



“Sing to the Lord  
a new song!”



- Psalm 98: 1

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of  
EASTER

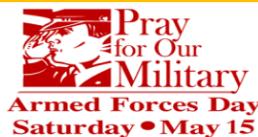
May 9, 2021

### MASS INTENTIONS

Week of May 9 - 14, 2021

Livestream Sunday Mass on West Sac OLG YouTube Channel or [westsacolg.org/live](http://westsacolg.org/live)  
Weekend Mass held at Our Lady of Grace School, 1990 Linden Road  
8:30 AM Daily Mass join Zoom: Meeting ID 828 7609 4045 Passcode OLG  
Weekday Mass held in the Church, 911 Park Boulevard

SATURDAY	May 8	5:30 PM	For Dede Ingle (Birthday)
SUNDAY	May 9	9 AM Outdoor	For All Members in our Parish
		11 AM Outdoor	For Sonja Craighton (Healing)
MONDAY	May 10	8:30 AM	For Chris Gianatasio +
TUESDAY	May 11	8:30 AM	For Jennifer Zimmerman + and Carmel Hernandez +
WEDNESDAY	May 12	8:30 AM	For Paul Magaway +
THURSDAY	May 13	No Mass	
FRIDAY	May 14	8:30 AM	For Father's Intentions



### THE HOLY SPIRIT LOVES US TRULY



In today's First Reading from St Paul, we find examples of the Holy Spirit guiding the early Church. The Holy Spirit gave St Peter a vision to help him understand that he was to accept a former pagan (Cornelius) into the new Christian community. u The Responsorial, Psalm 98, continues the theme of God guiding the Church in the early days with the Apostles missionary efforts. They soon came to realize that God wants the Good News preached to all people, not just the Jewish nation. The refrain celebrates God reaching out to those not part of the original covenant; a new covenant is established between God and all peoples, so all are invited to sing His praise. u Today's Second Reading centers on love as the outpouring of oneself in service of others. God sets the first example by sending His only Son Jesus to die out of love for us. This is the true meaning of *love*. Love is not a feeling, but a *choice*. u Today's Gospel also focuses on true love. God loved us so much that in the person of Jesus He laid down His life for us. This death brought us the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us live His example of love in giving of ourselves to others. It's a choice, a decision we make to follow and emulate Christ; it's not a feeling. We are now part of an intimate relationship with God, we are no longer slaves, but friends. Through Jesus' death and by the Holy Spirit's action in the sacraments and in the Church, God gives us the strength to be His children, His friends. (CBCo)

Welcome to OUR LADY OF GRACE Catholic Church

### ANNOUNCEMENTS



*My prayer this Mother's Day  
said lovingly for you  
is that Mary and her Holy Child  
will bless you all year through!*

*Best Wishes to all Mother's in our Parish  
from Father Mathew, Deacon Dave & Staff*

### May 5, 2021 Statement of Bishop Jaime Soto on Keeping Holy the Lord's Day and Caring for One Another

Throughout the pandemic, pastors and people in the Diocese of Sacramento have worked diligently to provide safe, respectful and reverent occasions for worship, both indoors and outdoors. In union with my brother bishops in California, I am committed to provide the opportunity for offering the Sacred Mysteries in a responsible manner. Since last March of 2020 – before many jurisdictions offered any guidelines for indoor activities – the dioceses of California upheld the need to protect life and public health by voluntarily suspending indoor worship services. As the pandemic dragged on through surges and plateaus, dioceses continued to stress the common good by holding outdoor worship services. Only when safe were some services moved indoors, always with responsible health precautions foremost. Recently, the Supreme Court of the United States recognized the ability for churches and other houses of worship to gather while responding to the public health concerns with reasonable and responsible measures for conducting indoor public worship. The recognition of a balance between the necessary precautions and the essential place of worship during the pandemic is welcomed. Pandemic-weary Californians are now welcoming many positive developments in the struggle against COVID-19. Cases appear to be stabilizing in the Golden State. Vaccinations are becoming more readily available for all residents. Continued diligence by everyone in abiding by commonsense precautions has yielded positive and hopeful results. Vaccine availability is still not consistent, especially in some of the most vulnerable populations. Questions persist about whether testing is sufficient and new surges may be forming in some communities. At this time, I am asking the pastors to follow the tiered county risk levels and the practice of prudent public health measures: wearing facemasks, washing hands frequently, and maintaining physical distancing. Use of overflow spaces such as the parish hall or outdoors will help more parishioners participate in the sacrifice of the Mass in person. The introduction of transmitting the Mass using social media and other internet resources has become a valuable outreach to the homebound and others. This should continue. My brother bishops in California and I also renew the call for eligible Californians to get vaccinated. As we said in our January statement: “Beyond simply protecting their own health and safety, Catholics also have an obligation to protect their family, friends and community by vaccinating as soon as feasible in accordance with public health guidelines and protocols in their area. One should always consult with their doctor regarding any personal medical concerns.” There is a longing for all the community to gather as one body for the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass safely and with peace of mind. While the dispensation from attending Sunday Mass continues for now, I remind all the faithful of the moral obligation in the third commandment, to keep Holy the Lord's Day. All Catholics physically able to attend Mass are encouraged to do so. Anyone with a vulnerable health condition, caring for someone with a vulnerable health condition or demonstrating any flu-like symptoms should stay home. All the faithful should observe Sunday as a day holy to the Lord with traditional practices of prayer, fellowship with family and friends, and works of charity. My brother priests and I are committed to doing what is prudent to stop the spread of the coronavirus while reviving the vitality of parish life, giving praise to God, teaching the faith to our children, and caring for the poor. May the intercessions of both our Blessed Mother Mary and St. Joseph join with our prayers for God's mercy to end the pandemic, bring healing to the afflicted, protection to those who care for them, eternal rest to all those who have died, and consolation to those who mourn the death of loved ones.

