

April 27, 2025

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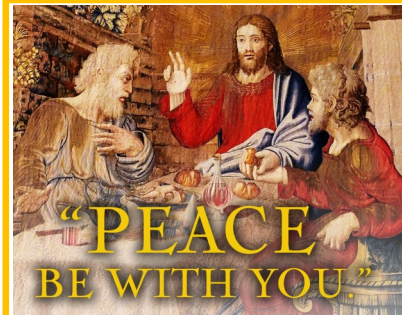
Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday

MASS INTENTIONS

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

SUNDAY	Apr 26	5:30PM	vigil	Marcelino Figueroa Sr.	+
				Aurelia Figueroa	+
	Apr 27	9 AM		All Parishioners	
		11 AM		Haag Family (Thanksgiving)	
				Jeremy Arcinas and Family (Special Intention)	
				Sam Alaba (Healing)	
MONDAY	Apr 28	8:30 AM		Rizalina Paje	+
TUESDAY	Apr 29	8:30 AM		Anjanette Paje	+
				Violeta Hermojino	+
WEDNESDAY	Apr 30	8:30 AM		Antonia Fomera	+
		6 PM		Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena	
THURSDAY	May 01	NO Mass			
FRIDAY	May 02	8:30 AM		School Mass	
SATURDAY	May 03	8:30 AM		Lawrence Family (Thanksgiving)	

NO DAILY MASS MAY 5TH THRU MAY 9TH



BELIEVE IT OR NOT

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus say three times, "Peace be with you." This was a common greeting, but the disciples were hiding in fear so they needed reassurance. Jesus gives them that reassurance in three ways: his resurrection, forgiveness of sins, and a blessing for future disciples.

The disciples had seen Jesus crucified and were afraid any of his followers would be

treated the same way. So when Jesus appeared to them, he showed them his wounds and let them touch him. He wanted to show them that he was not a ghost; he had risen from death and death has no more power over him. They can now take courage because they will share in the Resurrection themselves. Breathing on them, he bestows the Holy Spirit, source of our courage.

That leads to the second reassurance, forgiveness of sins. Jesus died to take away our sins; now he shares that with his disciples. Anyone troubled by guilt can be forgiven. The disciples themselves probably felt that need, since they had deserted Jesus and one even denied knowing him. He now sends his apostles with the mission to free others from sin. We too can forgive others (and ourselves) knowing that God has forgiven them and us. Finally, the story of Thomas and his doubts about Jesus' resurrection gives us some hope. Jesus blesses those who "have not seen and have believed" (John 20:29). We usually think the apostles were "more" blessed for having seen and heard Jesus. But Jesus reverses that expectation; we are blessed, even two thousand years after the Resurrection.

(Tom Schmidt, diocesan.com)

Welcome to OUR LADY OF GRACE Catholic Church



Register for Our Lady of Grace Vacation Bible School



When: June 9 - 13 from 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Where: OLG School Gym

Register by scanning QR code

Questions email: vbs@westsacolg.org



Heavenly Father,
you sent the Holy Spirit upon the Church
to strengthen and direct her in the mission
of making disciples of all nations
in every time and place.

You raised up in your Church holy men and women,
the missionary priests Saints Junipero Serra,
Isaac Jogues, and Damien of Molokai
and the Venerable Augustus Tolton,
Saints Kateri Tekakwitha, Elizabeth Ann Seton, and the
bishop John Neumann,
along with Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini and Servant of
God Thea Bowman.

All were filled with love for your Son, Jesus Christ,
and were emboldened by the power of the Holy Spirit.
They shared the Good News of your abundant mercy
across our country.

We ask, Lord,
that you fill us with the same love
of Christ and of neighbor,
as we follow their holy examples of faith and service.

Strengthen us as we work to build up
your Church throughout the United States and
its territories,
as did these missionary disciples we venerate,
and so bring us to share with them
the glory of your presence for all eternity.

Amen.

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This week's second collection will be for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today nearly 40% of dioceses in the US and its current and former territories are unable to fund essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.



AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE,
WE BELIEVE: TOGETHER, WE WILL
BE LIVING STONES IN GOD'S TEMPLE.

"Like living stone, let yourself be built into a spiritual house"

— 1 Peter 2:5



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



SERVICE

Please help us reach our

Weekly Budget Goal of \$4,271.00

Collection on April 6: \$4,920.00

April 13: \$3,813.00

April 20: \$7,386.00

Prayerfully consider what you can give.

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 April 29 at OLG School.
Last Day of CFF Potluck on May 06 at OLG School.
- Next Baptism class is on Wednesday, May 14 at 7 PM, call parish office at 916-371-4814 to sign up.



HOSPITALITY

Thank you to all our ministry volunteers for your assistance during lent, Holy Week, Triduum and Easter Sunday! You are doing an outstanding job, and our parish is extremely glad what you are doing to help others.

KID'S CORNER

