

"I am the servant
of the Lord."



4th Sunday of
ADVENT
December 19, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of December 19 — 25 2021

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

SATURDAY	Dec 18	5:30 PM	Vigil For Samuel Gaelon +
		6:30 PM	Christmas Novena
SUNDAY	Dec 19	9 AM	For All Parishioners
		11 AM	For Renato Asis Silvestre +
		6:30 PM	Christmas Novena
MONDAY	Dec 20	8:30 AM	For Renato Asis Silvestre +
		6:30 PM	Christmas Novena
TUESDAY	Dec 21	8:30 AM	For Betty DeAsis Ong +
		6:30 PM	Christmas Novena
WEDNESDAY	Dec 22	8:30 AM	For Joan Drinkard (Healing)
		5:30 PM	Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
		6:30 PM	Christmas Novena
THURSDAY	Dec 23	6:30 PM	Christmas Novena
FRIDAY	Dec 24	4:30 PM	Christmas Vigil Mass (OLG School Gym)
		11:30 PM	Christmas Midnight Mass
SATURDAY	Dec 25	10 AM	Christmas Day



READY TO CELEBRATE NEW LIFE?

Today's First Reading is a classic example of the Holy Spirit giving new meaning to the words of a prophet. The Prophet Micah was hoping God would raise up a new King and a new dynasty with small town values - hence the choice of Bethlehem, not Jerusalem. So Jesus is that true Good Shepherd, with small town values who brings peace to the whole world. The Responsorial Psalm expresses anxious expectation for the day we celebrate the Savior's birth. We ask God to visit and protect us; He's the only one who can truly save us. This is what the name *Jesus* means: *Yahweh saves*. With His strength, we can change our ways and walk in God's love. Christmas is a celebration of *new life*, the new life of the Babe in Bethlehem, and new life in ourselves. His birth gives us new possibilities. At Christmas, we experience the only thing that brings us true peace and fulfillment; God's love made real in the Baby Jesus. May this new life, Love Incarnate, renew and refresh our mind and heart in Him. The Gospel recalls what happened to Mary between her agreeing to be the mother of God's Son, and Jesus' birth. Our Lady proved her generosity, forgetting herself and traveling to her cousin Elizabeth's home, in order to help her, since she too was with child. Before a word is spoken, the baby in Elizabeth's womb, John the Baptist, recognizes the presence of Jesus and leaps to greet Him. (*The first person to recognize Jesus' presence in the world is an unborn child.*) Elizabeth greets Mary with great respect, for the Holy Spirit had revealed the truth to her, that Mary was now the Mother of her Lord. May this truth fill us, too, with awe and joy.

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Welcome to OUR LADY OF GRACE Catholic Church

PASTOR'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



Dear Sister & Brother,

Merry Christmas to you! Behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. *For today in the city of David a Savior has been born (Luke 2:11)*. This is what we are celebrating, this is the cause of our joy too, our Savior has been born. As God's people, as the family of our God let us solemnly celebrate the birthday of our Savior.

Our God becomes Emmanuel through all our celebrations; through the celebration of the sacraments He continues to live in our midst. Our God nourishes and cherishes us through His Church, just as you parents nourish and cherish your family. Therefore, let us solemnly celebrate this feast expressing our love for the Lord. Let us boldly and joyfully proclaim to the world our living faith in the Emmanuel (God with us) and pass on this faith and traditions to the coming generations.

I thank everyone of you for the many ways through which we live as God's family in our parish. I thank you for your cooperation and love and most of all for your participation in the celebration of our God's presence in our devout celebration of the sacraments. We have stuck together as God's family through this pandemic. You were happy, satisfied and nourished with the least (online masses), when there were restrictions on gatherings. You participated joyfully in the outdoor masses. You did not complain but bore all the hardships together as family. You continued to support your parish through your contributions. Some of you online, others mailed them or came and dropped your contribution envelopes in the mailbox at the rectory, even when you could not come to worship in person. This is the miracle of our Church, the miracle of our Parish, and I thank you for that.

