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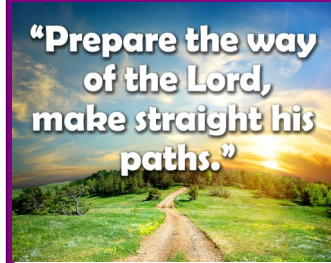
2nd Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Table with columns for Day, Date, Time, and Intention. Includes entries for Sunday (Dec 07-08), Monday (Dec 09), Tuesday (Dec 10), Wednesday (Dec 11), Thursday (Dec 12), and Friday (Dec 13).

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”



PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD! The first reading is from Baruch, probably one of the lesser-known books of the Bible. Baruch was the prophet Jeremiah’s assistant, and today’s selection comes from his Poem of Consolation addressed to Jerusalem. The final verse reminds us that God is always leading us into great joy, even in dire circumstances; joy always awaits! “The forests and every fragrant kind of tree have overshadowed Israel at God’s command; for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company” (Baruch 5:9). The readings continue with St. Paul’s Letter to the Philippians, one of my favorites due to all the reminders it gives us not to give in to our anxiety and to hold on to the joy we have in Jesus. Remember that if you are still breathing, God has a plan for your life. His Will for you is always perfect and good, trustworthy and hope-filled: “I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus” (Philippians 1:6). This Sunday of peace, preparing us for next week’s Gaudete Sunday, concludes with John the Baptist traveling through the whole Jordan region proclaiming repentance to prepare the way of the Lord. During this Advent season, we are preparing a way for the Lord to become an even more integral part of our lives. The Nativity of Our Lord is a time of great celebration because at the heart of this special season is the greatest gift ever bestowed – God’s only begotten Son made incarnate to redeem the world! Are you ready to stand alongside John the Baptist as, “A voice of one crying out in the desert”? “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths” (Luke 3:4). (Allison Gingras, Diocesan.com)

Welcome to OUR LADY OF GRACE Catholic Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION is Monday, December 9 it is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass Times will be 7 AM and 7 PM.



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE on Monday, December 16, at 7:00 PM. Whether you've gone to confession recently, or haven't for many years, this is a great chance to Prepare for the Lord. Visiting priests will be on-site to hear your confession. Open your heart to conversion. Be patients. Be open to receive the Lord's great mercy.

PEACE

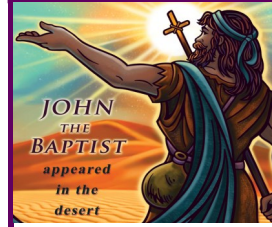
CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASSES - One of the best things about celebrating a Catholic Christmas are the final days leading up to Christmas Eve. There are several long-standing Catholic cultural traditions that take us through these final days of Advent, heightened with anticipation in so soon welcoming the birth of the King of Kings. The Las Posadas ("The Inns") celebrated in Latin American countries, and Simbáng Gabi ("Night Mass") in the Philippines are just two examples of nine-day celebrations beginning on December 15 and continuing until December 23. All are welcome to join these traditions, even offer Masses of thanksgiving, or for a loved one, living/decease. Father Mathew, visiting priests and Bishop Jaime Soto and/or Rey Bersabal will rotate celebrating the Novena Masses. Offering envelopes are in the Church, and can be dropped into the Sunday collection basket. A potluck fellowship occurs every night, after Mass

9 Day Christmas Novena Mass Schedule: December 15, and 17, 18, 19, 20, 22 & 23 at 6:30 PM. December 16 and 22, at 5:30 PM

GIVING TREE - Mom's ministry reminds those who have taken a gift tag off the tree to return the tag and unwrapped gift the Church or Parish Office by December 15. Thank you for giving generously and for bringing joy to others during these holidays.



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



SERVICE

Please help us reach our Weekly Budget Goal of \$4,271.00 Collection for Dec 01: \$3675.50 Dec 08: \$- Dec 15: \$- Dec 22: \$- Dec 29: \$-

PRAYER

Prayer for Marriage – Heavenly Father, We praise you and thank you for your great gift of the Sacrament of Marriage. Help all married couples witness to its beauty through a life of love, joy, patience, and generous self-giving. Help families to exercise faithfulness and mercy, to be one in heart, mind, and body, accepting children lovingly as gifts from you. When family life presents challenges or is lacking in peace and understanding, teach us the beauty of forgiveness and bearing one another’s burdens. Strengthen our love so that it endures not only through the heartbreaks of married life. And bless our homes and our families so that others will see your generosity and faithfulness guiding our lives. Deepen our communion at home and with the Church so that we may radiate love as a living sign of everlasting hope. We ask these blessings in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen. (www.radiatelove.info)

FORMATION

CFF classes on Tuesdays, December 10 and 17 at 5:30 PM at OLG School. Christmas Break, No CFF classes December 24 and December 31. CFF resumes with Joint Session in the church on January 7 at 5:30 PM.

HOSPITALITY

Happy Anniversary to married couples celebrating their wedding anniversary in the month of December.

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