

"We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."



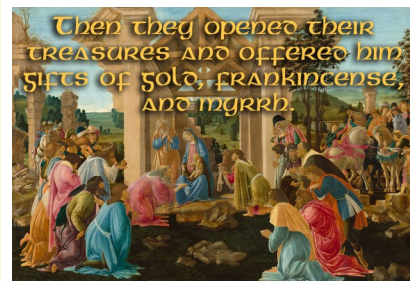
January 7, 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord

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	Jan 6	8:30 AM	First Saturday	
		11:30 AM	Baptism: Milana Jo Watson	
		5:30 PM	Vigil Michael Vilhauer	(Healing)
SUNDAY	Jan 7	9 AM	James Lawson	+
			John McGlynn	+
			Ken Musial	+
		11 AM	All Parishioners	
MONDAY	Jan 8	8:30 AM	Musial Family	(Healing & Consolation)
TUESDAY	Jan 9	8:30 AM	Mely Reddy	(40th Day Death Anniversary)
WEDNESDAY	Jan 10	8:30 AM	Sally Benigno	(Healing)
			Shirley Ching	(Healing)
			Magdalena Chua	(Healing)
			Jan Valencia	(Healing)
			Sonja Craighton	(Healing)
		6 PM	Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena	
THURSDAY	Jan 11	11 AM	Funeral Mass: Ken Musial	+
FRIDAY	Jan 12	8:30 AM	OLG School Mass	(Grade 7)
		1 PM	Memorial Mass: Fecilidad Ramos Lasaga	+



Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Little Drummer Boy — Did you know that the only reason we say that there were three wise men is that they brought three gifts? And these special gifts — gold, frankincense, and myrrh tell us much.

When one king visited or sent an ambassador to another, he would give a gift of gold to show that he acknowledged the kingship of the other. The second gift is a type of incense, which was used in Jesus time to worship God. The gift of myrrh is oil used to anoint the dying. So these gifts remind us of Jesus' kingship, divinity, and his dying for us.

So what gifts do we have for Jesus? Maybe we can take a hint from the wise men. If we acknowledge Jesus as king, maybe a better gift than gold would be to pledge our obedience to him. A better way than burning incense to pay homage to Jesus' divinity is to take time to pray throughout the day. As for the gift of myrrh, we can give Jesus the crosses we bear each day.

The song "Little Drummer Boy" reminds us that the best gift is not necessarily the most expensive. Instead, it is the simple gift that only we can give. Let Epiphany remind us to offer our lives to Jesus each day. Tom Schmidt

ANNOUNCEMENTS



THANK YOU for your thoughtfulness & generosity!  
Fr. Mathew wishes to thank you for the Christmas cards and gifts. All monetary gifts will be used to build a village chapel in India. Blessing, always!



OLG WOMEN'S COUNCIL will host a BUNCO NIGHT in January. Details coming soon!



CHILDREN'S LITURGY Ministry is looking for volunteers! By popular request our Children's Liturgy Ministry has returned to the 9 AM and 11 AM Sunday Masses, and we need your help to make sure it can continue! Adult volunteers over the age of 18 must be Livescan fingerprinted and take an online mandatory safety training. We are also looking for teen volunteers ages 13 and over to assist regularly. Any questions please email [liturgy@westsacolg.org](mailto:liturgy@westsacolg.org)



All are invited to celebrate the Feast of Santo Niño or Feast of the Infant Jesus, on Sunday, January 28, 2024, at 2 PM. The image of the infant Jesus is famous and is one of the most beloved and recognizable cultural icons, especially for the Filipinos. Feast of Santo Niño is held In January, followed immediately by the Sinulog, a parade of music and dance celebrating the conversion to Christianity. Bring your Santo Niño statue or icon, and let's celebrate the Infant Jesus!



GRACED YOUTH MINISTRY (GYM) provides a space for spiritual growth, and discovery with other parish high school aged youth. GYM meets every other Sunday at Our Lady of Grace school gym. Questions, or to join GYM contact Jeremy & Sunshine Arcinas or Steve Ramirez-Palmer at [olgwsyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:olgwsyouthministry@gmail.com)

Mark your calendars! TRIBUNAL PARISH ADVOCATE TRAINING for lay Ministers, Priests, and Deacons held at the Diocesan Pastoral Center.

2024 Training Dates

Introductory - Tuesday, March 5 to Wednesday, March 6  
Advanced—Tuesday, September 10 to Wednesday, September 11

Registration materials are available on the Tribunal's website:

<https://www.scd.org/tribunal/tribunal-resources>

Questions? Contact Cheryl Tholcke,

Moderator of the Tribunal Chancery, at 916-733-0231 or [ctholtcke@scd.org](mailto:ctholtcke@scd.org)

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



SERVICE

Weekly Budget Goal: \$4,271.00  
Collection Summary:  
December 3: \$4,253.00  
December 10: \$4,303.00  
December 17: \$2,863.00

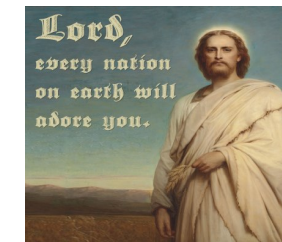
Thank you for sharing your gifts with our Church!

SECOND COLLECTION — On January 6/7, the 2nd Collection will be taken for the Maintenance Fund.

2024 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES — Pick up your boxed envelopes on the shelves at the back of the Church. Call the Parish Office (916) 371-4814 to request for a box for yourself.

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, 2023. 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: Grace Mosely, Leonila Arucan, Suzanne Shunk, and Stephanie Smith.  
Pray for the dead, and that their loved ones be consoled: Ken Musial  
Remember to pray for our Armed Forces and their families.

FORMATION



Children's Liturgy every Sunday at the 9 AM and 11 AM Masses. Youth and adult volunteers needed.  
Children's Faith Formation (CFF) Classes meet on Tuesday, at 5:30 PM at OLG 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, February 7, 2024, at 7 PM. Please call the Parish Office (916) 371-4814 to sign up.



HOSPITALITY

Congratulations on your Baptism!  
Christian Sanchez, on December 30th,  
and Milana Jo Watson, on January 6th.

We look forward to watching you grow in your faith!



Wishing January celebrants a very Happy Birthday and a year filled with love, adventure and prosperity! Here's to you!



**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)**  
TK4 - 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><b>"Shop us first &amp; Save!"</b></p> <p><b>GROCERY OUTLET</b> bargain market</p> <p>\$3 off any \$30 or more purchase</p> <p>845 Harbor Blvd • 916-372-6575 Matt &amp; Jennifer Engstrom</p>	
	<p>AUGUSTINE ASSOCIATES REAL ESTATE SERVICES RE/MAX GOLD</p> <p><b>Cristina Quirarte</b> DRE: #02133212 916.541.8324 cristinaqremax@gmail.com HABLO ESPAÑOL</p>	
<p>916-372-8484</p> <p><b>UBS</b> UNITED BUILDING SERVICE MECHANICAL HEATING &amp; AIR</p>		
<p><b>RIVER CITIES FUNERAL CHAPEL</b> 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><b>Mercy McMahon Terrace</b> 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><b>West Coast</b> Painting &amp; Decorating 916-995-7798 Mauricio@wepnd.com Contractor License #1064790 Proposal/Contract for Painting Services</p>	
	<p><b>MARY KAY</b> 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><b>Knights of Columbus</b> 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><b>Good Counsel</b> Homes + Hope for Babies + Mothers</p> <p><b>Pregnant? Need a place to stay?</b> 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.

**Our Lady of Grace School**  
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