



November 26, 2023
 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Celebrate Christ the King

MASS INTENTIONS

November 26 — December 2, 2023

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

SATURDAY	Nov 25 5:30 PM	Vigil	All the Faithful Departed
SUNDAY	Nov 26 9:00 AM 11:00 AM		All the Faithful Departed All Parishioners Emma Enjambre + Ben Nugent + Harold Wecker +
MONDAY	Nov 27 8:30 AM		All the Faithful Departed
TUESDAY	Nov 28 8:30 AM		All the Faithful Departed
WEDNESDAY	Nov 29 8:30 AM		All the Faithful Departed
THURSDAY	Nov 30	No Mass	
FRIDAY	Dec 1 8:30 AM 7:00 PM		OLG School Cluster Mass Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
SATURDAY	Dec 2 8:30 AM		Emigdio Flores + Rafael Flores, Sr. + Betty Ong + Alikutty Sebastian +

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Leap of Faith

Today's Gospel could be seen as an example of what St. Paul is explaining in the second reading. First, he tells us that the resurrection of Christ is not the end of God's reign, but the beginning. Since death came into the world with the sin of Adam, Christ's death saved us from sin and his resurrection saves us from death. Now that he is risen, he will complete his reign over all creation, meaning that everything in creation that turned away from God will now be subject to God. Since Christ had to die before he could rise, the last enemy to be subjected is death; so too do we have to die before we can rise.

When all this happens, everything will show God's glory. God will be seen in all of creation. Jesus will be seen as equal to the Father, not just a man, but the Son of God. The Gospel gives us the image of a king on his throne, surrounded by his subjects. And then comes the final judgment.

The rest of the Gospel is symbolic description of that judgment. I always thought the point of this parable was that we recognize God in the poor, the sick, the homeless, prisoners, etc. But the people in the parable who helped all those in need did not recognize Christ in the needy. That's why he tells them that whatever we do for "these least ones," we do for Christ.

That is actually good news, because it is not always easy to recognize Christ in others. I used to think that once I start seeing Christ in all people, I'll be more willing to help them. But it also works the other way. When you help someone in need, you begin to see Christ there, too. This means that we cannot use not seeing Christ in others as an excuse to put off helping them. ("Sure, I'll help those drug addicts—as soon as I see Jesus in them.") Whether it is a death-row prisoner or a homeless family, we need to take that leap of faith to help, not knowing if we will ever see Christ in them. Remember, God forgives and saves us because we need God, not because we deserve it. By Tom Schmidt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASSES - One of the best things about celebrating a Catholic Christmas are the final days leading up to Christmas Eve. There are several long-standing Catholic cultural traditions that take us through these final days of Advent, heightened with anticipation in so soon welcoming the birth of the King of Kings. The Las Posadas ("The Inns") celebrated in Latin American countries, and Simbáng Gabi ("Night Mass") in the Philippines are just two examples of nine-day celebrations beginning on December 15 and continuing until December 23. All are welcome to join these traditions, even offer Masses of thanksgiving, or for a loved one, living/deceased. Fr. Mathew, visiting priests and Bishop Jaime Soto will rotate celebrating the Novena Masses. Offering envelopes are in the Church. A potluck fellowship follows after every Mass.



9 Day Christmas Novena Mass Schedule:
 December 15, and 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 & 22, at 6:30 PM.
 December 16 and 23, at 5:30 PM (Saturday Vigil.)

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2023 'REPORT OF GRATITUDE' - This Thanksgiving, as we reflect with gratitude for the many blessings God has given us. Catholics throughout our Diocese are invited to visit scd.org to view the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal 'Report of Gratitude.' See how, together as more than 460, 000 individuals and families, were helped by 18 Northern Catholic charities that received funds from the appeal. The 2023 Appeal is approaching \$4.2 million in commitments so far. Our parish receives 25% of any gift made by parishioners here.

THANKSGIVING is a time where many of us meditate on those things that we are thankful for (such as families, friends, health, blessings, etc) it is also fitting timing for us to reflect on what we do with those blessings.