Respectfully, Jaime Soto +  
Bishop of Sacramento

### LITURGY GUIDELINES

The following guidelines are to be followed to responsibly provide clean, safe, respectful, reverent environments for the celebrations of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, other Sacraments, and other occasions of public worship. (-May 4, 2021)

**I. Capacity:** Effective immediately parishes located in counties where the risk level is red (substantial), or orange (moderate) should re-calculate the seating capacity of the churches to provide physical distancing (3-6 feet between individuals and family cohorts). Churches located in counties where the risk level is yellow (minimal) may lift all social distancing. Parishes in yellow counties should still adhere to the legal seating capacity of their buildings. Masks are to be worn throughout the entire liturgy. For receiving Holy Communion, masks may be removed momentarily. Pastors/Parochial Administrators, if the church campus/facilities allow, may consider outdoor seating with speakers set up and provide overflow seating in other church buildings. Outdoor Masses should be provided when there is a pastoral necessity, especially when the assembly cannot be accommodated indoors with physical distancing.

**II. Liturgy:** Deacons may assume the traditional role assisting at the altar in the Liturgy, if they observe all reasonable health and safety protocols, including reception of a vaccination and wearing a mask. Pastors should continue to use simple processions for entering and leaving the sanctuary. “Passing the basket” from one congregant to another for the offertory collection is not permitted. Ushers may use the traditional basket with the extended arm for the collection. The sign of peace may be offered. The sign of peace should be exchanged by bowing to one another. Family cohorts may exchange the sign of peace by a customary handshake or embrace. In a public concelebrated Mass, priests should receive Holy Communion by intinction. If the number of celebrant priests is 3 or few, a separate chalice may be prepared for each concelebrant. Until further notice, the chalice should not be shared among concelebrants or with deacons. Refrain from reintroducing the cup until further notice. The faithful are encouraged to receive Holy Communion in the hand. Proper sanitizing protocols should continue for persons requesting Communion on the tongue. All adult liturgical ministers, who self-declare having been vaccinated, may resume their role assisting at the altar during Mass. Masks are to be worn at all times by all liturgical ministers, excluding the priest presider. Pastors should continue to provide for proper physical distancing among ministers functioning in the sanctuary. Pastors may continue to have one lector read the First and Second Readings of the Mass. Before approaching and after leaving the Ambo, the lectors should sanitize their hands. Lectors are to wear masks. They may remove them while reading. Altar servers may resume their ministry assisting at the altar during Mass. Altar servers should not hold the missal for the presider. Masks are to be worn at all times. Altar servers should be instructed to use sanitizer at appropriate times during the Liturgy. Singing should be limited to a single cantor unless the church facilities can allow for sufficient physical distancing among singers and musicians of wind instruments. Choirs should continue to be limited to no more than 10 people, contingent on maintaining physical distancing. Pastors may determine if the Ordinary of the Mass is sung or chanted.

**III. Sanitization:** The practice of sanitizing pews and other common surfaces after every liturgy may continue as an added precaution.

**IV. Miscellaneous:** At least one Sunday Mass should be livestreamed every week and on Holy Days of Obligation in the major languages of the parish. Pastors/Parochial Administrators should maintain a regular schedule of providing the faithful the opportunity to approach the Sacrament of Confession. Priests should continue to use alternative spaces for the Sacrament of Confession if confessional spaces are too confining and lack sufficient ventilation. In parishes located in orange (moderate) or yellow (minimal) counties, pastors may discontinue contact tracing. Temperature/health checks are no longer required. Parishioners should be advised that if they have any flu-like symptoms, they should not attend any public worship services. These same guidelines and principles apply to all celebrations of the Liturgy, devotions, Sacramentals, rituals, ceremonies, etc. Holy water fonts may be used. The fonts should be cleaned once a week. Parish bulletins may be distributed. Missallettes may be provided.



**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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<p style="text-align: center;"><small>24 Hour National Pregnancy HELP HOTLINE: 1-800-712-HELP (4357) or www.optionline.org</small></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Join us in praying the Rosary</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5pm weekdays on Relevant Radio</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-left: 5px;"> <p><b>Catholic Radio</b> <small>Immaculate Heart Media AM 1620</small></p> </div> </div>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Our Lady of Grace Council #9469</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Knights of Columbus</b></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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