

December 24, 2023
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Fourth Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS

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

SATURDAY	Dec 23	5:30 PM	Vigil Christmas Novena	
			Angie Montemayor	+
SUNDAY	Dec 24	9 AM	All Parishioners	
		11 AM	Mirosalva Loera	+
			Honorio Mascarino	+
			Magdalena Tajalle	+
		5 PM	Christmas Eve Family Mass (OLG School)	
		12 AM	Christmas Midnight Mass (Carols 11:30 PM)	
MONDAY	Dec 25	9 AM	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)	
		11 AM	Manuel Soliven (Birthday)	
TUESDAY	Dec 26	8:30 AM	Jan Valencia (Healing)	
			Sonja Craighton (Healing)	
WEDNESDAY	Dec 27	8:30 AM	Naty Senga	+
			Jovencia 'Linda' Stewart	+
			Roxie & Leonie Ginatasio	++
			Rocky & Christ Gianatasio	++
		6 PM	Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena	
THURSDAY	Dec 28	8:30 AM	Father Mathew's Intentions	
FRIDAY	Dec 29	8:30 AM	Rosario Santos	+
SATURDAY	Dec 30	5:30 PM	Vigil All Parishioners	
SUNDAY	Dec 31	9 AM	The Holy Family of Jesus Mary & Joseph	
		11 AM	All Parishioners	
MONDAY	Jan 1	9 AM	Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God	

THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS — "And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and we saw His glory." Today, as we hear in my favorite Christmas song, *O Holy Night*, "the weary world rejoices." Today, God gave us a Savior. We did not deserve this gift. We sinned. We betrayed God. We knew His laws, but we did what we wanted anyway and pushed Him away. But, in His immense love, He looked at this world of human beings He created in His image and likeness and His heart was filled with love. And in this immense love, He sent His Son. The night that Christ was born truly changed the world. All of God's promises in the Old Testament were fulfilled, and in His death we can live. Eternity with God can be ours. Our choices determine whether or not we accept His offer. But He came today as a tiny baby to give us that chance, and in coming "the soul felt its worth." What are we worth? We are worth mocking and beatings. We are worth the nails. We are worth an agonizing death. Why? Because we matter to God, and we are His. Today, as we celebrate the greatest gift ever given to us, let us think about the gifts we can give to Baby Jesus. Take time to reflect and to find a way to improve some aspect of your life that will please Christ and help you grow closer to Him. This Christmas, let us not forget that we are His. Let us find joy in this fact and give Him the greatest gift we possibly can—ourselves. And this Christmas, and always, let us praise and thank Him for taking on our sins and for dying so that we could have eternal life. Indeed, the weary world rejoices when it gazes upon Baby Jesus, on Christmas day and every day. Merry Christmas! By Susan Ciancio

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We journeyed together through Advent once more and Christmas is here. We see again how inextricably linked to the Catholic Faith is our Catholic memory. The memory of the past enlightens our experience of the present, provides a narrative to our hopes, and comforts us with centuries of fellow companions. The Lord Jesus born of Mary in the little town of Bethlehem, shepherds us through time into eternity.

Let us walk with Jesus our Shepherd in our daily lives. Make him part of your Home and your life by your personal and family prayer. Be part of His family by your faithful attendance of the Sunday Mass and be nourished with the bread of eternal life which He provides. He came to lead us through the attractions of this world to the attraction of eternal life. So, let us walk with Him as He walks with us.

I will be praying for each and every one of you this Christmas, and always.

A blessed and merry Christmas to one and all.

Blessings,

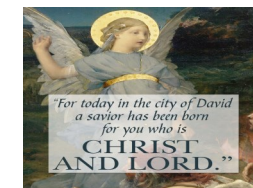
Fr. Mathew Rappu
 Your Pastor



The Parish Office will be **CLOSED** on
 Friday, December 22, Monday, December 25,
 and Friday, December 29 in observance of Christmas.

Father Mathew, Deacon Dave and Staff
 wish you God's rich blessings of love
 and joy now and in the new year.

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



SERVICE

Weekly Budget Goal: \$4,271.00
 Thank you for sharing your blessings with our Church!

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!

PRAYER

Pray for the sick, especially in our parish: Eileen Mosely, Leonila Arucan, and Stephanie Smith.

FORMATION

Children's Faith Formation (CFF) Classes resume on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 5:30 PM at the school.

Adult Bible Study meet on Tuesdays, except the first of the month. Please contact Ana Ramirez-Palmer for information.

Baptism Class on Wednesday, January 3, 2022 at 7 PM.
 Please call the Parish Office (916) 371-4814 to sign up.



HOSPITALITY

THANK YOU to our ministers and volunteers of our faith community who have assisted in the preparation of the Advent Penance Service & priest dinner, Giving Tree, Christmas Novena & fellowship (Simbang Gabi), put up Christmas lights and tree, those who organized and volunteered for the children's pageant, decorated the church and school, individuals who served in our children's choir, and liturgical celebrations at Christmas. May God bless you for offering your time, talent and treasure for the glory of God during Advent and Christmas season.

ADVENT SUNDAY KIDZ

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WORDSEARCH

MARY	JOSEPH	REJOICE
ANGEL	PURPLE	SAVIOUR
JESUS	WREATH	EMMANUEL
ADVENT	BELIEVE	GOODNEWS
CANDLE		ISRAEL

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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@wcpnd.com Contractor License #1064790 Proposal/Contract for Painting Services</p>
	<p>MARY KAY Isabelle Cammarota Beauty Consultant 916-247-6279 Try before you buy! (virtual / in-person) www.marykay.com/isabellec</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>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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