



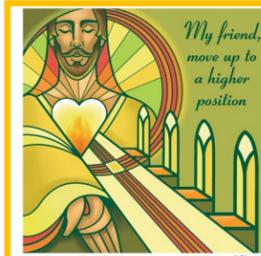
God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

August 31, 2025
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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

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

SUNDAY	August 30	5:30PM Vigil	Devasia Sebastian + Mighon Lopez (Birthday)
	August 31	9 AM 11AM	All Parishioners Sam Alaba + Joe Stainer +
MONDAY	September 1	8:30 AM	Mike Vilhauer (Healing) Sonja Craighton (Healing) Pacing McFeely (Healing)
TUESDAY	September 2	8:30 AM	Maureen Girard (Birthday) Nadine Pizzimenti (Birthday)
WEDNESDAY	September 3	8:30 AM	Mike Vilhauer (Healing) Rabindranat Gunasekara + Sunranjith Gunasekara + Roxie & Leonie Gianatasio + Rocky & Chris Gianatasio +
		6 PM	Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
THURSDAY	September 4	NO Mass	
FRIDAY	September 5	8:30 AM	(School Mass)
SATURDAY	September 6		Lawrence Family (Thanksgiving)



Partying with Angels

While the first reading from Sirach and the Gospel focus on humility, with a surprise reversal of the humble being exalted, the reading from Hebrews surprises us in a different way. The author uses apocalyptic imagery to show how much the relationship between God and humanity has changed. He starts with images of fire, storms, and trumpet blasts—images that may remind you of an erupting volcano. Even God’s words brought fear and trembling.

It may not be surprising that God is beyond human comprehension, but Hebrews says no. God doesn’t want to be so far beyond us that we only approach in fear. Using more images from the end-time, the author gives us a picture of the baptized partying with angels and all the just who have died. And of course God is the host. Let’s look at some of those images to see how our relationship with the Lord has grown.

The heavenly Jerusalem reminds us that the Church is our home—not just your parish church building but the whole community of faith. How “at home” are you with your fellow parishioners? A church community can be a place to support those who are sick or jobless or depressed. It is also a place to be supported, to see God’s love in action. The angels in Hebrews may be a symbol of that support.

The “firstborn” and “spirits of the just” could remind us of those who went before us and now rest in the Lord. They had their own struggles in life, and now live in glory. They help us to keep our true goal in mind, eternal life.

Jesus came to show us how much God loves us and how close God can be. When he shed his blood on the cross (the final sign in our reading), he renewed the covenant with God’s people. We accept that gift not just by a verbal statement of faith, but by a life lived as Jesus showed us, in love of God and our neighbor.

(Tom Schmidt, Diocesan.com)

Welcome to OUR LADY OF GRACE Catholic Church

**The parish office will be closed on Monday September 1, 2025
in observance of Labor Day
Office hours will resume on Tuesday, September 2.**

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>

St. Vincent de Paul Needs Your Help

St. Vincent de Paul is currently in need of **beds** and **dressers** to support local families in need. If you have items to donate or would like more information, please contact Steve at 916-214-8174.

Thank you for your generosity!

Women’s Council

The Council will meet on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 7PM in the Parish Center. All parishioners are members of the council, so please come on Tuesday to help make plans for the coming year. Your input is very important and will assist with decisions beneficial to our community... not only that but you will be able to meet new friends and make a unified parish family.

COME and CHECK IT OUT! See you there...

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.

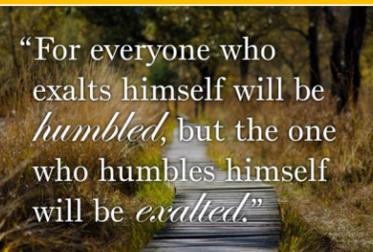
Children’s Faith Formation
Registrations Now!

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

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 August 10: \$2,668.00
August 17: \$3,205.00
August 24: \$3,225.58

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 and Linda Bianchi.

FORMATION

- Adult Bible Study meet on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., except on the first of the month. Please contact Ana Ramirez-Palmer for information.

HOSPITALITY

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast - Coming Soon!

The Knights of Columbus are flipping pancakes and preparing for their upcoming Pancake Breakfast! Date and details will be announced shortly, so keep an eye on the bulletin for updates.

KID’S CORNER

The Little Ones Jim Burrows



But whenever you give a banquet, invite people who are poor, who have disabilities, who are limping, and people who are blind; and you will be blessed, since they do not have the means to repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” Lk 14:13-14

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