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April 06, 2025

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5th Sunday of Lent

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

SUNDAY	Apr 05	5:30 PM Vigil	George Sebastian	+
			Gananaph Obeysekere	+
			Bobby Lewis	(Healing)
	Apr 06	9 AM	All Parishioners	
		11 AM	Sam Alaba	(Healing)
			Elsi Frugoli	+
			Mariana Talani-Robles	+
			Linda Steward	+
MONDAY	Apr 07	8:30 AM	Eduardo Echon	+
			Robert Ong	+
			Katherine Taiting Ong	+
TUESDAY	Apr 08	8:30 AM	Praveen Lawrence	(Birthday)
			Jenny and Hill Arcinas	(Healing)
WEDNESDAY	Apr 09	8:30 AM	Julia Cruz	(Healing)
			Timothy Reymond Fish	+
THURSDAY	Apr 10	8:30 AM	Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena	
			Father Mathew's Intentions	
FRIDAY	Apr 11	8:30 AM	Church Mass Eugenia Aranas	+



GOD'S JUSTICE

The story of Jesus and the woman caught in adultery is sometimes considered as a put-down of the scribes and Pharisees. They were hoping to get Jesus to cause a scandal by refuting the law, or, if he upheld the law, the woman would be killed with Jesus' approval. Jesus had a better idea. He shows that God's justice is mercy and forgiveness. He also knew that someone whose sins were forgiven would be willing to forgive the woman.

That's what St. Paul means in the second reading. He says he has given up the idea of making himself righteous (right with God) by keeping the laws of his people. Now he depends on his faith in Christ and Christ's forgiveness, which was shown in his death and resurrection. Why did Paul come to this kind of faith? Because he had been forgiven for persecuting Christians. He had persecuted them, not because he was evil, but because he thought he was keeping the law.

So is keeping the law a bad thing? No, but the important thing is why we keep the law. We can do it like the Pharisees—keeping the law as a status symbol: "I'm too good (or too important) to break the law." Or we can choose to follow Jesus' way of love. Then we still keep the laws and commandments, only because they are examples of how to love God and love each other.

(Tom Schmidt, Diocesan.com)

Welcome to OUR LADY OF GRACE Catholic Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS
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 & EASTER SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS: Monday - Friday at 8:30 AM
 CHRISM MASS at the CATHEDRAL with Bishop Jaime Soto on Thursday, April 10, at 6 PM.
 STATIONS OF THE CROSS: April 11 at 7 PM in the Church
 PALM SUNDAY: April 13, Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30 PM, and Sunday Masses at 9 AM and 11 AM. Palms distributed at every Mass
 HOLY WEEK MASS : April 14-16, Monday - Wednesday, at 8:30 AM
 April 17, Holy Thursday Mass, at 7 PM
 April 18, Good Friday Services, at 1 PM
 9 Day Novena to the Divine Mercy begins Friday at 3 PM
 HOLY SATURDAY: April 19, Easter Vigil Mass at 8 PM
 RESSURRECTION OF THE LORD: April 20, Easter Sunday Masses at 9 AM & 11 AM
 FEAST DIVINE MERCY: April 27 is the feast of Divine Mercy celebrated at all of the Masses. Saturday 5:30 PM Vigil, Sunday at 9 AM and 11 AM.



Love is a Verb April 6, 2025

Have you ever watched closely the faces of a bride and groom on their wedding day? They are full of wonder and hope, envisioning a lifetime of joy and love ahead. Exactly as they should be! What about the faces of a husband and wife who celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary? The look they share is a knowing one, rich with shared memories, past hurts, unexpected joys, and the great gift of being known and loved deeply. To get from the first glance to the latter requires a commitment that is not a fleeting fancy or a shifting emotion. Jesus taught us to reconcile with those we have offended (Mt 5:24) and always forgive those who have offended us (Lk 6:37). Asking for forgiveness regularly actually deepens one's love.

Love—true love—is a verb! Love is a decision made every single day, sometimes every single minute, to actively place the needs of the beloved ahead of one's own. This is not easy, nor popular today in an age of personal empowerment. Nevertheless, as Christians we find our inspiration for marital love in Scripture. The love between husband and wife points to the love between Jesus and his Church (the People of God). Jesus lays down his life for each of us, and his last words on the cross were to ask forgiveness for those who put him to death.

Most of us will never be asked to actually lay our lives down for our spouses. But in our difficult moments, it sometimes feels like it! Small slights and unspoken pain can yield resentment, and we may find ourselves wondering what we ever found so lovable about our spouses in the first place! Today's Psalm 126 holds the key. The Israelites cry out, "The Lord has done great things for us!" even though they had just spent decades in exile, away from their promised land. If you ever feel abandoned, lonely, or unseen in marriage, return to Scripture to reassure yourself of God's constant love. Then take a deep breath and go say you're sorry. Even if you think you don't need to. The result will have you both seeing the great new things the Lord can do for you as He makes a way in the wilderness (Is 43:19).

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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
	Mar 30	\$ 2,274

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 April 8 at OLG School. **NO** CFF on April 15 and 22.
- Next Baptism class is on Wednesday, May 14 at 7 PM, call parish office at 916-371-4814 to sign up.



REVEAL Christ's LOVE

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

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