

# May 25, 2025

## **Sixthth Sunday of Easter**

### MASS INTENTIONS

Live-stream All Masses on the West Sac OLG YouTube Channel **SUNDAY** May 24 5:30PM vigil Katherine Taitingfong John Taitingfong Benito Cruz (Healing) Rita Fajota (Birthday) All Parishioners May 25 9 AM 11 AM Moonyent Lew (Healing) Michael Vilhauer (Healing) Sonja Craighton (Healing) Evangelina De Rey da Rosa (Healing) Sam Alaba **MONDAY** May 26 8:30 AM Anna Mary Jayamane (Birthday) **TUESDAY** May 27 8:30 AM Don Thomas Jayamane Marlene Perini Eileen Peardon WEDNESDAY May 28 8:30 AM Loreta de Llana Leonila Arucan Anjanette Paje 6 PM Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena May 29 NO Mass **THURSDAY** May 30 8:30 AM **FRIDAY** (School Mass) Michael Vilhauer (Healing) Sonja Craighton (Healing)

#### A Humble God

Vicente Fajota

The second reading from Revelations gives us a picture of the new Jerusalem as a sign of the power and majesty of God. Yet the other two readings seem to describe a humble God who wishes "not to place on you any burden beyond . . . necessity" (Acts 15:28), and Jesus in the Gospel tells his disciples that "the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name . . . will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you" (John 14:26). This gentleness reminds me of an icon by the Russian monk Andrei Rublev that depicts the Trinity as three angels bowing in deference to each other. This humility may be what moved Jesus to say that "the Father is greater than I" (John 14:28). It is certainly a unique way of understanding God.

I used to think of free will as God's way of testing our worthiness for the kingdom of heaven. But it is more likely part of that same humility, God not being forced on us. While we are given ways to know God, especially through the scriptures and the witness of those who went before us in faith, God leaves us free to believe or not, to love God or not.

So does this mean God leaves us on our own to get through life? No, he gives us the Holy Spirit to teach and remind us of all that Jesus said. That "reminding" is an important way the Spirit helps us today. You may have spent years in religion classes or the RCIA process. When you need an answer to life's questions, the Spirit may remind you of something you heard from a teacher or read in the scriptures. As you pray over that question, the Spirit may help you understand how the scripture applies to you. So the more you read the Bible, the more likely that the Spirit will have something of which to remind you.

(Tom Schmidt, Diocesan.com)

# Welcome to OUR LADY OF GRACE Catholic Church

Mass for the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord will be celebrated the weekend of May 31 and June 1, 2025



The Parish Office is closed on Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day.

## **Register for Our Lady of Grace Vacation Bible School**



When: June 9-13 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Where: OLG School Gym
Register by scanning QR code
Questions email: vbs@westsacolg.org
REGISTRATION CLOSES ON MAY 26th at 6 PM



#### The Fantastic Implications of Al For Society & the Church

The California Catholic Conference is hosting a presentation on Wednesday, June 4, 2025 from 10:00am-12:00pm to discuss Faith Meets Technology – AI and the Church. You are invited to join Bishop Oscar Cantú, Bishop of San Jose and Fr. Philip Larry, professor of philosophy at Boston College and former Chair of Logic and Epistemology at the Pontifical Lateran University in the Vatican, for a thought-provoking event examining the extraordinary and disconcerting ways AI is reshaping our world—ethically, spiritually, and socially—through the lens of Catholic teaching and tradition. What to Expect:

- · Fascinating insights into how AI is transforming modern life
- A unique Catholic perspective on the promise and perils of emerging technologies
- Bold questions about morality, human dignity, and the soul in the age of machines
- Space for meaningful reflection and dialogue

It'll be held at the Embassy Suites, 100 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA. Cost: \$25 (free to those attending the CCC Summer Leadership Summit). For more info and to register, please visit: www.cacatholic.org

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## SERVICE

Please help us reach our Weekly Budget Goal of \$4,271.00 Collection on May 04: \$4,473.62 May 11: \$4243.00

May 25: \$2,620

Prayerfully consider what you can give.

#### PRAYER

Pray for the sick, especially in our parish:
Ethan Hopper, Sandra Garcia, Ron Moore, Sonja Craighton,
Michael Vilhauer, Ana Ramirez-Palmer, Shirley Ching, Pacing McFeely,
Millie Centers, Stan Holland, Eileen Mosley.

#### FORMATION

- Next Baptism class is on Wednesday, June 4 at 7 PM, call parish office at 916-371-4814 to sign up.
- Adult Bible Study meet on Tuesdays, except on the first of the month.
   Please contact Ana Ramirez-Palmer for information.

#### HOSPITALITY

To honor troops on Memorial Day, you can visit a military cemetery to pay your respects and decorate graves with flowers or flags, volunteer at a veterans' organization, or support organizations that assist veterans and their families.

#### KID'S CORNER

