

August 24, 2025
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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

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

SUNDAY	August 23	5:30PM Vigil	
	August 24	9 AM	Sam Alaba + John Wirsch + Chandler Smith + Nepthali T. Melendres + Alaba Family (Thanksgiving) All Parishioners
MONDAY	August 25	8:30 AM	Alaba Family (Thanksgiving) Mike Vilhauer (Healing)
TUESDAY	August 26	8:30 AM	Alaba Family (Thanksgiving) Pacing McFeely (Healing) Annet Tamburo (Healing)
WEDNESDAY	August 27	8:30 AM	Sam Alaba (Birthday +) Rabindranath Gunasekara + Sunranjith Gunasekara + Barbara Moore + Alaba Family (Thanksgiving)
THURSDAY	August 28	6 PM	Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
FRIDAY	August 29	8:30 AM	(School Mass)

Looking Good

Don't you love it when the underdog wins? When the Cardinals beat the Yankees for the championship or the Blues beat the Redwings, or the Rams beat anyone? Even when I watch a game with no St. Louis teams playing, I still like to root for the underdog. That is what I like about today's Gospel: the last will be first and the first will be last.

Some say that Jesus was referring to the Jews, God's chosen people, whom Jesus called first to be his disciples. When they rejected him, the call went out to the Gentiles, who became followers. Or perhaps in Jesus' time, he was talking about the leaders of the Jews, the scribes and Pharisees. These refused to follow Jesus, while ordinary Jews who did not feel threatened by Jesus' teaching became disciples.

In a way, you can understand why the leaders rejected Jesus. They made a nice living out of the offerings made by ordinary Jews. As long as they could decide who could enter the temple, they had a nice income flow. They were smart enough to include the poor, by asking them for smaller offerings. And who could argue with them? They worked for God. How dare Jesus say that they would be cast out, while people from the rest of the world would enter the Kingdom of God!

And how about us? Remember that the Gospel was not written for non-believers. Are we threatened by Jesus' message? Just as the scribes and Pharisees considered themselves important in God's eyes because of their office, do we consider ourselves "saved" because we call ourselves Christians? Do we respect all people, or just the ones we like? Are we generous to the poor, or just to our friends? Do we give good example to the people we work with? Do we follow our conscience or do we follow the crowd?

Entry into the Kingdom of God is not a fashion statement. We don't get there by looking good. We are invited by Jesus to be last on earth so we can be first in the Kingdom.

(Tom Schmidt, Diocesan.com)

Welcome to **OUR LADY OF GRACE Catholic Church**

Support Survival and Recovery Across the Holy Land:

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) reminds us that our "Church mourns the terrible suffering of Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza and surrounding areas who are struggling to survive, protect their children, and live with dignity in dire conditions". The Holy Father continues to call for a cease fire and for aid to enter the territory, noting with great sorrow that "Gaza is starving." The situation in Gaza and across the Middle East cries out for assistance of the Catholic community of the United States. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is working through local Church partners to provide food, shelter, cash assistance, hygiene supplies, and care for people's emotional well-being.

Parishioners wanting to contribute to these ongoing efforts may do so through Catholic Relief Services:

- Online Donation: <https://www.crs.org/donate/holy-land-conflict>

Children's Faith Formation
Registrations Now!

Registration is open to all children between grades 1 and 8. This year, all children in grades 1-5 who register will receive a Catholic children's Bible. Scan the QR code to register. CFF class is every Tuesday beginning at 5:30 PM in OLG School classrooms. First class begins September 23.

Questions email Cathy Nguyen at formation@westsacolg.org

Diocesan Collection for Priest Retirement

There will be a second collection—the Diocesan Collection for Priests Retirement—at all Masses on September 13 & 14. This is our opportunity to take care of the faithful and dedicated priests who have spent their lives caring for our spiritual and sacramental needs within our Diocese.

Thank you for your support of our parish priests.

Join us!
EMBRACING LIVES GALA
Saturday, Nov 1, 2025

Hyatt Regency Ballroom
5:00PM Cocktail Hour, Silent Auction & Raffle
6:30PM Dinner, Program & Live Auction

For Information visit SacLifeGala.com
or call
916-451-4357

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Middle Eastern FOOD FESTIVAL
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 31ST
NOON - 11 PM

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SERVICE
Please help us reach our
Weekly Budget Goal of \$4,271.00
Collection on August 3: \$3,471.20
August 10: \$2,668.00
August 17: \$3,205.00

Prayerfully consider what you can give.

PRAYER

Pray for the sick, especially in our parish:
Sandra Garcia, Ron Moore, Emiliana Stoltz, Sonja Craighton,
Michael Vilhauer, Ana Ramirez-Palmer, Shirley Ching, Pacing McFeely,
Millie Centers.

FORMATION

- Adult Bible Study meet on Tuesdays, except on the first of the month. Please contact Ana Ramirez-Palmer for information.

HOSPITALITY

Don't rush home after Mass! OLG Ministries will be hosting *Coffee and Donuts* immediately after Sunday Mass for the parish family to enjoy social time together. This an opportunity to get to know your parish family. Let us build our community of faith!

KID'S CORNER

Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able." Lk 13:24

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