Compared to pre-pandemic our offertory has been down \$70,000. So if possible make a special Christmas offering. Also I want to bring your attention to a new venture we are starting this Christmas; that is raising funds for a new church in the future. It may take ten or twenty years before we may be able to start building, but we must start saving something for it. I plead and hope that you will support this venture. Send in your contributions to OLG, New Church fund.

Worshiping together, loving each other, we are God's family and this is the family that our God is coming into this Christmas. So let us celebrate the many blessings of our God. With all my love, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Your Pastor,

Fr. Mathew Rappu



A SEWARD MAKES GOD'S LOVE VISIBLE BY IMITATING JESUS.



Weekly Budget Goal: \$4,271.00
Collection for December 12: \$2,117.00
Solemnity, Immaculate Conception: \$679.00

CHRISTMAS EVE/DAY SECOND COLLECTION: New Church Fund

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!



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Novena, December 15 until 23 at 6:30 PM

Christmas Vigil Mass, Friday, December 24 at 4:30 PM (OLG School Gym)

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

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day
(not a holy day of obligation), Saturday, January 1 at 10 AM

CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS & PAGEANT — As Christmas approaches, we are preparing for the Christmas Vigil Mass at 4:30 PM held on December 24, 2021, Christmas Eve celebrated in the OLG School Gym. Our Family Mass features a pageant performed by our children during the Gospel. We invite families to not only attend the liturgy, but to encourage our children to participate in the Gospel pageant. Roles are suitable for children ages 4 and up. If you have any questions or would like to sign up your child to participate in the pageant, please contact Patrice Griffith at olgmomsministry@gmail.com Rehearsal dates below:

Thursday, December 16 at 5:30 to 6:30 PM in the Parish Center
for assignment of roles and distribution of costumes.

Tuesday, December 21 at 5:30 to 7:00 PM in the gym with Father Mathew.

Thursday, December 23 at 5:30 to 7:00 PM in the gym.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS VIDEO GREETING — All Members of our faith community are invited to participate in a video greeting/photo montage that will be shared on the parish website, social media and broadcast before Christmas livestreams. Greet our faith community family a very Merry Christmas by providing either a 20 second maximum video greeting or Christmas photo to be included in the final montage. Submissions should be sent electronically to olgtech@westsacolg.org by Sunday, December 19th.



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 (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.

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.

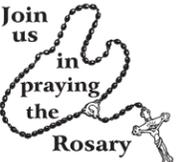
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) - Sessions for anyone wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith, especially the unbaptized, baptized Christians who want to join the Catholic Church, and baptized Catholics who wish to complete initiation with Eucharist and Confirmation. Classes in the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

 <p>We meet @ 6:00pm starting with Hospitality 2nd Thursday of each month For details call: 916-371-5264</p>		<p>MARY KAY Isabelle Cammarota Beauty Consultant 916-247-6279 try before you buy (virtual / in-person) www.marykay.com/isabellec</p> 
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<p>RIVER CITIES FUNERAL CHAPEL Lic. FD1082 Jon R. Daniel - Fourth Generation Catholic Director Call Concerning Pre-Need Arrangements ... For Your Peace of Mind. 910 Soule St. West Sacramento 371-4535</p>		
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	<p>Your ad would look great here!</p>	<p>Join us in praying the Rosary 5pm weekdays on Relevant Radio</p> 
		<p>relevant radio Catholic Radio Immaculate Heart Media AM 1620</p>
<p>Our Lady of Grace Council #9469  Knights of Columbus 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</p>	<p> —Orthodontic Specialists— Creating beautiful smiles for children and adults Giannetti & Booms www.sacortho.com (916) 452-3584 info@sacortho.com</p>	 invisalign DAMON SYSTEM

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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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