"New Year's" or the end of the year is often a time when people think about what new changes they can make going forward, so I don't think it is a coincidence that with the closing of the Liturgical year upon us, Jesus is calling us to think about those same things Spiritually!

We are currently in a Jubilee year of celebrating 75 years of Our Lady of Grace in West Sacramento- as much as we celebrate one another and where we are and where we come from, we should also continue to help one another look to the future and grow our Parish, which is exactly what Fr. Mathew and Project GROW OLG are encouraging everyone in the OLG community to do! God has blessed all of us with our own "talents"... sometimes monetary, sometimes skills, or even just your time!

As we enter into our new Liturgical year with the coming of the Advent season (and even the new year 2024), all of us in the Project GROW OLG team pray that each of us can take a moment with the Lord so he can reveal to us what new ways we might best use the talents he's entrusted to us!

In fact, even noteworthy Catholic Speaker and evangelist Fr. Mike Schmitz (The Bible in a Year podcast) is even praying for you and encouraging all of us in the Our Lady of Grace community! Watch his special message to the OLG community! You Tube link: https://youtu.be/hxLh_yy716Q?si=qhddrXip6XaQ7Vw1

With Jesus by our side, and all of the rest of the Our Lady of Grace Parish family working together, let's all work together to go make disciples, go make Saints, and to GROW OLG FORWARD with Jesus Christ! Many blessings be upon you and your family this Thanksgiving, and God bless you! - Fr. Mathew & the Project: GROW OLG Planning Team

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



SERVICE

Please help reach our Weekly Budget Goal: \$4,271.00
 Collection on November 5: \$3,804.00
 Maintenance: \$2,338.00
 On Dec 2/3, the 2nd Collection is for Maintenance.
 Remember Our Lady of Grace Church
 when shopping online at smile.amazon.com
Thank you for your loving support!

PRAYER

Please pray for those who have ask for our prayers - Ken Degout, Sam Alaba, Suzanne Shunk, Grace Mosley, Raylene Blandino, and all sick members in our parish.
 For Departed Souls - Arthur Shumaker + Jerico Crisologo, Sr.
 + Martin DeAnda + Donald Logsdon + Jerold Barrett Reed+
*Our parishioners are invited to share the name of a loved one (or themselves) for the prayer list in our bulletin.
 This prayer list is for those who are deceased, or living and are sick, hospitalized, etc.
 If you are submitting the name of someone other than yourself, please obtain their permission.*

FORMATION

BAPTISM CLASS — Please call Parish Office (916) 371-4814 to sign up for the Baptism Class for *parents and godparents*. Next class scheduled February 2024.

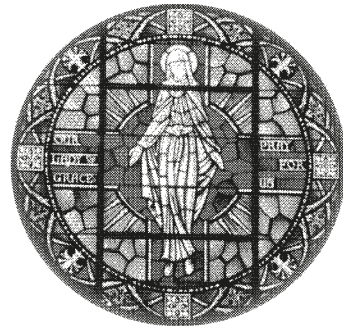
CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION — CFF 2023-24 Registration is Open for children in grades T-Kinder 4 through 8th on the Parish Website: www.westsacolg.org/cff or call Parish Office (916) 371-4814 for assistance. CFF Class on Tuesdays, at 5:30 Pm at OLG School.

HOSPITALITY

Congratulations to Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Altar Servers newly commissioned on November 19th!

OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL November 27 - In 1830 the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to 24-year-old Catherine Labouré in Paris, France. She commissioned Catherine to have copies of what came to be known as the "Miraculous Medal" produced and distributed for the benefit of the faithful. The medal includes the prayer, "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

