



March 30, 2025

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4th Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS

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

SUNDAY	Mar 29	5:30 PM	vigil	Shawn Lawrence	+
	Mar 30	9 AM		Anjannette Paje Sam Alaba (Healing) All Parishioners	+
MONDAY	Mar 31	8:30 AM		Kevin Valencia	+
TUESDAY	Apr 01	8:30 AM		Jovin Lawrence (Birthday)	
WEDNESDAY	Apr 02	8:30 AM		Erlinda Echon	+
THURSDAY	Apr 03	8:30 AM		Father Mathew's Intentions	
FRIDAY	Apr 04	8:30 AM		School Mass	
		7 PM		Stations of the Cross	
SATURDAY	Apr 05	8:30 AM		Lawrence Family (Thanksgiving)	



GOD'S MERCIFUL EMBRACE

I find myself struggling to sit with this parable. As if silence and stillness aren't difficult enough, the parable is too familiar and my interest wanes. Moreover, my soul is anxious at the thought that God

might actually speak truth into my life. I'll be honest, it terrifies me. Yet, I know God loves me so I must dive into the deep.

What jumps out at me is the prodigal's distance. We're all guilty of being far from God from time to time. We writhe in jealousy, we cling to plans, we pride ourselves in our good works, or we consent to serious mortal sin.

I've been far from God on multiple occasions. Sometimes, to my chagrin, I've walked very far from God. I know this is why it pains me to read this parable. I've gone to confession, amended my life, sought spiritual direction, prepared speeches to the Father, yet the thought that I squandered my heavenly inheritance, and even worse, turned my back on my best friend Jesus, kills me.

Oh, my Jesus, what do you say? "While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him." Luke 15:20.

That's what I was afraid of. The overwhelming power of God's mercy. It is too big for me to contain but it's exactly what my broken heart and memory needs. My heart yearns to receive His all encompassing love and tenderness. He knows me and I know my Beloved. He knows that I long to be wrapped in garments of His affection and bedecked with his claim over me. I know He is the Father of love and He never takes His eyes off of me. (Melissa Lucca, Diocesan.com)

Welcome to OUR LADY OF GRACE Catholic Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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). E-mail resume to office@westsacolg.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The 17th Annual Spring Luncheon hosted by Our Lady of Grace Women's Council will take place on May 17, 2025, at 11:30 am in the OLG school auditorium. Plan to come and enjoy the lively atmosphere, delicious food, and wonderful company. To host a table or purchase individual tickets, please contact Evelyne Ndiaya at 530.680.2344.

2025 LENTEN SCHEDULE

Daily Mass Monday - Friday at 8:30 AM, except April 4th (School Mass)

Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7 PM hosted by ministry groups.

- April 4 - Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- April 11 - All Ministry Groups

California's Annual March for Life will be held Monday, March 31 at the State Capitol. It is an opportunity to show our elected officials that the effort to protect innocent life continues. In solidarity, Bishop Rey will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament that morning at 10:00am. Please join us to worship God and to Advocate for Life.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

With every virtue, one can consider its opposite vice, and the opposite of hope is despair. If through hope an arduous future good seems possible to attain, through despair, that good seems impossible. Your favorite team is down by 28 at the two-minute warning, or the ascent of Half Dome is imperiled by ice and mountain lions. Or, even worse, sometimes we become so conscious of our weakness that God himself seems impossibly and infinitely distant, as if he has forgotten us. This is a lie that comes from Satan himself. If God were to forget us, we would simply cease to exist. But the Lord holds all creation in being at every moment, and our own existence, even in times of trial, remains a sign of that "each of us is willed; each of us is loved; each of us is necessary" (Pope Benedict XVI). The God who knew us before we were in our mother's womb (Jeremiah 1:5) desires that we all attain salvation (1 Timothy 2:4), and confident in his will to reveal his face to us, we can affirm with Saint Paul: "in hope we are saved" (Romans 8:24). In moments of despair, let us follow the example of Saint Faustina by confiding in Lord, saying, "Jesus, I trust in you!" Starting in April, we will start thinking about Bishop Soto's second Jubilee theme: "Together, we will become living stones in God's temple."

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



SERVICE

Please help reach our Weekly Budget Goal: \$4,271.00
Collection: Mar 02 \$ 3,133
Mar 09 \$ 2,748
Mar 16 \$ 3,133
Mar 23 \$ 2,741

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) JOINT SESSION meet at 5:30 PM on April 1 and April 29 at the church.
- Children's Faith Formation (CFF) Classes meet at 5:30 PM on April 8 at OLG School. NO CFF on April 15 and 22.
- Next Baptism class is on Wednesday, April 2 at 7 PM, call parish office at 916-371-4814 to sign up.

HOSPITALITY

CONGRATULATIONS to the 26 Confirmdi's on their Confirmation, Tuesday, March 25th.

KID'S CORNER

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Word search grid with letters: E C J D L I G H T L A, E M J P S F F E D E F, X S I G N S E G W S W, N B O Z S S W I E H W, G W P N B P S Y D N V, D V E E L P E O I E P, T G N H I L F W Q G W, F M E L N F O O T K O, L S D C D V N R D G R, E F C X E F G K D L L, J A R C L A Y S Z F D

- Blind
- Works
- Light
- World
- Clay
- Eyes
- Opened
- Signs
- Lord
- See

