

"I have risen:
I am with you once more...
Alleluia!"

- Entrance Antiphon
Psalm 138: 18



Easter
Sunday

April 4, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of April 4 - 9, 2021

Livestream Mass and Prayer Services online on the WestSac OLG YouTube Channel, Facebook or the parish website: westsacolg.org All Masses and services held inside the Church. Outdoor Mass held at Our Lady of Grace School, 1990 Linden Road. Bring your own chairs, or remain safely in your vehicle and worship virtually by tuning car radio to FM 107.9. Join 8:30 AM Daily Mass on Zoom - Meeting ID: 828 7609 4045 Passcode: OLG

SATURDAY	Apr 3	8 PM	Easter Vigil Mass
SUNDAY	Apr 4	9 AM	Outdoors Easter Sunday
		11 AM	Outdoors Easter Sunday
		12:30 PM	Wedding of Stephen Hampton & Marcia Harrison
MONDAY	Apr 5	8:30 AM	For Beatrice Clarke +
TUESDAY	Apr 6	8:30 AM	For Lee Stoltz +
WEDNESDAY	Apr 7	8:30 AM	For Praveen Lawrence +
THURSDAY	Apr 8	No Mass	
FRIDAY	Apr 9	8:30 AM	For Juanita Sancho +
SATURDAY	Apr 10	9:30 AM	Funeral Mass for John Kalafatich +

NEW MORNING

Scott Hahn reflects on
Easter Sunday

(StPaulCenter.com)



The tomb was empty. In the early morning darkness of that first Easter, there was only confusion for Mary Magdalene and the other disciples. But as the daylight spread, they saw the dawning of a new creation. At first they didn't understand the Scripture, today's Gospel tells us. We don't know which precise Scripture texts they were supposed to understand. Perhaps it was the sign of Jonah, who rose from the belly of the great fish after three days (Jonah 1:17). Or maybe Hosea's prophecy of Israel's restoration from exile (Hosea 6:2). Perhaps it was the psalmist who rejoiced that God had not abandoned him to the netherworld (Psalm 16:9-10). Whichever Scripture it was, as the disciples bent down into the tomb, they saw and they believed. What did they see? Burial shrouds in an empty tomb. The stone removed from the tomb. Seven times in nine verses we hear that word "tomb." What did they believe? That God had done what Jesus said He would do raised Him up on the third day (Mark 9:31; 10:34). What they saw and believed they bore witness to, as today's First Reading tells us. Peter's speech is a summary of the gospels from Jesus' baptism in the Jordan to His hanging on a tree (Deuteronomy 21:22-23), to His rising from the dead. We are children of the apostles, born into the new world of their witness. Our lives are now "hidden with Christ in God," as today's Epistle says. Like them, we gather in the morning on the first day of the week to celebrate the Eucharist, the feast of the empty tomb. We rejoice that the stones have been rolled away from our tombs, too. Each of us can shout, as we do in today's Psalm: "I shall not die, but live." They saw and believed. And we await the day they promised would come when we, too, "will appear with Him in glory."

Welcome to *Our Lady of Grace* Catholic Church

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PASTOR

Dear Children, Sisters and Brothers,

Happy Easter to you!



Today along with the universal Church we celebrate Easter, the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. It is not just a universal celebration but is our own personal celebration because it is not just the victory of Jesus for the world, but He makes it the victory of each one of us by giving himself to each of us in the breaking of the bread or the Mass, every time we celebrate it. Thus He makes us victorious over sin and death because he shed His blood establishing and sealing the New Covenant through which He has made us part of Himself. So now we have died with Him and is Risen again. That is the reason we renew our baptismal promises at Easter, giving ourselves to Him who has given himself totally to us.

We have all been carrying heavy crosses this year. A whole year has passed since we started experiencing the ravages of this scourge of COVID-19. It has kept us away from our family and friends. I hope this distance from others has brought us closer to our God. Jesus gave his life to bring us closer to God and to one another as His Body. "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ" Ephesians 2:13. That is the mystery we celebrate at Easter. So may we be renewed and refreshed in our relationship with God through our Easter celebrations and through the renewal of our baptismal covenant.

