"BE ON GUARD ... PRAY CONSTANTLY

for the strength to escape whatever is in prospect and stand secure before the Son of Man."



1st Sunday of **ADVENT**

November 28, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of November 28 — December 5, 2021

Live-stream Masses on the West Sac OLG YouTube Channel Daily Mass join Zoom Meeting ID 828 7609 4045 Passcode OLG

SATURDAY	Nov 27	5:30 PM Vigi	For All Departed Souls
SUNDAY	Nov 28	9 AM	For All Members in our Parish
		11 AM	For All Departed Souls
MONDAY	Nov 29	8:30 AM	For All Departed Souls
TUESDAY	Nov 30	8:30 AM	For All Departed Souls
WEDNESDAY	Dec 1	8:30 AM	For Johnny Regadio (Healing)
			For Renato Asis Silvestre (Healing)
			For Thomas Kecranchira (Healing)
		6 PM	Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
THURSDAY	Dec 2	No Mass	
FRIDAY	Dec 3	8:30 AM	OLG School Mass
		7 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
SATURDAY	Dec 4	8:30 AM	For Job Lawrence (Belated Birthday)

Pastor's Corner

WITH HEARTS ALWAYS READY AND OPEN

Most of Jeremiah speaks of the devastating punishment to befall Israel for her infidelity. However, today's First Reading from Jeremiah focuses on the Lord's restoration of Israel, not because she deserved it, but because the Lord favored her and would be merciful, sending an anointed One to guide her in His way. The Responsorial reminds us that to please God, we must have hearts open to His instruction. By nature, we are inclined to yield to sinful and selfish habits. We fool ourselves into thinking that we are doing God's will, when in reality, we're doing what we want. If we are humble of heart, we can hear what God wants to tell us. He wants us to choose justice, for that will lead us along the real path of peace, joy, and life. True fear of the Lord means having the right perspective; recognizing that God is our Creator, and we are His creatures, called to obey, wherein we find life's true freedom, u In the Second Reading, St Paul reminds us to love and serve the Lord with all our heart, soul, and strength; and to love others as we love ourselves: the two basic elements of Christianity. It is good to be reminded of these so we can keep reaching for that higher plane of conduct and pleasing God. In today's Gospel we again find Jesus speaking of the end of the world, perhaps not literally, but symbolically so that His listeners could understand. The eternal truth here is, that no matter when the world ends, we should be vigilant. We don't know how much time we have to live, so we should treat each moment of life as precious. We can't afford to postpone our conversion until tomorrow. In this holy season of advent, especially, we should dedicate ourselves to virtue and prayer. Our goal: to be ready to greet the Lord whenever He calls us to Himself, whether at the world's end or at the end of our earthly life, whenever that is for us. May we always respond to His grace and be ever-ready. (CBCo)

Welcome to OUR LADY OF GRACE Catholic Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Rehearsals every Sunday at 10 AM in the Rectory Conference Room.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION (CFF Class) - CIRCLE OF GRACE Lesson on Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at 5:30 PM via Zoom.



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Wednesday, December 8 at 8:30 AM & 7 PM Advent Penance Service, Tuesday, December 14 at 7 PM Christmas Vigil Mass, Friday, December 24 at 5 PM Midnight Mass, Friday December 24 (Christmas Carols at 11:30 PM) Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25 at 10 AM New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31 at 8:30 AM New Year's Day, Solemnity of Mary, Saturday, January 1 at 10 AM

YOU ARE INVITED!



"Permanescan vigilantes ... OREN CONSTANTEMENTE

por la fuerza de escapar lo que pueda suceder y mantenerse seguros ante el Hijo del Hombre."





A Seward makes God's Love visible by imitating Jesus.



Weekly Budget Goal: \$4,271.00 Collection for November 7: \$2,400.00 Maintenance Fund: \$ 646.00 Collection for November 14: \$1,869.00 World Mission Sunday: \$ 820.00

END-OF-THE-CALENDAR-YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS - Many individuals will make charitable contributions late in the calendar year to take advantage of tax benefits. In order to do so, checks must be dated and envelopes postmarked on or before December 31, 2021. If you are in the position to make end-of-year contributions, please consider our parish as a beneficiary of your support. As always, thank you for your loving support!

CON CORAZONES SIEMPRE ABIERTOS Y PREPARADOS

La mayor parte de Jeremías habla del castigo devastador que caería en Israel por su infidelidad. Sin embargo, la Primera Lectura de hoy que viene de Jeremías se enfoca en la restauración de Israel por obra del Señor, no porque lo merece, sino porque el Señor le favorece y es misericordioso, mandando Un ungido para guiarle en Su camino. El Responsorial nos recuerda que para complacer a Dios, debemos tener el corazón abierto a Su instrucción. Por naturaleza nos rendimos ante los hábitos llenos de egoísmo y pecado. Nos hacemos creer que hacemos la voluntad de Dios, cuando en realidad hacemos lo que queremos. Si somos humildes de corazón, podremos oir lo que Dios nos quiere decir. Él quiere que escojamos justicia, ya que eso nos llevará en el verdadero camino de paz, júbilo y vida. El verdadero temor del Señor significa tener la perspectiva correcta, reconociendo que Dios es nuestro Creador y nosotros somos Sus criaturas, llamados a obedecer, para encontrar la verdadera libertad de la vida. u En la Segunda Lectura, San Pablo nos recuerda que debemos amar y servir al Señor con todo nuestro corazón, alma y fuerza; y amar a los demás como nos amamos a nosotros mismos: los dos elementos básicos de la Cristianidad. Es bueno que se nos recuerde esto para que sigamos estrechándonos hacia el nivel más alto de conducta y complacencia a Dios. En el Evangelio de hoy, de nuevo encontramos a Jesús hablando del fin del mundo, quizá no

