

August 4, 2024

18th Sunday in **Ordinary Time**

MASS INTENTIONS

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

SUNDAY	Aug 3 5:30 PM Vigil	Michael Vilhauer	(Healing)
		Kathy Vilhauer	(Healing)
	Aug 4 9:00 AM	All Parishioners	
	11:00 AM	Julia Cruz	(Birthday)
		Keanu Quenga	(Birthday)
		Pacing McFeely	(Healing)
MONDAY	Aug 5 8:30 AM	Pacing McFeely	(Healing)
TUESDAY	Aug 6 8:30 AM	Fish Family	(Thanksgiving)
WEDNESDAY	Y Aug 7 8:30 AM	Fr. Art Wehr, SJ	+
	6:00 PM	Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena	
THURSDAY	Aug 8 No Mass		
FRIDAY	Aug 9 8:30 AM	Mass in Church (Fath	ner's Intentions)



On August 10/11, the Diocesan Second Collection will be taken for the Church in Latin America which funds a wide range of pastoral activities and programs, from evangelization programs to pregnancy centers to leadership development of community leaders based on Catholic Social Teaching. Prayerfully consider what you can give.

JESUS, OUR PEACE



You probably know that the Jews in the first century did not particularly like the Gentiles. Some of them who became Christians still looked down on the non-Jewish Christians. In the epistle today, Paul addresses this problem by reminding them that Jesus died for all people, Jew and Gentile. And just as Jesus rose from the dead to a new life, the converts to Christianity were given a new life also. That new life of baptism joined them all to Christ, who lives in them, forgives them, and brings them peace. So why was that unity so hard to accept?

One reason is that as much as we complain about laws and regulations, many people like to live by them. We even make our own rules: "I always eat breakfast at 7:15," or "I have to read the newspaper every morning." Even though our rules may not be bad in themselves, if we get angry at anyone who interrupts our routine, those rules lead us to sin. But some of the Hebrew Christians thought that they still had to keep the laws and regulations of the old covenant. There is nothing wrong with keeping the Ten Commandments: They are simply examples of Jesus' command to love God with all your being and to love your neighbor as yourself. So why not just do that? The problem with only keeping commandments is that we can avoid doing evil things, but still not love God or my neighbor. For example, we can avoid using God's name in vain and kick back and relax on the Sabbath, but still not really love God. We can keep from killing, robbing, or lying to our neighbor, without loving anyone. Fortunately for us, God loves us first; we need only respond to that love. And if we make the decision to love God and our neighbors, and base all our other actions on that love, we will not break any commandments, or even worry about breaking them. We will have the peace that Paul mentions in our reading, the peace that makes us all one in Christ. -Tom Schmidt

Welcome to OUR LADY OF GRACE Catholic Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sunday Hospitality becomes a means to serve others and Christ in them. Children's Liturgy & Graced Youth Ministry are ready to serve you with their warm presence and gentle smile. Don't rush home after Mass. Join one another for coffee & donuts instead.

Aug 4: Children's Liturgy and Graced Youth Ministry Aug 11: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Aug 18: Knights of Columbus



GRACED YOUTH MINISTRY (GYM) meets next Sunday, August 11, at 4 pm at the school. All confirmed & high school students are welcome to join the youth group!

CFF CATECHISTS NEEDED - We are looking for catechists (teachers) to share the love of Christ in grade levels TKindergarten thru 8th. Our parish CFF programs could not function without catechists and other volunteers. Prior teaching experience is helpful but not required. St. Theresa of Avila said, "Christ has no body on earth but yours; no hands, but yours; no feet but yours.