Let us be the Easter people by renewing all our relationships and mending the broken ones. Thus may the Joy of Resurrection be in you, around you and may it spread to our family, our society and our world. May the peace that the Risen Lord imparts be with you.



Blessings from Your Pastor,

Fr. Mathew



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS SCHEDULE

April 25 at 9 AM & 11 AM (both outdoors) for Mrs Joan Biller's 2nd Grade Class.
May 2 at 11 AM (outdoors) for Ms Judy King's 2nd Grade CFF Class and Mrs Fay Landry's RCIA Class Adapted for Children.

A Steward makes God's love visible by imitating Jesus.



HOSPITALITY

Congratulations to Members who entered into Full Communion with the Catholic Church this Easter Vigil
Walter Cato ~ Tenille & Roger Jones ~ Courtney Schrag

Special thanks to Byron Paige & the RCIA Team for guiding these baptized Christians through their formation, and for the loving support from their family, friends and sponsors: Manuel Soliven, Janet Montemayor, Walter & Patrice Griffith and Angela Montemayor.

PRAYER



DIVINE MERCY MESSAGES One of the most powerful promises Jesus ever made was told to St. Faustina, who recorded it in her Diary: The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion [on Divine Mercy Sunday or on the Saturday evening Mass before Divine Mercy Sunday] shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. (699) Our souls are stained by sin and punishment due to our sin. Going to Confession cleanses our souls of sin. But by receiving Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday in a state of grace, we receive an even greater spiritual gift: complete forgiveness of not only all our sins, but also all punishment due to sin. All we have to do is go to Confession (either in the days preceding Divine Mercy Sunday or on Divine Mercy Sunday), receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday in the state of grace, and ask the Lord for the graces He promised.

Pray the 9 Day Novena to Divine Mercy at 3 PM beginning on Good Friday.
Celebrate DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
April 10, Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30 PM
April 11, Sunday Mass at 9 AM & 11 AM (both outdoors)
Hour of Mercy Holy Mass at 3 PM

FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION VIRTUAL JOINT SESSION on Tuesday, April 6 at 5:30 PM on Zoom OPEN for All Parishioners. Topic: *Resurrection* with Speaker Ana Ramirez-Palmer. Log on Zoom Meeting ID: 859 0012 2146
FIRST EUCHARIST VIRTUAL RETREAT on April 17 from 9:30 AM to 11 AM followed by **FIRST RECONCILIATION** in Church. Cost \$10 per candidate. Pick up retreat supplies from the Parish Office M/W/F 8 AM-12 PM.
CONFIRMATION VIRTUAL RETREAT on Saturday, April 24 from 9 AM to 11 AM followed by in-person confessions in Church. Cost \$25 per candidate.

SERVICE

Together, we can help reach our Weekly Budget Goal of \$4,271.00
Thank you for your continued generosity!

Church Offerings Bring your offerings with you on Sunday and drop it in the collection basket before or after Mass. The basket will not be passed during Mass. You can also drop off or mail your contributions to OLG Church, 911 Park Blvd, West Sacramento, CA 95691. If you are watching our Mass online consider donating by Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Discover and debit cards securely at westsacolg.org

Thank You to the Liturgy Committee for preparing our environment and celebrations for lent, Holy Week and Easter. We know that volunteers don't ask for rewards, but we hope that our sincerest appreciation can be a reward for all of your help. You've done so much for our Church, thank you.



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.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

<p>We meet @ 6:30pm the 2nd Thursday of each month Call: 916-371-4814 for details.</p>	<p>MARY KAY Belle Cammarota Beauty Consultant 916-247-6279 Call or text anytime www.marykay.com/isabellec</p>
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	<p style="text-align: center;">Our Lady of Grace Council #9469</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Knights of Columbus</p> <p>Meets 2nd Wednesdays at 7pm in the Convent Building, Our Lady of Grace School.</p> <p>For membership information contact Byron Paige, Membership Chairman: (916) 995-4570</p>

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Mass Schedule

Daily: 8:30am
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 9am and 11am
First Saturday: 8:30am
(Immaculate Heart of Mary)



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:45 to 5:15 or by appointment

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