

# **February 23, 2025**

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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

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

SUNDAY	Feb	22 5:30 PM vig	gil Nick Gianatasio & Family (Special Intention)	
	Feb	23 9 AM 11 AM	All Parishioners Jay Ward	+
MONDAY TUESDAY	Feb	24 8:30 AM 25 8:30 AM	Silva Family (Spe Father Mathew Rap	
WEDNESDAY Feb		6 PM	Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena	
THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY	Feb	27 No Mass 28 8:30 AM 01 8:30 AM	Church Mass Lawrence Family	(Thanksgiving



## **STAGNANT OR OVERFLOWING?**

We find ourselves in the midst of a short, seven and a half week stint of Ordinary Time. It can seem like we are somewhat lost in time - no longer in the Christmas season and not yet in the throes of Lent. How can we not grow stagnant in our walk of faith during this time?

A friend once told me that Ordinary Time was his favorite season of all. He shared that, just as the liturgical color green indicates, Ordinary Time is a season of growth. As we muddle through the mundane, tackle the trivial and battle the boredom, we are invited to continue blossoming and blooming.

In today's first reading Saul finds himself in a jealous rage and wishes to extinguish David, while David's men encourage him to obliterate Saul. But when afforded the opportunity to retaliate, he refused to lay a finger on the Lord's anointed one. He acquiesced to God rather than anger.

Jesus puts the actions of David into words saying: "love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you... Do to others as you would have them do to you...and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked." Sounds selfless and saintly and... super hard. To act in a way that gains no reward, not even a tiny bit of dopamine, sounds just horrible.

Yet we live for the promise of a different kind of reward all together: "then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High...gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down and overflowing..." So let us shake off the ordinaryness of this time and dive into the growth, so that our heavenly reward may be overflowing. (Tami Urcia, Diocesan.com)

## Welcome to OUR LADY OF GRACE Catholic Church

### ANNOUNCEMENTS



Lent begins on Wednesday, March 5! Vincentians are "Pilgrims of Hope." Make this Lenten Season a powerful experience by learning about the work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and serving with us for just a few hours during Lent. For more information, contact Paul Starkey, 916-955-6758.





...seniors are assured healthy food John receives 30 pounds of USDA-provided nutritious groceries every month through the SACRAMENTO FOOD BANK & FAMILY SERVICES Food for

Seniors program. Distribution sites throughout Sacramento County are a lifeline to prequalified lowincome seniors who simply cannot make ends meet without this supplemental, compassionate resource.



## A STEWARD MAKES GOD'S LOVE VISIBLE BY IMITATING JESUS.



## SERVICE

Please help reach our Weekly Budget Goal: \$4,271.00 Collection: Jan 26 \$ 3,387

Feb 2 \$ 2,607 Feb 9 \$ 3,840 Feb 16 \$ 3,441

Thank you for your continued generosity.

### PRAYER

Pray for the sick, especially in our parish:
Sandra Garcia, Ron Moore, Emiliana Stoltz, Sam Alaba, Sonja Craighton,
Michael Vilhauer, Ana Ramirez-Palmer, Shirley Ching, Pacing McFeely,
Millie Centers, Stan Holland.

#### FORMATION

- Children's Faith Formation (CFF) Classes meet at 5:30 PM on February 25, March 11, 18, and 25 at OLG School.
- Children's Faith Formation (CFF) Joint Session meet at 5:30 PM on March 4 at OLG School.



50/50 Raffle

Contact Jeanne at 916-505-0407

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