literalmente, sino simbólicamente para que sus oyentes le comprendieran. La verdad eterna aquí es, que sin importar cuando termine el mundo, debemos estar siempre alertos. No sabemos cuanto tiempo tenemos para vivir, así que debemos tratar cada momento de vida como precioso. No podemos hacer esperar nuestra conversión hasta mañana. Especialmente en esta época santa de adviento, debemos dedicarnos a la virtud y la oración. Nuestra meta: estar listos para recibir al Señor en cuanto nos llame hacia Él, ya sea al fin del mundo o al fin de nuestra vida terrenal, cuando eso sea **St Andrew** para nosotros. Que siempre respondamos a Su gracia y Tues • Nov 30th estemos siempre preparados. (CBCo)



1st Sunday of Advent • Isa 2:1-5 / Rom 13:11-14 / Mt 24:37-44 Monday • Isa 4:2-6 / Mt 8:5-11 Tuesday • St Andrew, Apostle • Rom 10:9-18 | Mt 4:18-22 Wednesday • Isa 25:6-10 | Mt 15:29-37 Thursday • Isa 26:1-6 | Mt 7:21, 24-27 • Hanukkah begins • Friday • St Francis Xavier • Isa 29:17-24 / Mt 9:27-31 Sat • BVM/St John Damascene (ChDr) • Isa 30:19-21,23-26/Mt9:35 – 10:1,5-8 2nd Sunday of Advent • Isa 11:1-10 / Rom 15:4-9 / Mt 3:1-12

Saints & Readings for the Week Santos y Lecturas de la Semana

1° Domingo de ADVIENTO • Isa 2:1-5 / Rom 13:11-14 / Mt 24:37-44 Lunes • Isa 4:2-6 / Mt 8:5-11 Martes • San Andrés, Apóstol • Rom 10:9-18 / Mt 4:18-22 Miércoles • Isa 25:6-10 / Mt 15:29-37 Jueves • Isa 26:1-6 / Mt 7:21, 24-27 • Se inicia Januká • Viernes • San Francisco Xavier • Isa 29:17-24 / Mt 9:27-31 Sáb • SVM/San Juan Damasceno (Drlg) • Isa 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt9:35 – 10:1,5-8 2° Domingo de ADVIENTO • Isa 11:1-10 / Rom 15:4-9 / Mt 3:1-12



<u>Communion for the Homebound</u> - 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

<u>Baptism</u> - 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.

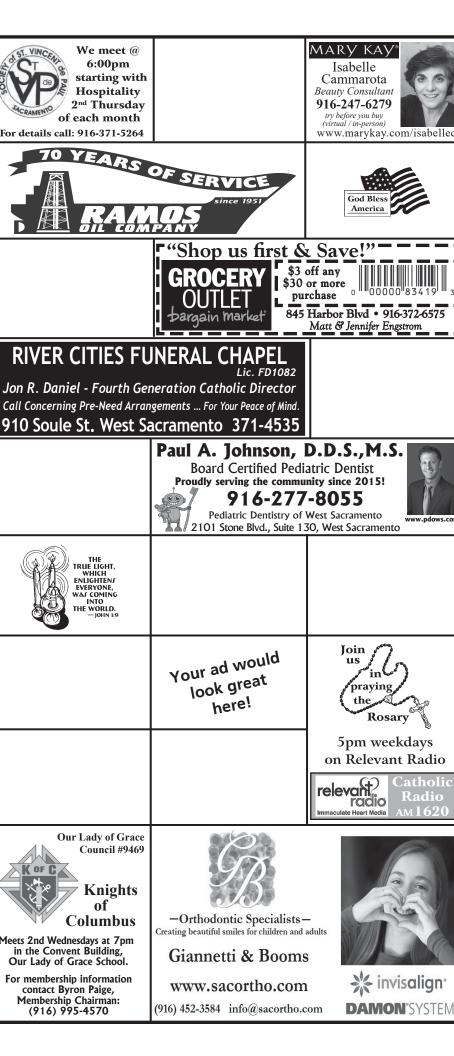
Children's Religious Education/Catholic Faith Formation (Hybrid CFF), K-8th - Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:45 pm. Includes preparation in the 2nd grade to receive First Eucharist; and preparation in the 7th grade for Confirmation. Both sacraments require 2-year attendance in CFF. Classes for high school students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

<u>Matrimony</u> - 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.

<u>Youth Ministry</u> - Graced Youth Ministry, the youth ministry program for our high school students meets alternating Sundays at 4:00 pm in the Parish Center.

- 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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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

Our Lady of Grace School Sharon Dandorf, Principal Grades: Transitional Kindergarten – 8th Grade

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