While He lived on earth, Jesus sent disciples out in pairs to help in his work of evangelization. We believe that today Jesus is calling adults and teens of our parish to be catechists, co-catechists, and classroom aides who prepare the minds and hearts of children and youth to hear and respond to the Good News throughout their lives. Do Something GREAT for God and His Church. Join our dynamic team of catechists! Help to mentor and form our future Church leaders; share your faith and love for God and His Church. Anyone with a love for their faith is qualified; we will support you and give you the materials you need to guide our children and youth in the study and understanding of our Catholic faith. We encourage all parishioners, as well as the parents of children in our program, to be a part of the faith formation process. CFF begins mid September until early May. Contact Dena Serrano, DRE at (916) 371-4814 or stop by the Parish Office to discuss how you can get involved.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word #113

I will rain down bread from heaven for you. Exodus 16:2–4, 12–15 "The Lord gave them bread from heaven." Psalm 78 Put on the new self that has been created in God's way. Ephesians 4:17, 20–24

John 6:24-35 Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.

In Moses' time, the LORD God sent bread from heaven in the form of manna, which sustained the Chosen People on their lengthy and difficult journey across the desert. Centuries later, God sent the Son, the Bread of Life, who nourishes us now on our journey to God's kingdom. On our journeys, may we keep in mind that we are called to leave behind our old corrupted, sinful self and "put on the new self," as Saint Paul wrote, our true self that is founded in Jesus.

Introduction to the Eucharistic Prayer

With hearts longing for the bread of life, food that will endure for eternal life, we raise our hearts and voices in the great prayer of thanksgiving.

Ouestion of the Week

What have I grumbled about this week on my journey through life? How can the Bread of Life sustain me through a difficulty or hardship like that?

Calendar

- 5 Mon. Optional Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major 6 Tue. Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord Hiroshima Memorial Day
- 7 Wed. Optional Memorial of St. Sixtus II and Companions
 Optional Memorial of St. Cajetan
- 8 Thu. Memorial of St. Dominic
- Optional Memorial of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) Int'l Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples Nagasaki Memorial Day
- 10 Sat. Feast of St. Lawrence

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SERVICE

Please help reach our Weekly Budget Goal: \$4,271.00 July 7: \$3,650.00 July 14: \$3,226.00 July 21: July 30:

The Parish Office is looking for a volunteers to devote 2-3 hours during the week to help with clerical duties and office organization. High school student job shadowing, or college internship available. Interested or have questions? Call (916) 371-4814.

PRAYER

Pray for the Dead: David Haro+ Marjorie Batson+ Steve Coughlin+ Fr. Art Wehr, S.J.+ Poor Souls in Purgatory+ Pray for the Sick: Leonila Arucan, Sonja Craighton, Judy King, Pacing McFeely, Piña Family, Louise Souza, Carolyn Tagupa, Michael Vilhauer and Kathy Vilhauer



FORMATION

CFF REGISTRATION - Parents of Children/Youth TK-8: Please take a moment to fill out the registration form in the Church vestibule. THANK YOU for doing this early as it helps greatly with planning and ordering materials. Turn in form to the Parish Office, or email to westsacolg@gmail.com

CATECHIST KICK-OFF -A meeting for CFF volunteers, new and those interested in becoming catechists, on Tuesday, August 13, at 5:30 PM in the Parish Center.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY -All Catechists, new and returning will be commissioned on Sunday, September 15, at all Masses.

CFF CLASSES begin Tuesday, September 17, at 5:30 PM.

OUR LADY OF GRACE SCHOOL First Day (Grades K-8) on Wednesday, August 14.



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HOSPITALITY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY everyone born in the month of AUGUST! Celebrants will recieve a special blessing at the end of Mass.

KID'S CORNER







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) 3714814 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 1":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 HSUSf[a 4]TWEUZaa^/H4Efi Children 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.

AXIUW Christian Initiation of Adults (ACIA) -? a`V&e` 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: 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 (916) 371-4814ž

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Our Lady of Grace Council #9469

in the Convent Building, Our Lady of Grace School.

For membership information

contact Byron Paige,

Membership Chairman:

(916) 995-4570

Knights

Columbus Meets 2nd Wednesdays at 7pm

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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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