

# February 25, 2024 2nd Sunday of Lent

### MASS INTENTIONS

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

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SUNDAY	Ç	5:30 PM Vigil 9:00 AM .:00 AM	Vanessa Fountain Ranee Gunasekara Maria Alexander Mack Jeanne Savitzky Carolyn Tagupa Michael Vilhauer All Parishioners Leonila Arucan Shirley Cheng Pacing McFeely	(Healing) (Healing) (Healing) (Healing) (Healing) (Healing)
MONDAY	Feb 26 8	8:30 AM	Suzanne Shunk Maximus Angeles Nicholas Cruz Alfredo Reyes Janelle Leung	(Healing) + + + +
TUESDAY		8:30 AM 9-22'RO	Jason Mack & Family Ngpygp'Rgpcpeg'Ugtxleg	(Spcl. Intention)"
WEDNESDAY	Feb 28 8		P kij c Gunasekara" Uctc'I wpcugnetc'" Qwt'O qyj gt"qh'Rgtr gwc	(Spcl. Intention)" *Ur en0Kpvgpvkqp+"
THURSDAY	Feb 29 8	8:30 AM	O cuu'kp'Ej wtej	
FRIDAY		8:30 AM 7:00 PM	QNI 'Uej qqnlO cuu' <sup>s</sup> I tcf g'5+" Ucvlqpu'qh'y g'Etquu'cpf 'Benediction	
SATURDAY		8:30 AM	Lawrence Family Jovin Lawrence Alice & Lucy Sebastian	(Thanksgiving) (Healing)

Stations of the Cross this Friday, at 7 PM hosted by St. Vincent de Paul. First Friday Benediction immediately after stations meditation. First Saturday 8:30 AM Mass. Catholics are obliged to abstain from eating meat on Fridays during lent.

### THIS IS A TEST

I used to wonder how God could lie to Abraham about sacrificing his son Isaac. But the story begins by telling us God put Abraham to the test. Abraham himself seems to know it's a test. Apparently, I'm the only one fooled by God.

I don't know if I would have passed the test. I would have at least argued with God about it, begging him to spare my son. Yet in our second reading, St. Paul reminds us that God did not spare his own son. (Rom 8:32) He passed his own test. Jesus was sacrificed so that God could show us how much he loved us. If God loves us so much that he gives his Son to die for us, why would he not forgive us? He doesn't. But he is still testing us.

What does that tell us about life? You may have noticed that things don't always go your way. Does that mean those tragedies are our fault? No, God gives everyone free will and some people choose to do wrong. God intervenes sometimes and lives are saved. Other times, God intervenes by saving us after death with our resurrection. As long as people doubt God's love, there will be tests. That's why it is so important to proclaim the Kingdom: so that someday all people will know God's love and not need to be tested. Tom Schmidt

### ANNOUNCEMENTS



Your support in the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal is very important to our parish. As we reflect on our blessings and consider our sacrificial acts during this Lenten Season, we are asked to do two things:

1. Go to www.scd.org or click on the above QR code and watch Izabel's story in this year's video. It is truly inspiring and reminds us that we make a profound difference in someone's life with our financial support.

2. Give what you can, either online or in the envelopes available here at the parish. 25% comes back to us for our Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. Thank you for your gift.

## **REMEMBER THE PARISH IN YOUR WILL.**



Most adults do not have a legal will. Write your will today by visiting MyCatholicWill.com.

This Lent, protect those you love most in under 15-minutes through the online, easy-to-use form.

Leave a legacy of faith by including the parish in your will.

www.MyCatholicWill.com Use code: **PARISH20** to save 20%

## MyCatholicWill

### **2024 LENTEN SCHEDULE**

Daily Mass Monday-Thursday, at 8:30 AM during lent, and Friday 8:30 AM School Mass when school is in session.

Stations of the Cross every Friday, at 7 PM hosted by ministry groups.

