

December 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS

| SATURDAY | Dec 9 5 | :30 PM | Rafael Flores, Jr. | + |
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| | | | Mario Alberto Flores | + |
| | | | Felipe Jacildo | + |
| SUNDAY | Dec 10 9 | :00 AM | All Parishioners | |
| | 11 | :00 AM | Elaine Kanowsky | + |
| | | | Mary Rose Pasion | + |
| MONDAY | Dec 11 8 | :30 AM | Bryce Marta | (Birthday) |
| TUESDAY | Dec 12 8 | :30 AM | Pat Belding | + |
| | | | Barbara Forman | + |
| | | | Linda Stewart | + |
| WEDNESDAY | Dec 13 8 | :30 AM | Lucy & Alice Sebastian | (Healing) |
| | | | Ernie Alipio | (Healing) |
| | | | Sonja Craighton | (Healing) |
| | | | Ranee Gunasekara | (Healing) |
| | | | Patty Gianatasio | (Healing) |
| | | | Grace Moseley | (Healing) |
| | | | Kara Mora | (Healing) |
| | | | Suzanne Shunk | (Healing) |
| | | | Michael Vilhauer | (Healing) |
| | 6 | :00 PM | Our Mother of Perpetua | • |
| THURSDAY | SDAY Dec 14 8:30 AM Father Mathew's Intentions | | ons | |
| FRIDAY | Dec 15 8 | :30 AM | OLG School Mass | (Grade 8) |

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD - Saint Peter shows us a characteristic of God that we normally do not think about. He tells us that for God, "a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day" (2 Peter 3:8). Somehow, God is not restricted by time as we are. Taken literally, that seems to violate the laws of physics. Of course, God made those laws, so if anyone can ignore them, God certainly could. More likely, because early Christians sometimes complained that Jesus' second coming had been delayed, Peter is trying to tell us that what seems like a long time to us is nothing to God. Like the early Christians, we may wonder how long it will take for God to answer our prayers. We may be praying for someone who is looking for a job, a sick relative, an end to abortion, or world peace. Some prayers just take time to be answered, especially if a large number of people need to change their hearts to make it happen. Some prayers require us to change, and we may not be ready. What Peter means is that a thousand years is not too long for God if someone needs that long to repent. God is far more patient than we are. If someone had been fighting me for months or years, I would probably give up on them. But God can wait till we are mature enough to face our sins and be sorry for them. In the same way, God has been "waiting" over two thousand years for us to preach the gospel to all nations. God has been waiting for millennia for people to give up war as a means for solving our problems. God has been waiting since the beginning of the human race for us to learn how to love our neighbor. We might not be as patient as God but we can help. Saint Peter says that we are not just waiting for the Lord's return, we are hastening it. When we make a choice that is based on faith rather than selfishness, we make it a little easier for people to believe in God. Jesus is the light of the world; he asks us to let our light shine, so that people can see Jesus in us. May our light "prepare the way of the Lord" (Mark 1:3). Tom Schmidt

ANNOUNCEMENTS



9 DAY CHRISTMAS NOVENA - Join our celebrations beginning nine-day December 15, and continuing until December 23, filled with traditions that takes us through these final days of Advent, heightened with anticipation in so soon welcoming the birth of the King of Kings. There is still time to offer Mass for a loved one (living or deceased), thanksgiving, birthday, or healing of a sick family or friend. Offering envelopes are in the vestibule, and can be dropped in the offertory basket, or Parish Office.

Christmas Novena Mass Schedule

12/15, at 6:30 PM - Fr. Mathew Rappu 12/16, at 5:30 PM - Fr. Mathew Rappu 12/17, at 6:30 PM - Fr. Ronald Torres 12/18, at 6:30 PM - Fr. Ace Racela

12/19, at 6:30 PM - Fr. Jhay Galeon 12/20, at 6:30 PM - Bishop Jaime Soto

12/21, at 6:30 PM - Fr. Marcelino Malana 12/22, at 6:30 PM - Fr. Eric Flores

12/23, at 5:30 PM - Fr. Mathew Rappu



GIVING TREE - Mom's ministry reminds those who have taken a gift tag off the tree to return the tag and wrapped item to the Church or Parish Office by December 17. Thank you for giving generously and for bringing joy to others during these holidays.



OZANAM TOP HAT AWARD - Each year, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul recognizes a Vincentian volunteer for their outstanding work with the poor, following the example of the organization's founder. Blessed Frederic Ozanam, his mentor, Sr. Rosalie Rendu, and St. Vincent de Paul. As early 19th century Frenchmen often did. Frederic Ozanam wore a top hat.

The top hat has become an iconic symbol to the local Society of St. Vincent de Paul. This year, the "Top Hat Award" is presented on December 9, to a Vincentian volunteer whose life and service exemplifies a person with a compassionate heart for those in need. Our Lady of Grace Conference is pleased to announce that Fay Landry is the recipient of the Ozanam Top Hat award, and **Sonja Craighton** is the award recipient for the Sacramento Diocesan Council. Congratulations to both Fay and Sonia!





SERVICE



Weekly Budget Goal: \$4,271.00 Collection November 19: \$3,228.00

Remember Our Lady of Grace Church when shopping online at **smile.amazon.com**

Thank you for your gift of stewardship: time, talent, and treasure. Thanks to our parishioners and ministers who give generously these last few years and continue to give to our Church. May God bless you abundantly.



PRAYER

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

December 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, (Solemnity) is a holy day of obligation.

Mass Time: 7 AM; 8:30 AM OLG

School Mass; and 7 PM

December 12: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass at 8:30 AM. December 15-23: 9 Day Christmas Novena Masses at 6:30 PM, except on Saturday, at 5:30 PM (Vigil Mass)

December 24: Sunday Mass: 9 AM & 11 AM

Christmas Eve Children's Mass: 5 PM at OLG School Christmas Midnight Mass: 12 AM (Carols at 11:30 PM)

Christmas Day Mass: 9 AM & 11 AM December 25:

December 31: Sunday Mass: 9 AM & 11 AM

January 1, 2024: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Mass: 9 AM only

OLG SCHOOL EVENTS

You're invited to a ... **Christmas Nativity** Performance

December 19, at 1:30 PM

December 20. at 10 AM

Save the date!

CRAB FEED February 3, 2024 **Details coming** soon...





PURPLE

GOODNEWS

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ADVENT



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

<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.

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.

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

<u>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)</u> - 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.

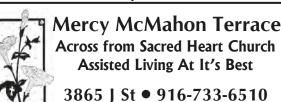
<u>Parish Council</u>: Chair: Michael Babowal; Members: Sonja Craighton, Keith Doyle, Mike Fritz, Cara Giordano, Helen Kanowsky, Joe Matella, Courtney Schrag, and Casey Valine Email: parishcouncil@westsacolg.org

<u>Finance Council:</u> 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! |
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| New to the parish? Like to register? Please fill in & tear this off & drop in the offertory basket. |
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| Phone: |







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For membership information contact Byron Paige, Membership Chairman: (916) 995-4570



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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

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

Our Lady of Grace School

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