

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

August 3, 2025

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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| SUNDAY | August 2 | 5:30PM Vigil | |
| | August 3 | 9 AM | All Parishioners |
| | | 11 AM | Sam Alaba + |
| | | | Elsi Frugoli + |
| | | | Marianne Talani-Robles + |
| | | | Linda Stewart + |
| MONDAY | August 4 | 8:30 AM | Faithful Departed + |
| TUESDAY | August 5 | 8:30 AM | Judy King (Healing) |
| WEDNESDAY | August 6 | 8:30 AM | Judy King (Healing) |
| | | | Bobby Stewart (Healing) |
| | | | Harry Valencia (Healing) |
| | | 6 PM | Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena |
| THURSDAY | August 7 | NO Mass | |
| FRIDAY | August 8 | 8:30 AM | Healing Intentions |

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Be Careful What You Ask For

Jesus talks about praying for whatever we need with faith and confidence, but he ends by asking, "How much more with the Father . . . give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" (Luke 1:13). Is he saying there are limits to what we can ask for?

"Be careful what you ask for," the saying warns. Just because we want something doesn't mean it will be good for us. But if we have enough faith to pray for something, we probably would not pray for anything evil. So what is Jesus really saying? He is giving us two lessons about prayer.

First, he assures us that God does hear our prayers and answers them. Many people take "ask and you shall receive" so literally that they expect God to do their bidding no matter what they want. But God is free to do what is best for us, free to answer some prayers with a no when what we seek is against God's will. So maybe our first prayer should be to ask God to show us what we really need.

That leads us to the second lesson: prayer changes us, not God. If we truly pray as Jesus prayed, we would say, "Not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39). It's not easy to change our minds about what we want or need. To change our desires from selfish to holy takes a lot of power, the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus was raised from the dead by that power and we will be, too (Romans 8:11). So when Jesus promises that the Father will give the Spirit to us for asking, the Spirit is both the source of and the answer to our prayers. Let us ask the Spirit to empower us to desire and pray for what we really need. (Tom Schmidt, Diocesan.com)

Welcome to OUR LADY OF GRACE Catholic Church

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@westsacol.org




A Great Marriage.....

This is an experience just for the two of you, that you will never forget!

The Journey begins at one of the following venues:

- August 22-24th, 2025 Sonora, CA
- September 19-21st, 2025 San Juan Batista, CA.
- October 17-19th, 2025 Zephyr Point, NV
- November 7-9th 2025 TBD
- November 14-16th 2025 Danville, CA

Apply at wwme.org or contact:

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Restore the communication in your relationship.

Rekindle
Find the romance again.

Renew
Find a new commitment to your spouse and your relationship.

A Marriage Encounter Weekend is a wonderful opportunity to focus on each other without distraction and learn more about your relationship!

Live your best life in love

Collection for the Church in Latin America

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.



St Dominic
August 8 • Friday

St. Dominic de Guzmán (1170-1221) was a Spanish priest who founded the Order of Preachers, better known as the Dominicans. Deeply devoted to the Word of God, Dominic believed that preaching the truth with love and clarity could change hearts. He lived a life of simplicity, prayer, and service, encouraging his followers to study Scripture, live in community, and share the Gospel.

Dominic had a special love for the Blessed Mother and is often associated with the promotion of the Rosary. His legacy lives on in the Dominican family today, which continues to serve the Church through teaching, preaching, and missionary work.

May we be inspired by St. Dominic's example to live our faith boldly and speak the truth with charity.

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 July 13: \$2,712.00

July 20: \$2,761.00

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

- The next Baptism class is on **Wednesday, August 6** 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

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

Back to School

W E H A V E C L A S S!

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