

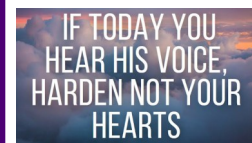


March 8, 2026
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Third Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS

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

SATURDAY	March 7	5:30 PM Vigil	Jon Daniel Sr. (Healing) Anna Ramirez-Palmer (Healing) Sunny Sebastian +
SUNDAY	March 8	9 AM 11 AM	All Parishioners Sam Alaba + Josephine Gumobao+ Lellaine Palmera + Marty Concepcion+ Anthony Thoppil + Edna Emphasis (Birthday)
MONDAY	March 9	8:30 AM	Jim Girard (Healing) Anna Ramirez-Palmer (Healing) Mike Vilhauer (Healing)
TUESDAY	March 10	8:30 AM	Kendra Lamguata (Thanksgiving) Fr. Mathew (Thanksgiving)
WEDNESDAY	March 11	8:30 AM	Antonio Escobedo+ Josephine Thoppil+ Vincy Lawrence (Healing)
THURSDAY	March 12	8:30 AM	Father Mathew's Intentions
FRIDAY	March 13	8:30 AM	School Mass



Invited into Covenant with God

This Sunday's Gospel is the beautiful story of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, i.e., the woman at the well. In the Old Testament "well" stories were where one met his or her spouse (Isaac, Moses, Ruth). St John uses the well account to underscore God's relationship of covenant, i.e., marriage, with the Samaritan (pagan) people. As with the Israelites, the marriage covenant relationship with God is spiritual or mystical. The use of the title "Samaritan woman", rather than a person's name, indicates the symbolic role she plays. To remain hidden due to her reputation, she goes to the well at the hottest time of the day, high noon, in order to avoid other people. In His conversation with her, Jesus extends greater dignity and respect to the woman, than she gave herself. He offers her living water, the kind that gives spiritual strength and sustenance. The woman at the well does not understand, so He directs her to call her husband. More symbolism here; for the number of husbands she had, represents the number of gods her people served until this encounter with Jesus. In offering her the living water, Jesus is becoming her seventh spouse, the perfect biblical number (remembering that this marriage is symbolic of God's covenant with His people). She asks Him if He is the Messiah. The Samaritan concept of Messiah was a more spiritual one than the Jewish concept of a conquering hero. The Samaritan Messiah was one who would reveal God's secrets to them. This is exactly what Jesus was doing in revealing all the woman's secrets to her. The woman learns about true worship of God; to worship the Father in Spirit and Truth, i.e. to worship the Father in Jesus (the Truth) and through the Holy Spirit (the Spirit). Filled with His grace, the font of living water welling up inside of her, the woman, who once avoided the people out of shame, now fearlessly goes back to her people to sow the seed of the harvest of the Samaritan people's faith. In sharing her discovery, she helps to bring them to salvation. They then encounter Jesus themselves and come to a more profound faith based on their own experience of Him, not just her testimony. The people who had searched for love in many gods, now found true love and peace in the one true God. This is a reminder to us, while on our Lenten journey, to try to eliminate the false gods of our life to find true love and true peace in the one true God.

Welcome to **OUR LADY OF GRACE Catholic**

The Catholic Relief Services Collection

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide for basic humanitarian needs, protect vulnerable children, reunite families, encourages legislation that reflects the importance of family in society, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad.

2026 Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal

If you haven't done so already, it is not too late! Do not forget to put your offering for the Annual Appeal in the Sunday Offering Basket or donate online with the QR Code.



Chrism Mass

Bishop Jaime Soto will preside at the annual Chrism Mass at the Cathedral on Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 6pm. The Chrism Mass is one of our most important Diocesan celebrations where Bishop Soto will bless the Holy Oils that are used in sacramental celebrations in all the parishes of the Diocese throughout the coming year.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross continues on Fridays at 7:00 PM, followed by Eucharistic Benediction. All are warmly invited to join us for this time of prayer and reflection.



Important Update Regarding School Mass Attendance

Dear Parish and School Families, Our Lady of Grace Parish will be adjusting attendance procedures for their regularly scheduled school Masses. Moving forward, these weekday school Masses will be reserved for students, faculty, and staff only. Parents and other family members will not be permitted to attend in person. The school will continue to offer a livestream of each school Mass so that families may remain prayerfully united with the school. Please know that parents and parishioners are always warmly welcomed at our weekend and regularly scheduled parish Masses. We are thankful for your understanding and for your continued partnership in fostering the faith of our young people.

DEUS VOCAT & QUO VADIS
 ONE DAY RETREAT FOR GIRLS AND BOYS (AGES 13 TO 17)

29 SUNDAY MARCH 2026 9:00AM-5:00PM (Includes lunch)

CALL TO HOLINESS
 MARRIAGE
 SINGLE LIFE
 PRIESTHOOD
 RELIGIOUS LIFE

Join us and consider where God might be calling your Priesthood, Discernate, Religious Life or Married Life. Come for fellowship, games, Mass, adoration, and more!

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 2355 MONROE AVE.
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 REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 3/20/2026
 SPACES LIMITED

Join Us!

More Information
www.scd.org/vocations

Diocese of Sacramento Office of Vocations (916) 281-0258 [mammoth.org](http://www.mammoth.org)

40 Hours of Lenten Eucharistic Adoration

From Thursday MARCH 26 at 8:30pm through Saturday MARCH 28 at 5:30pm, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in OLG Church for anyone who would like direct prayer time with Jesus in the Eucharist.

Fr. Mathew invites the entirety of the Our Lady of Grace Parish community to sign up for even 1 hour to spend with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration this Lent.

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 February 15: \$1,505.00
 February 22: \$3,459.00
 March 1: \$2,295.00
 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, Linda Bianchi, and Grace Mosley.

FORMATION

- Children's Faith Formation (CFF) Classes meets on Tuesdays.
- The Catholic Faith Refresher series continues on Tuesdays, in Room 8 at Our Lady of Grace School. If you have any questions, feel free to email formation@westsacolg.org.



OUR LADY OF GRACE PARISH

LENT Retreat

Exploring God's love, our call to obedience, and the healing grace of repentance.

Retreat led by Mike Faber

Monday, March 9 <i>Love of God in the Bible</i>	7:00 PM
Tuesday, March 10 <i>Jesus and Obedience - Following God's Instructions</i>	7:00 PM
Wednesday, March 11 <i>Sin and Consequences - The Call to Holiness</i>	7:00 PM
Wednesday, March 18 <i>Parish Penance Service</i>	7:00 PM

Michael Faber is a California lawyer and seminary trained former Baptist preacher. Called by God to enter the Catholic Church ten years ago. He has authored several spiritual books, served in leadership of the Sacramento Diocese Cursillo movement and leads OCIA and CFF at his parish, St Mel Catholic Church in Fair Oaks, Ca. Mr. Faber has been a mission speaker at numerous parishes throughout the Sacramento Diocese.