

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday April 7, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

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

SUNDAY	Apr 6	5:30 PM Vigil	Paul Davis Maria Ocegueda Sharon Ramos	+ + +
	Apr 7	9 AM 11 AM	All Parishioners Elsi Frugoli Marianne Talani Robles Linda Stewart	+ + +
MONDAY	Apr 7	8:30 AM	Mei Sing Leung Rosario Santos	+++++
TUESDAY	Apr 9	8:30 AM	Michael Vilhauer	(Healing)
WEDNESDAY	Apr 1	0 8:30 AM 6 PM	Souls in Purgatory Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena	
THURSDAY FRIDAY	•	1 No Mass 2 8:30 AM	OLG School Mass	

* * First Holy Communion Day on April 20 & 21 * *



AWESOME MERCY

Today's First Reading is a reminder to us Christians to practice great charity and generosity in our treatment of each other, as the early Christians did in St Paul's community; taking care of one another with the Apostles being the focal points of unity. The Responsorial, Psalm 118, is a song of wonder and gratitude for God's forever enduring mercy, so fitting the Easter Season. When we think of how difficult it

is to forgive others, we get a small glimpse into God's mercy. We can't even begin to understand the depth of His mercy. God loves all and destroys the power of sin by responding with ever greater mercy. Hence, we are filled with awe, not the kind based in fear, but the kind we feel when we recognize the enormity of His goodness and mercy. This does not lead us to ignore life's problems, but to confront them; knowing that nothing can separate us from His love. Today's Second Reading is thought to be written to combat a second century heresy that denied the divinity of Jesus, saying God would second century heresy that denied the divinity of Jesus, saying God would never take on human form and certainly not die on a cross. It also lacked in charity and practiced immorality, hence St John's insistence on love and observance of the commandments. He argued that the Faith is proved by Baptism (water), the Eucharist (blood), and witness to truth, inspired by the Holy Spirit. The first part of today's Gospel focuses on man's recreation in the Holy Spirit. It recalls the Genesis creation story of Adam, when God breathed His Spirit into him, so that he would have life. Now we are created anow with our give foreiver by the breath of the Spirit accurate the foreiver and the breath of the Spirit and the spirit and the breath of th anew with our sins forgiven by the breath of the Spirit, acquiring new life by the Spirit. The second part of the Gospel is about belief in the divinity of Jesus. St Thomas did not want to believe without concrete evidence. Upon touching the wounds of the risen Savior, St Thomas proclaims Him as Lord and God; one of the rare times Jesus is called God in the New Testament. This witnessing to the resurrected, incarnate Jesus, rejects the early heresy that denied the incarnation and suffering of the God-man. In conclusion there's praise for those who believe without seeing. May our lives be praiseworthy in witnessing to our Faith. (CBCo)

Welcome to OUR LADY OF GRACE Catholic Church

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY





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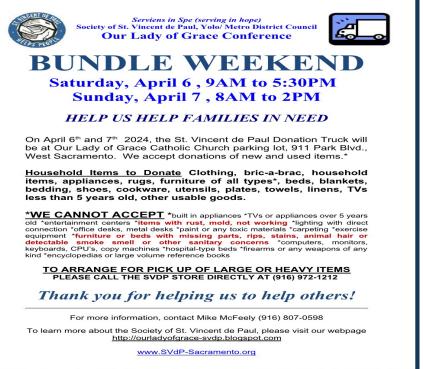


The Marian Fathers at the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy are asking you to trust and to believe by joining in an easy yet very powerful act to safeguard your family and you. "We urge you to post an image of Jesus, the Divine Mercy, on your front doors, facing outward, to express your trust in the Lord's promise of protection," explains Father Chris Alar of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception. Father Alar calls the display of the Image of Divine Mercy "a simple but incredibly

powerful act of faith." He goes on to say, "the Lord promises us through St. Fausting that the soul that will venerate, or honor, this image will never perish." The Lord told St. Faustina, "By means of this Image I shall be granting many graces to souls; so, let every soul have access to it" (Diary, 570). He also promised: "victory over [our] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death" and to "defend [us] as [his] own glory" (Diary, 47-8). This time approach Easter reminds us of the victory of Christ over his enemies, and by extension, ours through him too. Further, the Lord said, "Let everyone procure for their homes this Image because there will yet come trials, and those homes and entire families and everyone individually who will hold this image of Mercy in deep reverence, I will preserve from every sort of misfortune." In light of all this, Father Alar urges, "Put the image of the Divine Mercy with the inscription 'Jesus, I Trust in You' upon your doors, as many have done in times of calamity. Remember, it is Jesus whom we worship in this image." For those who don't have one, the Marians are giving one free. Just go to TheDivineMercy.org/ DivineMercyImage. Download it for free. Print it out. Put it on your doors.



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A Steward makes God's Love visible by imitating Jesus.



SERVICE

Please help reach our Weekly Budget Goal: \$4,271.00 Collection on March 17: \$3,513.00

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL — Together as Catholics, we can help families on the brink of homelessness stay in their homes. We can also support



PRAYER

Pray for those with cancer, and for their caregivers. Also, for the conversion of sinners, especially in our own families, the poor souls in purgatory, and holy innocents.

FORMATION

CFF class on Tuesday, April 9, at 5:30 PM. Bible Study on Tuesday, at 7 PM in the convent.



HOSPITALITY

Thank you to all our ministry volunteers for your assistance during lent, Holy Week, Triduum and Easter Sunday! You are doing an outstanding job, and our parish is extremely glad what you are doing to help others.



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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