor.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) - Sessions for anyone wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith, especially the unbaptized, baptized Christians who want to join the Catholic Church, and baptized Catholics who wish to complete initiation with Eucharist and Confirmation. Classes in the Parish Center on Thursday nights 7-8:30 pm.

Youth Ministry - Graced Youth Ministry, the youth ministry program for our high school students meets alternating Sundays at 6:00 pm in the OLG School gym.

Welcome to Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church!

New to the parish? Like to register?
Please fill in & tear this off & drop in the offertory basket.

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Meets 2nd Wednesdays at 7pm in the Convent Building, Our Lady of Grace School.
For membership information contact Byron Paige, Membership Chairman: (916) 995-4570

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Mass Schedule

Daily: 8:30am
Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm School
Sunday: 9am & 11 am School
Holy Days: 7am & 7pm
First Saturday: 8:30am
(Immaculate Heart of Mary)

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Call the Parish Office for an appointment

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