

December 31, 2023

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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 30	5:30 PM	Vigil Rosario Santos	+
SUNDAY	Dec 31	9 AM	All Parishioners	
		11 AM	Magdalena Tajalle	+
			Elsi Frugoli	+
			Marianne Talani Robles	+
			Jovencia 'Linda' Stewart	+
MONDAY	Jan 1	9 AM	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	
TUESDAY	Jan 2	8:30 AM	Jan Valencia	(Healing)
			Sonja Craighton	(Healing)
WEDNESDAY	Jan 3	8:30 AM	Jovencia 'Linda' Stewart	+
		6 PM	Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena	
THURSDAY	Jan 4	No Mass		
FRIDAY	Jan 5	8:30 AM	Father Mathew's Intentions	
		7 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
SATURDAY	Jan 6	8:30 AM	First Saturday	

AS GOD'S CHILDREN, WE SERVE — The Responsorial Psalm continues the theme of serving the Lord in His holy dwelling place. This same idea is found in today's Gospel, where Jesus calls the temple in Jerusalem, his Father's house. The psalm speaks of making pilgrimage to the Lord's house, the one place where we find ourselves at home, where we can experience God's love unconditionally. Jesus came into the world, that we could experience His love here, in His presence. When we dwell in Him, He is our home. u The Second Reading, from St John, speaks of the great dignity the Lord has bestowed on us, not as slaves, but as God's children. He treats us with the same respect He treats His only-begotten Son, Jesus. He calls us to share His love and mission here on earth, and His glory in heaven, where we shall be like the One we love; not only sharing in His image and likeness, but truly one with Him. We know we are God's children when we keep His commands; living moral, giving lives. The commandments are not rules that imprison, but guidelines to help us choose what is right and good. They teach us virtue and generosity, especially if we live the greatest law, that of love. The Gospel scene shows Jesus at age twelve (*when He discerned that He was both human and divine*) among the teachers in the temple. It is at this time that Jesus declares that His Father is God in heaven. His three day absence can be seen as preparation for Our Lady who would be without Jesus again for three days, after He died and was buried. Now, as then, she learns to trust that He must be about His Father's business. As God's children, and with His grace, may we always turn our minds and hearts to Him in trust.

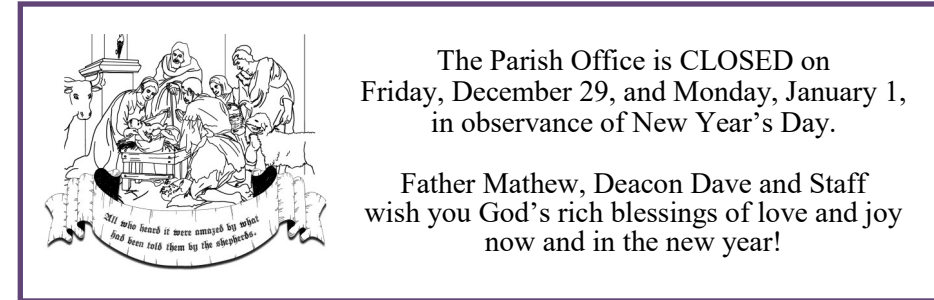
ANNOUNCEMENTS



1st Friday & 1st Saturday
This Friday & Saturday
January 5th & 6th

1/5 — First Friday 8:30 AM Mass; and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00 PM

1/6 — First Saturday 8:30 AM Mass



The Parish Office is CLOSED on Friday, December 29, and Monday, January 1, in observance of New Year's Day.

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



The International Peace Light/North American Peace Light will arrive in Our Lady of Grace Church on December 16 2023, and will be displayed for everybody to see and share during this holiday season. The International Peace Light project originated in Austria in 1986 and is dedicated to spreading a continuous flame, along with a message of peace and unity, from the birthplace of Jesus across the world. There are 15 oil lamps burning around the grotto at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, the birth city of Jesus. They have been maintained by the Greek Orthodox (6), Armenian Apostolic (5) and Catholic (4), churches and have burned continuously for more than 1,000 years. This flame is a symbol of peace and friendship. It reminds us that even though there is still much darkness in the world, you and I can overcome that darkness to create a peaceful community. There is a classic church saying that states "In essentials – unity, in non-essentials – liberty or diversity, in all things-charity." Our faith does not have to be alike. We can live and work together in harmony and teach others to do the same. The prophet Isaiah said, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined." For Christians, many see The Peace Light of Bethlehem as symbolic of the Light of Christ, especially evident at Christmas, as meant to promote peace, harmony, and unity among all people of the world regardless of race, ethnicity, or creed. What starts as a small flame from the town of Jesus' birth, spreads person to person across the world with the message of promoting peace, harmony, and unity. The light of this flame is a visible reminder of the mission we all share: to keep the hope of peace alive in our homes, our communities, and our world.

Candles are available in the Church for a donation from which you can light, and safely transport into your home this 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!



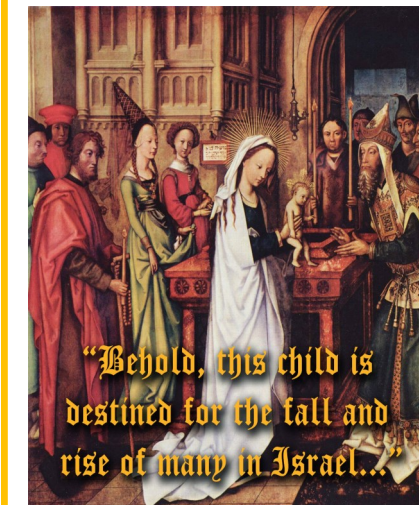
PRAYER

Pray for the sick, especially in our parish: Eileen Mosely, Leonila Arucan, Suzanne Shunk, and Stephanie Smith.
Remember to pray for those in the Armed Forces.
Pray for the needy.

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 on 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.





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>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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