SAINT ANDREW, Apostle, November 30th - As one of the disciples blessed to be called an Apostle, according to the Gospel of John, St. Andrew was the first of the Twelve to be led to Christ. One day, John the Baptist was with two of his disciples "and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God.' The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus... Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. (John 1:36-37, 40). Andrew began following Jesus after a simple indication from John the Baptist, without ever hearing a word come out of Jesus' mouth. What incredible faith! In the same light, we could also consider him the very first evangelist, since after meeting Jesus and finding out where he was staying, he immediately went to find his brother Peter and bring him to the Lord as well. All he had to say was, "We have found the Messiah" (John 1:41). And that is how his mission began, following the Messiah and learning all he could from Him so as to continue leading others to Him. After Christ's death and resurrection, Tradition holds that Andrew preached in modern day Greece and Turkey. He was crucified at Patras on an X-shaped cross because he did not feel worthy to die in the same manner as Our Lord. St. Andrew, intercede for us, that we too may become disciples and evangelists for Christ. —Tami Urcia



PASTORAL & FORMATION SUPPORT -
Call the Parish Office: (916) 371-4814 for spiritual formation assistance.

Communion for the Homebound or Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick -
Call the Parish Office to schedule a visit. One need not be in immediate danger of death to request support.

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.

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.

Adult Bible Study - Tuesdays at 7pm in the Parish Center.

Children's Religious Education/Catholic Faith Formation (CFF)

T K4 - 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 available. Adult and Youth Catechists and Office Help needed. Call the Director of Religious Education: (916) 371-4814 for enrollment questions or to volunteer in our CFF program.

Marriage Preparation - Engaged couples should contact the Parish Office to begin preparation nine (9) months prior to the intended wedding date.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) - Thursdays 6pm-8:30pm in the Parish Center. All are welcome, baptized and un-baptized Christians seeking to complete their initiation into the Faith.

Graced Youth Ministry - Alternating Sundays at 4pm in the Parish Center.

Parish Council: Chair: Michael Babowal; Members: Sonja Craighton, Keith Doyle, Mike Fritz, Cara Giordano, Helen Kanowsky, Joe Matella, Courtney Schrag, and Casey Valine
Email: parishcouncil@westsacolg.org

Finance Council: Chair: Kenneth Barrow; Members: Maggie Carson, Anthony Tassone, and Harry Valencia. Call the Parish Office: (916) 371-4814 for questions.

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>"Shop us first & Save!"</p> <p>GROCERY OUTLET bargain market</p> <p>\$3 off any \$30 or more purchase</p> <p>845 Harbor Blvd • 916-372-6575 Matt & Jennifer Engstrom</p>
<p>AUGUSTINE ASSOCIATES REAL ESTATE SERVICES RE/MAX GOLD</p>	<p>Cristina Quirarte DRE: #02133212 916.541.8324 cristinaqremax@gmail.com HABLO ESPAÑOL</p> 
<p>916-372-8484</p> <p>UBS UNITED BUILDING SERVICE MECHANICAL HEATING & AIR</p>	
<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>	
<p>Consider Remembering Your Parish in Your Will. Please call the Parish Office</p> 	<p>God Bless America</p> 
<p>Mercy McMahon Terrace Across from Sacred Heart Church Assisted Living At It's Best 3865 J St • 916-733-6510 Protecting Our Seniors During Difficult Times www.mercymcmahonterrace.org Holy Communion Available + Mass on Saturdays</p>	<p>West Coast Painting & Decorating 916-995-7798 Mauricio@wepnd.com Contractor License #1064790 Proposal/Contract for Painting Services</p>
<p>Our Lady of Grace Council #9469</p>  <p>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>MARY KAY Isabelle Cammarota Beauty Consultant 916-247-6279 Try before you buy! (virtual / in-person) www.marykay.com/isabellec</p> 
<p>Good Counsel Homes + Hope for Babies + Mothers</p> <p>Pregnant? Need a place to stay? Call our helpline: 800-723-8331 or 916-395-9370 to speak with one of our counselors https://help.goodcounselhomes.org</p>	

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Mass Schedule

Weekdays (except Thursday): 8:30am
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 9am and 11am
First Saturday (Immaculate Heart of Mary): 8:30am
First Friday Eucharistic Adoration: 7 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 4:45 to 5:15 or by appointment

Mission Statement - We are a welcoming Eucharistic Community nourished by the Word of God, committed to extend Christ's unconditional love to ALL.

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