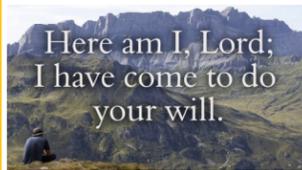


January 18, 2026
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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

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

SATURDAY	January 17	5:30 PM Vigil	
SUNDAY	January 18	9 AM	All Parishioners
		11 AM	Amrith Gunasekara (Birthday) Sara Gunasekara (Birthday) Nashanthi Gunasekara (Birthday) Lucita Phillips +
MONDAY	January 19	8:30 AM	Chris Wallace (Birthday) Antonio Peña +
TUESDAY	January 20	8:30 AM	Michale Vilhauer (Healing) Anna Ramirez-Palmer (Healing) John Gabri (Healing)
WEDNESDAY	January 21	8:30 AM	Mila Ramos (Birthday & Special Intention)
		6 PM	Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
THURSDAY	January 22	No Mass	
FRIDAY	January 23	8:30 AM	OLG School Mass



Behold the Lamb of God

I wonder if anyone understood John the Baptist when he called Jesus the Lamb of God. Did they associate that name with the paschal lamb whose blood protected the Israelites from the Angel of Death? After Jesus' death and resurrection, the apostles began to understand that Jesus' blood, shed on the cross, freed us all from sin and death. Yet here is the Baptizer already acting like a disciple before Jesus has gathered any disciples or even begun to preach. In today's Gospel, John the Baptist gives us some hints about discipleship.

First, John trusts God with things he does not understand. He says twice that he did not know Jesus, yet he trusts God's revelation that Jesus would "baptize with the Holy Spirit" (John 1:33). We also may not always understand where God is leading us. If you have lost a loved one, are looking for work when no one is hiring, or are dealing with a serious illness, this is the time to trust that God still loves and cares for you.

John also knew that doing God's work meant that God was working through him. Originally John baptized others as a sign of repentance, but he soon came to see that his real work was to make Jesus "known to Israel" (John 1:31). When we try to do what God wants, it is good to remember that God is the one in control and who decides what the result will be. What looks like failure to us can be success in God's eyes.

John's third hint teaches us that a disciple shares his or her faith in God. So John testifies that Jesus is the Son of God. While that sounds obvious to us, it took courage to say that to people who would have thought it blasphemy. Even today, when Jesus is known throughout the world, we still need to share our faith experiences so those without faith may be attracted to it. Even those with faith can be encouraged by our sharing as well. You may be surprised to find that your own faith deepens the more you share it with others. As we point out the Lamb of God to those who don't know him, we get to know him better ourselves. (Tom Schmidt, Diocesan.com)

Welcome to **OUR LADY OF GRACE Catholic**



Father Mathew, We thank God for the gift of your life and priesthood. Your faith, humility, and dedication to our parish inspire us to grow closer to Christ each day. May the Lord bless you with good health, joy, and renewed strength as you continue to serve His people. Please know you are remembered in our prayers!

Office Closed

In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, our office will be closed on Monday, Jan. 19. We will resume regular hours on Tuesday, Jan. 20.

We wish everyone a meaningful day of reflection and service.



January 22nd - Day & Mass of Reparation

Bishop Soto has designated January 22nd as a Diocesan Day of Reparation for the 1973 passing of Roe v. Wade. All the faithful are asked to observe this day with fasting, prayer, penance, and works of mercy. Bishop Soto will offer a Mass of Reparation at 12:10 p.m. on Thursday, January 22, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.

Walk for Life West Coast

Celebrate and walk for life at the 22nd annual Walk for Life West Coast on Jan. 24, 2026. Rally begins at 12:30 p.m. at Civic Center Plaza followed by walk along Market Street to the Embarcadero. More information at walkforlifewc.com



Attention Parishioners

Year-End Contribution Statements
 Parishioners who would like to receive a year-end contribution statement are asked to please contact the parish office at 916-371-4814 or office@westsacolg.org. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish.



A STEWARD MAKES GOD'S LOVE VISIBLE BY IMITATING JESUS.



St Francis de Sales
 Saturday • January 24th

SERVICE

Please help us reach our
 Weekly Budget Goal of \$4,271.00
 Collection on December 28: \$4,016.00
 January 4: \$2,792.00
 January 11: \$
 Prayerfully consider what you can give.

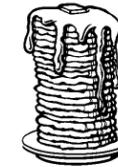
PRAYER

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, Linda Bianchi, Grace Mosley., and Sonia Roth.

FORMATION

- Children's Faith Formation (CFF) Classes meets on Tuesdays.

HOSPITALITY



Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast next Sunday, January 25th in the School Gym.

KIDS CORNER

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Behold
 Lamb
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 Man
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