



March 09, 2025

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1st Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS

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

SUNDAY	Mar 08	5:30 PM	vigil	Michael Vilhauer	(Healing)
	Mar 09	9 AM		All Parishioners	
		11 AM		Elsi Frugoli	+
				Marianne Talani Robles	+
				Linda Stewart	+
MONDAY	Mar 10	8:30 AM		Richard Corpuz	+
TUESDAY	Mar 11	8:30 AM		Fr. Mathew Rappu	(Healing)
				Pacing Feely	(Healing)
WEDNESDAY	Mar 12	8:30 AM		Josephine Thoppil	+
		6 PM		Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena	
THURSDAY	Mar 13	8:30 AM		Father Mathew's Intentions	
FRIDAY	Mar 14	8:30 AM		Church Mass James Marta (Birthday)	



PUTTING GOD TO THE TEST

I always thought of the temptations in the desert as part of Jesus' growth in "wisdom, age, and grace" (Luke 2:52). They show how Jesus was tempted to be a Messiah in a way that matched human expectations—those of Jews waiting for a messiah—instead of doing what his Father wanted. So he could have provided for

all our needs (turn stones into bread,) brought peace to the world as a great leader (worship the devil,) or been a superhero (jump off the temple without harm). But I also wonder if these temptations are what we expect of God.

Do we expect God to provide for our needs by turning stones into "bread" (i.e., money)? When we ask God to help us by doing everything for us, we are tempting the Lord. God does help us with our troubles, but usually by giving us the strength to get through them with our God-given abilities. This might mean finding a better job that uses more of our talents. It might be forgiving us, if we are the cause of our own troubles, and giving us the courage to start over. It might be a friend who helps us find the right doctor for a medical problem.

Or do we expect God to bring peace to the world by instantly removing all nuclear weapons or capturing all terrorists? When we pray for peace, we could pray that God show us what we can do to bring about that peace. We could follow Jesus' command to love those around us, so that peace spreads from our actions. We could be generous in giving to the poor, especially where poverty is the cause of war.

Maybe we expect God to be a superhero for us, curing diseases, stopping hurricanes or earthquakes, and strengthening our faith with spectacular miracles. Jesus would tell us the same thing he told the devil: "Don't put the Lord your God to the test" (see Luke 4:12). Instead, as we take time to pray over the scriptures, read spiritual books, and share our faith with others, we will find our faith growing and know that the Lord has been with us all along the way. (Tom Schmidt, Diocesan.com)

Welcome to OUR LADY OF GRACE Catholic Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE on Tuesday, March 11th, 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.

JOB OPENING for Parish Secretary, parttime position. Responsible for overseeing the smooth running of Our Lady of Grace parish office in addition to providing secretarial and related office services for Pastor and other designated volunteers as needed. Hours are 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM Monday thru Friday (20 hours per week). Email resume to office@westsacolg.org

Lenten HEALING RETREAT — 2025 —

MARCH 19 HOLY MASS | TALK | EUCHARISTIC ADORATION WEDNESDAY | 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

MARCH 20 HOLY MASS | EUCHARISTIC ADORATION | HEALING SERVICE THURSDAY | 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

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IT'S TIME FOR BUNCO
LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL

Sponsored by OLG Women's Council
OLG SCHOOL GYM - 1990 LINDEN RD.
SATURDAY, MARCH 15 - STARTS AT 1 PM
TICKETS ON SALE NOW! \$25.00
CONTACT JEANNE AT 916.505.0407
OR LINDA AT 916.798.5274
VENMO PAY AVAILABLE

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

YOUR WAYS, O LORD, ARE LOVE AND TRUTH TO THOSE WHO KEEP YOUR COVENANT.



SERVICE

Please help reach our Weekly Budget Goal: \$4,271.00
Collection: Feb 9 \$ 3,840
Feb 16 \$ 3,441
Feb 23 \$ 3,494
Mar 02 \$ 3,133

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 March 11, 18, and 25 at OLG School.
- Children's Faith Formation (CFF) JOINT SESSION meet at 5:30 PM on April 1 at the church.

HOSPITALITY

Happy Anniversary to couple celebrating their wedding anniversary in the month of March.

KID'S CORNER

SUNDAY KIDZ
1st Sunday of Lent

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