Feb 23 Lector & Commentators

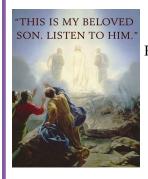
Mar 1 Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Mar 8 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Mar 15 Altar Servers, All Youth & Young Adults

Mar 22 All Ministry Groups

Lenten Penance Service on Tuesday, February 27, at 7 PM in the Church. All are encouraged to conversion and repentance this Lenten season. Visiting priests will assist with confessions. Please pray for OLG School and CFF children who will be making their first Reconciliation at this year's penance service.

Confirmation Mass with Bishop Delegate Fr. Chris Fraser on Friday, March 22, at 6 PM in the school hall. Candidates and sponsors meet at 5:30 PM in Room 8 Thank you to all who are preparing our children for the sacraments this spring.





The Little One:

### **SERVICE**

Please help reach our Weekly Budget Goal: \$4,271.00 Collection on February 11: \$3,988.00 Annual Catholic Appeal envelopes can be dropped in the collection basket. 25% comes back to our parish ministry. Remember Our Lady of Grace Church when shopping online at smile.amazon.com Thank you for your loving support!

### PRAYER

Please pray for all who have asked for prayers - Leonila Arucan, Stefanie Smith, Sam Alaba, Suzanne Shunk, Grace Mosle, Pacing McFeely, Jay Ward, Chastine Gaspar, and sick members in our parish.

### FORMATION

BAPTISM CLASS — Please call Parish Office (916) 371-4814 to sign up for the Baptism Class for parents and godparents, on Wednesday, March 6, at 7 PM in the Rectory.

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 Classes on Tuesday, at 5:30 PM, at OLG School.

### HOSPITALITY





Do vou ever feel like it's almost impossible to raise holy kids who love God (and sit still in our Mass!) Welcome to the Catholic Parent, a video series on formed.org created for Catholic parents by Catholic parents. Sign up is free on formed.org by searching the parish zip code 95691 -Our Lady of Grace West Sacramento, CA. Join FORMED today!

The Respect Life Ministry will have the 2024 Baby Bottle Drive through April 30. Baby Bottles are available in the Church. This fundraiser offers compassion, support and free medical services to women and men facing unplanned or unsupported pregnancies. As soon as you fill the bottles with coins, cash, or checks (payable to the Sacramento Life Center), you can return them to us, by placing filled bottles in the collection basket at Mass. Children can learn so much from helping to fill these bottles and for the cause of Life and of sacrificial giving. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — Call the Parish Office (916) 371-4814 to volunteer your time to help at any of the Sunday Masses, for information about joining a ministry group, help prepare meals for the needy, teach the faith to adults & children, join the youth group, or to volunteer 2-3 hours of your time to help office staff. Many hands make light work!



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: (916) 371-4814 to schedule a visit. One need not be in immediate danger of death

to request support. Call: (530) 355-4401 for emergency or after hours.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVDP) - President: Fay Landry

If anyone in our parish or greater community needs assistance, or if anyone would like to volunteer their time to work with the 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 Liturgy: Children ages 3-6 years old at the Sunday 9am & 11am Mass. Contact Sunshine Arcinas.

Women's Council - 1st Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Parish Center.

Children's Religious Education/Catholic Faith Formation (CFF) TK4 - 8th - Tuesdays 5:30 to 6:45 pm. Includes preparation in 2nd grade to receive First Eucharist; and preparation in 7th grade for Confirmation. Both Sacraments require 2-year attendance in CFF. Classes for high school students available. Adult, Youth Catechists, and Office Help needed. Call the Director of Religious Education: (916) 3714814 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 at the school. All high school aged youth are welcome. Contact: Sunshine & Jeremy Arcinas, and Steve Ramirez-Palmer.

Parish Council: Chair: Michael Babowal; Members: Sonia Craighton, Kieth Doyle, Mike Fritz, Cara Giordano, Helen Kanowsky, Joe Matella, Courtney Sylvia and Casey Valine (ex-officio). Email: parishcouncil@westsacolg.org

Finance Council: Chair: Kenneth Barrow; Members: Greg Johnson, Lex Oriondo, 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:



Mass Schedule Weekdavs (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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