

May 12, 2024 **7th Sunday of Easter** The Ascension of the Lord (Mother's Day)

### MASS INTENTIONS

Live-stream All Masses on the West Sac OLG YouTube Channel

SUNDAY	May 11 May 12	5:30 PM Vigil 9:00 AM	Armand Rivera + All Parishioners
		11:00 AM	Rafael Flores +
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MONDAY	May 13	8:30 AM	Mikey Pina +
TUESDAY	May 14	8:30 AM	Leonila Arucan (Healing)
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			Jan Valencia (Healing)
			Michael Vilhauer (Healing)
WEDNESDAY	May 15	8:30 AM	Leonila Arucan (Healing)
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			Jan Valencia (Healing)
			Michael Vilhauer (Healing)
		6:00 PM	Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
THURSDAY	May 16	8:30 AM	Mass In Church
FRIDAY	May 17	8:30 AM	Mass in Church
SATURDAY	May 18	8:30 AM	Mass in Church
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ENTECOS

The Church celebrates Pentecost Sunday on May 19. 9 Day Novena to the Holy Spirit begins May 10-18 to be prayed at the morning Mass.

**JESUS OUR MODEL** - Here we are at the Solemnity of the Ascension, one of the highest feast days in the Church calendar. We hear the story of the Ascension in the Gospel today, but notice what comes right before Jesus ascends into heaven. He asks for the apostles to go out to all the world and preach the good news. The way I see it, Jesus didn't just come to die for our sins and open the gates of heaven. That would have been more than enough, of course, but it seems pretty clear from today's Gospel that Jesus also came to be our model. He came to show us what it truly means to be human, how to act, and what our destiny is. Because we live in a world that has amnesia about how we were created and by whom, it is sometimes difficult for us to realize how beautifully and wonderfully we were all made and the purpose God has for us. It is easier to believe the lie that we don't have free will, that sin is too powerful, and that the best we can do, if we are lucky, is just to be kind to others and keep our heads down. That sounds like a pretty lame existence, but thankfully we are reminded today that we aren't supposed to fall into the trap of mediocrity. God wants us to be on fire for the love and mercy he brings, he wants us to bring that same fire to others, and most importantly, he wants to remind us of our destiny. If we follow his example then we will one day be brought up into heaven as well. Maybe not in the same way as Jesus was, but make no mistake, our destiny is to be happy with God forever and to bring as many of our friends and family with us as we can by preaching the saving power of the Gospel. This is why the very first paragraph in the Catechism states, "God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life. For this reason, at every time and in every place, God draws close to man. He calls man to seek him, to know him, to love him with all his strength. He calls together all men, scattered and divided by sin, into the unity of his family, the Church. To accomplish this, when the fullness of time had come. God sent his Son as Redeemer and Saviour. In his Son and through him, he invites men to become, in the Holy Spirit, his adopted children and thus heirs of his blessed life." There is nothing lame about our call and our destiny. Now let's get out there and live it! By Tommy Shultz

Welcome to OUR LADY OF GRACE Catholic Church 7th Sunday of Easter (B) — 1) Acts 1:1-11; 2) Eph 1:17-23; 3) Mark 16:15-20









### **SERVICE**

Please help reach our Weekly Budget Goal: \$4,271.00 Collection on April 24: \$3,999.00 THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVING SUPPORT!

### PRAYER

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

### FORMATION

Adult Bible Study meet on Tuesday, at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center meeting room.

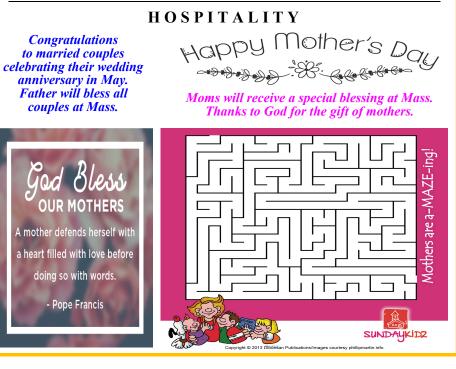
Baptism Class on Wednesday, June 5, at 7 PM. Call the Parish Office (916) 371-4814 for information or to sign up.

FORMED — Our parish now has a subscription to FORMED, a premier online platform filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, audio dramas, talks, e-books, and even cartoons for our children. FORMED has content from over 60 apostolates, including Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press, and the Knights of Columbus, with material that is professionally produced, engaging, and solid in its catechism. Best of all, this material is free to you. Our parish will be using the material on FORMED to support our ministries and provide continuing education for staff members and parishioners, as well as outreach for our sick and homebound members. Much of FORMED's content is available in both English and Spanish.

- To gain access to all of FORMED's content, follow these simple steps:
  - Go to https://signup.formed.org/
    Enter our parish's zip code

  - Enter your name and your email address

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Happy 46th Ordination Anniversary to the Priesthood, Fr. Mathew!

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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: (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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